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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE  
MEETINGS.

THE present is the season of the year at which the majority of our Provincial Grand Lodges hold their annual gatherings. They are pleasant reunions, affording, as they do, opportunities, not otherwise available in the ordinary way, for brethren of the different Lodges in a particular district to meet together and discuss harmoniously the affairs of the Masonic world. These occasions, therefore, are of the utmost importance, and should be turned to account by those officially responsible for the conduct of each Province. Encouragement should be given, so that even the humblest member of the least wealthy Lodge may find it in his power to be present. While everything should, as a matter of course, be decorous, while it is quite allowable there should be preparation of some kind which may possibly involve a little expense, yet it is desirable, under all circumstances, that inducements should be offered by which each Provincial Grand Lodge should have the maximum of attendance at the minimum of cost. The wisdom of the advice we are offering will be immediately apparent when we point out, in the first place, that while those on the spot, that is, where the Provincial Grand Lodge is appointed to be held, incur, necessarily, no expense whatever in attending, those who come from a distance must, under the most favourable circumstances, be at some outlay in respect of travelling. Then aspirants for Provincial Grand honours have certain fees of their own to pay, presuming, at least, that they are fortunate enough to have their aspirations satisfied. Again, it is a recognised fact that brethren of the "mystic tie" cannot possibly assemble without fraternizing in the homely yet joyous way common among people of all classes. It is all very well for the lookers on to say this fraternization is quite unnecessary, but for all that the merry greeting is a fact which has to be taken account of, for the simple reason that it involves expense, greater or less, as the case may be, and he who attended a Provincial gathering without making provision for this particular and necessary contingency—if we may be pardoned for so phrasing it—deserves not a moment's consideration on the part of his fellows. He is better elsewhere—not, be it remarked, because we think these light fraternal greetings are essential to the welfare of Freemasonry, but simply because they help brethren to know each other, which, next door to knowing oneself, is the best kind of knowledge that any one can acquire. There, are then, as we have pointed out in the case of brethren journeying from a distance certain travelling expenses to be incurred in the first instance, while certain expenses incidental to all gatherings, whether Masonic or otherwise, must not be lost sight of, for the sufficient reason that they are inevitable in the case of all who do not wish to be thought churlish or eccentric. There are fees of honour in the case of those appointed to P.G. Office, and to crown all this, there is the banquet, which, having due regard to the propriety of reasonable refreshment, all will allow is a part and parcel of the day's proceedings. It follows that under the circumstances we have detailed, this last expense should be made as light as possible, especially when it is borne in mind that at well-known places in the Metropolis, as was recently pointed out by one of our correspondents, a very excellent dinner may be had at a very modest outlay. Now, it is within the course of our experience, and we have dined often and variedly in many localities—that the price

charged for a dinner ticket at one of our Provincial gatherings ought not to be, save under exceptional circumstances, a long one. It is one thing to dine well, and another to dine well to the profit of a landlord, who, in all probability, having only a few gatherings at his hostelry in the course of the year, including rent and other periodical dinners, is only too glad to make a heavy per centage out of the P.G. Lodge banquet, that is, if the P.G. Lodge officials are simple enough to allow him to do so. A very good dinner with excellent wine included is to be had at numerous houses in London for half-a-guinea, that is, where plate-glass and ridiculous ornamentation is not considered a part of the dinner programme. In a small provincial town, therefore, where rents and the concomitant responsibilities of a landlord are greatly less, a similar dinner should be less costly. Yet how stands the case. We have before us at the present time several notices of P.G. Lodge gatherings, and the price of the banquet that properly follows ranges as high, in some cases, as one guinea. We submit, with all due deference to the opinion of those who think nothing is worth having which does not cost a long price, that such a charge is extortionate on the part of those who make it. A guinea is a considerable sum, and if dealt with in prosaic fashion will provide a considerable amount of flesh food for a numerous family for some two or three days in the week. To suppose that any one present at so costly a banquet could reasonably account for more flesh and wine than would be covered by one-fourth of the charge made is to set him down at once as a glutton and a wine bibber, and if we allow another fourth in payment to the host for his accommodation, there is yet a margin of half a guinea for contingent expenses, which, it seems to us, have already been sufficiently provided for. It is one thing to sit down and partake of wines which cost twelve guineas the dozen, and another to dine and pay guineas where shillings are the legitimate and liberal charge; and as, in accordance with a suggestion of one of our correspondents, we are not all millionaires, it is just as well we should take upon ourselves the responsibility of looking after our shillings, and leave to the Rothschilds and Barings the duty of looking after the guineas. Let the expense of our Provincial Grand Lodge banquets be so regulated that one-half the brethren in the Province will not be deterred from attending on the score of expense. Why should a brother be called upon to pay in Hertfordshire the sum of one guinea for what in Essex and Suffolk may be had for the half of that sum?

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex will meet, as will be seen by the advertisement on another page, on Saturday, the 31st instant, at the New Assembly Rooms, Teddington. We believe that a testimonial from the Lodges and brethren of the Province will be presented to the highly-esteemed and popular Provincial Grand Master, Sir Francis Burdett, Bart. No doubt there will be a large assemblage of brethren to congratulate him on the occasion.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex will be held at the Town Hall, Colchester, on Thursday, 5th August, at 2 o'clock, under the presidency of the Right Hon. the Lord Tenterden, K.C.B., Provincial Grand Master.

## MILITARY LODGES.—II.

BY BRO. R. F. GOULD.

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LODGE IN THE 17TH REGIMENT OF FOOT.

[In a list of Lodges, published at Dublin, A.D. 1804, by Bro. C. Downes—Printer to the Grand Lodge of Ireland—appears, under the heading of *Pennsylvania* :—

“No. 18. British 17th Regiment of Foot.”

It is probable, that Downes copied from the *Ancient* (or *Atholl*) official list of the same year—a list now missing, but which according to the Proceedings of the “Ancient” Grand Lodge, was published for Robert Leslie, Grand Secretary in 1804, by T. Burton, printer to the Society.\* However this may be, “Ahiman Rezon,” or the “Book of Constitutions” of the “Ancients,” copied or re-copied from Bro. Downes, in 1807 and 1813: in both of these last-named publications, No. 18 on the *General List* being allotted to the 17th Regiment [*vide* FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE 10th July]. According to the Historical Record of this distinguished regiment, it landed at Boston on the 1st January 1776, and in 1777 formed a part of the British Force which occupied Philadelphia. “On the 18th June 1778,” says Steadman, in his History of the American War, “Philadelphia was evacuated by the English Army, accompanied by the great body of the loyalists of Pennsylvania.” If, therefore, the 17th Regiment was ever warranted by the G. Lodge of Pennsylvania, it must have taken place during 1777-78. The earliest proceedings of this Grand Lodge are not recorded, the Minutes extant commencing 29 July 1779; but under date of 20 Dec., in the same year, the names of Bros. McCall S.W., P. B. Flenry J.W., and Mark McCall P.M., of No. 18, are recorded as having been present. The proceedings also register:—“That the warrants of the different Lodges whose Officers were present were produced in duo form, and found to be regular and genuine, excepting Nos. 14 and 18, which were forgot.” On the 21st December “the warrants of Nos. 15, 16 and 18 were produced and confirmed on motion.”

On the 17 December 1781, at a Grand Quarterly Communication, it is recorded *inter alia* that, “a letter was received from Lodge No. 18, sent by the hands of Bro. Chas. Nixon, last Past Master of that Lodge, informing that the stoppage of the river trade, by cruizers, had put it out of their power to send up their dues to this Communication.”†

On 20 December 1784, No. 18 was duly represented at the Quarterly Communication of the Prov. G. Lodge. Two years later, viz., on 12 June 1786, the Minutes record:—“A letter was read from the Master and Brethren of Lodge No. 18, held at Shelburne,‡ relative to the G. Lodge having issued out a warrant of the same number which they worked under, by which they thought themselves excluded from being under their jurisdiction; also requesting to be furnished with the sum they stood indebted to the G. Lodge for their dues, and soliciting the G. Lodge to address a letter in their behalf to General Parsons on the subject of a Lodge Warrant and civilities which they had experienced from him.”

Ordered that the Secretary reply to the same, and advise the said Lodge that the G.L. not having heard from them for some time, did grant a warrant of the same number as theirs, but that they do not consider their warrant vacated, and that they still shall consider them as under their jurisdiction, &c., &c., and their requisition with respect to General Parsons to be granted.”

Four years later, viz., on 1st March 1790:—“The Right Worshipful Grand Master [the Prov. G.L. having then developed into a Grand Lodge] read a paragraph of a letter concerning the Lodge No. 18 at Dover [Delaware].

In Brennan's edition of Rebold [Boston 1875], at p 430 it is stated: “A Diploma, bearing date the first of May 1784, issued by an “Assembly of the Knights of the Red Cross, held under the sanction of Warrant No. 18, Lodge Unity, in H.M. 17th Regiment of Foot, and on the Registry of Pennsylvania,” to “our trusty and well-beloved Brother, Sir John North, &c., &c., and signed by George Cockburn K., Henry Cassaday 1st, and Daniel Webb 2nd G., and William Davidson Secretary,” proves that among the Military at least, this degree of Military Masonry (?) was known in Halifax at an earlier date.”

The 17th Regiment was at New York in 1779, and when quartered

\* “A correct list of the Lodges of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, etc. Printed by T. Burton, for R. Leslie, Grand Secretary, and sold by Richard Barry, No. 106, Minories, price 1s 6d.”—*Proceedings of G. Lodge, 4th March 1804*. A diligent search in the archives of existing Lodges of Atholl descent, would surely result in a copy of this most valuable list being discovered?

† Query, was the Lodge alluded to, the first or the second edition of No. 18?

‡ Nos. 3 and 10 [the “Paris” and “Shelburne” Lodges respectively], on the roll of the P.G.L. of Nova Scotia, were both held at Shelburne, according to Downe's List 1804, and Ahiman Rezon 1807. Can either of these have been Lodge “Unity” [18 Pennsylvania] under a new name? The 17th Regiment evidently left behind, as it certainly did not carry away, its American constitution, having been warranted afresh by the Grand Lodge of England (Ancients) in 1787. Yet the extract above, shows the Lodge preserved a vigorous vitality in 1786, and it is highly probable that its discontinuance in the famous 17th Regiment, was due to the bulk of the Lodge (N.C.O.) remaining in Nova Scotia as military settlers or as volunteers to other corps. The 4th Battalion R.A., on return to England from a protracted service in North America, similarly left behind its Regimental Lodge No. 213 [afterwards No. 9], now the Albion Lodge, Quebec, constituted at New York in 1781, and which some years since received a centenary warrant, slightly in advance, from the G. Lodge of England.‡

at “Stoney Point” a fortified post on the river Hudson, and commanded by Lieut.-Col. H. Johnson, being suddenly beset by nearly four thousand Americans under General Wayne, after a gallant resistance, the survivors surrendered themselves prisoners of war. On being exchanged, the men fit for duty were formed into a small battalion, and being united with a number of detachments of Provincial Troops, they were placed under the order of Colonel Watson of the Foot Guards. At York Town, in 1781, they again became prisoners of War, but were again exchanged in 1782, and stationed in Virginia. In 1783, the Regiment was quartered at New York [but though an “Ancient” (or “Atholl”) Lodge, No. 18 never consorted with the other “Ancient” Lodges of the garrison, which mainly made up the Prov. G. Lodge of New York]. Upon the conclusion of peace the 17th Regiment was removed to Nova Scotia and Newfoundland, 1784-5, and arrived in England in 1786.

It is abundantly clear that the Lodge Unity in the 17th Regiment, No. 18 *Pennsylvania*, was in work in 1784 and 1786. I wish, however, to ask a few questions of our brethren in Pennsylvania and Nova Scotia, and to make some observations on the foregoing evidence. These I will endeavour to combine.

It seems very odd that the Lodge re-warranted locally as No. 18 *Pennsylvania*, should have adhered to the Lodge name, “Unity.”?

As previously stated, Lodge “Unity” in the 17th Regiment, was chartered by the Grand Lodge of Scotland as No. 168, in 1771. I am strongly of opinion that on joining the [Prov.] G. Lodge of Pennsylvania, the then Lodge “Unity,” No. 168 *Scotch*, becoming eighteenth in seniority on the *Provincial* roll, dropped its *Scotch* number, and whilst retaining its old name, and preserving, it may be, an unbroken continuity of existence as a Masonic body from 1771, was afterwards known by its place or position on the roll of the G. L. of Pennsylvania?

The date of the Regiment's encounter with the American General Parsons, when the Lodge paraphernalia was captured, perhaps some reader can supply? I am aware that the 17th Foot under command of Lieut.-Col. Charles Mawood fell in with the van of the American Army, under Washington, on the 4th January 1777, and was very roughly handled. But the vicissitudes of this gallant corps during the revolutionary war were so numerous, that it is difficult to identify the Masonic incident to which so many American writers have alluded.

A transcript of the Communication addressed by the G.L. of Pennsylvania to General Parsons would be very interesting?

No. 18 *bis* on the Local Roll, must have been warranted, I presume, circa 1778. If original Nos. 17 and 19 are in work, or their records available for inspection, the date of charter of original No. 18 (17th Regiment) might be approximately determined.

The following Lodges have been warranted in the 17th Regiment:—

|                |         |                    |                                   |
|----------------|---------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <i>Irish</i>   | No. 136 | Constituted 1748.  | [No other dates]                  |
| <i>Scotch</i>  | „ 97    | “Hooker St. John,” | constituted 1759; cancelled 1809. |
| „              | „ 168   | “Unity,”           | constituted 1771; cancelled 1816  |
| <i>Penna.</i>  | „ 18    | „                  | 1777-78 „ —                       |
| <i>English</i> | „ 237   | „                  | 1787 „ 1792                       |
| „              | „ 18    | [doubtful]         | „                                 |
| <i>Irish</i>   | „ 921   | „                  | 1802 „ 1824                       |
| „              | „ 258   | „                  | 1824 „ 1847                       |

[No. 921 (*Irish*) exchanged for No. 258 in 1824.]

Of Lodge “Unity” [No. 18 or 168?] Bro. C. W. Moore, in an address delivered in 1836, remarks:—

“After having routed a detachment of the British Army, the constitution and regalia of a Lodge fell into the hands of the American General, Parsons. Actuated by the genuine principles of Masonry, he immediately returned them to the British commander, with a note in the following words:—

“When the ambition of monarchs, or the jarring interests of States, call forth their subjects to war, we, as Masons, are disarmed of that resentment which stimulates to indiscriminate desolation; and however our political sentiments may impel us in the public dispute, we are still Brethren; and, our professional duties apart, ought to promote the happiness of each other. Accept, therefore, at the hands of a Brother, the constitution of the Lodge “Unity,” No. 18, held in the British 17th Regiment, which your late misfortunes have put it in my power to return to you.”

Perhaps some brother in the “States” may be able to say, from what source Bro. Moore derived his knowledge of by-gone Masonry in the 17th Foot?

The “Early History of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania” (for a copy of which I have to thank Bro. W. J. Hughan), besides much interesting matter relating to Military Lodges, records one memorable event, viz., the death of Laurence Dermott, as to which the records of the Grand Lodge he did so much to create are quite silent. I have vainly searched for the date of this great Mason's decease, both amongst the records of Grand Lodge and in the *Gentleman's* and other Magazines; also in the newspaper obituary notices for 1789-91. In the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Part II., at p 119, there appears, under date of 4th June 1792:—“The R.W. Grand Master informed the Lodge that our R.W. Brother Laurence Dermott, late Deputy Grand Master of England, had departed this life.” If a History of English Freemasonry is ever written, no prominent character of the last century will, I venture to think, be found, who is more entitled to the respect and remembrance of the universal Craft, than this able and single-minded Brother. A model of unselfishness, he rose to eminence by merit, and throughout a long rule, as the *virtual* Grand Master of the “Ancients,” nothing ever caused the brethren he loved so well and ruled so wisely, to waver in their fealty towards the wine merchant of Tower-hill—to whose ability and exertions, they owed the ad-

mirable organisation which set its mark for all time on the history of the Craft, by virtually dictating the terms of Union in 1813.\*

Before parting with the general subject, and having asked in my previous article for the names of American Grand Lodge histories, I desire to state that I have seen those relating to New York, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Kentucky, and Virginia. Referring also to a former note, suggesting a search on the register of the Prov. G.L. of Lower Canada for a record of local Military Charters—in Downes' list 1801 I find the following entry:—*English 274* [Prov. G.L. Upper Canada] No. 3 [local] "1st American Regiment York." What corps is thus designated? And were other Military warrants issued by this P.G.L. either before or after 1804? May I commend these queries to the attention of Canadian brethren?

It seems to me not improbable, that one or other of the Lodges at St. John's, Newfoundland, must have derived its existence from an "offshoot" of No. 213, now Albion Lodge, Quebec [See footnote ante]. In an enclosure in Vol. VIII., Letter H., fol. 48, G.L. Register "Ancients," appears a roll of Members with the following singular heading:—"List of Members of Lodge 213 Junior, held in Major Willm. Archer Huddleston's Company Fourth Battalion, Royal Regiment of Artillery, under a dispensation. St. John's, Newfoundland, 27th Dec. 1785." Major Huddleston, who by the way was J.W. of the Lodge, was no doubt detached with his Company at Newfoundland, and according to the practice of that era, a dispensation to hold a Lodge must have been granted by actual No. 213. This custom prevailed until far into the present century, and in India was by no means uncommon until a comparatively recent date. Indeed, it is on record that Lodge 26 Irish, in the "Cameronians," whilst on service in Bengal, excused itself from granting a dispensation of this character, on the ground that it had already issued one to certain brethren to work under the English Constitution, and entertained grave doubts as to the legality of the act!

Reverting to the subject of Army Masonry in Newfoundland, No. 249 "Ancients" was held "in the Town or Garrison of St. John's," the date of Constitution being 31 March 1788. I cannot but think that the archives of the P.G.L. of Newfoundland would yield much valuable information in regard to Masonry in the services?

\* The "unconditional surrender" of the "Moderns" has been very lightly passed over by our English Masonic historians. The fact appears to be that the principles of the "Ancients" and the authority of the "Moderns" were carried forward at the Union. The schismatic body became wholly merged in the older and more fashionable organization, whilst the latter disposed of a formidable rival, by adopting all the novelties and innovations which, for more than half a century it had vehemently denounced? The "Chair" and "Royal Arch" degrees were unrecognized by the "premier" Grand Lodge of England ("Moderns"), the former before 1810, the latter until 1813, and were unknown to anybody (as they did not exist) for at least 20 years after what is called "The Revival" of 1717.

## Gleanings from Old Chronicles, &c.

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STOW, in speaking of the Sword-bearer of the City of London says, his place "is honourable; inasmuch as the sword is needful to be borne before Head Officers of Burroughs or other Corporate Towns, to represent the State and Princely office of the King's most excellent Majesty, the chief Governor. To the right bearing of which sword, in the Chamber of London, this observation is to be made according to an ancient writer of Armoury: 'That the bearer must carry it upright, the Hilt being holden under his bulk, and the Blade directly up the midst of his Breast, and so forth between the Sword-bearer's brows. This in distinction from bearing the sword in any town for a Duke, or an Earl, or a Baron. If for a Duke, the blade thereof must lean from the head between the neck and the Right Shoulder nearer to the Head than the Shoulder. And for an Earl the Bearer must carry the same between the point of the shoulder and the elbow. And so there is another different bearing of the sword for a Baron.'"

It may not be generally known that in the year 1683 a foot post, commonly called the Penny Post, was started by a private individual. It was found to be of such service to the public and, as a consequence, was considered so detrimental to the interests of James, Duke of York, afterwards James II., to whom his brother Charles II. had assigned the revenues of the General or King's Post Office that it was very speedily established as a branch of the latter. By this post all letters and parcels, not exceeding a pound in weight, and also any sum of money not above £10 or parcel of £10 value, were carried to all parts of the City and suburbs, and only a penny more (on delivery) was demanded for conveying letters or parcels to most towns within ten miles of London, and to some towns at a further distance.

The following curious recipe is from a work entitled "The Customs of London," otherwise called "Arnold's Chronicle," the first edition of which was published about 1502, and the second about 1520. It prescribes how "to make Percely [parsley] to growe in an our space," and reads thus:—"Take a quantity of erthe, and put therto lyes [lees] of swete wyne that is dried and medell [mix] the erthe and that togedir and than sowe thy percely and medell the seed and ye erthe togedir and wete [wet] it wt aqua nite [vitæ], and tha set your turfe or your erthe ayen [against] the fyre, and set it shorin ayen the fyre, and wythin an our ye shall haue the perceley abill to cutte wt a knyf, and wt the prouf ye shall knowe the trouthe herof."

There was a certain rough humour—though it is probable the

offender did not think so—as well as propriety in the mode of punishing cheating and similar offences in the good old days, while the public manner in which the punishment was inflicted cannot have been without its deterrent effect. Stow, in his enumeration of the modes of punishment for various offences, mentions several which show that our forefathers had a rude yet ready way of meting out justice. Thus he tells us very circumstantially how, in 1559, a certain carman "underwent the Punishment of Riding for a cheat." This carman had evidently very cloudy ideas as to the proper distinction to be drawn between *meum* and *tuum*. Having to carry "a Load of Billets to be delivered to some certain person," it seems he "sold some by the way, and converted the money to his own use. And when he came to deliver his Billets and to sell them he told them so deceitfully that he might save this number of Billets." However, honesty would have been the better policy. "He was discovered, and his Billets were told over again. And so what was wanting of the Tale came to be found out, whereupon he was carried to the Counter and there kept till Friday next Market Day. And then he was fetched out and set on Horseback with his Face to the Horse's tail with two Billets before him and two behind him, and so carried about London." The more serious offence of sending bad meat to market was of course more severely visited, especially, as in the instance recorded, the man had once already been punished for the same crime. In the year 1560, "one rid about London," says old Stow, "with his face toward the horse tail for bringing in and selling meazle Bacon at Market. The same man the next day was set on the Pillory, and two great pieces of his meazle bacon over his head, and a Writing set up, showing his crimes; and that about two years before, he was punished for the same offence." In another case—that of "one Chullen'er, a Baker of the Bridge House, for some Deceit in his Bread," no punishment was inflicted, though it was made public how thoroughly he deserved it. "Being accused about his Bread, he was sent for to Guildhall, before the Maier and Aldermen. And his Crime being evident, his judgment was, that he should go afore two of the officers of one of the Hospitals to the Bridge House; and afore him, by way of Disgrace, should be carried the Pillory by one belonging to the Hospital; which was done accordingly."

Strype, in his edition of Stow, published in 1720, mentions four Fire Insurance Offices as then existent, namely, that "kept against the Royal Exchange in Cornhill and at the Rainbow Coffee House by the Inner Temple Gate in Fleet Street"—the Phoenix, because houses insured in it had a plate affixed to them, "being the resemblance of a Phoenix in the Flame;" the Hand-in-Hand; the Sun; and the Union. The three last are still flourishing.

The Parish Register of St. Giles's, Cripplegate, contains the record of the marriage, on the 22nd August 1620, of Oliver Cromwell with Elizabeth Bourchier, the future Lord High Protector being at the time in the twenty-first year of his age.

Our forefathers looked upon whales, porpoises, grampus, and sea-wolves as fish, and the choicer portions of them were served at dinner in the lenten season and on fish days generally.

Nor was the service on these "Fyssh" Days by any means to be despised, if we may judge from the following bill of fare taken from an old work on the manners and customs of old times in England: "At the first cours—oysters in grave, and baken herringe, and pyke, and stok-fisch, and merlynges fried. At the seconde cours, eles in grave, and purpays"—porpoise—"and galentyne," according to Halliwell, a dish made of sopped bread and spices, "and therwith congar, aude Salmon fieshe and dorre rosted, and guarnard sothen,"—that is, boiled—"and baken eles and tart. At the thridde course, rose to potage, and crem of almondes; and therwith sturgeon, and wheelkes, and gret eles, and lamprons rosted, and tenches in gele; and therwith daryolus" (darioles), "and leche-fryes made of frit and friture." Those, however, who take an interest in such matters and would like to judge for themselves of the elaborate character of a royal or public banquet, even on a fish day, should turn to the pages of "Fabian's Chronicle," in which they will find a full description of the order in which the guests were arranged, the names of the great officers of state who were present, and an enumeration of all the various dishes that were served at the Coronation banquet in Westminster Hall, on 23rd February 1420, of Katherine of France, Queen of our Henry V. Yet this was held in Lent.

Truth is often stranger than fiction. If any one were told that within the last half century the Lords of the Admiralty had issued their warrant for the arrest of a whale, he would—if he were a vulgar man—most probably throw out a hint that the statement was very "like a whale." Yet, in the quarterly accounts of receipt and expenditure by the Receiver of the Droits of the Admiralty, during the earlier years of the reign of Her Majesty's immediate predecessor on the throne, there occurs the following curious item of expense: "1832, May 31. Disbursements incurred in executing a process to arrest a whale, by Admiralty Warrant, dated the 15th instant, £58 9s 11d." The whale, however, appears to have been ill-mannered enough to set the Admiralty process-servers at defiance. At least, there is no receipt per contra to balance the above expenditure, as doubtless there would have been in respect of oil, blubber, and whalebone, had the whale been captured.

By the way, whales as well as sturgeons were, if they are not still, Royal Fish, and both were declared to be the property of the Sovereign as far back as 1324. The learned Blackstone, on the authority of old writers, lays it down as regards the former, that if one is taken on our coasts, the king had allotted to him as his share the head, while the Queen received the tail, the reason assigned for this division being that it was to furnish the Queen's wardrobe with whalebone.

Well fermented Old Wines and Matured Spirits. J. E. SHAND & Co., Wine merchants (Experts and Valuers), 2 Albert Mansions, Victoria Street, S.W. Price Lists on application.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUFFOLK.

THE Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of this Province was held on Wednesday, at the Town Hall, Sudbury, under the Presidency of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master the Right Hon. Lord Waveney, who was supported by the Very Worshipful the Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G. Chaplain of England D.Prov.G.M., and the following brethren:—W. H. Lucia P.G.S.B. England Prov. G.Sec., N. Garrett Prov. G.S.W., A. C. Casley Prov. G.J.W., T. J. Wentworth Prov. G.S.D., R. W. Flick Prov. G.J.D., Rev. J. W. Collins Prov. G. Chap., F. Grimwood Prov. G. Reg., W. B. Jeffries Prov. G.S.Wks., W. Clarke Prov. G.D.C., A. Cracknell Prov. G.S.B., J. M. Harvey Prov. G. Pursuivant; W. Hart P.M. 332 P.P.G.J.D., H. Garrett P.P.S.W. 936, J. Miller 388, W. J. Girling Eboracum 1611, A. W. Cook 225, F. Whigstock W.M. 81, E. Dorling P.P.G. Secretary W.M. 1799, T. Hooper 376, W. Eaves 225, W. Wilmshurst P.P.G.S.B. P.M. 81, R. Barker W.M. 388, H. Harcourt 74, J. Taylor W.M. 936, H. E. Roe J.W. 555, J. Margoram P.M. 555, S. R. Anness W.M. 376, A. Cowlan J.W. 376, F. W. Tewson P.M. 929, Charles Kent I.G. 959, C. D. Girling S.W. 81, E. Smith J.W. 81, G. Hall 81, W. Ray 1823, B. Gall P.M. 81, A. Boggis, W. Mackney W.M. 332, S. Cooper S.W. 332, A. Lord 225, W. Lothers 225, E. M. Beveridge W.M. 516, R. J. Gedney 1663, P. R. Crawler 225, G. E. Jeaffreson, P.M. 555, R. Garrad P.M. 555, J. Martin 1224, D. Glazin 1823, A. J. Collins 1823, H. Welham P.M. 1224, J. Jordan 1224, C. E. Mauldon 1224, W. T. Westgate P.M. P.P.G.D.C. 225, A. A. Bennett P.M. 959, C. A. Vincent I.G. 1823, L. Klambrowski J.W. 1224, W. Dodds 1631, F. W. Gee J.D. 1224, G. Thompson P.M. 1008, G. Twain 1224, J. E. Barnes 1823, C. Cooke W.M. 1823, A. Barber P.M. and Sec. 225, C. F. Browne P.G. Steward 81, J. King J.D. 332, T. Cook 332, W. Buckingham 225, J. Wright 1552, C. Emmerson P.M. 1254, H. Goulden 1224, J. Sheppard S.W. 1008, E. Buckham J.D. 376, J. G. Oliver S.W. 1008, J. H. Chambers P.S.W. 1224, E. H. Inman P.J.W. 1312, G. Murrells J.D. 1224, T. Stokoe Sec. 1823, G. J. Paine J.D. 1008, H. S. Oliver 1224, C. J. Rowe 1224, W. L. Lewis 1224, F. E. Dunn 1224, T. E. Morris 697, R. E. Jones W.M. 1224, S. Spurgin J.W. 1224, James Terry Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution P.P.G.J.W. Herts, G. Gould 114, G. H. Grimwood 1224, W. Boby P.P.G.J.W. P.M. 114, Garrod Bennett 14, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, J. W. B. Johnson W.M. 305, D. W. Bellamy S.W. 305, H. C. Canham S.W. 1224, W. G. Cunnold W.M. 225, A. Webb J.W. 1592, F. A. Mann W.M. 1452, E. R. Boulter S.D. 1224, F. Wheeler P.M. and Sec. 1224 P.P.G.R., W. L. Fenner 1823, G. F. Crane W.M. 1631, G. Fish 1823, S. G. Casley W.M. 555, W. P. T. Phillips P.M. 81, C. Oakes P.M. 1008, J. F. Hills P.P.G.J.W., A. Tyler Gregory P.P.G. Chaplain 81, T. B. Ardlay I.G. 1224, D. Alston 1224, C. C. Turnour 1224, A. Laughton W.M. 1592, C. J. Wilson 1224, W. Nunn I.P.M. 1592, W. H. Smith D.C. 1224, W. Daking P.M. 225, T. F. Lucia I.P.M. 1008, T. J. Ralling P.M. 51 P.G. Sec. Essex, T. Rix P.P.G.S.B. Essex, J. H. Johnson 697, H. M. Sholl 1224, J. B. King I.G. 27, G. Spalding 225, &c. There was a very large attendance of the brethren from the Lodges of the Province, and altogether the day's proceedings were of an eminently satisfactory character. Provincial Grand Lodge was opened soon after two o'clock, in due form. The first business of the day was the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the last Grand Lodge, held at Halesworth, on the 7th July 1879. These minutes had been printed and extensively circulated amongst the brethren of the Province, and consequently it was suggested by the Prov. Grand Master that they be taken as read. This was agreed to, and the minutes were unanimously confirmed. The several representatives of the Lodges then made their reports on the condition of Freemasonry in the Province. These reports were satisfactory, and the Prov. Grand Master may be congratulated on the zeal displayed by the Officers and brethren of the Province in the cause of charity. In this they are ably led by the highly esteemed Deputy Prov. Grand Master, the Rev. Charles J. Martyn, Rector of Long Melford, and Rural Dean. The minutes of the Board of General Purposes had likewise been put into print and extensively circulated, consequently the time of the Grand Lodge was not taken up by their being read. As, however, they contain a succinct account of the progress of Freemasonry during the year in this compact and well-ordered Province, we feel it our duty to mark the most salient features that are mentioned. The first point that was considered at the meeting held on 28th June was the audit of the Prov. Grand Treasurer's account, but in the unavoidable absence of that Officer, through ill health, it was impossible to deal with it finally. The Prov. Grand Secretary gave all the really needful information, and this, we are glad to say, was of a most satisfactory kind. Thus the balance of last year amounted to £57 16s 8d, and the receipts for the year then about to close were £134 12s 6d, making a total of £192 9s 2d. The expenditure was £102 15s 10d, so that there was left in the P.G. Treasurer's hands a sum of nearly £90, or more than half as much again as remained at the year's end in 1879. On inquiry, the P. G. Secretary explained that the above £102 15s 10d was laid out in printing, advertising, postages, &c., and other minor items, the P.G. Secretary's honorarium being twenty guineas. Forty guineas—namely, ten each to the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and twenty to the Benevolent—were bestowed in aid of our Central Institutions, while the expenses of the meeting at Halesworth, which was a very numerous one, were £13 15s. The last item gave rise to some discussion, owing to the Secretary having stated that it was paid for wines, &c., which had been supplied over and above the price fixed for the dinner tickets. Some brethren objected to such a payment being made out of P.G. Lodge funds, whilst others argued that as the P.G. Master contributed £10 towards the wine that was consumed, it would be ungenerous on the P.G. Lodge to hesitate about meeting whatever expense was incurred beyond his Lordship's contribution. Some thought that a very slight increase in the price of the dinner tickets would meet the necessities of the case, while others again suggested that the brethren who attended the meeting and consumed the wine should pay for it out of their own pockets. Indeed the discussion may be said to have been of an amusing character. The Secretary ex-

plained that the price of a dinner-ticket covered what, in our opinion, is the very liberal allowance of a pint of Champagne and a pint of herry, and he added that he made a point of providing Moët's Champagne, as he found people drank "more by the brand than anything else," and were dissatisfied with "wine at 3s or 3s 6d." He also mentioned incidentally, that before the present practice was adopted, "wine was put on the table *ad libitum*; some drank three bottles and others half-a-pint," Bro. Westgate supplemented this information with the remark that, "if you went round you would, in some places, find two full bottles under the chairs." From which it is evident that our worthy brethren of Suffolk are sensible people. They hold that the cost of an entertainment is not above the notice of a Craftsman, and likewise that while you are about it, it is just as well to have to have a good class of wine placed on the table. We admire both their taste and common sense, and we trust they will always take the same reasonable views. The next matter considered was the support accorded by the Province to our Central Institutions, and the Secretary stated that, at the present time, the voting power of P.G. Lodge of Suffolk was represented by 16 votes to the Girls' School, 14 to the Boys' School, and 36 to the Benevolent Fund. He further mentioned that the total paid to the Institutions amounted to £326, of which no less than £249 had been paid during his Prov. G. Secretaryship. A proposition was then made, seconded, and carried that a sum of Ten Guineas be paid to each of our Central Institutions, and a further Ten Guineas to the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund; and it was likewise determined to convert, in accordance with the tenor of a letter the Secretary had received from Bro. Terry, of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the terminable votes they held to that Institution into permanent ones. In the case of the widow of a deceased brother it was agreed to grant her £10, and Bro. Newson Garrett very handsomely offered, if the P.G. Lodge would permit him to do so, to add Five Guineas to that sum. Some other cases of distress were also submitted, but it turned out that there were obstacles in the way of dealing with them, and therefore they fell through. As regards the important question of the day on which the annual meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge should be held, it was pointed out that Tuesday and Wednesday were both of them inconvenient days, as Ipswich market was held on the former, and Bury market on the latter, and it will be found later on in this notice that Lord Waveney, with his usual kind regard for the wishes of the brethren, has fixed the second Friday in July as the day for holding the Provincial Grand Lodge. The last matter of any importance was as to the payment by Lodges of the fees due by brethren in arrear, but it was pointed out that this was a question which properly belonged to the Lodges themselves, and was one with which they alone were competent to deal. We may as well mention here before proceeding further that the returns of the different Lodges are satisfactory, and show a slight increase on the previous year, the baby Lodge of the Province—the Royal Clarence of Clare, No. 1823—having by the initiation of ten new members, raised its strength to thirty, a highly satisfactory result, when we bear in mind that it has only just completed the first year of its existence. The Right Worshipful the Prov. Grand Master directed the attention of the members of the Province to the two or three items we have noted. He expressed himself as highly pleased at the resolution the Prov. Board had adopted with regard to the conversion of their terminable into permanent votes for the Benevolent Institution, while with regard to the day of meeting in future years, he proposed that their annual gatherings should take place on the second Friday in July. On his putting the minutes for confirmation they were unanimously adopted. The appointment and investiture of Officers then took place, as follows:—R. D. Jones W.M. Sudbury 1224 P.G.S.W., T. F. Lucia P.M. Royal St. Edmunds P.G.J.W., W. J. Nunn P.G.S.D., George Jeffreson P.G.J.D., Rev. J. J. Burton P.G. Chaplain, A. A. Bennett P.G. Registrar, W. G. Cunnold P.G. Supt. of Works, F. W. Tewson P.G. Assist. D.C., C. F. Brown P.G. Sword Bearer, G. F. Crane P.G. Pursuivant, F. M. Mann P.G. Org.; H. Welham P.M. Sudbury, B. Gall, and C. Cooke W.M. Clare P.G. Stewards. The vote for Provincial Grand Treasurer resulted in the re-election of the Worshipful Brother T. J. Huddleston, while Bro. William H. Lucia was re-appointed Provincial Grand Secretary. The choice of the brethren for a Grand Tyler was declared favourable to the re-appointment of Bro. Syer, of Lodge Adair 936. The Provincial Grand Lodge was then adjourned, in order that the brethren might attend divine service at the church of St. Peter, Sudbury. The brethren left the Town Hall in procession, wearing their Masonic clothing and jewels, and opening out at the church doors to permit the Provincial Grand Officers to pass through the ranks. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master the Rev. C. J. Martyn officiated, and impressively intoned the service; the lessons being read by the Rev. J. W. Collins of Clare. The opening hymn was

"When the Almighty Architect  
Had planned the heavens and earth."

The proper psalms—the 15th, 19th, and 133rd—were sung to tunes by Rumbault and Barnby, the "Magnificat" to Dupuis, and "Nunc Dimittis" to Jones. The anthem was the collect for Quinquagesima Sunday to J. Marsh's music, while the sermon was preached by the Rev. J. J. Burton, of Eridge Green, Tunbridge Wells, P.G. Chaplain. The teaching inculcated is, from our rev. brother's view, essentially Masonic, and we have great pleasure in publishing it in full. The text was—"Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth,"—Psalm cxxiv. 8,—and the preacher spoke as follows:—

We are met together here to-day in the House of God. We have been invited to join in this service as part of the ritual connected with the Annual Meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge of Freemasons. I trust, however, that to many of us it has been no irksome part of to-day's celebrations, but that we have been glad to have the opportunity for praise and prayer, and that we do desire to learn some lesson, out of the volume of the Sacred Law, which may be profitable to our souls. As Freemasons we all acknowledge "The Great Architect of the Universe"—He who is called by the Psalmist in our text,

"The Lord who made heaven and earth;" and all who range under our banners, in the various countries of the world, whether Christians like ourselves, or whether Jews or Parsees, or others who worship the "One God," would each and all admit that we, as His creatures, need daily to look to Him for help. In addressing you, my brethren, to-day, in this Christian temple, I speak to you as fellow Christians, as well as fellow Masons, for such, by your attendance, you profess yourselves to be. In our Christian faith we all acknowledge three persons in the Blessed Trinity, and I would remind you that it is the second person in that Trinity of whom it is specially said, in John i. 3, "All things were made by Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made." Accordingly in the Nicene Creed we are taught to profess as our belief, not only that God the Father Almighty is the Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible, but also in one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom all things were made. So, in the few remarks which I am about to make on this portion of God's Word, I want you to remember that it is not only God the Father, whom by our sins we have grieved and offended, yet who is longing to receive us as His children by adoption and grace, to whom we may look for help, both in our temporal necessities and our spiritual wants, but also God the Son—our Elder Brother—He who took our nature, and knows its weakness. He who was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. What encouragement this gives us to come to Him for help. But first it is necessary that I should ask this question—Do you feel your need of help? Our text implies that the Psalmist did, and not only realised his need, but sought and found the help he required. This is throughout a psalm of praise for some signal deliverance; notice the expressions it contains: "If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when men rose up against us: then they had swallowed us up quick, when their wrath was kindled against us. Blessed be the Lord, who hath not given us as a prey to their teeth. Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers: the snare is broken, and we are escaped." Have you never seen a bird, escaped from a cage or trap, mounting higher and higher toward the sky, and pouring forth, as it soars, its joyous song of liberty? Just so the exulting Psalmist here concludes, as the reason for their victory—"Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth." We, my brethren, have just as much need of divine assistance as the Psalmist had. We need help in our temporal affairs. How glad we often are to turn to a friend or neighbour in any difficulty or emergency—and, as Masons, the duty of mutual help and support is especially urged upon us—or we need advice, and are glad to go to some one who, from experience or education, is better able to form a judgment for us than we are for ourselves. But all this human help may fail. The weight may be too great to be moved even with assistance; the work may require more time than others may be able or willing to spend in aiding us, or our difficulties may be so great that the best advice we can get does not meet our case. Thus, even our temporal needs require more than human help. But, above all, have we not all spiritual needs? By nature we are lost and ruined, we are in the position of condemned rebels. We want, then, first of all, *pardon and salvation*. This is, indeed, the greatest of all human needs—help to deliver us from the just consequences of our sin. But that is not all. We further require to be saved from sin, as well as from condemnation. We need daily—nay, momentary—help to enable us to overcome sin, to resist all the various allurements that would turn us aside from the right way. In short, there is not one among us who, after a candid examination of his own heart, can assert that he needs no help. On the contrary, we must all confess that our wants are great, and that we require help in cases where human aid would be of no avail whatever. How can any earthly friend save us from the anger of an offended God, or enable us successfully to resist temptation? We might well despair if our deliverance from hell and our meetness for heaven depended upon our own unassisted efforts, or such help as we could get from our sinful fellow mortals. But, blessed be God, none need despair, for every one of us may obtain an all-sufficient help. I ask you the question—Where? from whom? For the answer turn to our text, and learn that "our help is in the name of the Lord." It is God Himself, the God against whom we have rebelled, who has stooped from all His majesty and glory to effect a means of reconciliation and pardon. He has planned and finished the work of our salvation, and is now ready and willing to help all who will accept His aid. It is offered freely and fully. Our Lord Jesus Himself assures us of this in that most blessed verse, "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." I would further direct your attention to the guarantee which is given in the text, that this help is all sufficient. It is implied in the words, "who made heaven and earth." The argument is, shortly, this:—The God to whom we may look for help is the Great Architect of the Universe—the Creator of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. Therefore, He can do all things. He said, "Let there be light," and there was light. He planned and formed this beautiful earth on which we live. He adorned it with trees and flowers, and furnished it with all the living creatures. And He is not only the Creator, but also the Preserver. It is He who gives to His creatures life and breath, and all things. If, then, my brethren, this God is our helper, what can we have to fear? Surely, as St. Paul says, "He is able to do for us exceeding abundantly, above all that we can ask or think." I trust that many of you, my hearers to-day, have been taught by the Holy Spirit to know your own weakness and helplessness, and you have given up the attempt to do without God's help in urgent and important matters. For instance, you no longer trust in your own righteousness, but accept God's way of salvation by the blood of Jesus; but do you always look to Him for help in little things? He permits you to do so. He would have you take to Him all your daily cares and worries, your every trial and trouble. If we only had a firmer and clearer belief in God's power and willingness to assist and guide us in little things, our lives would be far smoother and happier, and we should be far more often found emulating the

angelic employment of praising God. But can it be, my brethren, that any here spurn this proffered help: turn away from this outstretched hand? If so, oh think what it is that you are doing. There is no other aid sufficient; if you refuse God's help, you must inevitably perish. I pray God that this brief word of exhortation which it has been my privilege to address to you this afternoon may prove not to have been spoken in vain, but that we may all realise more fully, first, *our need of help*—help to bear the daily cares and frictions of this earthly life, and also deliverance from the condemnation and the power of sin. And then, when we thus feel our urgent need, that we may realise as fully the blessed truth that "*our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth,*" and knowing this, that we may both praise Him for past victories, and be encouraged to trust Him wholly, and to trust Him only, for the rest of our earthly course.

The concluding hymn was, "Oh Lord of heaven and earth and sea." The singing of the choir, under the able Precentor, Mr. J. C. Mills, met with general commendation, and fully deserved the praise so freely bestowed by those who attended. The collection after the service resulted in the sum of £6 10s 8d being contributed; this is to be presented in aid of the funds of the St. Leonard's Hospital, an Institution local to the borough. The brethren returned in procession to the Lodge Room at the Town Hall, when Grand Lodge was resumed. We should add that the brethren of the Stour Valley (Sudbury) Lodge, made suitable preparations, and fitted up the assembly room in a most chaste style, a large platform being erected across the room, with steps and throne for the P.G.M. and P.G. Officers. The ancient carved chairs and furniture of the Lodge were used, the floor being carpeted, and pictures placed on the walls. It will be noticed the W.M. of this Lodge, Bro. R. D. Jones, received the collar of P.G.S.W. We may also say the number present was unusually large, more than at any Grand Lodge held in the Province for several years.

The banquet was supplied, at the Rose and Crown Hotel, by Mrs. Hansell, and considering the large number who attended, the worthy hostess deserves unqualified praise for the way in which she served the repast. There was an ample supply of the good things of this life, and a readiness to consult the wishes of her guests predominated. On the removal of the cloth, the Prov. Grand Master proposed the first toast—the health of the first lady in the land—the Patroness of our Order—Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen. After the National Anthem, the Prov. Grand Master called on the brethren to drink the health of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. This toast was most heartily received, and "God bless the Prince of Wales" was sung by the professional brethren who had been engaged for the occasion. Lord Waveney next called upon the brethren to drink the health of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past, and with the toast he coupled the name of Bro. William Clarke Assistant Grand Pursuivant of England for the year. After a capital song—"Vanity"—well rendered by Bro. A. Hubbard, Bro. W. Clarke replied, gracefully acknowledging the compliment paid him in having his name associated with the toast. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn P.D.G.M. rose to propose the next toast—the health of the Prov. Grand Master of Suffolk, the Right Hon. Lord Waveney. Bro. Martyn referred, in sympathetic terms, to the accident that had so lately befallen their esteemed Prov. Grand Master, and humorously recapitulated the statements so liberally put forth as to the extent of the injuries sustained by his Lordship, and congratulated the Province, as well as Lord Waveney, on his being able to attend their meeting that day. The toast was drunk with the utmost enthusiasm, and after a good selection by the musical party his Lordship rose to reply. After tendering his thanks for the way in which his esteemed Deputy had introduced the toast, he called on the brethren to judge whether any material injury had been done to his lungs—as had been reported—by the way in which he was able to address his assembled brethren. He assured them he fully appreciated the sympathy invoked on his behalf, and was grateful for the kindly feeling displayed on all sides. The Prov. G. Master next proposed, in very happy language, the health of the Deputy Grand Master and a hearty response was given to the toast. After the favourite song—"Down by the brook side," well sung by Bro. Ashton—Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn responded. He thanked the brethren for the reception given to the toast proposed by the Prov. G. Master. It was always a pleasure to serve under so genial a chief as Lord Waveney. Bro. Martyn referred to his heavy duties as a clergyman, and reminded the brethren that he felt he must take into consideration the labours devolving upon him, and hoped he might be excused if he stated that he felt bound to recognise the claims upon him in his clerical capacity as demanding priority over those pertaining to his Masonic functions. Bro. Martyn spoke exultingly as to the success of the day, and called upon the brethren to overlook any shortcomings which resulted in the main from the fact that the members of the entertaining Lodge had not been apprised of the demands for accommodation which would be made upon them. The remaining toasts comprised the Prov. Grand Officers Present and Past, with which was associated the names of Bro. Jones Prov. S.G.W., and Bro. Lucia Prov. Grand Secretary, to which compliment Bro. Jones replied, in the first instance, and then Bro. Lucia added a few words of compliment and thanks to the meeting for the honour he had received. This was followed by the toast of "The Worshipful Masters of the Lodges in the Province," to whom Lord Waveney paid a high compliment for the zeal and assiduity with which they discharged their important duties, and expressed himself as well pleased with the state of Freemasonry in Suffolk. To this Bro. Cooke W.M. of the Royal Clarence, No. 1823, was called upon to reply, and he remarked, at the outset, that, having regard to the fact of his being the Master of the youngest Lodge in the Province, he had little expected that the duty of responding would have devolved upon him. Still, if the compliment was unexpected, as he feared it was undeserved, the pleasure of having his name

associated with such a toast was in no way lessened. On behalf of himself—and he thought he could speak for the other Worshipful Masters of the Province—he had made a point of doing all that lay in his power to promote the welfare of the Lodge over which he had been called upon to preside, and he hoped and believed that future Masters would do their best to emulate, and, if possible, surpass the efforts of himself and those at present occupying a similar position. Lord Waveney then gave the Charities of the Order, and in doing so spoke in the warmest terms of the usefulness and extent of the work they were doing, as well as of the admirable manner in which their affairs were administered. Bro. Terry thanked his lordship for the kind terms in which he had proposed the toast, and expressed himself as highly gratified with the result of his exertions for next year's Festival of the Benevolent Institution. He had already, he remarked, secured the services of three Suffolk brethren to act as Stewards for 1881, and one of these, Bro. Lucia, had undertaken to serve in that capacity at the Festivals of all three Charities. He referred in complimentary terms to the liberality of the Provincial Grand Lodge that day, as illustrated by their vote of Twenty Guineas to the Benevolent Fund, to be placed on the Deputy Grand Master's list, and Ten Guineas each to the Boys' and Girls' Schools. He recounted at some length what had been and was being done by these Institutions, and congratulated those present on the determination they had arrived at to convert their terminable votes into votes in perpetuity. He urged upon them the necessity of establishing an energetic system of organization by which, whenever they had a candidate on the list of applicants, they might be able to carry his election, pointing out how imperative it was they should have some such system, and how difficult—if not impossible—it would be for them ever to get their candidate without one, if the London Voting Association should establish itself permanently. He added some useful advice as to the steps they should take to set such an organization on foot. He pointed out how desirable it was, seeing that some Suffolk brethren were among the recipients of the benefits conferred by the Benevolent Institution, the members of the different Lodges in the Province should extend a liberal support to that Institution; and he concluded a most excellent speech by referring in most eulogistic terms to Bro. Body's efforts as Steward in February. With the health of the Visitors was, in the first instance, associated the name of Brother Dorling, but that esteemed brother who is a Past Grand Secretary of the Province, disclaimed all title to the honour of responding for the toast. It was true, he said, that his business engagements had necessitated a change of residence, so that in that sense he might be regarded as a visitor, but as one who had enjoyed the honour of being a Grand Officer of the Province, he was with them heart and soul as a brother. Bro. Higgs, therefore, took upon himself to acknowledge the compliment paid the brethren from other parts of the country, and in obedience to a special call, Bro. W. W. Morgan supplemented that brother's remarks, his humorous reference to that portion of the minutes of the Prov. Board of General Purposes, which referred to the consumption of wine at the Prov. Grand Lodge banquets being received with great merriment. Bro. Ardley acknowledged, in sympathetic terms, the toast of "The Ladies," and expressed the gratification he felt at having the honour of replying on their behalf entrusted to him. Bro. Ardley, we believe, is on the eve of taking unto himself a wife. It was, therefore, in the order of things that he should speak not only sympathetically, but eloquently, on behalf of the fair sex. Doubtless when Bro. Ardley has consummated his wishes he will speak with a more intimate knowledge of their many virtues, while his remarks will be less generally applicable than they were on this occasion. Among the other toasts honoured was that of "The Masonic Press, with which was connected the name of Bro. W. W. Morgan, whose brief remarks, in acknowledgment of the compliment paid him, were extremely well received. Even the longest and most enjoyable day, however, must come to an end, and Wednesday, the *dies fastus* of our Suffolk brethren, proved no exception. On Thursday morning, brethren from a distance, after a night's rest, departed for their several homes, and the town of Sudbury once again reverted to its normal state of placid contentment. We should be doing a great injustice to several brethren who contributed not a little to the pleasures of the meeting if we omitted to state that the brother who had charge of the musical arrangements, and his able coadjutors, were highly but deservedly complimented for the very admirable manner in which they had fulfilled their portion of the programme. These were Bro. Henry Ashton, of the Glee Union, in charge, and Bros. F. J. Cozens—whose rendering of the well-known song of the "Woodpecker" was heartily applauded—A. Hubbard, and George Musgrave.

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**York Mark Lodge (T.I.)**—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at York, on Tuesday, Bro. the Rev. W. Valentine presiding, supported by Bros. J. Todd P.M. as S.W., G. Balmford P.M. as J.W., T. B. Whytehead P.M. Sec., C. G. Padel M.O., G. Garbut S.O., M. Millington J.O., A. T. B. Turner S.D., R. Walker as J.D., J. Church as I.G., and other members. The Secretary read a letter of thanks from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Lincolnshire in response to a telegram forwarded by him to Lincoln last month on the occasion of the installation of Bro. Charles Harrison, M.D., as Right Worshipful Provincial G.M.M. Mason of that Province. The W.M. said he had received a courteous invitation to be present at the consecration of the Fleming Mark Lodge, at Newark, on the 9th August. He regretted that he could not attend, but trusted some of the brethren of the Lodge would be able to be there. The Secretary read letters from Bros. Rev. W. C. Lukis S.W., and J. S. Cumberland J.W., explaining their absence,

from causes over which they had no control. Bro. T. B. Whytehead then brought forward a subject of which he had given notice, namely, the condition of Mark Masonry in the district of North and East Yorkshire. He said that some time ago he had moved in the direction of the formation of a Mark Province for North and East Yorkshire, but the Hull Mark Lodges were opposed to the scheme, which had fallen through. He was now more than ever convinced that some steps should be taken in the direction of placing the Lodges in the Province under some form of Provincial government. It would, he was satisfied, greatly tend to the advancement of the degree, and give active brethren an opportunity of obtaining the reward of merit in the shape of Provincial honours, which they did not at present possess. He admitted that a Province consisting of four Lodges (the present number in North and East Yorkshire) was not strong, though quite as strong as many others now in flourishing existence, and he was of opinion that the best plan that could be adopted would be for those four Lodges to petition the Grand Mark Lodge to extend the present Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of West Yorkshire over the whole county, so as to form a powerful Province of the whole of Yorkshire. Many advantages would thereby be secured, not the least being that Provincial Office would under such circumstances be much better worth having than in weak Provinces, where about every other Mark Mason you met wore Provincial clothing. Moreover, a Province of such dimensions would have some chance of doing something for the Charities, whereas a newly-formed and weak Province would probably be in a financially crippled condition for years. He concluded some lengthy remarks by moving, "That in the opinion of this Lodge the time has arrived for considering the question of the status of Mark Masonry in North and East Yorkshire, and of the desirability of attaching the Lodges to the Province of West Yorkshire, in order to form one Province of the whole county of Yorkshire, and that the Secretary be empowered to call a meeting at York, at an early date, of the Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, Overseers, and Secretaries of Mark Lodges in the District, in order to decide upon a course of action in reference thereto." This resolution was seconded, and strongly supported by Bro. J. Todd P.M., Bro. G. Balmford P.M., and other brethren, and carried unanimously; a letter also being read from Bro. Cumberland, entirely approving of the same. Bro. J. Todd then moved, and the J.O. seconded a resolution, which also was carried unanimously, "That so far as this Lodge is concerned, it is strongly in favour of obtaining the sanction of the Grand Mark Lodge of England to be attached to the Province of West Yorkshire." A candidate for advancement was proposed, and the Lodge was closed at 8:30 p.m.

**Frederick of Unity Lodge, No. 452.**—A very pleasant meeting of the members of this Lodge took place on Tuesday, when the brethren assembled at their head quarters, the Greyhound, Croydon. There were present Bros. John Henry Sugg W.M., Frederick A. Manning S.W., J. C. F. W. Rogers J.W., James Robins (the Father of the Lodge and senior P.M.) Treasurer, Magnus Obren A.G.D.C. England P.M. Secretary, John Methven S.D., Charles M. Ohren J.D.; P.M.'s Charles Pawley, A. T. Jeffery, J. W. Sugg, and a fair attendance of brethren, and the following Visitors:—Bros. Thomas 3, Coulston 33 P.M. 125, Waterman 1539, and W. W. Morgan Sec. 211. The Lodge was opened soon after five o'clock, and the minutes were read, put for confirmation and signed. Bros. Frederick Toynebe and Thos. Toynebe were examined and entrusted. The Lodge was advanced a step, and the candidates were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Lodge was resumed, and the Treasurer made his financial statement. This showed the Lodge to be working on a sound basis, and that there remained a goodly balance in hand. During the evening the W.M. invested Bro. P.M. Jeffery, who was unable to attend on the installation night, with the collar of Director of Ceremonies of the Lodge. The petition of a late member of the Lodge for assistance from the Board of Benevolence, to enable him to proceed to Canada, was brought under notice, and the members gave the appeal their hearty support. Moreover, on the proposition of Bro. P.M. Pawley, seconded by Bro. James Robins P.M. and Treasurer, a sum of £3 3s was voted out of the Charity Fund of the Lodge. Lodge was then closed, and the next meeting will be held on the third Tuesday in the month of September. The brethren afterwards sat down to dinner, which, as is invariably the case at this hostelry, was admirably served, though the appointments might have received a greater share of attention. The customary toasts were given, and received due honour at the hands of all present, the intervals between the speeches being turned to good account by several of the brethren, who loyally contributed to the entertainment of their fellows by singing some excellent songs.

**Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.**—At the Bedford Hotel, W.C., on the 20th inst., Bros. Snodin W.M., Pelikan S.W., Caton J.W., John Soper Secretary, E. Willey S.D., Pratt J.D., Elliott I.G.; P.M.'s Bingemann, T. B. Dodson, Watts; also Bros. W. G. Dickens, Evans, Hallam sen., Stroud, Scott and Parker. Lodge was opened to the second degree, when Bro. Parker was entrusted and afterwards raised. The sections of the degree were then worked by Bros. Pelikan, Hallam and Watts respectively. Bro. Pelikan was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was closed and adjourned till Tuesday, 27th July, at 7 p.m. There will be no meeting on Tuesday, 3rd August.

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LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE Lodge of Benevolence met at Freemasons' Hall last Wednesday, when there were present:—Bros. Joshua Nunn S.V.P. as President, James Brett J.V.P. as S.V.P., S. Rawson as J.V.P., H. Garrod, J. Constable, C. F. Hogard, W. H. Perryman, C. A. Cottebrune, W. Stephens, G. P. Britten, R. P. Bent, M. Ohren, (Griffiths Smith), J. D. Collier, T. Cabitt, D. C. Spaul, J. Marnham, T. G. Vohman, A. W. Durst, T. B. Gouran, E. H. Sugg, W. Ackland, M. Helliwell, C. H. Webb, W. A. Dawson, T. W. Murley, W. A. Weston, W. Radcliffe, G. L. Moore, A. McMillan, F. Spurrell, W. Spencer, J. T. Gavin, A. D. Loewenstark. Grants made at last meeting, amounting to £475, were confirmed, and grants amounting to £375 were made to new cases. These consisted of one £100, three £50, one £40, five £30, one £25, four £20, and three £10. Two petitions were deferred.

ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.

THE Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Lancashire and Cheshire was held at the Masonic Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester, on Thursday, 15th instant, under the presidency of R.W. Bro. T. Hopwood Hutchinson Prov. G. Master. Three candidates were received, and the Officers for the year were appointed, V.W. Bro. Entwistle being placed in the chair of Deputy Prov. Grand Master. It was resolved that a suitable address of thanks should be prepared and presented to V.W. Bro. C. F. Matier, who for several years had worthily filled the office of Deputy. The members subsequently dined together at the Queen's Hotel.

PROVINCIAL PRIORY OF HAMPSHIRE.

A MEETING was held at the Masonic Hall, Southampton, on 20th July, under the presidency of the M.E. Sir Knight W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Provincial Prior, when the following Sir Knights were appointed Officers for the ensuing year:—Sir Knts. W. Hickman Prov. Sub. Prior, T. Best Chancellor, J. E. Le Fenve Constable, F. H. McCalmont Marshal, R. L. Loveland Vice-Chancellor, H. M. Green Registrar, E. Groves Chamberlain, H. P. Aslatt Herald, J. R. Hayman Captain of Line.

The Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hants and the Isle of Wight will be held at the Town Hall, Andover, on Tuesday, the 3rd of August, at the hour of 1.30 p.m.; the P.G. Lodge to be close tyled punctually at two o'clock. The R.W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., will preside, and there will doubtless be a large attendance of brethren in this most energetic Province. The banquet will take place at the Foresters' Hall, at 3.30 p.m.

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The Grand Lodge will be opened punctually at half-past 2 o'clock. The Treasurer's Accounts will be audited at half-past 1 o'clock.

The appropriation of the balance remaining in the hands of the Installation Committee will be taken into consideration.

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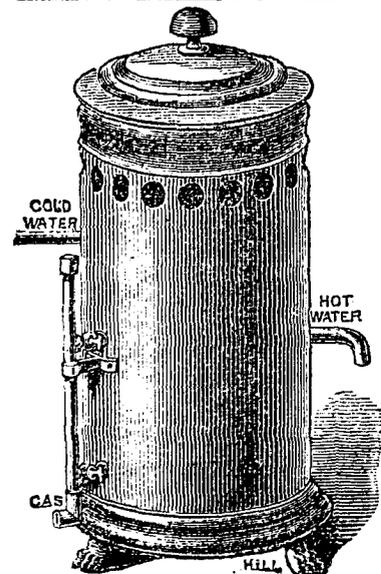
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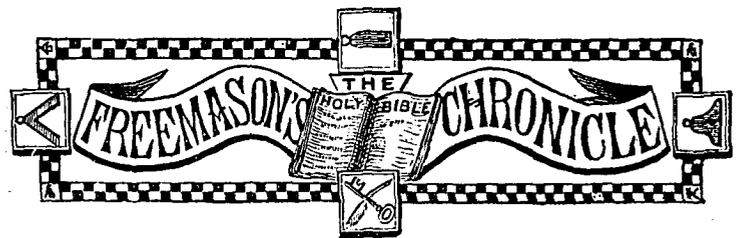
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**DEDICATION OF A MASONIC LODGE ROOM AT LANDPORT.**

**WEDNESDAY, 14th July,** was a "red-letter day" in the annals of Freemasonry in Portsmouth, it having been appointed by the R.W. Prov. G.M. of Hants and the Isle of Wight (Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.) for the dedication of the Lodge room, which, with a spacious banquetting-room and offices, has been added to the Masonic Club recently erected in Commercial-road. The Club has a good muster-roll of members, and the shareholders, at a meeting held just prior to the ceremony of dedicating the new Lodge room, under the presidency of the ex-Mayor (Mr. Alderman W. D. King, J.P.), Chairman of the Directors, determined, by a large majority, that the club shall in future be open to members from seven till ten o'clock on Sunday evenings. Space for the additions to the club was obtained by the purchase of the Roman Catholic school and an adjoining cottage in the rear. The school was unroofed, the tower removed, and the building raised to the extent of nine feet. The banquetting room extends from the back of the club proper to Spring-gardens, having a length of 63 feet, a width of 20 feet, and a height of 13 feet. Adjoining the banquetting room are a cloak room, kitchen, scullery, and hall keeper's sitting-room, all these being on the ground floor. Over the banquetting-room is the Lodge room, of the same dimensions as the former, save as to the height, which is 17 feet: it has a prettily arched roof, with a stencilled cornice running around, the handsome apartment being lighted from the ceiling by about ninety gas jets. Contiguous to the Lodge-room, on the first-floor, are two reception rooms, hall keeper's bedroom, &c. These additions to the club have been built from the plans and under the superintendence of Mr. E. J. Smith, architect and surveyor, of Stamford-street, Fratton, and the contractor was Mr. D. W. Lewis, of 1 Ottawa-terrace, Victoria-road-north, Southsea. The internal decorations have been deferred on account of the building having been but recently completed. Three Lodges—the Royal Sussex (whose marble tablet, bearing the names of the Masters from the establishment of the Lodge, has been fixed in a conspicuous position in the approach to the Lodge): the Landport and the Duke of Cornwall have already removed to the new Lodge room, which on Wednesday afternoon was

inconveniently crowded, the muster of brethren being unusually numerous. The P.G.M. was accompanied by the V.W. D.P.G.M. Bro. Hickman, and at the opening of the Lodge each received the Masonic honours due to his rank. Among the brethren present were—Bros. F. Newman P.M. P.G.S.W., M. E. Frost P.M. P.G. Treasurer, J. E. Le Feuvre P.M. P.G. Secretary, A. Platt Wilks P.P.G.S.W., G. S. Lancaster P.P.G.W., H. M. Emanuel P.P.G.W., W. H. Ford P.P.G.W., G. A. Green P.G.J.D., S. S. Pearce P.P.G.S.D., W. D. King W.M. 1776 P.P.G.D., H. Threadingham P.G.D.W., J. T. Craven P.P.G.S.B., J. Wallingford P.P.G.W., J. Parker P.P.G.S.B., G. N. Helsdon P.G.D.C., T. Francis P.M. 804, R. J. Murrell I.P.M. 1776, G. Felton Lancaster P.P.G.D., G. R. Strick W.M. 1428, E. D. Godwin P.M. 76 P.G. Reg., H. Cawte P.M. P.P.G.S.W., J. Clay P.M. 804 P.G.S., J. W. Willmott P.M. 342 P.G.S., G. Wilkins P.M. 312, A. R. Holbrook W.M. 309, Rosoman W.M. 1461, J. Taylor P.M. 309, Rev. C. G. Browne P.M. 95 P.G. Chaplain, Rev. A. C. Hervey Chaplain 309, Rev. P. H. Good, E. S. Main P.M. P.P.G.D., W. Dart W.M. 804, Grant W.M. 1705, E. Barnes W.M. 312, Mitchell W.M. 903, R. J. Rastrick P.M., C. J. Phillips P.M. P.G.S., T. R. Williams Worshipful Master 257, H. T. Cecil P.G.S., T. Batchelor P.P.G.S., G. Rake P.M.'s P.P.G.S.W., E. Groves P.P.G.D.C., C. B. Whitcomb P.G.D.C., John P.M. P.G.S.B., Dr. C. Knott S.W. 342, J. R. Havman S.W. 257, Laverty J.W. 1428, Friedberg P.P.G.P., Weeks P.M., J. Winterbottom, W. E. Atkins, J. W. Stroud S.W. 903, G. H. Noel, G. L. Green, D. Whitehall, H. J. Andrews J.W. 1776, T. Good S.W. 1834, G. Mason J.W. 1834, W. C. Bland, G. Whitehall, T. Mares, Robert Mare 126 St. Mary's, U.S., P. Murch, J. Gieve, J. G. Jones, J. Arnold, T. J. Hooper, G. T. Cunningham, T. H. Williams, W. Gunnell, J. W. Boughton, J. S. Garduer, D. Gilmour, Hill, Maybourn, Chamberlain, De Rheims, J. S. Dyer, J. E. Buck, Banning, &c. The P.G.M., addressing the assembled brethren, congratulated the Freemasons of Portsmouth on the success which had attended their efforts. It was not very long since that he had the pleasure of attending and seeing the then Worshipful the Mayor (Bro. Alderman W. D. King) lay the foundation-stone of that building. A very short time had elapsed before the building had assumed the proportions which they saw to-day, and the result of the exertions that had been put forth had been to produce a structure which he thought all would admit was adequate to the occasion. Therefore he thought he had every reason to congratulate the Freemasons of Portsmouth on the very successful efforts they had made for the propagation of the art by producing a building in which it was fitting that Freemasonry should be carried on. They had heard that in former days it was the custom of Freemasons to join together for the erection of great buildings; that Freemasons skilled in the art laid the foundations of buildings and carried them into execution. They knew this by tradition, which they revered, and also by certain indications in the buildings, which a Freemason could never mistake. Encouraged by the efforts of their brethren in former times, the Masons of this age, though they had to a great extent relinquished the operative arts of their predecessors, did not relinquish the interest which they felt in all great and important buildings. They were anxious to show the interest which they felt in them by contributing by every means in their power to their erection and support. They had had of late a very gratifying and important occasion, when the head of their Order went down to a remote part of England and laid the foundation-stone of a cathedral. It was the first foundation-stone of a cathedral that had been laid for several hundred years, and he thought they, as Masons, had reason to congratulate themselves that the Prince of Wales, as Grand Master of the Freemasons, was selected to perform that great and important ceremony. Many Freemasons rallied round him on that occasion, and showed their loyalty to the head of the Craft by taking a part in that interesting ceremony, and he was sure it was the wish of all present, as it would be the wish of all Freemasons, that upon the foundation-stone laid that day would be reared a building worthy of him who laid the stone and worthy of the Freemasons of England. He thought that that event showed that the Freemasons of the present day were glad to evince to the outer world that there was still some harmony, still some union between them and the operative Masons. But though they were called upon to acknowledge their unity with Masons of former days, yet they had based upon that something which was still more important, still more essential to their existence as an Order. They had grafted upon that unity certain principles which they desired and did their best to inculcate in the heart of every new-made Mason. They desired to impress upon the neophyte and upon him who had made progress in the Order that the lessons which Freemasons desired to enforce were of the most important and beneficial character, and while they were glad to recognise the progress which brethren had made in the Order by the decorations which glittered on their breasts, they trusted there was something far more enduring and important than any external decoration—those principles which should be laid to heart, which they believed to be essential, and which every true Mason desired, to the best of his ability, to carry out in the work of his outer life. Let them strive their best to do something in their day and generation to propagate those principles, and to do something for the benefit of that Order which he trusted they all loved so well. There had been times when their Order had been assailed, as it was in the present day. Let them remember that they should do something to prove that the accusations of those who assailed them are baseless and destitute of foundation. If they did this they should have reason to congratulate themselves, and should earn the approbation of their brother Freemasons. And they would earn what was far more important than any approbation that could be given them—the testimony of a good conscience. He once more congratulated them upon the erection of that building, and he trusted that within those walls pure and ancient Freemasonry would be carried on, and that the Hall which was to be dedicated that day might be fraught with advantage and blessing to the Freemasons of Portsmouth and its vicinity. The P.G. Chaplain having delivered an oration on Masonry, the ceremony of dedication was performed according to ancient rites. At the conclusion of the ceremony the P.G.M., at

the request of Bro. H. Cawte, presented Bro. H. M. Emanuel P.P.G. Senior Warden, with a handsome 18-carat gold jewel, with five bars, bearing the names of the Phoenix, Royal Sussex, Portsmouth, United Brothers, and United Service Lodges, who had joined in this mark of appreciation of the valuable services rendered by Bro. Emanuel, during a period of sixteen years, as their almoner. The presentation was made in eulogistic terms by the P.G.M., and feelingly acknowledged by Bro. Emanuel, who was appointed to his Provincial rank by the late Admiral of the Fleet Sir Lucius Curtis, Bart., Bro. Beach's predecessor in the chair of the Province. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room. Bro. W. D. King presided, and was supported by the R.W. Prov. G.M., and the present and past Officers of the P.G. Lodge, and by several W.M.'s and P.M.'s of the Craft; the vice-chairs were filled by Bro. E. Barnes W.M. 342, and Bro. H. Cawte W.M. 1834. The dinner was served under the superintendence of Bro. George Wilkins, of Queen-street, Portsea, who was afterwards highly complimented on the success of his efforts. The usual Masonic toasts having been duly honoured, the Chairman gave "The R.W. Prov. G.M. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P." alluding to the great interest he had shown in the welfare of the Craft. He expressed a hope that at no distant date the P.G. Lodge would be held in their new building. The P.G.M., in responding, promised that in making arrangements for the P.G. Lodges, Portsmouth should not be forgotten. "The D.P.G.M. (Bro. Hickman) and the Officers of P.G. Lodge," was the next toast, and was acknowledged by Bros. Hickman D.P.G.M., F. Newman P.G.S.W., M. E. Frost P.G. Treasurer, and J. E. Le Feuvre P.G. Secretary, the latter remarking that he that day practically made his last public appearance as P.G. Secretary, he having found that the duties required more attention than he was able to give to them. The remaining toasts were "Success to the Freemasons' Hall and Club," to which the Chairman and Bro. E. S. Main the Secretary responded; "The W.M.'s and Officers of neighbouring Lodges," and "Masonic Charities."—*Portsmouth Times*.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS, DEVON.

THE annual meeting of this P.G. Lodge was held on Thursday, 15th July, at the Ebrington Masonic Temple, Stonehouse. The Committee of General Purposes had met previously, and besides the *ex-officio* members there were present—Bros. Godtschalk, Bayley, Lose, and Jew. There were no petitions for relief, and the committee recommended that the balance of the funds be given to the Benevolent Institution of the Grand Lodge. The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened, there was some opposition to this report. Bro. Godtschalk forcibly advocated the claims of the Great Masonic Charities, showing how much the Devon Masons had benefited therefrom. He was ably seconded by Bro. Aitken Davies, but on the principle that the report of a committee should be always adopted, the money was voted to the Benevolent Fund of the M.M.M. Lodge. On the motion of Bro. Beachy, seconded by Admiral Glasse, the Right Worshipful Bro. Col. J. Tanner Davy was re-elected Provincial Grand Master. Bro. John Treeby was elected Treasurer, and Bros. J. B. Gover, C. Godtschalk, J. E. Curteis, and S. Jew were elected members of the Board of General Purposes. The Officers appointed for the ensuing year were, Bros. C. Spence Bate D.P.G. M.M., W. Molesworth St. Aubyn, M.P., S.W., Charles G. Vicary J.W., Charles S. Willshire M.O., James Jerman S.O., John P. Sawyer J.O., Thomas W. Lemon Chaplain, John Treeby Treasurer, Charles Rodda Registrar, Vincent Bird Secretary, R. G. Barratt Assistant-Secretary, Edwin J. Knight S.D., F. Littleton J.D., S. B. Richards S.Works, F. C. Lewarne D.C., Alexander Rowe A.D.C., J. W. Collings S.B., F. J. Pratt S.B., James Lose O., R. Dickson P., J. Turner S., C. Stevens S., W. Densham S., James Gidley Tyler. There were present Lt.-Col. J. T. Davey J.P., P.G.M.M., F. W. H. Glasse P.G.S. Warden, Vincent Bird P.P.G.Tr. P.G. Sec., John Ingle P.G. Treasurer S.O. 215, Edward Curteis P.G.D. England P.P.G.W., R. H. Rae P.M. 35 P.P.G.T., T. W. Lemon P.M. 35 P.P.G. Chaplain, Samuel Jew P.M. 66 P.P.G.M.O., Spence Bate P.M. 35 P.P.G.S.W., Thomas Bayley P.M. 35 P.P.G.J.W., E. Aitken Davies P.M. 96 P.P.G.J.D., Richard Lose P.M. 48 P.G.D. P.P.G.D.C., J. H. Stephens P.M. 48 P.P.G.Swd.B., J. Bartlett P.M. 48, J. W. Trevan J.W. 48, J. W. S. Trevan M.O. 48, H. R. Langmead 16 Prov. I.G., E. Langmead 16, J. Benney 16, Charles G. Vicary J.O. 215, William Harris I.P.M. 215 P.G.J.D., Richard Lose jun. S.D. 48, Lieut.-Colonel Fitzgerald 35 P.G.M.O., W. P. Gleton I.G. 48, Henry Horton M.O. 35 P.P.G.J.W., T. C. Lewaru P.G.S. W.M. 76, H. Millar P.M. 76 P.G.S.W., E. Binding P.M. 16 P.G.M.O., W. H. Cawse S.D. 16, John Algar S.O. 15, Samuel Martin 66, Alexander Rowe W.M. 91, E. D. Parnel P.M. 16 P.P.G.S.B., R. Selmon 91, R. Dickson 16, W. H. Mackey S.W. 100, C. Marshall 48, Simon Hyne 169, James Chapple 15, Charles Godtschalk P.M. 66 P.P.G.D.C., J. Gidley P.G. Tyler 66, W. H. Hunt 135, J. M. Hifley P.M. 76 P.P.G.J.D., J. S. Saunders S.W. 215, J. H. Toms P.M. and Treasurer 100 P.P.G. Swd.B., J. P. Sawyer W.M. 100, Charles Rodda 66, W. Collings J.D. 48, Edwin Knight P.M. 16 P.P.G.S.B., James R. H. Harris M.O. 91, John S. Saunders 48, Stephen Chubb D.C. 48, James Lose O. 48, John Lynn P.M. 91 P.P.G.O., B. B. S. Richards P.M. 23, J. H. Bennett 76, George Barrett J.O. 35, J. R. Lord J.W. 50, E. Howard I.G. 135, R. B. Twose 66 P.P.G.Tr., J. Houswill 15 P.G.D.C., Daniel Cross 169 P.P.G.S.B., S. Nicholls P.G.S.B., John D. Barker P.G.O., Richard Pengelly P.M. 50 P.P.G. Standard Bearer, H. G. Beachey W.M. 215 P.G. Registrar, James Jerman W.M. 15, W. Densham S.W. 15, J. B. Gover P.M. 66 P.P.G.M.O. The banquet was held at Bro. Walters's Farley Hotel, and was all that could be desired. The usual toasts were honoured, and a pleasant evening spent, as is always the case when the genial R.W.P.G. Master presides.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

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### THE LORD MAYOR AT THE ALLIANCE LODGE, No. 1827.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—In the report of the above proceedings in your last issue, I notice that the W.M. of the Alliance Lodge, Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton, remarked "that he had searched the Masonic records as far as possible, and he could not find that from the days of Walworth, or any other Civic worthies, to the present time, the Lord Mayor ever visited a Masonic Lodge in his Civic capacity as Lord Mayor."

Allow me to point out, that in every London newspaper of 22nd March, and in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE of 27th March 1875, there is an account of a Grand Entertainment to the then Lord Mayor (Bro. David Stone) and Sheriffs of London, by the Great City Lodge, No. 1426, at the Cannon-street Hotel. It appears that a great number of Grand Officers were present on the occasion, and amongst them Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton himself.

This is said to have been the largest assemblage of Freemasons ever known in the City of London.

There is also an inaccuracy in your editorial remarks. You say, "Lord Mayor Stone formally visited the Great City Lodge not long after his appointment by the Prince of Wales to the Junior Grand Wardenship of England." His visit to the Great City Lodge was on the 20th March 1875, and he was appointed Grand Junior Warden on the following 28th April, on the occasion of the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as the Most Worshipful Grand Master, at Albert Hall; and let me add, that on the ensuing 11th May, in his speech, as Chairman at the Festival of the Masonic Girls' Institution, the Lord Mayor said, "Brethren, I feel under the obligation to say that the honours which have been so recently conferred upon myself have been in recognition of the services of the Masons in the old City of London."

We are all making history, which is sufficient reason for my troubling you with these few remarks.

Yours fraternally,

ONE WHO WAS PRESENT.

### THE GRAND LODGE MINUTES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The minutes of Grand Lodge commence 24th June 1723, and those bearing such date are signed by "John Theophilus Desaguliers, Deputy Grand Master." They are entered in a different handwriting, under date of 29th November 1723, 19th February 1724, 28th "April 1724," and are not signed at foot. On 24th June 1724, the Earl of Dalkeith presided in Grand Lodge, and the following signatures follow the recorded minutes:—

"DALKEITH G.M. 1724." (sic)  
"J. T. DESAGULIERS Dep. G.M."  
"FRA SORRELL Senr. G.W."  
"JOHN SENEX Junr."—

The minutes of 21st November 1724, 17th March, 20th May, 24th June, and 27th November, 1725, are unsigned. But to those of 27th December 1725, are appended the signatures of

"RICHMOND & LENOX G.Mr. 1725." (sic)  
"M. FOLKES D.G.M."  
"FRA SORRELL Senr. Gd. Wdn."  
"GEO. PAYNE Junr. G.W."

Signatures are again wanting, to the Proceedings of 28th February and 12th December 1726, but re-appear under date of 27th "Febry 1726" [27] viz.—

"PAISLEY G.Mr. 1726." (sic)  
"J. T. DESAGULIERS D.G.Mr."  
"DAN HOUGHTON S.G.W. 1726."  
"J. PRENDERGAST J.G.W. 1726."

The minutes of the following 27th May [1727] were signed by

"INCHIQUIN G.M. 1727."  
"WM. COWPER D.G.M. 1727."  
"ALEXAND CHOCKE } Grand Wardens."  
"WM. BURDEN }

The same Grand Officers attest the Minutes of 24th June, and also—less the Earl of Inchiquin—those of 28th October and 19th December 1727. But the Minutes of 27th December 1727 are only verified by the signatures of Bros. Cowper and Chocke.

From the last mentioned date until 29th January 1730, the Proceedings of Grand Lodge are recorded in the same handwriting, and were probably "entered up" from loose papers, or "rough Minutes." No signatures are appended to the proceedings recorded in Vol. I. of the G.L. Minutes after those of Bros. Cowper and Chocke, which are attached, as already stated, to the Minutes of 27th December 1727.

Yours fraternally,

R. F. GOULD.

P.S. I may add, that the earliest Minutes were not signed on confirmation, but were verified by the four Grand Officers, or such of

them as took part in the proceedings recorded. Thus, the Minutes of 24th June should have been signed by the Duke of Wharton, who presided on that date. His not doing so is, however, explained by the Minutes themselves, which record—"that the late G.M. went away without ceremony," on being signally defeated in an attempt to prevent the re-election of Dr. Desaguliers as D.G.M.

### THE LATE ELECTION FOR A COLLECTOR TO THE R.M.B.I.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Referring to the account of the election of a collector to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in last week's FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, and as one of the candidates for that appointment, I should like to make a few remarks on the subject. From the information that I have received from some of my friends on the Committee, I cannot think that the manner of carrying out the election was quite so satisfactory as I should have wished. I do not mention this because I happened to be unsuccessful. It appears that there were forty-six candidates on the list issued to the Committee; three of these were not eligible on account of age, seventeen did not receive any support, and several others only a few votes, the six highest being Bros. Worrell 18, Mason 17, Speight 16, Grindell 9, Smith 7, Hill 7. It was determined to submit these names to a second show of hands, the result being that Bro. Mason received 16, Bro. Worrell 14, Bro. Speight 7. Bro. John Mason was then declared elected, but I do not consider this at all fair, as a third ballot ought to have been taken between myself and Bro. Mason, so that the successful candidate might have been elected by the majority of the Committee then present, whereas in reality, this was not so, Bro. Mason's supporters numbered 16, those against him, voting for myself and Bro. Speight, being 21. The most remarkable part of the voting concerning myself was that, at the first show of hands, I received the highest number of votes, but a few minutes afterwards only 14 of the brethren favoured me with their support; what caused the other four to change their minds I cannot possibly tell. Before closing this letter, I should like to acknowledge my best and warmest thanks to those friends who supported me by their votes and interest. To those other brethren who promised me their support, but were absent from the meeting, and others who did not stop to vote, I attribute the result of my non-success.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

WILLIAM WORRELL.

67 Knowle-road, Brixton-road, S.W.  
21st July 1880.

### THE GRAND LODGE CALENDAR.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Can you tell me what has become of the Calendar Committee of the Grand Lodge of England? Are the members all asleep, or are they silently and solemnly brooding over some great scheme which will some day, when this generation sleeps with its fathers, blossom forth and give to posterity an annual publication worthy of the name of the Calendar of the United Grand Lodge of England?

Surely such a powerful and wealthy body as the Grand Lodge of England might produce something more respectable than the wretched little affair now published under its auspices.

I believe the Grand Lodge Library is now placed under the care of this same Committee. Perhaps they are so busily engaged in arranging the books and MSS. as to have no leisure left for Calendar matters. Doubtless we shall soon hear something about the library and the expenditure of the moneys at the disposal of the Committee. There are always plenty of Masonic works in the market, and of course the Committee will gradually accumulate and catalogue everything of value, and so materially aid the cause of Masonic study.

Yours fraternally,

ZADKIEL.

20th July.

### THE A. & A. AND THE A. & P. RITES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Will you allow me, through your columns, to recommend the "CRAFTSMAN" who takes up the cudgel on behalf of the A. and P. Rite not to busy himself with matters with which he is profoundly ignorant. It is only the initiated into these Rites who understand the difference between them, and can therefore appreciate the necessity for the notice issued by the Supreme Council A. and A.

As to "CRAFTSMAN'S" humility, with respect to his particular disregard for the higher degrees of Masonry, it reminds me of a little fable, "The Fox and the grapes," and I recommend it to his careful perusal.

Yours fraternally,

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### FACTS v. FICTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—So long as the double leaded paragraphs to which your Masonic contemporary gives the imposing title of Leaders are confined to the miscellaneous twaddle to which the writer

is adduced, it is of very little moment whether they are more or less founded on facts, but when the leading portion of the paper is used to impart information referring to important meetings of a Charity Committee it would be as well that the introduction of fictions should be avoided. I read in the issue for the 10th instant that "the election of the Collector for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will take place, according to former precedents, on the 15th instant." To what former precedents does the writer refer? Does he mean to imply that 15th July has hitherto been the date on which all elections for vacant offices have been held? If so it would not be difficult to show that there is little or no foundation for this statement, whilst the assertion that it was intended to hold the meeting referred to on the 15th instant was equally erroneous. The writer might have ascertained, from the Calendar—had no other source of information been open to him—that the General Committee Meeting of the R.M.B.I. was fixed for 14th July, he might with little trouble have learned, if he did not already know, that it was intended to elect the Collector on that day, but if he knew nothing about the matter it is to be regretted that he should have misled his readers by attempting to give information on a subject of which he was ignorant.

In the next issue, and in the same conspicuous form, it was stated that "Bro. John Mason was elected to the vacant post of Collector by a considerable majority." Let us see how far this statement is justified by the facts. The report of the meeting shows an attendance of about fifty members. There were forty-six candidates for the office, of whom three were declared ineligible, seventeen found no supporters, twenty obtained six votes or less, and six were selected for a farther ballot. Of these six, Bro. Mason had seventeen votes, Speight sixteen, Worrell eighteen, the others less than ten each. The "considerable majority" for Bro. Mason does not appear at this stage. On a final vote for the highest three, Bro. Speight scored seven, Bro. Worrell fourteen, and Bro. Mason (successful) sixteen, so that the "considerable majority" resolves itself into sixteen out of thirty-seven votes, and a majority of two over the next highest candidates. As facts, figures and truth are evidently beneath the attention of the Editor, would it not be as well if he were to leave these to be dealt with by the reporters, when he would probably have leisure to give his undivided energies to the composition of personal abuse, and to the study of the epistles of his virtuous correspondent "B. F."?

Yours fraternally,

21st July 1880.

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### PAUCITY OF CHAIRMEN.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am glad you have drawn attention to the fact of one brother so frequently occupying the chair at the meetings of the Committees and Courts of our Institutions. I agree with you that no one would be so ill advised or exhibit such bad taste as to question that worthy brother's zeal and ability in the cause of Masonry, but "nevertheless and notwithstanding" as schoolboys say, his zeal and ability do not affect the value of your criticism which, if I read it rightly, is directed against allowing all these meetings, held, as they are, in respect of different Institutions, to be influenced by the tone of one brother. But after all the fault rests not with this individual member of the Courts or Committees, &c., but with those who make a point of voting him into the chair. Possibly they do this out of compliment to his Masonic standing, and no doubt it is desirable to have a brother experienced in the duties of a chairman presiding on these occasions. But that does not make it the less impolitic to have one mind governing the proceedings of these Committees, whether they are connected with the Boys' School, the Girls' School, or the Benevolent. Let us not make the mistake of always electing the same chairman, lest in the course of time we find that the Committees and Courts are ruled by a dictator instead of by a chairman or president.

There is also another and equally practical reason why the practice you have drawn attention to should be avoided. It is unwise to have only one string to your bow. There is the likelihood that the one string may in time get frayed and disturb the accuracy of the marksman, or it may be subjected to a tension beyond its strength and snap asunder, in which case, of course, the bow becomes useless. So if the chairman of the Committees and Courts of our three Institutions should one day, from one cause or other, be unable to attend, where will be found a brother, having any experience in presiding, to take his place? The rule that forbids a brother being Master of a Lodge for longer than two years consecutively is a wise one, as, in the course of time, every Lodge has a fair complement of brethren competent to direct its labours. And if this is true of a Lodge, which has only its own business to take into account, it must certainly be true of bodies which have charge of the management of large Institutions, such as our Schools and Benevolent Fund.

Let us now and then have a little variety in the way of Presidents, if it be only out of compliment to the French proverb against the monotony of "partridge always."

Yours faithfully,

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THE GREAT PYRAMID is in danger—not from toppling over, but from being stolen away. The Khedive is building a new mosque, and he can find nothing better to build it than from stones out of the Great Pyramid. Five centuries ago the same pyramid was plundered in order to build another mosque. We hope the Government will interfere. Those of our readers who wish to behold this greatest feat in Operative Masonry before it is despoiled by subtraction, division, or possible removal to this country, like Cleopatra's Needle, had better secure their tickets for the Great Pyramid at once.—*Keystone.*

### ROYAL MASONIC PUPILS' ASSISTANCE FUND BAZAAR.

THE Committee desire to dispose of such goods as have remained unsold, for which purpose they will be on view at the Great Hall, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, W.C., on Monday, 26th instant, from six p.m. They solicit the attendance of the fraternity and supporters of the Fund, as a large addition is anticipated thereto. It may be interesting to state that the goods offered will be sold without reserve. The sale will be open to all who may attend. The articles to be submitted comprise amongst others, Works of Art (one by J. E. Meadows), Chromo-Lithographs, a valuable Screen, Sewing Machine, Household requisites, Electro-plated Ware, by Mappin and Webb, Rocking-horse, an exquisitely bound and valuable Family Bible, Photographs, Prize Medal Berceauette, and various other goods.

Facsimile Photographs of the Petition to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and Lord Carnarvon, containing a most unique collection of Masonic Autographs, 5s each, or 7s 6d framed.

By the death during the present week, firstly, of the Earl of Kintore, and then of the Earl of Dalhousie, two distinguished Freemasons become entitled to sit in the hereditary House of Parliament—namely, Lord Inverurie, eldest son of the former, who unsuccessfully contested the metropolitan borough of Chelsea in the Conservative interest, and Lord Ramsay (now Earl of Dalhousie), the Liberal representative of Liverpool in the House of Commons. Lord Inverurie is Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Scotland for the present year, and is also Provincial Grand Master for Kincardineshire, besides being the representative at his Grand Lodge of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, U.S.A., Second Grand Sojourner in the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, and a leading member of other Masonic bodies. The new Earl of Dalhousie, following in the footsteps of several of his ancestors, has also distinguished himself in our ranks, and only a short time since, owing to the pressure of his engagements, resigned the Provincial Grand Mastership of Forfarshire. The name of Dalhousie is an honoured one both in English and Scottish Masonry, and two of our Lodges, both by a singular coincidence warranted in the year 1861, bear testimony to the respect in which the immediate predecessor of the recently deceased Earl was held in England. We are referring, of course, to the late Earl of Dalhousie, K.T., G.C.B., better known, perhaps, to the British public as Lord Panmure, who for many years held the offices of Grand Master Mason of Scotland and Deputy Grand Master of England. The late Lord Panmure succeeded to the Earldom on the death of his distinguished relative, the first and last Marquis of that ilk, the celebrated Gov.-General of India, and also Past G.M. of Scotland, who presided over the destinies of that portion of our Empire during the period of the second Punjab and second Burmese wars, which resulted in the annexation of the Punjab, and an increase in the extent of British Burmah. His last act of State importance was the annexation of Oude, which, though regarded as questionable policy at the time, and by many held to have caused the "Mutiny," has added amazingly to the stability of our Indian Empire, and conferred undoubted benefits on Oude itself.

The Durham correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph* states that:—"His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master, has appointed Tuesday, 26th October, for the installation of the Most Noble the Marquis of Londonderry as the Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Durham. The ceremony will take place in the City of Durham, and will be performed either by the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master of England, or the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master of England. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, it is believed will be the guest of the Marquis of Londonderry, at Wynyard Park, and will honour the installation with his presence.

The Summer Banquet of the St. Thomas's Lodge, No. 142, was held on Thursday, 15th July, at the Forest Hotel, Chingford. Bro. G. Powell W.M. presided. After the dinner a capital selection of music was performed by Madame Worrell, Miss Matilda Roby, and Bro. Seymour Smith.

## DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

## SATURDAY, 24th JULY.

1541—Alexandra Palace  
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)  
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.  
R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.

Prov. Grand Lodge Surrey, Public Hall, Sutton  
149 Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.  
615—St. John and St. Paul, Pier Hotel, Erith  
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe  
1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst

## MONDAY, 26th JULY.

58—London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, at 6  
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)  
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
518—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)  
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)  
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8 (Instruction)  
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)  
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)  
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)  
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7.30 (Inst.)  
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)  
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road, at 8 (In.)  
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8 (Instruction)  
1695—New Finsbury Park, Plimsoll Arms, St. Thomas Road, at 8 (Instruction)

48—Industry, 31 Denmark-street, Gateshead.  
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester  
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington  
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)  
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury  
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke  
1449—Royal Military, Canterbury, at 8 (Instruction)

## TUESDAY, 27th JULY.

Audit Committee Girls' School, at 4.  
14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.  
65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)  
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)  
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)  
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)  
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)  
890—Dalhouse, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)  
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)  
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersen Park, at 8 (Instruction)  
1446—Mount Edgumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)  
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
1507—Metropolitan, Arderton's Hotel, Fleece-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)  
1602—Sir Hugh Middleton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st., at 8 (In.)  
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)  
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30 (In.)  
178—Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan  
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)  
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby  
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford  
310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle  
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax  
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.  
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen  
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton  
1506—Ellington, Bell Hotel, Maidenhead  
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
R. A. 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover  
R. A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester  
R. A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
K. T. 177—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds

## WEDNESDAY, 28th JULY.

Summer Entertainment at the R.M.B.I., Croydon  
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)  
212—Euphrates, Masons Hall, Basinghall-street, E.C.  
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)  
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)  
720—Pannure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)  
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)  
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)  
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)  
1278—Burdett Courts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Inst.)  
1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)  
1791—Creton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate, at 8 (In.)  
R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)

163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester  
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire  
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds  
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.  
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley  
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton  
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury (Instruction)  
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk  
1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield  
1083—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester  
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby (Instruction)  
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow  
1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester  
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Inst.)  
1283—Ryburn, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge  
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire  
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk  
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)  
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
R. A. 1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham

## THURSDAY, 29th JULY.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4  
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)  
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
211—St. Michael, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)  
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)

754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)  
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8 (Instruction.)  
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James Street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (Inst.)  
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)  
R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)

111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington  
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)  
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup  
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich  
934—Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham  
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford  
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire  
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
R. A. 266—Naphthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood  
R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield  
M. M. 32—Union, Freemason's Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

## FRIDAY, 30th JULY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)  
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge  
802—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)  
833—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)  
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)  
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)  
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)  
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)  
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)  
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)  
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton  
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7  
R. A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster

## SATURDAY, 31st JULY.

1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)  
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8  
Prov. Grand Lodge Middlesex, New Assembly Rooms, Teddington  
1462—Wharfedale, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone

SUMMER OUTING OF THE GREY FRIARS  
LODGE, No. 1101.

ON Thursday, the 15th instant, several of the members of this prosperous Lodge assembled at Caversham Lock, on the Thames, accompanied by their friends, for the purpose of proceeding down the river for a day's enjoyment, in response to a circular issued by the Excursion Committee, of which the popular W.M. was Chairman. Punctually at 11.15 the following brethren embarked on board the screw launch Wild Rose:—Bros. J. Early Danks W.M. 1101 Prov. G.S. of Works Berks and Bucks, W. G. Flanagan I.P.M. 1101, W. Ferguson S.W. 1101, E. J. Blackwell J.W. 1101, J. T. Stransom Treasurer 1101, T. Newman I.G. 1101, W. W. Ridley Senior Steward 1101, R. C. Prickett Junior Steward 1101, J. T. Browne P.M. 1101, E. Margrett P.M. 1101, T. J. Palley P.M. 1436, W. Collins 1101, B. Hammett 1101, W. Cordrey 1101, W. Bailey 1101, J. Mace 1101, S. Bradley W.M. 414, M. J. Withers Secretary 414, F. Kirk P.M. 1687, G. Hackford P.M. 1328, J. B. Rumford P.M. 90, F. W. Ansell P.M. 340, J. Packer S.W. 816, R. Thoroughgood 403, H. Brett S.D. 1436. They started in a pouring rain, which fortunately subsided before they reached the Lock at Sonning, after which the weather throughout the day proved delightfully fine, and everything that could be desired. On reaching Medmenham, the party went ashore to view the Abbey and the scenery around, and, upon entering the Hotel, they found an excellent luncheon spread, to which full justice was done. The trip was resumed, and the scenery unfolded itself, the beauty of which was certainly beyond description. Upon reaching Great Marlow, a second landing took place, at the Complete Angler's Hotel, where the pretty lawn and gardens were much admired, as well as the waterfall near the lock. The trip was continued past the lovely Cliefden Woods, through Cookham Reach, Boulter's Lock, and Maidenhead Bridge, to the Railway Arch, when the steamer turned and proceeded to the Ray Mead Hotel, where they were met by mine host Deacon, who welcomed them to a *recherché* banquet, which was well served, and to which about thirty brethren sat down, including some members of the Ellington Lodge. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M., as Chairman, gave "The Queen and the Craft," announcing that the usual Masonic ceremonies would be dispensed with on this occasion. After other Loyal and Masonic toasts had been honoured, "The Excursion Committee" was proposed by Bro. Kirk P.M., and responded to by Bros. Margrett P.M. and Palley P.M. The toast of the evening was the present popular Master of 1101, introduced by Bro. Prickett, who announced that a deputation of Past Masters from London Lodges were present, who were desirous of presenting him with a testimonial, subscribed for by a number of his intimate Masonic friends. It consisted of a complete full dress regalia, necessitated by his recent appointment as Prov. G.S. of Works Berks and Bucks, and included with it was a handsome gold jewel of the office, in an appropriate case—the whole enclosed in a beautiful morocco case, duly inscribed, as a mark of the great respect of his friends, and of their admiration for his abilities in conducting the ceremonies in the Lodge during their visits, and as a recognition of his valuable services in advancing the cause of Freemasonry, particularly his late great exertions as Steward to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, by taking up to the Festival the magnificent sum of two hundred pounds! The deputation then presented Bro. Danks with the testimonial, wishing him every happiness and prolonged life to wear it, and they congratulated the Lodge over which he presides. The toast was drunk in a bumper with the greatest enthusiasm. The W.M., in responding, expressed his thanks for the kind manner in which the deputation had conveyed the sentiments of the subscribers to the splendid testimonial which they had just offered him, and which he accepted with heartfelt feelings of gratitude; he considered it an honour to the Grey Friar Lodge. After the toast of "The Visitors," proposed by the S.W.,

and responded to by the W.M. of the Ellington Lodge, the brethren separated, returning by train to Reading, while the W.M. and his friends soon after returned to London.

#### SANDGATE LODGE, No. 1436.

THE Annual Festival of this Lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, in the pleasantly situated little seaside town of Sandgate on Monday, the 12th inst., and a charming day induced a large number of members and visitors from all parts to put in an appearance. Punctually at 3.30 p.m. the Lodge was opened by Bro. T. J. Pulley W.M., assisted by Bros. Keeler I.P.M., Candell S.W., Simmonds J.W., Gosby P.M. Secretary, Brett S.D., Pett J.D., White P.M. Acting Dir. of Ceremonies, Bray and Jordan Stewards, Kennett I.G. Butcher Tyler. There were also present Bros. Hodgson, Pugh, Strain P.M. (I.C.), Sampson, Woods, Shackleton, Payn, Simmons, Crane, Allebone, Duncan, Filer, and Hogben. Visitors—Bros. Sears P.M. 299, Aubrey S.W. 127, Philpott W.M. 1208, Gorton S.W. 199, Amos S.W. 125, Horton 1601, Thompson 1601, Cozens Organist 907, Collins 1101, Glaspool I.G. 723, Abbott 1331, Packham 1208, Croniey 515, and others. The Lodge having been opened in the first degree, the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed, and the Treasurer's report (duly audited) received, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The previously elected candidate for initiation not being able to attend, the W.M. addressed the Lodge before leaving the chair, thanking the Officers for the valuable assistance they had at all times rendered, and the brethren generally for their generous support in all matters concerning the Lodge. He then recapitulated the proceedings of the Lodge during his year of Office, from which it appeared that eight brethren had been initiated into the mysteries of the Craft, and that the Lodge had during the year been represented at the Festivals of the Masonic Institutions by no less than five Stewards, whose lists amounted to nearly £200, which he (the W.M.) thought most creditable on the part of a Lodge whose finances were necessarily somewhat limited. The W.M. then begged the Lodge to accept, as a slight memento of the great pleasure he had experienced during his occupancy of the chair, a splendid banner, on which were inscribed the dates of warrant and consecration, and the names of each W.M. since that interesting ceremony was performed. This handsome present was accepted, on behalf of the Lodge, by the W.M. elect Bro. J. J. B. Candell, and upon the motion of Bro. White P.M. a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Pulley for the services he had rendered. Bro. Brett S.D. then presented the Lodge with a large portrait of the M.W. Grand Master, handsomely framed, and expressed his deep regret that business engagements would prevent him continuing in office in the Lodge. This handsome present was also accepted by the W.M. elect, and a cordial vote of thanks tendered to Bro. Brett. The Lodge was then advanced to the second degree, and the W.M. elect was duly presented by Bro. White P.M. for the benefit of installation, which ceremony was conducted by the retiring W.M. in the most able manner. The Board of Installed Masters having been in due course closed, the brethren were re-admitted, and saluted the W.M. in the three degrees according to ancient custom, and the W.M. proceeded to appoint and invest his Officers:—Bros. B. Simmonds S.W., Pett J.W., Gosby P.M. and P.P.G.S.B. Secretary, Jenner Treasurer, Hogben S.D., Pugh J.D., Kennett D.C., Shackleton I.G., Woods and Sampson Stewards, Butcher Tyler. The addresses to the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Brethren were then impressively delivered by the Installing Master, and listened to with great attention; and upon assuming the chair of I.P.M. Bro. Pulley was invested by the W.M., on behalf of the Lodge, with a valuable Past Master's jewel. The W.M. wished him many years of life to wear it, in the kindest remembrance of his connection with the Sandgate Lodge. Bro. Pulley feelingly acknowledged the handsome present, and expressed the pride and pleasure with which he should always look upon it, and trusted that the Sandgate Lodge would continue and prosper in its good and fraternal work. Candidates having been proposed and seconded for initiation and joining, and "Hearty good wishes" being given from the numerous visitors present, the Lodge was closed in due form after solemn prayer, and adjourned for refreshment. The banquet was held in the new Dining Hall of the Royal Kent Hotel, and was well served, under the superintendence of Bro. Watts, who exerted himself to the utmost to ensure the comfort of all present. The cloth being cleared, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and well received, the newly installed W.M. presiding in a most genial and efficient manner. In responding to the toast of the Masonic Institutions, Bro. Pulley made a most powerful appeal to the brethren present on their behalf, pointing out that the large increase in the number of the Brotherhood during the past few years would inevitably cause a proportionate ratio of increase in applications for admission to the three Institutions. He trusted that upon all occasions the Sandgate Lodge would be represented at the Festivals, and would also be well supported by the brethren, both present and absent. The Visitors' toast was received most cordially, and ably responded to by Bros. Sears P.M., Thompson, Aubrey, and Horton. The musical arrangements during the ceremony and banquet were most efficiently conducted by our well-known Bro. F. H. Cozens, Organist 907; his efforts to please met with their usual success. The Tyler's toast brought a very interesting and pleasant day's proceedings to a conclusion, and the brethren separated with "Hearty good wishes" for a successful year to each and all.

**Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.**—Met at Bro. Loughurst's, Canonbury Tavern, Islington, N., on Monday, 19th inst., presided over by Bro. Fenner, the W.M. elect of the Upton Lodge, whose working was greatly appreciated by the assembled brethren. Bro. Isaac will rehearse the ceremony of installation next Monday evening. He being the present W.M. of the Kingsland Lodge, we look forward to a great treat.

**York Lodge, No. 236.**—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at York, on Monday, the 19th inst. Present:—Bros. W. H. Gainforth W.M., Past Masters J. Todd Treasurer, T. B. Whytehead, and G. Balmford; Bros. G. C. Padel W.M. 1611, L. Murphy W.M. St. Patrick's Military Lodge, M. Rooke S.W., J. S. Rymer J.W., G. Garbutt S.D., W. Draper J.D., G. Kirby Secretary, and the rest of the Officers, together with several other members and visitors, amongst whom were Bros. H. Whalley P.M. and Treasurer Integrity 163 and J. Wood Antiquity 178. The minutes having been confirmed, Bro. Todd P.M. proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. T. J. Russell, who had acted as Steward for the Lodge at the Boys' Festival, and had taken up a list of thirty guineas. This brought the contributions of the Lodge close up to 100 guineas, so that he trusted ere long the W.M. of the Lodge would be a Vice-President of the Institution. Bro. Todd then moved that a vote of condolence from the Lodge be forwarded to the family of their late Brother John Hervey Past Grand Secretary, who had lately died, and who had done such good service to the Craft, and was an honorary member of the Lodge. Both these resolutions were carried. Bro. Todd having left the Lodge, Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M. proceeded to move a resolution that a Committee be appointed to settle the form of a presentation to Bro. J. Todd P.M. and Treasurer, whose services to the Lodge had been so great, and who had for five years acted as Secretary and for about two years as Treasurer, and who had spared neither time nor trouble to advance the interests of the Lodge. He (the proposer) was not an advocate for the presentation of Past Master's jewels as a regular thing, but he thought that some special recognition should be made of the services of a brother who had certainly done more for the York Lodge than any other member now connected with it. The resolution was supported by Bros. Balmford P.M., Rymer J.W., J. Hollins, T. J. Russell, and others, and carried unanimously. A candidate for Freemasonry was proposed, and the Lodge was closed. At the table of refreshment many toasts were honoured, and the proceedings of the evening were varied by the singing of Bros. Lee, Todd, Murphy, Gainforth, and others. Bro. Todd, in the course of some remarks on the Charities, said that he hoped next year the efforts of the Lodge would be directed in favour of the Girls' Schools, and that he himself hoped to represent the Lodge at its Festival in 1881.

**St. John's Lodge, No. 673.**—A meeting was held on Tuesday 6th July, at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool. Bros. Lewis Herman W.M., Joseph Ball S.W., Charles Marsh J.W., Thomas Clark P.M. P.G.S.W. Treas., W. T. May P.M. Sec., Henry Marshall S.D., Richard Whitehead J.D., J. T. Callow P.G. Treas. P.M. D.C., S. W. H. Halse S.S., D. J. Parry J.S., W. A. Lake Assist.S., George Godfrey I.G., W. H. Ball Tyler; Bros. David Jackson P.M., W. Brackenbury I.P.M., J. Hocken P.M.; H. Burrows, Thomas Roberts, H. Nelson, J. B. Bunting, and upwards of twenty P.M.'s and other Visitors. The business comprised the installation of the W.M., by Bro. Thomas Roberts P.M., and investiture of Officers as above. Two gentlemen were initiated, and a P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. W. Brackenbury. The banquet and picnic took place on the following day.

**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—Held at the Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, the 20th July. Bros. Clark W.M., Carr S.W., Smyth J.W., Brasted S.D., Taylor I.G., J. Lorkin Secretary, C. Lorkin Acting Preceptor, Dallas, &c. After preliminaries Bro. Dallas was interrogated and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, the W.M. giving the traditional history, Bro. J. Lorkin worked the 3rd section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Bro. Carr was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

**Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.**—On Monday, the 12th instant, a regular meeting of this Lodge was held at York. There was a larger attendance of members than usual, the W.M. having issued formal invitations to the Masters and Brethren of the St. Germain Lodge (Selby) and the Anchor Lodge (Northallerton) to partake of the hospitality of the Lodge. The invitation was accepted by both Lodges, but at the last moment a telegram was received from Selby stating that circumstances had arisen to stop the party. The W.M. of the Falcon Lodge No. 1337 (Bro. C. Palliser P.M.) was, however, present with several other visitors. Bro. G. C. Padel W.M. occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. T. B. Whytehead P.M. P.P.G.D.C., R. W. Hollon P.M. P.G.S.B., G. Balmford P.M. P.P.G.O. Treasurer, J. T. Sellar S.W., George Simpson J.W., J. Kay Secretary, W. P. Husband Assistant Secretary, W. York as S.D., W. J. Girling as J.D., A. T. B. Turner M.C., O. Marshall Organist, J. Blenkin I.G., J. E. Wilkinson Steward, P. Pearson Tyler, W. B. Dyson, Thorpe, Ware, Walker, Brown, Blackstone, Stubbs, Atkinson, W. W. Whytehead 236, J. Tissiman 236, W. Flint Ara 348 I.C., R. Graham Alexandra 1065, J. Wood Antiquity 178, E. J. de Salis Aldershot Camp 1331, &c., &c. The minutes having been read, the Lodge was raised to the third degree, and Bros. Chapman and Pexton were made Master Masons by the W.M., assisted by Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M. The Lodge having been again lowered to the first degree, Mr. R. Stephenson was duly initiated by the W.M. Several letters of apology for absence were read by the Secretary, amongst others from the I.P.M. Bro. J. S. Cumberland, who was absent in London, undergoing medical treatment, and great sympathy was expressed with that most active and popular brother. Several presentations were made to the Lodge. Bros. Balmford and Whytehead gave their respective portraits framed; Bro. Whytehead gave some bound volumes of the Masonic Magazine; and on behalf of Bro. Ward (confined to his bed by illness), three framed photographs; and on behalf of the Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Zetland, his lordship's portrait in a handsome frame; Bro. Husband gave a large photograph of an ancient view of the City of York. The

ancient Carthaginian sculpture presented by Bro. A. M. Bradley D.D.G.M. of Malta and Tunis, was an object of curiosity, placed in a conspicuous spot and set in a massive oak frame. After the close of the Lodge the brethren entertained their visitors at supper, and the cloth having been removed the Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Bro T. B Whytehead gave "Success to the Eboracum Lodge," coupled with the health of the W.M., who that evening had proved himself such an excellent worker; a toast which was received with enthusiasm. Bro. Whytehead then called on the brethren to drink to the silent memory of their late good brother and father of the Lodge, Thomas Cooper, the first anniversary of whose death had just been passed, and took the opportunity of exhorting them to follow the good example he had left them, and to strive to follow in his footsteps. The toast of "the Visitors" was given by the Senior Warden, and "absent friends" were not forgotten. The singing of Bros. Wilkinson and Turner enlivened the proceedings, which were brought to a happy termination at eleven o'clock.

**West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.**—Held at the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, on Thursday, 15th July. Bros. C. E. Botley W.M., G. Coop S.W., Andrews P.M. J.W., C. Bellerby S.D., F. Millsom J.D., F. Botley I.G., H. E. Tucker Treasurer and Preceptor, J. Wells Secretary; Bros. Mitchell, C. O. Walter, A. Jones, J. Owen, Smith, E. J. Acworth, and E. C. Porter. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. J. Wells candidate. Bros. Smith and Walter answered the questions leading to the second degree. Bro. Andrews P.M., with the assistance of the brethren, worked the second section of the first lecture. A discussion respecting the Benevolent Institution connected with this Lodge of Instruction took place, and it was agreed to adjourn the matter until 29th July, the Secretary being instructed to ask Bro. Burr, the Secretary of the Benevolent Institution, to be present on that evening. Bro. G. Coop was unanimously elected W.M. for next meeting, and the Lodge was closed in due form, and the meeting adjourned to Thursday, 29th July.

#### BIRTH.

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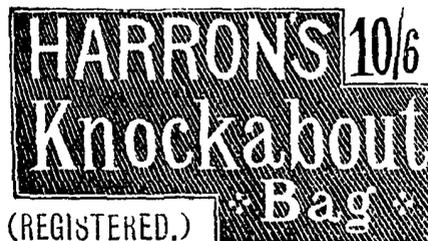
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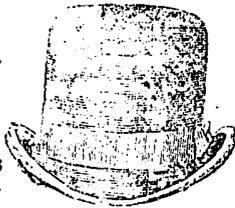


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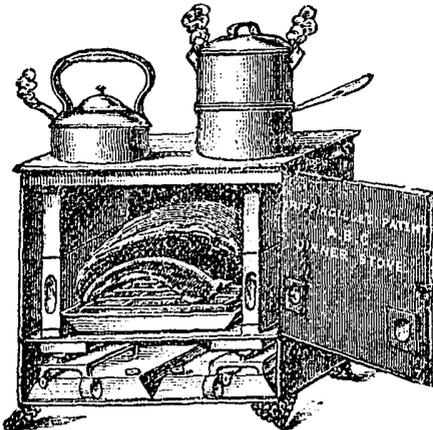
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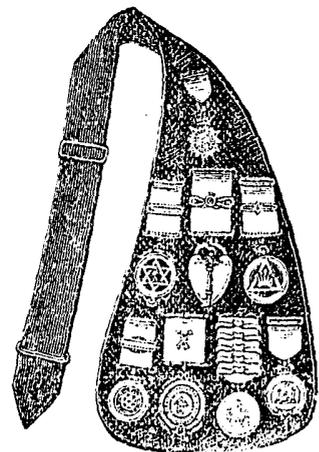
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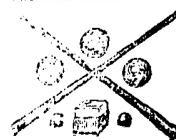
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