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## GRAND OFFICERS AND PROV. GRAND OFFICERS.

WE published last week a lengthy and interesting correspondence between Bro. Newmarch Past Dep. Prov. G. Master Gloucestershire of the one part, and Bro. Æn. McIntyre Grand Registrar of the other, and as the question discussed between these brethren is of considerable importance, we propose fulfilling our promise of dealing with it at the earliest opportunity. However, before proceeding to offer our opinion upon the merits of the case, it will be as well, perhaps, if we recapitulate the arguments adduced by Bro. Newmarch in his contention that Prov. G. Officers in their own district or Province, having, by the Constitutions, the rank of Grand Officers, are entitled to take precedence of the Officers of Grand Lodge of a lower relative rank. This point is contested by the Grand Registrar, whose views are admitted by his opponent to be very fairly stated, and as, having once arisen, it is likely to arise again, we cannot do better than follow it up by expressing our opinion thereon.

Bro. Newmarch in his first letter submitted to the judgment of the Grand Registrar the question as to the relative rank of Grand Officers and Prov. Grand Officers in their own district, this question having been latterly considered, in a perfectly friendly and fraternal spirit, at a meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Gloucestershire. The interpretation he puts on the Constitutions is to the effect that in every district in England which possesses a Provincial organisation, the Officers of that Provincial G. Lodge are in point of fact Grand Officers, and that as such they take precedence above G. Officers of inferior relative rank. Thus, in ordinary circumstances, a P.G. Warden would take rank after a G. Warden, but before a Grand Deacon; a Prov. Grand Deacon after a Grand Deacon, but before G. Superintendent of Works; and a Provincial G. Superintendent of Works after Grand Superintendent of Works, but before the Grand Director of Ceremonies. In the table of precedence at pp 16-18 Book of Constitutions, the only Provincial G. Officers whose rank is determined are the Provincial and Past Provincial or District Grand Masters. These rank next after Past Deputy Grand Masters and before the Grand Wardens. There is then nothing here to justify any view whatever in either direction, nor indeed could we have hoped to find any indication of the opinion needed, as Deputy Provincial or District Grand Masters, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, are not officially members of Grand Lodge, neither do they take any rank outside their several districts. Thus, a Provincial Grand Warden of Wilts or West Lancashire has no seat as such in Grand Lodge, nor has he any rank outside the limits of his Province. But as Bro. Newmarch points out, a Deputy Provincial Grand Master in the absence of Prov. G. Master presides in any Lodge he may visit in his Province, while as to the Provincial Grand Wardens and Subordinate Grand Officers they are said to possess, within their district, the rank and privileges of Grand Officers. This being so, it is argued, from the Gloucestershire point of view, that at the recent, and as a matter of course, at all future Provincial Grand Lodges, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and Prov. Grand Wardens should take precedence of Grand Officers of lower rank than Wardens, and that subordinate Provincial Grand Officers take precedence of Grand Officers of lower respective ranks; while as between Officers of the same nominal rank in Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge, those of the latter, being within

their own district, rank as Grand Officers of the grade they respectively hold, equally with Officers of the former of the like grades respectively, "precedence in their case being governed by the seniority of their respective appointments." Grand Registrar in his reply describes this argument as being "doubtless very specious," but he is unable to bring himself to think it is a correct view of the case. He says he has always considered that "the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of England are Grand Officers of England in every Province thereof, and in each Province take precedence of the Provincial Grand Officers, in like manner as the M.W.G.M. by whom they are appointed, takes precedence in every Province of the Provincial Grand Master by whom the Provincial Grand Officers are appointed." He further says, that if Bro. Newmarch's argument "were pressed to its logical conclusion," then in his own Province the Provincial Grand Master would take precedence of the M.W. Grand Master of England." A reference to Sir Albert Woods, Grand Director of Ceremonies and Garter King-at-Arms, as the great authority in matters of precedence, brings this first portion of the correspondence to a conclusion.

Nothing daunted by a first rejection of the point he has raised, Bro. Newmarch returns to the charge in a second letter, dated 24th May, and objecting to the Grand Registrar's description of his argument as being a "specious" one, presses him, "as a lawyer, to say whether the plain words of the Constitutions admit of any other true legal construction than that I give to them." He admits that the Grand Officers of England are Grand Officers in every Province, but he qualifies this admission by limiting it only to those of the same relative rank. Thus a Grand Deacon of England is a Grand Deacon only, and in the event of his visiting a Province in which a Provincial Grand Warden happens to be present, then the latter, being "a Grand Warden in his own Province," must take precedence of the former, even though he is an Officer of Grand Lodge. On the supposititious case of the Prov. Grand Master taking precedence in his own Province of the Grand Master himself, Bro. Newmarch holds that the Grand Registrar is urging a case that is not in point, the Grand Master being the supreme head of the whole Craft in England. In a third letter, there having in the interim been no reply to his rejoinder, the same brother, while accepting Sir Albert Woods as an authority on questions of precedence "within his cognizance as Garter King-at-Arms," expresses his belief that this is not one of those questions, but must be decided by the "established Laws which govern our Fraternity." Our Constitutions, he says, lay it down that Provincial Grand Officers in their own Districts shall possess the rank and privileges of Grand Officers, and hence the contention that a Provincial Grand Warden, with the rank and privileges in his own district of a Grand Officer, must yield precedence to Grand Officers of inferior rank to Grand Wardens is to argue that he shall not possess the said rank and privileges, which the Constitutions say he shall. In acknowledgment of this and the previous letter, Bro. McIntyre, after reiterating his view as to the fitness of Sir Albert Woods to determine a question of this importance, urges it as his opinion that "Officers appointed by the Grand Master take precedence of all Officers appointed by Provincial Grand Masters," and that "in their respective Provinces Provincial Grand Officers bear the same position, with respect to the Provincial brethren, that the Grand Officers of England bear to all members of Lodges in England who are not Grand Officers of England." Bro.

Newmarch, however, is not convinced by this argument of the Grand Registrar, on the ground that "the Constitutions, as they stand, declare that Provincial Grand Officers shall possess within their districts the rank and privileges of Grand Officers; but assuredly, they would not possess such rank and privileges, if cut down to a mere precedence with respect to Provincial brethren."

The above is fairly representative of the rival opinions of the two disputants, and it will be admitted on all sides that the question to be determined is one of the greatest delicacy, and one on the solution of which even the most learned lawyer may experience some little hesitation. The table of precedence in the Constitutions deals only with the Officers of our United Grand Lodge. The same Constitutions lay it down most distinctly and emphatically that Provincial Grand Officers are not, as such, members of Grand Lodge, that they have no rank or privileges outside their respective Provinces, though they may wear their Provincial Grand clothing at all Masonic meetings, but that in their own Provinces they do enjoy such rank and privileges as Grand Officers.

So far the matter is clear enough, but unfortunately there would seem to be no provision whatever for the case as stated by Bro. Newmarch. What he argues, both directly and inferentially, is founded on what the Constitutions say and what they leave unsaid, and in some respects he has an undoubted advantage over the Grand Registrar in the argument. The use by the latter of the word "specious" is most unfortunate. It must be clear to any brother who has carefully studied our Book of Constitutions that Bro. Newmarch's idea as to the relative rank of Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Officers of this or that Province has something to commend it to the common sense of the Craft. The latter, in their own district, possess constitutionally the rank and privileges of Grand Officers, and in such circumstances it strikes us as being only reasonable that they should enjoy priority over all Grand Officers who are relatively of inferior rank; that, for example, a Provincial Grand Warden shall stand before a Grand Deacon, and a Provincial Grand Deacon before a Grand Pursuivant. No one for a single moment would wish to see a Grand Officer, Past or Present, even of the most subordinate grade, received with aught else than the most intense and fraternal respect, but is it in the order of things that, for instance, a Past Grand Pursuivant of England should take precedence of the Provincial Grand Warden of (say) East or West Lancashire within the limits of that Province? Bro. McIntyre's suggestion that his opponent's argument, if carried to its logical conclusion, would lead to a Provincial Grand Master, in his own Province, claiming precedence of the Most Worshipful Grand Master himself, strikes us as being singularly feeble, and quite unworthy of a brother of his legal status. In the first place, a Provincial Grand Master derives his patent from the Grand Master, and is, in fact, his representative for the particular district over which he has been called upon to preside. In the next place, his status is clearly settled by the Constitutions, which place the Grand Master first in rank, the Pro G. Master next, Past Grand Masters third, and then in the order in which they are given, Past Pro Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Master, Past Deputy Grand Masters, Provincial and District Grand Masters, Past Provincial and District Grand Masters, Grand Wardens, Past Grand Wardens, &c., &c. This is so conclusive, that we are surprised any one possessing the legal acumen of Bro. McIntyre should have suggested the possible precedence in any circumstances of a Prov. or District Grand Master over the G. Master, Pro G. Master or Deputy Grand Master. The Constitutions distinctly state, at p 31, that the Grand Master "has full authority to preside in any Lodge," the word "any" including every kind of Lodge, whether Provincial Grand or private. The Pro Grand Master, in the absence of the Grand Master, possesses all the latter's powers, and in the absence of both these officers, the Deputy Grand Master is entitled to exercise all their powers and privileges. Grand Wardens must, at command, attend the Grand Master or his Deputy, and when either presides "in any particular Lodge," Provincial Grand or private, they must act as his Wardens. The Constitutions, however, are silent as to the position they are entitled to as visitors, on their own account. It goes without saying they will be received with the honours they are entitled to, but in the case of subordinate Grand Officers it occurs to us, there is absolutely nothing in our laws to justify the advancement of any claim on their part

to take precedence of Provincial G. Officers in their own district of relatively higher rank. We cannot see how a Grand Deacon can be regarded as of more exalted rank than a Provincial G. Warden—always, of course, in the supposition that the Grand Deacon in question is visiting the latter's own Province. Of course, it would be a different thing in the case of a Grand Officer who is especially deputed by the Grand Master to carry out some especial function. Such Officer in that case is the ambassador or representative of the Grand Master, and is temporarily entitled to the rank and privileges of the distinguished Mason for whom he is acting. Nor, in our opinion, is there anything to justify Grand Registrar's idea that all Officers appointed by the Grand Master take precedence of all Officers appointed by Provincial Grand Masters. They do so necessarily in Grand Lodge and in all other Provinces than that in which they hold office; but within the limits of the Province they possess "the rank and privileges of Grand Officers," and if so, it follows logically, with all deference to Bro. McIntyre's acknowledged ability, that they must be entitled to take place and priority according to the table of precedence as published at pp 16-18 in the Book of Constitutions. We shall probably have occasion to give this knotty point further consideration, but in the meantime we invite criticism of the views we have enunciated, so that in time something like an authoritative exposition of the law may be arrived at. In this case certainly the mis-quoted adage holds good, "In the multitude of counsellors there is wisdom."

#### FESTIVAL OF THE MARK GRAND LODGE BENEVOLENT FUND.

WE beg to call the attention of our readers to the fact that the Thirteenth Anniversary Festival of the Mark Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund will be held at the Crystal Palace, on Wednesday, 6th July. The chair will be taken by the Right Hon. Lord Henniker M.W.G.M.M., and dinner will be served at 5 p.m. Full particulars may be obtained at the Offices of the Mark Grand Lodge, 8A Red Lion-square, W.C., whither all applications for tickets for the banquet must be addressed to the Stewards of the Festival not later than Monday, the 4th July instant. The Fund, as is well known is, comparatively speaking, in its infancy, having been started in 1868 by the Mark G. Lodge, which voted the sum of £50 towards its establishment. But though the Festivals since held annually in its aid have not been on the scale of magnitude to which of late years we have been accustomed in connection with the great central Masonic Charities, the amount of support extended towards it by Mark brethren has been progressive. Last year, when Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.M.M.M. Middlesex and Surrey, presided, there was contributed the largest aggregate of subscriptions and donations ever known in the history of the Fund. This year, Lord Henniker has been pleased to signalise his installation into office as M.W.G.M. Master Mason, by promising to occupy the chair, and we trust our Mark brethren will show their appreciation of his Lordship's kindness by loyally supporting him at the Crystal Palace on Wednesday. We have said the Fund was started in 1868 with a grant from Mark Grand Lodge of £50. Last year the Festival, the twelfth in order of sequence, yielded over eleven times that amount—a proof, if proof were needed, of the slowly but surely-increasing popularity of the Institution. Moreover, it has been of material service in carrying out the purpose for which it was established, having assisted a very considerable number of distressed Mark Master Masons, in sums ranging from £1 to £50. Since December 1878 there has been an enlargement of the original scope of the Fund, which now charges itself with the duty of assisting in the education of children of indigent Mark brethren, one-half of the sums contributed being handed over to the Educational, as distinguished from the Benevolent, branch of the Fund. Under these circumstances, we trust the agreeable duty will devolve on us next week of reporting that the Festival of 1881, held under the auspices of Lord Henniker, has been an even greater success than any of its predecessors. We append a list of the Festivals that have been held, with the

names of the brethren who presided, the number of Stewards, and the amount contributed on each occasion.

| Year | Chairman  | No. of Stewards | Amount |    |    |
|------|---|-----------------|--------|----|----|
|      |   |                 | £      | s  | d  |
| 1869 | Rev. G. R. Portal M.W.G.M.M.M.  | 5               | 97     | 2  | 8  |
| 1870 | Earl Percy, M.P., R.W. D.G.M.M.M.   | 5               | 53     | 4  | 10 |
| 1871 | R.W. Bro. J. C. Parkinson   | 11              | 85     | 8  | 0  |
| 1872 | Col. Burdett Prov. G.M.M.M. Middlesex and Surrey, in the absence, through illness, of the Earl of Bective, M.P., Prov. G.M.M.M. Cumberland and Westmoreland | 12              | 177    | 0  | 0  |
| 1873 | R.W. Col. J. Whitwell, M.P., G.S.W.   | 12              | 141    | 15 | 0  |
| 1874 | Sir E. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., P.D.G.M.M.M.  | 12              | 91     | 19 | 0  |
| 1875 | R.W. W. Romaine Callender, M.P., D.G.M.M.M.   | 17              | 176    | 11 | 0  |
| 1876 | Lt.-Gen. J. S. Brownrigg, C.B., G.J.W.  | 12              | 96     | 15 | 0  |
| 1877 | Earl of Donoughmore, G.S.W.   | 17              | 221    | 9  | 0  |
| 1878 | Lord Skelmersdale G.M.M.M.  | 25              | 371    | 4  | 0  |
| 1879 | Lord Arthur Hill, M.P., P.G.S.W. Sussex   | 35              | 537    | 4  | 0  |
| 1880 | Col. Sir F. Burdett, Bart., P.G.M.M.M. Middlesex and Surrey   | 32              | 560    | 17 | 6  |

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Middlesex and Surrey will be held this day (Saturday), at the Star and Garter Hotel, Richmond, under the presidency of R.W. Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. G.M.M.M. Present and Past Prov. G. Officers, with the W.M.'s, Past Masters, and Wardens of the different Lodges in the Province, are summoned to attend, and all Mark Master Masons are invited to be present. Prov. G. Lodge will be opened at 4 p.m., and banquet will be served at 5 p.m. It may readily be surmised that in a Province which has so able, active and genial a chief as Sir Francis Burdett, Mark Masonry must exhibit a remarkable degree of vitality.

On Thursday next, the 7th instant, there will be held at the Masonic Hall, Albion Place, Southampton, the annual meeting of the Provincial G. Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Hants and the Isle of Wight. The chair will be taken at 2 p.m. by the M.W. Bro. Rev. G. R. Portal Past G.M.M.M. and G.M.M.M. of the Province, and when the business is over, there will be a banquet at 4 p.m. This is another of the strongholds of Mark Masonry, and is fortunate in having for its chief so distinguished a Mark Master Mason as Bro. Rev. G. R. Portal.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE EURYDICE LODGE, No. 1920.

THE Eurydice Lodge, which is an offshoot of the Orpheus, No. 1706, and draws, like the parent tree, the majority of its brethren from the members of the musical profession, was duly consecrated on Wednesday last, by the R.W. Prov. G.M. General Brownrigg, C.B., who was supported by the following brethren:—Worshipful Bros. W. C. Beaumont P.G.S.W. Surrey, Rev. R. Fawcett Ward P.M. Prov. G. Chaplain, Charles Greenwood jun. Past Provincial Grand Registrar, Charles Greenwood Prov. Grand Secretary, H. E. Frances P.G.D.C., J. M. Paget P.P.G. Organist Kent. The Visitors present, besides those already named, were—Bros. R. Sebastian Hart 1872, Squire 3, H. J. Dutton 1706, F. Bevan 1706, J. B. Boucher 1872, A. H. Townley 1872. The members present were—Bros. W. A. Barrett, Rev. W. Stainer, H. Macher Imbert Terry, Fred. Cardwell, Courtney M. Gray, Z. King, F. Selwyn Graham, W. Woodward. The Consecration took place at the Oak Hotel, Surbiton, where the members intend in future to hold their Lodge. The Lodge was opened by the R.W. P.G. Master acting W.M., Bros. W. C. Beaumont P.G.S.W. Surrey acting S.W., Charles Greenwood jun. P.P.G.R. Surrey acting J.W., supported by the Provincial Grand Officers above mentioned. Bro. the Rev. R. Fawcett Ward addressed the members of the new Lodge in a most able and erudite oration, in which he expounded his theory of the origin and development of the science of Operative and Speculative Masonry, supporting his views by quotations from Holy Writ and religious works. The incidental music was most effectively rendered by the members of the new Lodge, who are men who have earned well-merited fame in the musical world. Bro. Charles Greenwood read the warrant, and presented the Worshipful Master designate, who was efficiently installed by the Provincial Grand Master. The following brethren were then appointed and invested:—Reverend William Stainer Senior Warden, Macher Imbert Terry J.W., Frederick Wm. Cardwell Treasurer, Courtney M. Gray S.D., Z. King J.D., F. Selwyn Graham Secretary, Wm. Woodward I.G. A brother was then proposed as a joining member, the acting Senior and Junior Wardens were elected honorary members of the new Lodge, and after a vote of thanks to the Prov. Grand Officers who had attended the Consecration, the Lodge was closed, according to ancient custom. The brethren dined at 6 p.m., at the Oak Hotel,

and after the first Loyal-Masonic toast had been proposed, the W.M. gave the health of the M.W. the Grand Master of England and the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present, coupling with it the name of Bro. Charles Greenwood, to whom he referred as "a model Grand Officer," inasmuch as he possessed that perfectly equal and beautiful serenity and urbanity of temperament which enabled him upon any occasion to sink the dignity appertaining to his rank in the interest and for the comfort of his brethren in the Craft.

In proposing the health of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers Past and Present, the W.M. said that the members of his Lodge ought to be particularly proud of being even the youngest branch (as in truth they were) of so ancient and honourable a Province. Under the favourable auspices under which the new Lodge was started, the whole aim and object of its members should be to uphold the true principles and tenets of Freemasonry in its entirety, and never be guilty of any act which might tend to bring into disrepute the Province under whose banner they were assembled. The W.M. also mentioned that he had never (although his experience had extended over a period of many years) seen so many Prov. Grand Officers present at a consecration before. The R.W. Prov. Grand Master General Brownrigg, C.B., in response said, that for his own part he should consider it more pleasant if, instead of being expected to say something fresh upon an occasion of this kind, he could refer to a ritual of set speeches, and request the brethren to devote their attention to Nos. 1, 2, or 3, as the case might be. The R.W. P.G.M. expressed his sincere appreciation of the fealty and loyalty with which he had been received that evening, and referred to the respect and brotherly affection which all the members of the Province of Surrey seemed to bear towards him. It had been an interesting study for him to watch the progress of Masonry in the Province, and its rapid growth of late years; for whilst there were but nine Lodges in the Province ten years ago, there were now twenty-three, and there soon would be twenty-four. In spite of this he was not anxious to see the number increase indiscriminately, and he strongly censured the custom that seemed to exist in some of the Lodges of appointing, as a matter of course, an Officer one step higher year by year whether he was qualified to fill the next position or no. He complimented the W.M. upon the fact that during the banquet the brethren had been waited upon by the charming daughters of their hostess, whose graceful manners compelled the brethren to eat despite satiety of appetite. Finally, the R.W. P.G.M. apologised for the absence of his Deputy the Rev. Bro. Arnold, to whom he recommended the brethren to apply in all cases of difficulty or danger, and to lean upon as a sure rook of support. The R.W. P.G.M., in eulogistic terms, proposed the health of the W.M., Officers and Brethren of the Eurydice, and the W.M. in response detailed how that, in 1866, his friends tried to form the Orpheus Lodge, but that nothing came of it. Then an objection was made to the formation of a Class Lodge; he explained how the Orpheus Lodge was ultimately established in 1874, with the same idea in view, viz., that of giving the brethren of the musical profession an opportunity of meeting together in Masonic harmony. The Eurydice Lodge was an offshoot of the Orpheus, and its members had been for some time wandering, like Apollo, to find a temple; they had at last found it in "the Oak," and he was of opinion it ought to be dedicated to the R.W. P.G.M., who, he compared to a nightingale, that leaves for unknown regions and returns with a new song, "because the old song delighted all." The speeches were interspersed by various glees and solos by the W.M., Bros. Selwyn Graham, Bevan, Dutton, and other brethren. It may be mentioned that the glee was composed for the Orpheus Lodge by the W.M., and his Ode, "Great Architect on High," music by Henry Gadsby, was most effectively rendered by ten voices. On the whole, the first meeting of the Eurydice was a most enjoyable one, and will not easily be forgotten by those who attended it.

A very beautiful monument in Sicilian marble, erected to the memory of Bro. Charles Coote (late of Bond-street), will be unveiled by Mrs. Edward Swanborough, on the 6th July next, at 1.30 p.m., at Kensal Green Cemetery. It consists of an Irish cross with a Past Master Mason's jewel, surrounded with forget-me-nots, lilies of the valley, and ivy leaves, carved on the face of the same, and standing in a rock of marble with Masonic emblems, and ivy carved thereon, and a marble pedestal with the following inscription—

IN MEMORIAM  
CHARLES COOTE,  
Died March 6th, 1880,  
Aged 71.

This monument was erected by his Masonic and other friends as a mark of affection and esteem.

The lower portion is a marble slab, and post with iron bars, and a large massive landing of Yorkshire stone, on which the whole is fixed. The monument stands nine feet in height, and was designed and executed by the well-known monumental mason, Bro. E. M. Lander, of Kensal Green. Bro. Edward Swanborough has acted as Chairman of Committee, Bro. J. M. Chamberlain as Honorary Secretary, and Bro. James Weaver as Honorary Treasurer.

St. Michael's Lodge of Instruction has adjourned its weekly meetings till the first Thursday in September.

## ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE Eighty-third Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Wednesday, under the presidency of the Most Noble the Marquis of Londonderry, K.P., Provincial Grand Master of Durham, and must be pronounced as having been in every way a great success. The noble chairman was supported by the Marchioness of Londonderry on his right, and by Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Sussex on his left, while on the dais were several distinguished members of Grand Lodge. The company in all numbered close on 600. The banquet was well served by Bros. Sayers and Marks, the well-known caterers of Brighton, who are to be commended for the liberal menu they provided, and for the efficient way in which the arrangements of their part of the day's proceedings were carried out. The brethren of Brighton had taken care to provide entertainment for such of the guests as enjoy croquet or lawn tennis, and if their efforts in this respect were but little availed of, it was certainly not because the visitors did not appreciate them, but rather that the other attractions of Brighton were too numerous to permit of it. At the appointed hour the company sat down to the banquet, during which the band of the 1st Sussex Volunteer Artillery played a selection of music under the direction of Bro. W. Devin P. Prov. G. Org. and Bandmaster of the Corps. The several selections were very well rendered and heartily received. At the conclusion of the banquet, the chairman proposed the customary toasts, that of the Queen being followed by the National Anthem, and that of the Prince of Wales by "God save the Prince." The next toast, also given from the chair, was that of "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Provincial Grand Masters, and the Present and Past Grand Officers. The Marquis felt that the Earl of Carnarvon would ever discharge his duties to the satisfaction of the great Masonic body. He also felt that the Earl of Lathom would do the same; upon him devolved most arduous and heavy work. The Earl of Lathom was not only an intimate and early friend of his, but one whom every true Mason must regard and esteem. He had the honour of being installed by him as Master of the Province of Durham, and could but say that on that, and various other occasions in his life he had received the greatest kindness from him. With the toast was coupled the name of Sir W. W. Burrell, whom the Chairman characterised as being well known and highly respected, not only in the Province of Sussex, of which he was Grand Master, but wherever he was known. The toast having met with a hearty reception, Sir Walter replied. He did so with a great amount of diffidence. He fully appreciated the grand reception that had been accorded him, but when he saw the number of fair ladies who were present, it was enough, he thought, to make any man nervous. He (Sir Walter) was called upon to return thanks first for the Earl of Carnarvon and the Earl of Lathom. The brethren well knew, if the ladies did not, that those two noble peers were enthusiastic Masons and gloried in doing their duty under the Grand Master the Prince of Wales. It was indeed a very great undertaking for any one to act for H.R.H. in carrying forward the great Institution—the grandest Institution in the world—of Freemasonry. As Grand Master of the Province of Sussex he could only express the honour the Freemasons thereof felt at their district being selected for the first outing of either of the Masonic Institutions. He was sure the brethren of his Province were all proud to assist the Grand Master in all or any of the work of Freemasonry, and were rejoiced at the wonderful sight then before them. The speaker then proceeded to propose the health of the Chairman with whom he desired to couple the name of the Marchioness. He had heard that her ladyship had the day previous attended the distribution of Prizes at the School, and that she was then so pleased at what she saw that she determined to accompany her husband to the Festival. He knew perfectly well that both ladies and brethren were pleased with her presence. He (Sir W. Burrell) believed that the Marquis was an old Mason although but a young Provincial Master, and concluded by expressing a hope that he might long be spared to rule over his Province of Durham. In the course of his reply, the Chairman assured the company that it had given both the Marchioness and himself the greatest satisfaction to be present that day, especially when so many members of Grand Lodge had come from London and elsewhere to celebrate the Festival. He felt that the thanks of all were due to the brethren of Brighton for the excellent arrangements they had made for the comfort of their visitors. He assured the brethren that the way in which they had received the last toast had been a great satisfaction to the Marchioness. He had one fear for the future, which was that although he had been represented as a very young Provincial Grand Master, he should have very little peace because her ladyship having visited the School, and seen there a little of Masonry, she would want to see much more of it. He concluded by thanking the brethren for the kind reception they had accorded them, and for the cordial way in which they had drunk their health. Bro. Colonel Shadwell Clerke, the Grand Secretary, proposed the health of Bro. David Smith, Mayor of Brighton. The toast was not on the list, but he felt it was one which would be received by all present—and especially by those who hailed from Brighton—with a great deal of enthusiasm. The Festival of the Boys' School was held that day under very auspicious circumstances, because they had been honoured by two very eminent and distinguished brethren—one the Provincial Grand Master of Sussex, and the other the Mayor of Brighton. The former had already had an opportunity of expressing his feelings, and he (Brother Clerke) felt they should not separate without acknowledging their obligations to the latter. Bro. Smith was a Mason of thirty years' standing, and was one of the oldest Grand Wardens of the Province of Sussex. He had always taken and still took a very deep and earnest interest in all Masonic matters, he had come that day in all the majesty of his office, and with all his aldermanic insignia, to meet and receive them as the chief officer of an important English corporation. They

must bear in mind that they were practically the guests of the Mayor, because the building in which they were assembled and all that appertained thereto were the property of the Corporation. The toast was heartily received. Bro. Smith was happy, in the name of the town of Brighton, to welcome them all. He felt he need not ask if those assembled had enjoyed themselves, as he was quite sure there was but one answer could come in reply. When he compared the festivals of other charities with those of the Masonic Institution for Boys, he could but say that comparisons were odious. He felt the ladies were more satisfied when sitting by the side of the gentlemen, than when taking places in the gallery. It had been said that when they had the ladies with them they had success, and he felt sure that when the lists came to be read out, this would be found to be the case. It had been a very great pride and honour to the brethren of Brighton to receive the company, and they were particularly obliged to Bro. Freeman, the Secretary of the Province, for the efforts he had made to secure success on the occasion. He had well and ably carried out the scheme, and they heartily thanked him. The chairman next proposed Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. He said how much he was impressed with what he had seen at the distribution of prizes the day previous. He thought that great credit was due to those who had the responsible charge of the Institution, so far as the education of youth was concerned. It had been a great satisfaction to him to see the Institution, and from what he had heard he felt sure he could bear witness to the good done by it. He also thought a great deal of credit was due to the Head Master, Dr. Morris for the very great care and energy he had shown in the education of the boys. He trusted and hoped the Institution would go on long and prosper, and advised all brethren to visit it personally—they would be sure to be gratified at what they saw. As to the subscriptions that were about to be announced, they could hardly expect to raise so large a sum as was collected last year when the Earl of Lathom presided at the Anniversary Festival, but he trusted the amount would not be far short. He also hoped that his first appearance as Provincial Grand Master and as President of one of the Festivals would incite his Province to support the Institutions nobly. With the toast was coupled the name of Bro. G. Plucknett, Treasurer of the Institution. Bro. Plucknett having acknowledged the toast, Bro. Binckes proceeded to read the list of the donations received, details of which we give below. He said the outings, of which the present Festival was one, had been described as extravagant experiments and innovations, and in the present instance, at least, failure had been predicted, but he felt that the day's result had entirely dispelled that notion, and that the only verdict that could be given was one in favour of the experiment they had tried. The chairman proposed the health of the Stewards, to which Bro. A. J. Duff-Filer replied, and the meeting was brought to a conclusion. In the intervals between the toasts an excellent musical programme was gone through. Madame Thaddeus Wells, Mdle. Pauline Featherby, Miss Mary McClean, and Mr. James Budd being the artists. Bro. Frank Toole acted as Toastmaster.

We append the lists as furnished by the Secretary of the Institution.

## LONDON.

|                                    | Lodge |                    | £   | s  | d |
|------------------------------------|-------|--------------------|-----|----|---|
| Grand Masters'                     | 1     | R M Bishop         | 15  | 15 | 0 |
| Antiquity                          | 2     | Frederic Lasseter  |     |    |   |
| Fidelity                           | 3     | John Larkin        | 55  | 13 | 0 |
| Royal Somerset House and Inverness | 4     | Rev H Lansdell     | 15  | 15 | 0 |
| St George and Corner Stone         | 5     | Wm Jas Ford        | 38  | 17 | 0 |
| Friendship                         | 6     | B de B Lopez       | 21  | 0  | 0 |
| Royal York of Perseverance         | 7     | Percy F Sutton     | 16  | 0  | 0 |
| British                            | 8     | Walter Grogono     | 23  | 2  | 0 |
| Westminster and Key-stone          | 10    | Geo Jno Fraser     | 26  | 15 | 6 |
| Enoch                              | 11    | G Innes            | 24  | 3  | 0 |
| Tuscan                             | 14    | Engene Montennis   | 11  | 11 | 0 |
| Old Dundee                         | 18    | John Abbott        | 36  | 15 | 0 |
|                                    |       | F Hy Williams      | 10  | 10 | 0 |
| Royal Athelstan                    | 19    | E B Grabham        | 50  | 8  | 0 |
| Emulation                          | 21    | Robt P Spice       | 21  | 0  | 0 |
| Neptune                            | 22    | E F Storr          | 42  | 0  | 0 |
| Globe                              | 23    | H H Mills          | 12  | 12 | 0 |
| Egyptian                           | 27    | Charles Atkins     | 114 | 19 | 6 |
| Old King's Arms                    | 28    | John E Lloyd       | 22  | 1  | 0 |
| St Alban's                         | 29    | Hilton C Barker    |     |    |   |
|                                    |       | A D Everingham     | 38  | 17 | 0 |
| United Mariners                    | 30    | Joseph Harling     | 37  | 16 | 0 |
| Britannic                          | 33    | Lewis Angell       | 40  | 19 | 0 |
| Gihon                              | 49    | James Moon         | 84  | 0  | 0 |
| Constitutional                     | 55    | James Cooper       | 54  | 12 | 0 |
| Peace and Harmony                  | 60    | John Bellerby      | 22  | 1  | 0 |
| Prosperity                         | 65    | Charles Daniel     | 154 | 7  | 0 |
| Royal Jubilee                      | 72    | Frederick Dann     | 103 | 3  | 6 |
| Pythagorean                        | 79    | Henry Roberts      | 215 | 5  | 0 |
| Regularity                         | 91    | Benjamin Bull      | 42  | 0  | 0 |
| Moirs                              | 92    | Alfred Dent        | 15  | 15 | 0 |
| Eastern Star                       | 95    | J W Wardell        | 23  | 2  | 0 |
| Burlington                         | 96    | J Anstey Wild jun  | 75  | 12 | 0 |
| Prudent Brethren                   | 145   | J Hy Leggott       | 52  | 10 | 0 |
| Justice                            | 147   | George Bolton      | 106 | 17 | 0 |
| Cadogan                            | 162   | Major W E Williams | 17  | 17 | 0 |
| St John's                          | 167   | Edwin Storr        | 70  | 7  | 0 |
| Temperance                         | 169   | Charles Denton     | 68  | 7  | 6 |

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|-------------------------|------|---|-----|----|---|
| Manchester              | 179  | H A Lovett                                      | 33  | 1  | 6 |
| St James's Union        | 180  | E Farwig  | 42  | 0  | 0 |
| Universal               | 181  | Hy Drew Wood                                    | 22  | 11 | 6 |
| Confidence              | 193  | Walter Wood                                     | 115 | 10 | 0 |
| St Paul's               | 194  | Robert Fowler                                   | 58  | 16 | 0 |
| Jerusalem               | 197  | Wm Cunningham Glen                              | 17  | 6  | 6 |
| Percy                   | 198  | F Orchard                                       | 36  | 15 | 0 |
| Prince of Wales         | 259  | Thos W Carmalt Jones                            | 63  | 0  | 0 |
| Bank of England         | 263  | J G Harmar                                      | 12  | 12 | 0 |
| Salisbury               | 435  | Augustus Allhausen                              |     |    |   |
| Polish National         | 534  | John Aspinall                                   | 19  | 19 | 0 |
| La Tolerance            | 538  | { Julius Quitman                                | 120 | 0  | 0 |
|                         |      | { James Kench                                   |     |    |   |
| Canonbury               | 657  | A J Duff-Filer                                  | 130 | 4  | 0 |
| Crystal Palace          | 742  | George Weeks                                    | 53  | 11 | 0 |
| High Cross              | 754  | { George Burford                                |     |    |   |
|                         |      | { Wm Wort                                       | 15  | 15 | 0 |
| St James                | 765  | { James C Perkins                               | 36  | 15 | 0 |
|                         |      | { Henry Frank Hoole                             | 10  | 10 | 0 |
| Royal Alfred            | 780  | W Gomm  | 67  | 0  | 6 |
| Victoria Rifles         | 822  | Frederick Abbott                                | 42  | 0  | 0 |
| Hornsey                 | 890  | Samuel J Turquand                               | 82  | 2  | 6 |
| City of London          | 901  | Charles Beaumont                                | 64  | 1  | 0 |
| Royal Albert            | 907  | { Francis A White                               | 46  | 14 | 6 |
|                         |      | { W Wordley                                     |     |    |   |
| Doric                   | 933  | T J Barnes                                      | 136 | 10 | 0 |
| Victoria                | 1056 | E H Williams                                    | 120 | 0  | 0 |
| Perfect Ashlar-         | 1178 | John James Bell                                 | 31  | 10 | 0 |
| Lewis                   | 1185 | Rev R Morris                                    | 10  | 10 | 0 |
| Royal Standard          | 1298 | Geo S Bigley                                    | 60  | 18 | 0 |
| Asaph                   | 1319 | Edward Swanborough                              | 36  | 4  | 6 |
| Sphinx                  | 1329 | R R Bryant                                      | 25  | 0  | 0 |
| Clapton                 | 1365 | William Finch                                   | 50  | 0  | 0 |
| Highgate                | 1366 | John E Cussans                                  | 112 | 17 | 6 |
| Friends in Council      | 1383 | Capt W A Hicks                                  | 107 | 6  | 0 |
| Anerley                 | 1397 | N Stanhope Clark                                | 28  | 7  | 0 |
| Langthorne              | 1421 | Geo Hollington                                  | 42  | 0  | 0 |
| Great City              | 1426 | Thomas Hamer                                    |     |    |   |
| White Horse of Kent     | 1506 | Henry Sutherland                                | 12  | 12 | 0 |
| New Cross               | 1559 | Ernest Edward Smith                             | 10  | 10 | 0 |
| Carnarvon               | 1572 | George Briggs                                   | 33  | 12 | 0 |
| St. Dunstan's           | 1589 | W E Farrington                                  | 10  | 10 | 0 |
| Skelmersdale            | 1599 | Ernest Leon Miroy                               | 36  | 15 | 0 |
| Wanderers               | 1604 | George Boulton                                  | 42  | 0  | 0 |
| Bayard                  | 1615 | Walter Beckler Lethbridge                       | 22  | 1  | 0 |
| United                  | 1629 | Rev C J Martyn                                  | 37  | 5  | 6 |
| Canterbury              | 1635 | C D Kemp-Welch                                  | 26  | 5  | 0 |
| Aldersgate              | 1657 | George Kenning                                  | 51  | 9  | 0 |
| Royal Leopold-          | 1669 | Newington Bridges                               | 73  | 10 | 0 |
| Henry Mugeridge         | 1679 | James Lorkin                                    | 39  | 13 | 6 |
| Rothesay                | 1687 | John Docker                                     | 63  | 0  | 0 |
| All Saints              | 1716 | W Chas Young                                    | 63  | 10 | 0 |
| Evening Star            | 1719 | Matthew Mildred                                 | 105 | 0  | 0 |
| Perseverance            | 1743 | John I Mather                                   | 123 | 18 | 0 |
| Royal Savoy             | 1744 | F H Clemow                                      | 41  | 0  | 0 |
| Trinity College         | 1765 | J A Hammond                                     | 44  | 2  | 0 |
| Andrew R.A. Chapter 834 |      | Asher Barfield                                  | 40  | 0  | 0 |
|                         |      | John Palmer (Committee<br>Dinner Club R.M.I.B.) | 61  | 19 | 0 |

UNATTACHED.

|                    |     |    |   |
|--------------------|-----|----|---|
| E C Woodward       | 10  | 10 | 0 |
| Edgar Bowyer       | 108 | 3  | 0 |
| A M Broadley       | 64  | 18 | 0 |
| John Dennis        |     |    |   |
| Rev A F A Woodford | 10  | 10 | 0 |
| Plowman Young      | 10  | 10 | 0 |
| F Binckes          | 63  | 0  | 0 |
| George Lambert     | 52  | 10 | 0 |
| William March      | 11  | 11 | 0 |
| T Hastings Millar  | 10  | 10 | 0 |
| T Robert Berridge  | 45  | 3  | 0 |
| John Stanley       | 10  | 10 | 0 |
| Charles Sanders    |     |    |   |
| J H Matthews       | 31  | 10 | 0 |

PROVINCES.

BERKS AND BUCKS.

|                     |      |                   |     |    |   |
|---------------------|------|-------------------|-----|----|---|
| Etonian of St John  | 209  | { E B A Schiemann | 36  | 15 | 0 |
|                     |      | { Dick Radclyffe  | 210 | 0  | 0 |
| Union               | 414  | Charles Stephens  | 73  | 10 | 0 |
| Loyal Berks of Hope | 574  | W H Belcher       | 22  | 11 | 0 |
| Scientific          | 840  | W J Bullimore     | 19  | 6  | 3 |
| St. Barnabas        | 948  | Andrew McDowall   | 45  | 2  | 6 |
| Grey Friars         | 1101 | William Ferguson  | 53  | 3  | 6 |
| Vale of White Horse | 1770 | John Thickens     | 15  | 15 | 0 |
|                     |      |                   | 476 | 3  | 3 |

CHESHIRE.

|          |      |                |    |   |   |
|----------|------|----------------|----|---|---|
| Stamford | 1045 | James Hamilton | 26 | 5 | 0 |
|----------|------|----------------|----|---|---|

CORNWALL.

|              |      |               |    |    |   |
|--------------|------|---------------|----|----|---|
| St. Andrew's | 1151 | S Graham Bake | 38 | 17 | 0 |
|--------------|------|---------------|----|----|---|

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND.

|       |     |                |     |   |   |
|-------|-----|----------------|-----|---|---|
| Union | 129 | George J McKay | 210 | 0 | 0 |
|-------|-----|----------------|-----|---|---|

DERBYSHIRE.

|              |     |                     |     |    |   |
|--------------|-----|---------------------|-----|----|---|
| Royal Sussex | 353 | F G Boden           | 15  | 15 | 0 |
| Devonshire   | 625 | David Abraham Davis | 16  | 10 | 0 |
| Arboretum    | 731 | Alexander Frazer    | 110 | 0  | 0 |
|              |     |                     | 142 | 5  | 0 |

DEVON.

|        |      |              |    |    |   |
|--------|------|--------------|----|----|---|
| Jordau | 1402 | John Chapman | 27 | 16 | 6 |
|--------|------|--------------|----|----|---|

DORSET.

|               |     |                            |     |    |   |
|---------------|-----|----------------------------|-----|----|---|
| St. Cuthberga | 622 | { John Arnold Atkins       | 187 | 19 | 0 |
|               |     | { Collected by W D Dugdale | 43  | 1  | 0 |
|               |     |                            | 231 | 0  | 0 |

DURHAM.

|                             |  |  |     |   |   |
|-----------------------------|--|--|-----|---|---|
| By its Twenty-four Stewards |  |  | 602 | 2 | 0 |
|-----------------------------|--|--|-----|---|---|

ESSEX.

|                |      |               |     |    |   |
|----------------|------|---------------|-----|----|---|
| Hope and Unity | 214  | E B Florence  | 100 | 16 | 0 |
| Chigwell       | 453  | Robert Martin | 52  | 12 | 0 |
| Priory         | 1000 | Wardell A     | 10  | 10 | 0 |
|                |      |               | 163 | 18 | 0 |

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

|                       |      |                      |     |    |   |
|-----------------------|------|----------------------|-----|----|---|
| Foundation            | 82   | { Baron de Ferrieres | 15  | 15 | 0 |
|                       |      | { J Brook-Smith      | 10  | 10 | 0 |
|                       |      | { Henry Godfrey      | 57  | 15 | 0 |
| Royal Lebanon         | 493  | G W Haines           | 5   | 5  | 0 |
| Cotteswold            | 592  | John Mullings        | 89  | 5  | 0 |
| Royal Gloucestershire | 839  | Richard Vassar Smith | 68  | 5  | 0 |
| Royal Forest of Dean  | 1067 | Russell J Kerr       | 36  | 15 | 0 |
|                       |      |                      | 283 | 10 | 0 |

GUERNSEY.

|                       |    |                  |    |   |   |
|-----------------------|----|------------------|----|---|---|
| Doyle's of Friendship | 84 | Frederick Clarke | 85 | 1 | 0 |
|-----------------------|----|------------------|----|---|---|

HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

|                 |      |                        |     |    |   |
|-----------------|------|------------------------|-----|----|---|
| Phoenix         | 257  | J Ridd Hayman          | 33  | 12 | 0 |
| Panmure         | 723  | { Henry Hacker         | 42  | 0  | 0 |
|                 |      | { Richard Eve          | 89  | 5  | 0 |
| Gosport         | 903  | { R W Downing          | 42  | 0  | 0 |
|                 |      | { R W Mitchell         | 36  | 15 | 0 |
| Twelve Brothers | 785  | Robert J Henry Parker  | 5   | 5  | 0 |
| St. Huberts     | 1373 | Rev. Evan Yorke Nepean | 50  | 8  | 0 |
|                 |      |                        | 299 | 5  | 0 |

HERTS.

|                       |      |                  |     |    |   |
|-----------------------|------|------------------|-----|----|---|
| Hertford R.A. Ch.     | 403  | Rev Lewis Deedes | 65  | 2  | 0 |
| King Henry the Eighth | 1757 | Henry Balderson  | 16  | 16 | 0 |
| Hertford R.A. Ch.     | 403  | David Roberts    | 21  | 0  | 0 |
|                       |      |                  | 102 | 18 | 0 |

JERSEY.

|                  |     |   |   |
|------------------|-----|---|---|
| Abner Torkington | 105 | 0 | 0 |
|------------------|-----|---|---|

KENT.

|               |      |               |     |    |   |
|---------------|------|---------------|-----|----|---|
| Temple        | 558  | Richard White | 69  | 6  | 0 |
| St. Michael's | 1273 | { Henry Tuff  | 78  | 15 | 0 |
|               |      | { John Mason  | 73  | 10 | 0 |
|               |      |               | 221 | 11 | 0 |

LANCASHIRE (East Division.)

|                          |      |                    |     |    |   |
|--------------------------|------|--------------------|-----|----|---|
| Antiquity                | 146  | John Morris        | 12  | 12 | 0 |
| Virtue                   | 152  | Wm Jeffrey         | 10  | 10 | 0 |
| Affability               | 317  | { William Nicholl  | 10  | 10 | 0 |
|                          |      | { W J Cunliffe     | 5   | 5  | 0 |
|                          |      | { J Wilson         | 10  | 10 | 0 |
|                          |      | { J W Edwards      | 10  | 10 | 0 |
|                          |      | { Octavius Dean    | 5   | 5  | 0 |
| Humphrey Chetham         | 645  | { John Edward Lees | 52  | 10 | 0 |
|                          |      | { Henry E Sharp    |     |    |   |
| St. Helen's L of Loyalty | 897  | R G Brook          | 10  | 10 | 0 |
| Shakespeare              | 1009 | John Currie        |     |    |   |
|                          |      | J A Alfred         | 10  | 10 | 0 |
| Richmond                 | 1011 | S W Hester         |     |    |   |
| St George's              | 1723 | { John Bromley     | 5   | 5  | 0 |
|                          |      | { Nathl Nicholson  | 5   | 5  | 0 |
|                          |      |                    | 149 | 2  | 0 |

LANCASHIRE (West Division.)

|                         |      |                 |     |    |   |
|-------------------------|------|-----------------|-----|----|---|
| Loyalty                 | 86   | Reginald Young  | 15  | 15 | 0 |
| Antiquity               | 178  | { Henry D Croft | 68  | 0  | 0 |
|                         |      | { T Milligan    |     |    |   |
| St John's               | 673  | Thomas Clark    |     |    |   |
| Croxteth United Service | 786  | Fras Jas Bailey | 15  | 15 | 0 |
| Equity                  | 1384 | J W Thompson    | 11  | 11 | 0 |
| Israel                  | 1502 | Maurice Hart    | 27  | 6  | 0 |
|                         |      |                 | 138 | 7  | 0 |

| MIDDLESEX.                        |      |                          |          |
|-----------------------------------|------|--------------------------|----------|
| Burdett                           | 1293 | Rev Robert Jas Griffiths | 24 3 0   |
| Acacia                            | 1309 | C L Smiles               | 11 11 0  |
| Lebanon                           | 1326 | J C Woodrow              | 54 12 0  |
| Era                               | 1423 | Aug Felix Loos           | 33 12 0  |
| Francis Burdett                   | 1503 | W H Saunders             | 52 10 0  |
| Royal Hanover                     | 1777 | Horace Brooks Marshall   | 21 0 0   |
| Sir Charles Bright                | 1793 | John Piller              | 10 10 0  |
| Royal Middlesex Ch.               | 1194 | J J Marsh                | 222 12 0 |
| Francis Burdett                   | 1503 | Wm Roebuck               | 36 15 0  |
|                                   |      | D P Cama                 | 467 5 0  |
| MONMOUTHSHIRE.                    |      |                          |          |
| Crawshay Bailey                   |      |                          | 157 10 0 |
| NORFOLK.                          |      |                          |          |
| Friendship                        | 100  | J J Harvey               | 19 19 0  |
| Philanthropic                     | 107  | G S Woodwark             | 36 15 0  |
| Sincerity                         | 943  | Hy Burgess               | 18 18 0  |
|                                   |      |                          | 75 12 0  |
| NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.                  |      |                          |          |
| De Vere                           | 1794 | Samuel G Gilbert         | 191 2 0  |
| OXFORDSHIRE.                      |      |                          |          |
| Alfred                            | 340  | T J Pulley               | 22 11 6  |
| Bertie                            | 1515 | Charles A Galpin         | 55 0 0   |
| Windrush                          | 1703 | Alfred T Matthews        | 10 10 0  |
|                                   |      |                          | 88 1 6   |
| SOMERSETSHIRE.                    |      |                          |          |
| Agriculture                       | 1199 | Chas Lund Fry Edwards    | 69 6 0   |
| STAFFORDSHIRE.                    |      |                          |          |
| Tudor                             | 1838 | Capt Edward Hy Thorne    | 36 15 0  |
| SUFFOLK.                          |      |                          |          |
| Perfect Friendship                | 376  | N Tracy                  | 135 14 0 |
| SURREY.                           |      |                          |          |
| Surrey                            | 416  | J D Thomson              | 46 4 0   |
| SUSSEX.                           |      |                          |          |
| Royal Brunswick                   | 732  | V P Freeman              | 735 0 0  |
|                                   |      | Fras Daniel              | 15 15 0  |
|                                   |      | J Sayers                 | 21 0 0   |
|                                   |      |                          | 771 15 0 |
| WARWICKSHIRE.                     |      |                          |          |
| Athol                             | 74   | R H Vertigans            | 10 10 0  |
|                                   |      | David Archer             | 10 10 0  |
|                                   |      | H E Mewis                | 10 10 0  |
| Shakespeare                       | 284  | John William Margetts    | 36 15 0  |
| Guy's                             | 395  | Nathl Merridew           | 31 10 0  |
|                                   |      | Matthew Smart            | 5 5 0    |
|                                   |      | James Moffat             | 21 0 0   |
| Faithful                          | 473  |                          | 21 0 0   |
| Rectitude                         | 502  | Capt C R Levett          | 10 10 0  |
|                                   |      | Henry Bennett            | 10 10 0  |
| Temperance                        | 739  | James Srawley            | 26 5 0   |
|                                   |      | J Jennens                | 10 10 0  |
| Israel                            | 1474 |                          | 11 11 0  |
|                                   |      | Phillips                 | 5 5 0    |
|                                   |      | Claridge                 | 10 10 0  |
|                                   |      | A G Warrillow            | 232 1 0  |
| WORCESTERSHIRE.                   |      |                          |          |
| Hope and Charity                  | 377  | G W Grosvenor            | 57 15 0  |
| Lechmere                          | 1874 | George Taylor            |          |
| YORKSHIRE—NORTH AND EAST RIDINGS. |      |                          |          |
| Prov. Grand Lodge and Chapter     |      |                          | 15 15 0  |
| Humber                            | 57   | John Walton              | 57 15 0  |
| Lion                              | 312  | J W Woodall              | 36 15 0  |
|                                   |      | T B Whytehead            | 15 15 0  |
| De la Pole                        | 1605 | Henry Preston            | 25 0 0   |
|                                   |      |                          | 151 0 0  |
| YORKSHIRE—WEST.                   |      |                          |          |
| Lt.-Col. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart. |      |                          |          |
| John Wordsworth                   |      |                          |          |
| Britannia                         | 139  | Ernest George Reuss      |          |
|                                   |      | William Greaves Roper    |          |
| Unanimity                         | 154  | Thomas Kemp Sanderson    |          |
| Three Grand Principles            | 208  | R I Critchley            |          |
| Fidelity                          | 289  | Alfred Williamson        |          |
| Hope                              | 302  | Henry Smith              |          |
| Mirfield                          | 1102 | George Armitage          |          |
| Wentworth                         | 1239 | W R Thomas               |          |
| Olicana                           | 1522 | Henry Legge              |          |
|                                   |      |                          | 155 5 0  |

| NORTH WALES AND SALOP.       |      |                      |          |
|------------------------------|------|----------------------|----------|
| Castle                       | 1621 | John Bodenham        | 179 11 0 |
| SOUTH WALES (East Division.) |      |                      |          |
| St. David's                  | 366  | W H Davies           | 105 0 0  |
| SOUTH WALES (West Division.) |      |                      |          |
| Prince of Wales'             | 671  | Aaron Stone          | 10 10 0  |
| THE ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES.  |      |                      |          |
|                              |      | C Fitz Gerald Matier | 78 15 0  |

### STEWARDS' VISIT TO THE BOY'S SCHOOL.

THE customary prize distribution and visit of the Stewards and their friends to the Boys' School at Wood Green, took place on Tuesday, when the Marquis of Londonderry as Chairman of the Festival of the year kindly officiated as President. The Marchioness was also present, and undertook the no very light task of distributing the prizes, of which the following is a list:

#### By the Institution.

FIRST CLASS.—Scripture—G S Robinson, R Keydell; Classics—A H Stephenson, E Taylor; Mathematics—R Head, P Pulman; French and German—G S Robinson, E Taylor; English—H Brock, E Taylor.  
 SECOND CLASS.—Classics—G L Perrin; Mathematics—P Cooper; French, German, and English—H Searle.  
 THIRD CLASS.—Latin—R Bartley; Mathematics, French, and German—R Riley; English—E Bartley.  
 FOURTH CLASS.—Latin—A J Laslett; Mathematics—A W Gardner; French, German, and English—F Hunt.  
 FIFTH CLASS.—Latin—H Fairman; French and Mathematics—G Mey; English—H Fairman.  
 SIXTH CLASS.—English—A J Kennedy; Arithmetic—P Marshall.  
 SEVENTH CLASS.—General Proficiency—A Howarth and W J Saville.

#### SPECIAL PRIZES.

##### By the House Committee.

Writing—First prize, G Robinson; second, A Parker; Dictation—first prize, H Shipway; second, G Robinson; History—first prize, H Brock; second, H Shipway; Geography—first prize, A Parker; second, A H Stephenson; Mental Arithmetic—first prize, R Head; second, H Brock; General Attention to Studies—first prize, H Brock; second, A H Stephenson; Efficiency as Monitor—first prize, A Parker; second, W A Stansfield; Efficiency as Class Monitor—first prize, W D Whalley; Proficiency in Drill—first prize, G Nash; second, G S Robinson; The Band—first prize, W A Stansfield; second, W H Dunaway; Athletics—first prize, P James.

##### By Private Donors.

By Bro. Captain Wordsworth, awarded 28th June 1881:—  
 By the United Strength Lodge, No. 228:—  
 Honours at the Cambridge Local Examination—H L Carter.  
 By Bro. the Rev. Dr. Morris:—  
 Attention to Studies—R Head, H Brock.  
 Elocution—V Lee, W H Date.  
 By Bro. Edgar Bowyer, Vice-Patron of Institution, P.G.W. Herts, P.M., &c.:—  
 Book-keeping—W D Whalley.  
 By Bro.  
 Mathematics—  
 By Mr. Sylvester, Drawing Master:—  
 Drawing, Freehand—A H Stephenson, P King.  
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 Architecture—A Parker.  
 Mechanical—C Sparks.  
 Pen and Ink Drawing—G Robinson, A Breary.  
 By the Institution:—  
 Silver Medal for Good Conduct—Hen. Blake Brock  
 By Bro. Edward Cox, Vice-Patron, P.M. No. 657:—  
 Canonbury Gold Medal—William Ashton Stansfield.  
 By the Supreme Council 33, to a Pupil on leaving the Institution:—  
 Silver Watch and Chain for General Good Conduct—Alfred Henry Stephenson.  
 The prizes to those successful in the Cambridge Local Examination, December 1880, apportioned from the interest (£23) of the Fund (£225) founded by Bro. W. Winn P.M. 657.

During the intervals between the distribution of the prizes, the Boys of the Institution, under the direction of the music master, rendered in first rate style, the three parts of a pastoral operetta "The Merrie Men of Sherwood Forest," while others gave a dramatic sketch entitled, "Turn him out." After the conclusion of this part of the day's programme, Bro. Raynham Stewart proposed that the best thanks of the meeting be accorded to the Marchioness of Londonderry for the honour she had done the Institution by presiding over the distribution of the prizes to the boys. So far he thought the meeting had been a successful one, and it was an additional source of happiness to have her ladyship among them to take so prominent a part in the proceedings. It was the first time a lady had condescended to attend

for such a purpose. The Marquis of Londonderry replied, expressing the great satisfaction he and Lady Londonderry had experienced at being present that day. Her Ladyship took a great interest in the Craft. He then addressed a few words to the lads, who had contributed to the amusement of the company, and again expressing the pleasure it had afforded the Marchioness to distribute the prizes, urged on them to go on in the hope that they might obtain a prize hereafter. The noble Chairman then referred to the satisfactory state of the School, from an educational point of view, for which he thought they were indebted to the Head Master Bro. Dr. Morris, to whom with his assistants he proposed a hearty vote of thanks. Bro. Morris briefly replied, after which a cold collation was partaken of by those assembled. In the evening some races and athletic sports took place in the fields, and, later on, dancing was enjoyed by a very large number of those present.

#### COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls met on Thursday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. John M. Clabon P.G.D. in the chair. There were also present Bros. Peters, Dubois, Massa, Tattershall, Woodford, Cox, Richardson, P. De L. Long, Nunn, Rucker, Massey, Letchworth, Dewar, and F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary). Bro. Frank Richardson proposed (for Colonel Creton) that the rank of honorary Vice President be conferred on Dr. Hood, in recognition of his services as honorary surgeon to the Institution, and that the honorarium to the Chaplain be increased from £25 to £35 per annum. Nine children were placed on the list for election in October. There will now be 24 candidates for that election.

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#### SERMONISING IN FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I fully agree with much that Bro. Whytehead said in his letter which appeared in your last week's issue. I believe with him "that one powerful reason why we so often and so sadly find a dearth of intelligent Craftsmen at our meetings is, that the bare husks of Masonry are served up so perpetually that men of intelligence and education cannot submit to the infliction of being fed on them time after time, to the exclusion of other matters." I am, also, invariably pleased "to read or hear of Lodge lectures, fresh explanations of symbols, or anything which may tend, not only to throw light on Masonry itself, but to convey parallel instruction." For this reason it is I now so seldom attend Lodges of Instruction, where you rarely hear anything else from one year's end to another than the rehearsal of ceremonies and the working of sections, the painful monotony being occasionally varied by a consecration or a supper. But I certainly did not understand you in your article on the subject as exclaiming against the lectures and explanation which rightly find such favour with Bro. Whytehead, but against the practice, which widely prevails on both sides of the Atlantic, of preaching sermons at Masonic gatherings. There are, of course, occasions on which references to religion in the abstract—as contradistinguished from this or that concrete form of religion—are very appropriate. When a Prov. G. Lodge attends divine service, there is ample scope for the Reverend Brother who may be charged with the duty of preaching the sermon to fulfil that function without touching on those subjects which, while meeting with the approval of some Craftsmen, may be a cause of offence to others. For instance, Brotherly Love and Charity are subjects which admit of an almost endless variety of treatment, yet with these and a host of other good points in Freemasonry to dwell upon and enforce by argument, it too often happens the preacher makes his sermon a medium for exalting Freemasonry into a kind of religion. Similarly, in addresses delivered in Lodges, this confusion of our system of morality with some kind of religious belief is the reverse of uncommon. It was against this practice that, it struck me, your article was directed, and if my construction is right, I hold you deserve much praise for having had the courage to condemn what cannot fail ultimately to drive many worthy men from our midst and deter others equally worthy from joining us. It must be borne in mind that our Constitutions forbid the discussion of religious and political topics, and I hold that this "Sermonising" you have decried is an indirect, if not direct, violation of our law—a violation of the spirit, if not of the letter. Why, then, when there is so much that is beautiful to speak or write about in connection with Freemasonry, should there be permitted in our Lodges or at other gatherings any reference to religion beyond what is of the most general character, and calculated in no degree whatever to wound the susceptibilities of the most sensitive brother? It is the great boast of our Craft that it affords a common ground on which men of all religious faiths may meet together in amity, but if sermonising of the kind I refer to is to be permitted this boast must disappear.

Fraternally yours,

M. M.

#### ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—W. L. H.'s suggestion that "the five highest unsuccessful candidates at the last poll—male or female as may be necessary"—should be placed as soon as possible on the roll of annuitants, is open to one great objection, though I am quite willing to admit that "it is cruel to keep five annuities in abeyance, where there are so many deserving Old People in a state of great poverty and distress." I believe it is a common enough practice, when it is found that a candidate has no chance of success, for his supporters to lend their votes to one who is likely to get in, the loan to be repaid at the next election, when the former's chances of success will be great, if not absolutely certain. In such a case, of course, the candidate who stood twelfth on the list of unsuccessful candidates might have stood, say fourth or fifth, had he polled his full strength. Therefore to place the highest non-successful on the roll of annuitants might involve a certain amount of injustice to some of the other candidates. Depend upon it, the best plan to overcome the hardship caused by keeping vacancies open for close on twelve months is to have two elections in the year, as in the case of the Schools. That will not entirely remove the hardship, which of necessity is irremovable, but it will reduce it to a minimum. As another correspondent of yours has suggested, there is very little reason to doubt the Committee would not pass unrecognised the additional labour which two elections instead of one would entail on the Secretariat of the R.M.B.I.

Yours fraternally,

BLUE PETER.

The Montague Guest Lodge, No. 1900, will be consecration on Wednesday next, 6th July, at 4 p.m., at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's-inn-fields, by the V. W. Bro. Col. Shadwell Clerke, Grand Secretary, assisted by Grand Officers.

Mount Edgcombe Lodge of Instruction, No. 1446.—The weekly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Harp Tavern, Jermyn-street, Piccadilly, on Tuesday, the 28th ultimo, Bros. Kircaldy W.M., Frederick Green S.W., Richardson J.W., Skinner, Shand, Proudfoot, F. V. Green, and other brethren being present. The Lodge was opened with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The first and second sections were worked by Bro. Richardson. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Proudfoot candidate. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. W. C. Smith worked the first section of the lecture, after which the Lodge was closed in due form. The W.M. informed the brethren that on Tuesday next, the 5th July, Bro. J. B. Docker W.M. of the Rothesay Lodge, No. 1687, would rehearse the ceremony of installation at this Lodge of Instruction.

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**A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT OF THE GOVERNORS** and SUBSCRIBERS of this INSTITUTION will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Saturday, the 9th day of July 1881, at Twelve o'Clock precisely.

On the general business of the Institution, to place candidates on the List for Election in October next, and to declare the number of girls then to be elected; also to consider the following notices of motion:—

Upon recommendation of the House Committee, by Bro. Colonel Creaton, Treasurer and Trustee—

"That the rank of Honorary Vice-President be conferred upon Bro. Wharton P. Hood, in recognition of his valuable services as Honorary Surgeon."

"That the Honorarium to the Chaplain be increased from £25 to £35 per annum."

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

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**PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SURREY.**

THE members of this Provincial Grand Lodge met at the Public Hall, Reigate, on Saturday last, the 25th ult. The popular Prov. Grand Master General Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., presided, and was supported by the Rev. Ambrose Wm. Hall, M.A., G. Chaplain England, P.M. P.P.G. Chaplain P.P.S.G.W. Surrey, the V.W. Bro. the Rev. C. W. Arnold Past Grand Chaplain, Bros. Samuel G. Kirohoffer S.W., Chas. Greenwood jun. Reg., Charles Greenwood Sec., Francis Buckland S.D., E. D. Frost J.D., W. J. Sugg S. of W., H. E. Frances D.C., P. S. J. Officer A. D. of C., G. C. Barry Org., J. S. Lavies S.B., H. W. Linton Purs., many of the Past Prov. Grand Officers, and a large representative contingent of brethren throughout the entire Province, every one of the Lodges in which was represented, a fact that speaks well for the zealous interest in Freemasonry that pervades the district under the rule of the gallant General. The room was most elegantly appointed, and the handsome chairs of the Surrey Lodge, the gift of Lord Monson, late M.P. for Reigate, who, we believe, was the first Worshipful Master of the Lodge, were the theme of universal admiration. For the first time in the history of the Province a handsome banner was conspicuously displayed, and our esteemed Brother H. F. Frances, to whom had been entrusted the labour of its production, was deservedly complimented on the artistic skill he had brought to bear upon its execution. As we have already stated, the whole of the Lodges responded to the call of the roll, and the Grand Officers having likewise signified by their response their readiness to transact the business of the Province, the minutes of last Provincial G. L., held at Sutton, on the 24th July 1880, were read and confirmed. The accounts showed a very satisfactory state of affairs, and a goodly balance in hand warranted the recommendation of the following grants:—£10 10s to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, £10 10s to the R.M.I.G., £10 10s to the R.M.B.I., £10 10s to the Hervey Memorial Fund, £5 5s towards defraying the cost of a Memorial Window in the Parish Church, Reigate, and £5 5s in aid of the Funds of the St. Anne's School. With respect to the proposed grant in aid of the Hervey Memorial Fund, some discussion arose as to the objects contemplated by the promoters, but as these objects are well known to the majority of our readers we need scarcely give details, suffice it the proposed grants were sanctioned by Prov. Grand Lodge. In reference to a statement made that a difficulty had arisen as to the attendance of members of the Ewell Lodge, No. 1851, whose regular day of meeting it happened to be, the Prov. G. Master intimated for the guidance of brethren who might be similarly circumstanced on future occasions, that permission for holding emergency meetings for transacting the regular business a day or two later might easily be obtained, and throwing out a suggestion that an informal meeting might be held on the day specified, at such an hour as would enable the brethren afterwards to attend their Prov. Grand Lodge. The election of Grand Treasurer resulted in the re-appointment of W. Bro. George Price, who, in a few short sentences thanked the brethren for this renewal of their confidence. Bro. C. T. Speight, by a show of hands, was re-appointed Grand Tyler. The following brethren were then invested as Officers for the year ensuing:—

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| Bros. C. W. Arnold, M.A. | Dep. Prov. Grand Master |
| W. C. Beaumont           | S. Warden               |
| J. Daucan Thomson        | J. Warden               |
| Rev. R. Fawcett Ward     | Chaplain                |
| J. S. Streeter           | Registrar               |
| C. Greenwood P.G.S.B.    | Secretary               |
| C. Tyler                 | Senior Deacon           |
| H. G. Thompson, M.D.     | Junior Deacon           |
| Charles Pawley           | Sup. of Works           |
| H. E. Frances            | Dir. of Cer.            |
| W. Weller                | A. Dir. of Cer.         |
| Benson                   | Organist                |
| P. Bennett               | Sword Bearer            |
| W. J. Landrim            | Pursuivant              |

Previous to the investiture, Gen. Brownrigg explained that it was to him always a difficult task to apportion the several offices among the many deserving members in the Province. It was a matter of impossibility to make them all Wardens, and he trusted it would be distinctly understood that he did not claim any particular office conferred a higher or lower degree of rank. He desired it to be considered that the tender of the several collars was to be accepted as a recognition of merit exhibited by the wearer, and as a special reward for good work done. In requesting Bro. Arnold to retain the office of Deputy, the Provincial Grand Master stated he did not think there was any other ruler of a Province so happily circumstanced as he;— a better Deputy Prov. Grand Master could not possibly be found. He referred to the satisfactory condition of the Lodges throughout the Province, and spoke warmly of the expectations he held of what would result from the inauguration of the two new Lodges that were shortly to be consecrated. Reference was then made to the organization for the voting power of the Province, which was not so generally understood as seemed desirable, and then the audit Committee was re-appointed and Lodge was closed.

The Brethren attended Divine Service at the Parish Church, where the Sermon was preached by the Provincial Grand Chaplain the Rev. R. Fawcett Ward W.M. 1872. Our Rev. Brother selected his text from 1 Chronicles xxii. 16—"Arise therefore, and be doing, and the Lord be with thee"—continuing as follows:—

These are the concluding words of King David to his son Solomon, when delivering to him the charge concerning the building of the Temple. It was a work which he himself would gladly have undertaken. We read, that as the King sat in the house, when the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies, he said unto the prophet Nathan, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the Ark of God dwelleth within curtains." And Nathan said to the King, "Go, do all that is in thine heart; for the Lord is with thee." But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan, telling him to put it to David; that although God had promised blessing upon him and his house, nevertheless He could not allow him to take in hand the work of building the Temple, because he had been a man of war and had shed much blood: but yet said He, "I will raise up thy seed after thee, which shall be of thy sons, and he shall build Me a house." It was also revealed to him where this Temple should stand, viz., on Mount Moriah: on the spot whereon stood the threshing floor of Oman the Jebusite, where David had offered up his prayers to the Almighty to put an end to the pestilence raging amongst the people as a judgment for his imprudence in numbering them: and where also Abraham had shown his readiness to comply with the will of God, by not refusing to offer up his son Isaac as a burnt sacrifice. With this promise before him, David at much cost and care set to work to get together a great store of materials for the purpose. "Solomon my son is young and tender," he said, "and the house that is to be builded for the Lord must be exceeding magnificent, of fame and of glory throughout all countries: I will therefore now make preparation for it. So David prepared abundantly before his death. He then called to him his son Solomon; delivered to him plans and drawings for the intended structure; and charged him thus, To build the house of the Lord his God, as He had said he should do; to keep the law of the Lord his God, and he would prosper if he took heed to fulfil the statutes and judgments which the Lord charged Moses with concerning Israel: not to be dismayed, but to be strong and of good courage, that even in his trouble he had prepared for the house of the Lord an hundred thousand talents of gold, and a thousand thousand talents of silver, of brass and iron without weight, timber also and stone: and that moreover there were Masons with him in abundance, cunning men for every manner of work: "Arise therefore," said he, "and be doing, and the Lord be with thee." And then feeling himself "old and full of days;" and probably being anxious that the work should be commenced as soon as possible, he assembled together the princes and chief men amongst the people, informed them that it was God's will that his son Solomon should succeed him, that he should raise a superb building in which the Ark of the Covenant should rest; and with great ceremony had him placed upon the throne. Now this Masonic work, which Solomon had committed to him, was a great work, worthy all the preparations which had been made, and all the pains which could be bestowed upon it: to build a Temple for the Lord, "an habitation for the mighty God of Jacob." Well then might David say to him, "Arise, and be doing, and the Lord be with thee." But have not we also a Masonic work to do, a great work, and one equally worthy all the pains and labours which have been or can be bestowed upon it? Have not we to build up a spiritual temple? "Know ye not," says St. Paul, "that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost?" our duty therefore to render it a habitation fitting for Him, and "to glorify God in our body and our spirit which are His." This is our work, a work which as Masons we have undertaken to do. Therefore the words of King David also apply to us, "Arise, and be doing, and the Lord be with thee." The work Solomon had to do, and that which we have to do, are equally Masonic: the only difference consists in this; that he was called on to direct his attention more especially to that which is Operative; whereas we are here directed more especially to that which is Speculative. For what is Masonry? And wherein does true Masonry consist? Masonry is a Science: which teaches us Prudence, Temperance, Fortitude, Justice, Virtue, Honour, Mercy, Faith, Hope, Charity, Grammar, Rhetoric, Logic, Arithmetic, Geometry, Music, and Astronomy. If you pay attention to our ritual, and look into the teaching of the different degrees, you will see that all these things are put before us; and that we are exhorted to practise and study them to the best of our ability. We are, therefore, taught our duty towards God, our duty towards our neighbour, our duty towards ourselves, our duty as citizens of the world, and our duty as private individuals: in fact, how to live and how to die. Thus, you see, Masonry embraces in a comprehensive manner divine knowledge and human science, and so consists of two distinct parts, which are called *Speculative* and *Operative*: the former—*Speculative*—

being the doctrine of morality, founded on the belief in a God, which leads us to the pure worship of Him as Creator, Preserver, Redeemer, and inculcates a strict observance of those duties which we owe to each other; the latter—Operative—being the study and practice of the liberal arts and sciences—that is, their application to the wants and necessities of mankind. These two parts, of course, can, and often have, existed apart, and have then been made to do duty for both. But, as in the primitive ages of the world, the principal object of Masonic practice, which then existed under the name of "Light," or the equivalent for that word in whatever language used, was the genuine worship of God; Masonry cannot be pure unless the two are joined together. It is a remarkable evidence of this that in proportion as the knowledge and worship of the true God has declined in all the countries of the earth, so we find Masonry to have declined also. Therefore Masonry teaches us religion; was originally considered a handmaid to religion; and consequently the purer the form of religion the purer the Masonry; and as a sequence to this, the purer the Masonry, the purer our religion also. Now, does not this put the matter of Masonic duty in rather a different view to that which too many are apt to take of it? I am afraid that not only by the outside world, but by the initiated also, the subject is not always quite looked upon or treated as it is meant to be. If the true object of pure Masonry was more generally known and understood, and its effects shown in the conduct of its members, I am quite sure we should not hear of objections being raised by any member of a family to a man joining the Brotherhood. For this reason I have endeavoured to put it in its proper light before you, and I would say to you, "Arise, and be doing, and the Lord be with thee." If you would further the interests of the Fraternity, let it be said of you thus, "I can trust So and So; he always does his duty both towards God and towards his neighbour." Let it be said, "I can discuss with comfort and with pleasure any subject with such an one, even politics or religion; he is not narrow-minded in his views, but always willing to allow to another that which he claims for himself—the right to form and hold an opinion." Let it be seen in your homes that Prudence directs you, Temperance chastens you, Fortitude supports you, and Justice is the guide of all your actions. This is nothing more than your duty. Your duty which, as Masons, you have pledged yourselves to perform. Brothers! The Lodge to which we here now belong, must some day, and that with some of us ere long, be exchanged, we hope, for the Grand Lodge above. Is it not your wish to rank high there? And can you better qualify than by thus fulfilling your duties here? Let us, then "Arise, and be doing," and endeavour to render ourselves fit dwelling-places for the Most High; by striving against the world, the flesh, and the devil; by building upon the foundation which Christ has laid; by making the edifice in which the Lord offers to dwell, a beautiful building, well-founded and knit together, and adorned plenteously with those jewels which He delights in. Life is short, and the building can but slowly rise, therefore if we are to make any progress in it we must begin at once. Think what a disgrace it will be, if we allow it to be defiled by bad habits and evil passions. Think what a loss it will be, if we build it up unfit for God's presence. At the erection of all stately and superb edifices, instead of the stones or bricks rising at once from the ground, the ground itself is dug into for a good foundation. This foundation has been laid in you as Masons, and may you from it raise up a superstructure perfect in all its parts. Well were it, if we could profit as we ought by the advantages we enjoy, and recommend to them that are without the pure ordinances of our Order, by the purity and excellence of our conduct. I would say then: Look upon your Lodge as an active Institution, not merely for the bringing together of faithful friends in a society modelled according to the perfection of good fellowship, but likewise for the purpose of educating its members for the service of the Great Architect of the Universe, for the world, and for mankind.

It now remains for me to call your attention to that purpose for which I have to ask your contributions this day, viz., towards placing in the church of this parish a window to the memory of our late Bro. Thurman, a Past Provincial Grand Organist, and a man who was most highly esteemed in Reigate. It does not appear to me that I can possibly do better than quote to you that which was written to me concerning him:—"He was initiated in the Surrey Lodge, and greatly liked by all. He was a great musician, and the organ which he loved so well oft filled the old church with such exquisite music that the congregation lingered till the last note died away. Withal he was earnest; simple in his wants; kind to every one; and when it pleased the Great Architect of the Universe to afflict him with intense suffering in his last illness, he bore it as a Christian man, and died rich in the love of all. It is desired by the Vicar to fill the north window nearest the organ with stained glass as a memorial of our brother." In memory of a brother, to beautify God's house. Fifty pounds has already been subscribed, thirty pounds more is required. It would certainly be a most becoming act on our part, and afford a most pleasing recollection of our visit here if we leave this sum in the hands of the Vicar as a contribution of the brethren. May I ask you, so let it be; it is not a large sum to raise amongst us. Were I to plead for this in a more begging manner, I fear I should be deserving your censure as appearing to throw a doubt on your readiness and willingness to help in such a Masonic undertaking. I do not doubt it, but am confident that you will put it in my power to announce to you, when we meet again this afternoon, the pleasing fact that the brethren have responded to the call made on them, and the Vicar is able to give the order for the window. I, therefore, rest content with reminding you how, when King David was collecting materials for the proposed Temple, and King Solomon began to build it, all help was given: and how, in that Masonic work of older date, the building of the Tabernacle by Moses, the Israelites brought in their contributions to the utmost of their ability. I would ask you to imitate the example thus set you by your ancient brethren; and would say to you, to this end, "Arise, and be doing, and the Lord be with thee."

So mote it be.

At the conclusion of the sermon, a collection for the purpose stated was made, and realised over £8, which, with the sum of five guineas voted by Prov. Grand Lodge, represented upwards of £13, or but little short of one-half of the sum still required to complete the Memorial Window. The brethren then returned to the Town Hall, when an excellent banquet was set before them by Mr. J. Kearsley, a local purveyor, who, to judge from this particular specimen of his ability, is far above the average of local purveyors generally. The chair was occupied by Prov. Grand Master Gen. Browrigg, who fulfilled his duties with even more than his accustomed geniality. The speeches, for which, in consequence of the great pressure on our space, we are, to our very great regret unable to find space, were of the usual character, that of the Provincial Grand Master being very cordially honoured and as cordially acknowledged. The Visitors, likewise, were accorded a hearty welcome. The intervals between the toasts were enlivened by some admirable singing, the musical arrangements having been entrusted to Bro. Geo. Perren, the well-known tenor singer, who has retired from his profession, and is now enjoying his *otium cum dig.* amid the pleasant hills of Surrey. The artists who assisted him were Bros. Sexton, Tarle Lee and Hilton, the second of whom presided at the pianoforte with characteristic ability.

#### PROVINCE OF LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of the Freemasons of the county of Lincoln was held at the Old Hall, Gainsborough, on Monday, 20th June. The R.W. Major William Henry Smyth, J.P., D.L., P.G.M. of Lincolnshire, presided, and there were about 300 members of the various Lodges of the Province present. The proceedings were confined chiefly to the receiving of reports from the various committees, the consideration of the grants for the several Charities, the re-election of Officers, and other routine business. The following is a list of the newly appointed Officers:—Bros. Wm. H. Roberts 792 Grimsby Dep. P.G.M., Alfred Kirk 422 Gainsborough S.W., Jas. Ferguson 838 Boston J.W., Rev. J. K. H. Elliott 422 Gainsborough Chap., C. M. Nesbitt 712 Louth Treas., H. Watson 297 Lincoln Reg., F. D. Marsden 712 Louth Sec., F. Higgins 1600 Alford S.D., Jno. Woodward 469 Spalding J.D., P. P. Dickenson 297 Lincoln S. of W., W. Ramforth 1386 Lincoln A.D. of C., Wm. Henson 1286 Market Rasen S.B., G. H. Porter 712 Louth Org., Jno. Mawer 712 Louth Pars.; W. R. Fowler 272 Boston, Geo. Howsham 422 Gainsborough, W. Hopkin 588 Sleaford, F. J. Green 1232 Bourn, James Casterton 1286 Market Rasen Steward, J. S. Codd 297 Lincoln St.B., Ben. Box Tyler.

Holding their annual meeting at Gainsborough, the Freemasons were invited to take part in the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the new Church of St. John the Divine. The population of Gainsborough has increased during the last ten years so rapidly that it has become necessary to provide increased church accommodation. Both the churches in the town are full on Sundays, and not unfrequently people have to leave the church doors. When the Church of the Holy Trinity was built the population of the whole town was 6660. In 1871 the census showed that there were 7564 inhabitants, viz., 4146 in the Parish Church district, and 3418 in Holy Trinity district. Since that time no less than 622 new houses have been built and inhabited, 542 of them being in the district of Holy Trinity, and the number is still rapidly increasing. The population of the town, according to the last census, was—All Saint's Parish, 4734; Holy Trinity Parish, 6205. Thus it will be seen that the district of Holy Trinity is now very nearly as populous as the whole town of Gainsborough was when it was deemed necessary to build Holy Trinity Church. The new building will be of the decorated perpendicular style, and, as now to be constructed, will be 122 ft. long by 40 ft. wide; but, with a view to the exigencies of the future, the walls are only to be of a temporary nature, the design is capable of extension to a considerable degree. Eight octagonal stone pillars, each 18ft. 9in. in height, are to be permanently erected; as also is the wall at the east end, in which is arranged space for a window 15ft. 7in. Should the intention of the trustees ever be carried out, and the building be extended to its full proportions, it will be 15ft. longer than St. George's Church, Doncaster, and will doubtless be the finest church within a large radius. Messrs. Somers Clarke and Micklethwaite, of London, are the architects. Sir H. B. Bacon, Bart., has given not only 1½ acres of land for the site, but also a promise to double the amount of subscriptions obtained. The total required is about £4800. Of this £2400 has to be raised by subscription; £1600 has already been subscribed, or promised by subscribers; and thus there remains about £800 to obtain. The Hon. Treasurer is Mr. H. D. Marshall, and the Hon. Secretary, Mr. T. H. Oldman. In addition to the efforts of the Building Committee a Working Men's Committee has been formed. The Bishop of Lincoln was not present at the ceremony. He had been officially invited, and it was believed that, as the new church was in the hands of the trustees, his Lordship's views on the subject of Trust Churches prohibited his attendance.

The ceremony of laying the foundation-stone was fixed for half-past twelve o'clock. Half an hour previously the Freemasons, who had assembled at the Old Hall, formed a procession and proceeded to the site of the new church in Ashcroft-road, headed by the band of the J. Company 1st Lincolnshire R.V. A large crowd of spectators collected all along the line of the procession, which took the route through the Beast Market and pass the works of Messrs. Marshall and Sons. Shortly before, a procession of the clergy guilds and Sunday school children paraded the streets, carrying the banner of the Holy Trinity unfurled, and other emblems. Amongst the clergy present were the Rev. Canon Hodgkinson, Rev. Canon Williams, the Revs. G. W. Danks, R. J. Seddon, Gainsborough; Rev. E. L. Blenkinsopp, Springthorpe; Rev. R. H. Charters, Kirton, &c. On arriving at the site, the Freemasons divided right and left, facing inwards as customary, and leaving an avenue for the R.W. P.G.M., preceded by the P.G. Sword Bearer, and followed by his Officers, to pass to the stone. The officiating brethren took up their positions, and the re-

mainder formed a circle round the stone. The Old Hundredth Psalm was sung by the choir of Holy Trinity Church and school children, the band also joining.

The Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. T. H. Oldham then delivered the ancient opening address, which commenced: "Men, women, and children assembled this day to behold this ceremony, know all of you that we be lawful Masons, true and faithful to the laws of our country, and bound by solemn obligations to erect magnificent buildings to God, the great Architect of the Universe." They had amongst them secrets from the eyes of all men, secrets which could not be divulged, and which had not been found out. But these secrets were lawful and honourable, and were not antagonistic to the laws of God or man. They were entrusted in peace and honour to Freemasons in ancient days, and had been faithfully transmitted to them, and they were bound to convey them to posterity. If their Craft were not good and their calling not honourable their associations would not have existed for so many centuries, nor would it have been honoured with the patronage of so many illustrious persons, who had joined the Freemasons to their advantage, and to prosper their cause and defend them against adversaries. Even kings had not thought it derogatory to their dignity to exchange the sceptre for the trowel, and at the present time they numbered amongst their ranks some of the Royal Princes of this country. They were assembled that day to erect a Temple to the Most High. Might He shed His benign influence, so that the worship of Him should be spread through the world until time should be no more. Their work would not be half finished if they did not acknowledge with thankfulness the zeal which had prompted the munificent donor of the site, and who had given so largely to the building upon it. Might he continue in works of charity and goodwill, for which he was famous in the locality. Nor would their work be accomplished if they did not recognise the humble yet honourable part which was being taken that day by the Yarborough Lodge of Freemasons in the town of Gainsborough. The Yarborough Lodge was entitled to consideration in the Province, not only on account of prominence in works of charity in past times, but also of the present. He proceeded to refer to the history of Freemasonry in Gainsborough, and to the illustrious men who had been connected with Lincolnshire Freemasonry, specially mentioning the second Earl of Yarborough, who was Deputy Grand Master of England. He also spoke as to the objects of Freemasonry, and concluded by hoping that the Great Architect of the Universe would shed His benign influence every day upon that work, and that it would prosper.

The Provincial Grand Chaplain, the Rev. W. P. Jones, recited the 127th Psalm, and offered prayer. The coins, plans, &c., were then deposited in the cavity of the stone. The bottle contained copies of London and local newspapers, a list of the trustees, and particulars respecting the Church and the laying of the foundation-stone. The Prov. Grand Registrar read the inscription on the plate, which was inscribed with the date and the name of the gentleman who had performed the ceremony of laying the stone.

The W.M. (Bro. Bladon) then presented the trowel to the R.W. Prov. Grand Master (Bro. Smyth), who adjusted the cement on the lower stone. The upper stone was then lowered very slowly with three distinct stops, the band meanwhile playing solemn music. The R.W. P.G.M. then called on the Prov. Grand Junior Warden (Bro. Lowe) to prove the position of the stone by the plumb, who, after trying it, declared that the Craftsmen had done their duty, and then handed the plumb for proof to the Deputy Prov. Grand Master (Oldham). The Prov. Grand Senior Warden (Bro. Wilkinson) was next called upon to prove the correctness of the position of the stone with the level in the same manner. The R.W. Prov. Grand Master lastly called upon the Worshipful Master (Rev. J. R. N. Elliott) of the Yarborough Lodge, who applied the square. The R.W. Prov. Grand Master then gave the stone three knocks with the gavel, and declared it to be properly laid according to the Antient Rule of Architecture. The cornucopia was then presented to the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, who scattered corn (the emblem of plenty) on the stone, sprinkled wine (the emblem of joy and gladness), poured oil (the emblem of peace), and distributed the salt (the emblem of purity and perpetuity). The Prov. Grand Chaplain (Rev. W. P. Jones) then offered the concluding prayer. The plan of the building was then handed by the Architect to the R.W. Prov. Grand Master for his inspection.

Bro. W. H. Smyth R.W. P.G.M. then delivered a speech, saying it had always been customary amongst Masons from time immemorial, on occasions of most importance, for the presiding officer to address a few words on the usages and the history of Freemasonry. In the first place, he would deal with one or two objections that had been raised against Freemasonry. The first of these objections was that they were a secret society, and this objection had been more prominently brought before them within the last few years, inasmuch as the head of the Church in Rome had taken it into his head to put his ban upon Freemasonry, not only on the Continent, but also in this country, thus, he supposed, classing the Freemasons with all the secret societies of foreign nations—the Nationalists of France, Cavagnaris of Italy, the Nihilists of Russia, and the Fenians and Land Leaguers of Ireland. The Freemasons had nothing to do with Socialism, for if they had they would not be patronised by the Emperor of Germany and his son, both of whom were Freemasons. The late King of Italy, the King of Sweden, the King of Belgium, had all been Freemasons in their turn. For the Freemasons of this country he could positively deny that the society had anything of a Socialistic tendency. He spoke of politics and religious differences not being allowed to be discussed in their Lodges throughout the length and breadth of the land. The next objection to Freemasonry was that they were not a Christian Society, and that they admitted other religions. He confessed they did admit Jews, Mahomedans, Parsees, Buddhists, and many others under the banners of the Grand Lodge of England, but, notwithstanding, he affirmed most distinctly that they were not only a moral society, but a religious society, and he might also tell them the doctrines of Freemasonry were eminently

Christian in character. He thought in a place where men of different opinions in this country could meet together, and talk in a friendly way, no harm could positively attach to society. A question was very often asked, "What is Freemasonry? Do you recommend us to join it?" He spoke of its free character, saying, however, that it was contrary to their constitution and principles to invite any person to join the society. They were to do so of their perfectly free will, and almost the first question asked was whether he came freely, and from a desire to join them, and hoped to be efficiently serviceable to his fellow creatures. He defined Masonry and its principles, and quoted from Dr. Oliver's last lecture to Freemasons on the subject, showing that they were united together to promote benevolence, philanthropy, and brotherly love. After explaining the meaning of the pouring of wine and oil, and the sprinkling of corn and salt on the stone, he remarked that no doubt a superstructure would be raised perfect in all its parts, and a symbol of the Church of their founder, Jesus Christ. After farther allusion to the new church, as likely to be a suitable edifice for worship, he concluded by thanking them for the trowel.

The (Masonic) National Anthem was then sung, during the singing of which an offertory was collected for the building fund.

The officiating brethren then gave place to the clergy and choir of Holy Trinity Church, Gainsboro', who held a short service, concluding with a dedication hymn. The ceremony being completed, the brethren returned in procession to the Old Hall, where Prov. Grand Lodge was closed, and a luncheon partaken of. A public luncheon for the clergy and visitors was held at the White Hart Inn.—*Sheffield and Rotherham Independent.*

## ROYAL ARCH.

### HAYLE CHAPTER, No. 450.

THE Annual Convocation of this Chapter took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Hayle, on Wednesday, 22nd June, when the Excellent Comps. George Eustice, Joseph G. Osborne, and G. B. Pearce were installed First, Second, and Third Principals, by Comp. N. J. West P.Z., assisted by Comps. J. Lavin P.Z. and H. Gerry Z. of Holy Mount Chapter, No. 121, Penzance. The following were appointed the Officers:—Comps. James Wearne Scribe E., M. L. Nicholls N., N. J. West P.Z. Chaplain and Treasurer, and H. H. Trevithick A.S. The banquet was provided by Comp. J. Smith P.Z., in the Hall. Comp. Hill J. of Concord Chapter 322, and James Lovell Scribe E. of Holy Mount 121, also attended.

### DUNDAS CHAPTER, No. 1255.

THE Annual Convocation of this Chapter was held on Wednesday, 22nd June, at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth, when Excellent Comp. F. H. H. Glasse, C.B., was installed as Z., and for this a dispensation had been granted by the M.E. Superintendent of the Province Viscount Ebrington. The proceedings were of especial interest, and the Chapter was largely attended. Ex. Companion Charles Godtschalk P.Z. P.P.G.S.B. was the Installing Officer, and he was supported by a large board of Past Principals, including, amongst others, Excellent Companions S. Jew P.Z. 105 P.P.G.T., J. Baxter P.Z. 954 P.P.G.A.S., J. Batten Gover P.Z. 70 P.P.G.P.S., H. F. Hearle P.Z. 156 P.P.G.S.N., T. Goodall P.Z. 954 P.P.G.O., S. J. Hearle P.Z. 1255, J. R. Lord H. 70, Captain Westhead. At the conclusion of the ceremony the following Officers, (previously elected) were installed or invested:—Ex. Comp. S. B. Harvey I.P.Z., G. R. Barrett H., T. J. Smith J., Charles Godtschalk Treasurer, Major J. R. M. Chard, V.C., S.N., John Hammond S.E., R. Dawe P.S., J. B. Gover D.C., L. D. Westcott P.Z. P.P.G.A.S. W. Phillips J. There was no banquet on this occasion, but the Admiral invited the members and visitors to refreshment in the rooms of the Temple. The meeting was a pleasant and instructive one, and will be remembered as a red letter day. Owing to several other installations, many distinguished Masons were unable to be present, and letters of apology were received.

Chapter of Harmony, No. 156.—There was an especial meeting of this Chapter on Friday, 24th ult., at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth, when the V.W. Bro. W. Derry P.M. P.P.G.D. was exalted. There was a large attendance of members and visitors, and the very impressive and highly instructive ceremony was much appreciated. It was conducted by the P.Z. and Companions W. K. Michell P.Z. P.P.G.D.C., J. Russell Lord H. 70, D. Banks J., H. F. Hearle P.Z. P.P.G.S.N., P. B. Clements P.Z. S.N., Robt. Hambly P.S., W. H. Lister A.S. Amongst the visitors were E. Companions J. Batten Gover P.Z. P.P.G.P.S., E. Aitken-Davies P.Z. P.P.G.R., R. C. Uglow, W. Gray, E. Manley P.Z. 230, W. N. Fowler. A candidate proposed for the next convocation, and simple refreshment in the rooms of the building, closed the proceedings.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons is appointed to be held at Exeter, on 13th July, at the new Masonic Hall in Gandy-street. It is understood that the Exeter brethren will be prepared to welcome their visitors at the Masonic Club (the same premises), and under the genial rule of the R.W. P.G.M. Colonel J. Tanner-Davy, a very pleasant day may be confidently anticipated.—*Western Daily Mercury.*

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## 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, 2nd JULY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4  
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Piccadilly, at 7 (Instruction)  
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.  
1233—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent  
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

## MONDAY, 4th JULY.

45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 8 (Instruc.)  
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)  
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
543—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)  
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)  
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)  
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)  
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)  
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)  
1623—West Smithfield, Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's, at 7 (Inst.)  
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road, at 8 (In.)  
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)  
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)  
M.M. 139—Panmure, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors  
119—Sun, Square and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven  
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham  
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield  
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth  
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market-street, Over Darwen  
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields  
597—St. Cybil, Town Hall, Holyhead  
694—Oakley, Masonic Hall, Basingstoke  
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire  
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire  
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester  
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire  
1103—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks  
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham  
1211—Gode rich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds  
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.  
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.  
1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool  
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington  
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.  
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales  
1674—Caradoc, Town Hall, Rhyl  
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle  
1793—Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester.  
R.A. 390—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley  
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury  
M.M. 37—Wyndham, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.

## TUESDAY, 5th JULY.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.  
58—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, Steppney (Instruction)  
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)  
890—Dalhousie, 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)  
1380—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)  
1381—Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
1446—Mount Edgecumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)  
1471—Islington, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, at 7 (Instruction)  
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)  
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)  
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)  
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth  
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.  
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.  
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham  
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness  
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.  
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)  
243—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon  
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley  
364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.  
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick  
553—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.  
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.  
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.  
847—Portescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.  
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire  
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard  
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.  
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston  
995—Furness, Masonic Hall, Ulverston.  
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cocker-mouth.  
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.  
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley  
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.  
1310—Harrow, King's Head, Harrow.  
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.  
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex  
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)  
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.  
R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
R.A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.  
M.M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Chatham.  
M.M. 115—Bedford, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.

## WEDNESDAY, 6th JULY.

193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
223—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)  
533—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)  
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)  
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)  
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)  
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)  
1278—Burdett Courts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)  
1283—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)

1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)  
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)  
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
1662—Benevolence, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)  
1707—Eleanor, Auderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.  
1791—Creston, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)  
R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)  
M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 7 (Instruction)

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.  
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott, Lancashire  
254—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike  
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham  
293—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale  
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol  
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton  
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds  
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne  
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester  
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Orm-skirk  
594—Dowdall, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 7 (Instruction.)  
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.  
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)  
673—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.  
753—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn  
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract  
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury (Instruction.)  
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton.  
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
1637—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)  
1055—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby  
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon  
1107—Cornwallis, Masonic Hall, Frith.  
1167—Alwyne, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alwyne  
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester  
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.  
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea  
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigton.  
1351—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.  
1356—Do Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.  
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull  
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Horsea, Hull (Instruction.)  
1519—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore.  
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Two Brook, Liverpool  
1692—Hervey, George Hotel, Hayes  
R.A. 300—Perseverance, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.  
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds  
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness.  
M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
R.C.—Palatine, Palatine Hotel, Manchester

## THURSDAY, 7th JULY.

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)  
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)  
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)  
902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30. (Inst.)  
1283—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury  
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington Road, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston  
1539—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James Street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (Inst.)  
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)  
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)  
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Bell Hotel, Shoreditch

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.  
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne  
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire  
203—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury  
219—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)  
266—Naphthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood  
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn  
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield  
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden  
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds  
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks  
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield  
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne  
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.  
337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth  
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire  
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.  
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire  
509—Teas, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.  
636—D'Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth  
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.  
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth  
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby.  
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale  
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead.  
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford  
1164—Elliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.  
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Eiland  
1282—Anchoime, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire  
1360—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wembley.  
1367—Beamster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beamster  
1384—Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes  
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich  
1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padilham, near Burnley  
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley  
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire  
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)  
1594—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomeryshire  
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath  
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire  
R.A. 759—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire  
R.A. 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

## FRIDAY, 8th 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, at 8. (Instruction)  
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)  
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)  
1159—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., 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. (In)  
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)  
R.C.—Mount Calvary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square  
36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.  
401—Royal Forest, Mark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn  
453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goolle.

480—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme  
 526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.  
 652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth  
 682—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich.  
 1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street,  
 1311—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill  
 1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard  
 1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead  
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7  
 R.A. 993—Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Levenshulme

### SATURDAY, 9th JULY.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12  
 1607—Loyalty  
 1621—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Piccadilly, at 7 (Instruction)  
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8  
 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.  
 308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.  
 1391—Commercial, Freemasons Hall, Leicester  
 1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court  
 1556—Addiscombe, Surrey Club, West Croydon

### SOUTHERN STAR LODGE, No. 1158.

THE members held their installation meeting on the 27th ult., at the Bridge House Hotel, London-bridge. There was a numerous attendance of brethren and Visitors. Brothers R. Harris W.M., A. Stewart S.W., A. Wright P.M. J.W. and Treas., T. H. Pulsford P.M. Secretary, W. Holloway S.D., Wilkes J.D., J. Block I.G., Millard Organist; P.M.'s J. Wright, H. Potter, J. Walter, R. S. Smith, A. Wright, H. Towers, C. Wise, Macdonald. Visitors—Bros. J. R. Harris I.P.M. 230, Dr. Hunt 975, Lovejoy 1475, G. Block 1275, E. Hill 503, E. S. Bowen 1310, J. Phillips 11, C. G. Payne 201, T. Underwood 1366, G. L. Moore P.M. 169, Sturt 1158, Hart 1248, H. Keeble P.M. 73 and 1273, C. Glenister 720, J. Barrett 701, C. Evans 860, C. Leger J.W. 1564, J. Barr 564, W. Morphew P.M. 1585, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. Radford was raised to the third degree in a very perfect and impressive manner by Bro. Smith P.M. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. A. Stewart W.M. elect was presented to the Lodge and duly installed into the chair by Bro. Pulsford P.M., whose ability as a worker throughout the Craft is proverbial, and who received deserved encomiums from the brethren and Visitors on the conclusion of the ceremony. There were fifteen Installed Masters present. The W.M. having received the customary salutations, appointed and invested his Officers—Bros. R. Harris I.P.M., Fortune (this brother was unavoidably absent through illness, and Bro. R. S. Smith P.M. was invested *pro tem*) S.W., Holloway J.W., A. Wright P.M. Treas., T. H. Pulsford Sec., Wilkes S.D., Block J.D., Anstin I.G., Edis D.C., Bertolli W.S., Millard Org., Buiker Asst. W.S., Stead Tyler. The report of the audit committee was adopted, it showed the Lodge was in a flourishing condition. The Benevolent Fund had the sum of £69 4s 2d standing to its credit. It was proposed and carried that £20 be invested, and £10 be balloted for, the latter sum to be given as a Life Governorship to one of the R.M. Institutions. Bro. O. Glenister of the Panmure Lodge was proposed as a joining member. The resignation of two brethren was accepted. Lodge was then closed until fourth Tuesday in September. The brethren, 73 in number, sat down to a sumptuous banquet and dessert, provided by Bros. J. and H. Roberts. The W.M. in brief, but appropriate terms proposed the Loyal-Masonic toast. The toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. was given, and enthusiastically received, Bro. Edis D.C. singing God Bless the Prince of Wales. Bro. Harris I.P.M. then rose. This was the first time he held the gavel in his capacity of I.P.M. he did so with great pleasure as he was sure that during his year of office Bro. Stevens would give them every satisfaction. After songs from Bros. G. Moore and Bowers, the W.M. responded, he thanked Bro. Harris for the kind manner in which the toast had been proposed, and the brethren for so enthusiastically receiving it. The W.M. proposed the toast of the Visitors. The Southern Star Lodge always holds out the right hand of friendship to them. This being the day of the Stewards' visit to the R.M.I. for Boys he had to regret the absence of many who would otherwise have been present. He would call on Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. to respond to the toast. After a song from Bro. Wallis P.M., Bro. H. M. Levy paid a just compliment to the W.M. for his able presiding, and complimented him on the perfect manner in which the ceremony of installation had been rendered by Br. Pulsford. The toast of the Immediate Past Master came next on the list. The W.M. was proud to say Bro. Harris had served the Lodge faithfully and zealously for many years; with great pleasure he had to present him with a jewel, and on placing it on his breast he trusted he might live long to wear it, with credit to himself and the Lodge wherein he had so ably distinguished himself. Bro. Harris thanked the members for this mark of their approbation. The jewel would be worn by him with great pleasure, as a remembrance of his year of Mastership in the Lodge. The Past Masters of the Lodge were next toasted; they were a host in themselves; the W.M. spoke of their qualifications; he had to thank Bro. J. Wright P.M. for introducing him into the Lodge. Every Past Master was worthy of their esteem. After a song from Bro. Edis, Bro. Pulsford P.M. and Secretary responded. He was followed by Bro. J. Wright, who hoped the Worshipful Master's year of office would be a successful one. After the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, that of the Wardens was given. The W.M. regretted the absence of Bro. Fortune, who had been appointed S.W.; all hoped he would be present on the next occasion. He would couple the name of Bro. Holloway with the toast. After this had been suitably acknowledged, the Tyler's toast was given.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—A meeting was held on Friday, 24th ult., at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. Present:—Bros. C. E. Botley Hon. Sec. W.M., Costelow S.W., Dunner J.W., Franckel S.D., Blasby W.M. 780 J.D., Sperring I.G., Past

Masters Bros. Goss and Gomm; Wm. Maton, F. Botley, Dorey and Hildersley. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Franckel candidate. Lodge opened in second and third degrees, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Hildersley candidate. Bro. Costelow was elected W.M. for next meeting.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday last, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Edwards W.M., T. Clark S.W., Catling J.W., A. Clark S.D., Christian J.D., Brasted I.G., J. Lorkin Sec., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. Polak, Lawrence, Glass, and others. The work done comprised the rehearsal of initiation, Bro. Lawrence candidate. Bro. Polak, a candidate for passing, was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second degree, when Bro. Polak was advanced to the degree of Fellow Craft. Lodge was opened in the third, and regularly closed to the first. Bro. Clark was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625.—On the 20th ult., at the Royal Hotel, Mile End Road. The chair was occupied by Bro. C. Kendall W.M. of the Parent Lodge, who was supported by Bros. Clement S.W., Hammond J.W., Stephens S.D., Barnes P.M. Treasurer and Preceptor, B. Stewart Secretary. Lodge having been duly opened and minutes confirmed, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Stewart candidate. Lodge was closed to first degree. By request, Bro. Stephens assisted Bro. P.M. Barnes to work the seventh section. Bro. Clements was elected W.M. for next Lodge meeting. We would call attention to the fact—though the Mother Lodge is in recess until September—there will be no interruption to the regular gatherings of the Lodge of Instruction, which will meet every Monday at 8 o'clock. Brethren seeking instruction should pay the Tredegar Lodge a visit.

King's Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 1732.—On the 26th ult., at Bro. Devine's, Blue Posts, Charlotte-street, Fitzroy-square. Bro. J. Smith W.M., J. Edwards S.W., B. Kauffmann J.W., Devine Treasurer, L. Solomon Secretary, Barrett S.D., N. P. Valentine I.G. The first section of the first lecture was worked, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Gough candidate. The W.M. then rehearsed the ceremony of the third degree, Bro. Edwards candidate. A vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes for Bro. Smith's able working. The W.M. informed the brethren of the death of Bro. J. Copelin, at whose house it was intended the Lodge of Instruction should be held during the re-building of Bro. Devine's premises. It was proposed that a letter of condolence should be sent to the widow. The Lodge of Instruction was then closed. Bro. J. Edwards was elected W.M. for next meeting.

SUMMER AND WINTER PALACE OF VARIETIES, MILE END ROAD, E.—The spirited proprietors of the above favourite resort—Bros. Crowder and Payne—are, as usual, offering an excellent bill of fare. The entertainment opened with the performance by the Band of the Overture to Rossini's "Tancredi," which was artistically rendered, under the direction of Mr. C. Bell. A highly diversified programme followed, including a clever acrobatic performance by the Panto Troupe, some lively songs and Negro sketches. The latest novelty introduced is a highly finished sketch, portraying the trials of the underpaid and overworked railway employes, entitled "Danger on the Line," by Mr. Harry Lynn, an East End favourite. There are some very pathetic scenes, diversified with jokes, and many bright lines, and the sketch is well received by large audiences. The piece is capitally mounted, under the personal direction of Bro. Crowder, and the final scene, where the struggle between love and duty is depicted—the overworked signalman having fallen asleep, and his child straying upon the line to gather wild flowers, just as the express comes dashing up—is most effective. Mr. Lynn is assisted by his little daughter Jenny—a bright child of five years old, who plays her part with rare intelligence. The popular Grand Ballet, "The Red Gnome," introduced the clever Martinetti Troupe, assisted by Miss Alice Holt. This is well mounted, and proves highly attractive. Some clever trapeze business brings the entertainment to a close. The general management is under the direction of Mr. Wilton Friend. Bro. J. R. Nash is the Secretary, Bro. C. S. Crowder superintends the mounting and stage management, and Mr. F. Lofargue makes a capital Chairman. The establishment is admirably ventilated, and despite the heat of the weather a comfortable and enjoyable evening can be spent here.



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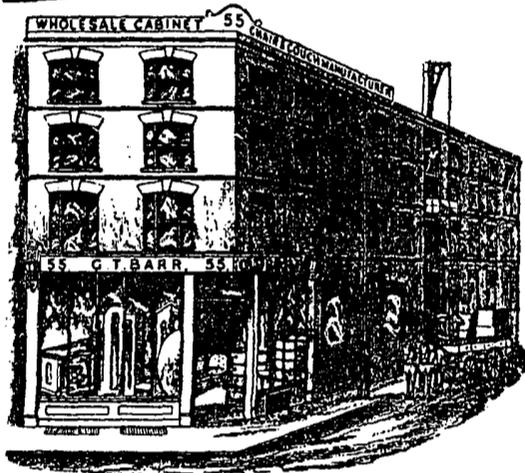
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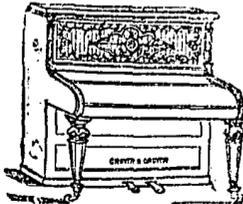
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