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THE COMING BOYS' FESTIVAL.

OUR readers are reminded that the Eighty-fifth Anniversary Festival in aid of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, at Wood Green, will be held on Wednesday, the 20th inst., at the Crystal Palace, under the presidency of Bro. the Right Hon. Viscount Holmesdale, R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Kent. This will be unquestionably the Festival of the year, and consequently no apology is needed for bringing it once more under the special notice of the brethren, seeing that we are on the eve of a gathering which is looked forward to with more than ordinary interest, not merely in London, but throughout the Provinces. It will be recollected that in consequence of the great demand upon the resources of the Institution, it was decided some time ago to inaugurate a Preparatory School, and this movement has been taken up by the Craft with a spirit such as could scarcely have been anticipated. But now, as the strain upon the executive of the Festival will be exceptionally severe, and to make everything as clear as possible, we may briefly recapitulate the instructions which have been issued to those whose intention it is to be present, and which, if followed out in the spirit which invariably characterises an assemblage of Masons, cannot fail to reduce the labour and anxiety of the executive to a minimum, but will tend materially to secure the thorough and complete enjoyment of all present. We are of opinion that the Board of Stewards displayed true wisdom in selecting the Crystal Palace for the great Festival of the year, in preference to the other localities suggested. There are many obvious reasons why the gathering should not take place at the Institution, at Wood Green, itself, inasmuch as many of the brethren would have to go considerably out of their way to reach the spot, and disadvantages respecting culinary and other arrangements presented which at once induced the Board to vote almost unanimously against the proposal. A much larger number of the Stewards were in favour of Brighton, though the unwisdom of holding what has always been a moveable Festival at the same place in three successive years, was apparent, and thus that proposal was also finally abandoned. The two other localities indicated were the Crystal Palace and St. James's Hall, and it was in the choice between these places that the greatest amount of contention arose. But although there may be much to be said in favour of the luxurious establishment in Piccadilly, it must be admitted that on a hot June evening, such as we have of late experienced, the idea of a banquet indoors is rather a serious one, and one might well be pardoned for expressing a preference for such semi-open air advantages as the Palace at Sydenham affords. So the Board evidently thought, for on the final voting 114 ruled in favour of the Crystal Palace against 86 for St. James's Hall. It has been mentioned that the large saloon, with the adjacent ante-rooms and corridors, will accommodate 680 persons, and we fully anticipate that there will be very few vacant chairs on the occasion. The grand saloons and summer dining rooms situated in the railway corridor, leading from the station of the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway, with ladies' toilette and withdrawing rooms above, the whole overlooking the Palace grounds, will be exclusively reserved for the Festival, and every arrangement, down to the minutest detail, has been made to secure the thorough

enjoyment and pleasure of those who shall be present. Ample regulations have been laid down for the guidance of Stewards and their friends, as to the tables at which they are to sit, so that there may be not the slightest chance of any hitch or confusion to mar the general comfort. The Stewards, ladies, and brethren will meet in the enclosed corridor and balcony adjoining, and on the arrival of the Chairman, he will be received by the Officers of the Board, Special Stewards, and members of the House Committee of the Institution, who will all enter the banquet room together, immediately the company have been seated by the Stewards to whom that duty has been entrusted. As this Festival is not in a strict sense a Masonic one—inasmuch as ladies and non-Masons will be privileged to attend—although ostensibly and in reality held for a Masonic purpose, it is specially commanded that no Masonic clothing nor jewel shall be worn, a regulation which will of course be rigidly obeyed. After the banquet light refreshments will be served throughout the evening, and with the attractions of the Handel Festival, combined with the ordinary means of recreation and enjoyment ever found in the Palace and its grounds, which are now in the height of their summer beauty, there will be an abundance of resources at hand for variety and spending a completely pleasant day. We need scarcely here remind our brethren of the vast claims which the Institution has upon the liberality of the Craft, for by this time a majority of the lists have been made up, and we trustfully anticipate that Brother Binckes will have the pleasurable duty of notifying the receipt of a substantial amount. There are so many reasons that have been often descanted upon in these columns why a strenuous effort should be made this year to uphold the hands of the executive that we expect a wholesome spirit has been put on by the Stewards who will be in their places on Wednesday next, and we trust that in looking forward to a rich and abundant harvest of benevolence in favour of the Institution, nobody will be disappointed.

THE APPROACHING RECESS.

WHEN the "leafy month of June" sets in, and all those who have the time and means at their disposal are prone to quit for a season the oppressive City for the fresh fields and pastures new of the country, we look naturally for a corresponding cessation of the work in our Lodges, and visions rise up of summer banquets and cosy pic-nic parties in which the gentle sex are enabled to sip some of the "mysteries and privileges of the Order." Many of our Metropolitan Lodges have already been prorogued for the recess, and have thus early laid the foundation for their summer arrangements, cozened into activity, no doubt, by the brilliant weather we have experienced during the past few weeks. However assiduous and loyal to the cause upon which they have set their hearts our brethren may be, it is not in flesh and blood to submit to the oppressive and "stuffy" influences of an indoor meeting, in the tropical season of the year, when bright skies, luxuriant meadows and refreshing breezes put in their competitive charms; and it is no matter for surprise that on these delightful summer even-

ings the brethren are to be seen scampering off with their families and friends into the suburbs, or making use of road, river, and rail, in order to get as rapidly and as far away from the scenes of their every-day drudgery as they can. Nor are they in the least degree to blame. The jaded spirit rebels at the constant monotony of workaday routine, and naturally longs for an invigorating change; and unless this is by some means secured the whole machinery is thrown out of gear. And so it is from a Masonic sense, and the operation of our Lodges. There requires the tonic of an occasional respite from labour for the refreshment of both the physical and mental faculties, and unless this is obtained the chariot wheels of work drag heavily; the whole proceedings lack tone and *verve*; and so there is a break in the continuity of that cordial and hearty co-operation which it is so desirable should be maintained. When, at this period of the year, the Tyler packs up the implements of which he is the custodian, he seems to regard the brethren whose servant he is with a degree of paternal interest, just as the old family butler contemplates the packing of luggage prior to the annual Continental trip, or as a schoolmaster watches the joy of anticipation in the faces of his boys who are about to separate for the term. By the time Lodge resumes its labours he will have furbished up the pedestals, and columns, and working tools, and made everything decent and in order for carrying on the pursuit of the mystic art, and he will welcome back the brethren who may have bronzed their visages by the "sad sea waves," or swept away all physical and mental cobwebs by journeying across country, or by voyages upon the river and sea. There is a sort of renewal of the lease of energy and vigour in this recurring break in the ordinary duties of the Lodge-room which cannot fail to be attended by the most beneficial results. We all know that one is apt to turn giddy if the body is revolved rapidly for a long period in one direction, and it is necessary to reverse the motion in order to restore the normal equanimity. At the commencement of the season the Master and his brethren meet to renew those old acquaintanceships which they have learnt to appreciate so heartily in times gone by, to make their plans for the future, and to gauge the amount of work which might be in store for them during the session upon which they have just entered. Many and various are the reminiscences related of pleasant excursions to the seaside, or amongst the quiet by-ways of the country, where healthful relaxation and refreshing calm go hand in hand. Every man who is in "populous city pent"—chained, year in, year out, to the desk, and plunged in the "dem'd horrid grind" of life, as Mr. Mantelini would put it—is certainly bound to snatch from the coils of constant labour a period of recreation. The old axiom of "all work and no play" finds kaleidoscopic variation in all that sages have written and poets sung. "A little nonsense now and then is relished by the wisest men," is accepted as a truism equally with a saying of the old prose writer, who, when over-burdened with the anxieties of his profession, burst into verse, and sighed for the hour when he could "Lie on my back on the fresh greensward; With a straw in my mouth, and an open vest." And so it is all round. The wretched and unkempt denizens of our courts and alleys, so favourite a theme with modern writers, are glad to have afforded them the opportunity of a "day in the country," where they can look over unaccustomed fields, and glory amongst the wild flowers that revel in free profusion. The singing of the birds and the pure pellucid atmosphere are to them a source of infinite delight, and it is no matter for surprise that any one who has seen the genuine mirth of such an assembly should be anxious to lend a helping hand to those who assist in arranging for so much true happiness and pleasure. But a parallel is found in other strata of society; and perhaps it applies, though certainly in a somewhat different degree, to Freemasonry. All through the autumn and winter months the brethren have been wont to meet at their own and other Lodges, and have participated in the arduous duties, as well as the pleasures, which Masonry affords. There is a common saying, which to a microscopic extent, all must admit, that the gatherings of the Craft are of a somewhat selfish character, inasmuch as the sisters and spouses of the brethren are not permitted to gratify their curiosity as to the secrets of the Order—even if any sensible woman of modern times entertains such a foible as rendered Mrs. Caudle so perpetually unhappy and irritable. But when the skies are bright, and the annual question is put to Paterfamilias as, "Where

shall we go for our summer holiday?" another phase of the Masonic character becomes apparent, and then comes in the apt and apposite couplet—

No mortals can more the ladies adore
Than a Free and an Accepted Mason.

Then it is, with a consciousness of having well and wisely got through the labours of the session, the brethren can lay down their tools and quit the scene of their ordinary labours, and fly off to their deserved pastures of recreation, without scruple and without diffidence, well knowing they are entitled to such respite as that of which they stand in need. Some who have roaming tendencies will visit those secluded spots with which the Continent abounds, whilst others of more modest means and fancies find equal enjoyment in occasional "outings" to quite as pretty nooks and corners, near home. In each and every case the enjoyment may be as great, providing the temperaments of those who participate in the holiday are in keeping with the peculiar situation. At any rate, they will all come home with some new source of fraternal greeting and information, and when work is resumed, there will be such an interchange of congratulation as always renders the re-opening of the Masonic Parliament most enjoyable. Already, as we have said, the brethren and their fair friends are on the *qui vive* of expectation of pleasant drives to some luxuriant lawn where luncheon may be enjoyed amongst the golden cups and daisies, and under the shade of umbrageous trees, or of cool refreshing voyages down the Thames, to some sequestered spot, of which there are so many within a score of miles of London. We can only say to those expectant ones, that we wish for them all the pleasure they can possibly extract from such arrangements as may be considerably made for them by the brethren who undertake the duty, and that, having passed the period of the recess, as we are sure they will do, "within the limits of becoming mirth," they will return with mental and physical energies refreshed for the busy toil which they will find it necessary to meet in the coming session.

THE FORTHCOMING VISIT OF THE M.W. GRAND MASTER TO YORK.

THE Masonic ceremonial of laying the memorial stone of the York Institute of Art, Science and Literature has been fixed for Wednesday, the 18th July next. York during that week will be in a condition of great excitement, for a series of events will take place of great importance. The meeting of the Royal Agricultural Society, which will be held on the Knavesmire (the race course), will be a gigantic affair, in addition to which there will be an important dog show, &c. The Grand Master of England will attend the show as the guest of Sir George Wombwell, Bart., and will stay in York for probably three days. Besides visiting the show his Royal Highness has promised to attend a gathering at the York Fine Art Exhibition, which is being prepared for his reception in the most lavish manner.

But the important day will be the one above mentioned, when the Prince has graciously consented to lay the memorial stone of the new Institute, now being erected in Clifford-street, with Masonic honours. For this event great preparations are being made. The enclosure within which the ceremony will take place will be arranged to accommodate between 2000 and 3000 persons, and will be roofed in with canvas, and the price of reserved seats for the general public will be one guinea. The temporary structure will be designed to represent a mediæval castellated building, and will present a most imposing aspect, and will be profusely garlanded and decorated.

As soon as the announcement was made of the intention of the Grand Master to lay the stone in his official Masonic capacity, the Prov. G. Master of North and East Yorkshire, and his Deputy, proceeded to nominate a Local Committee with a view to carrying out the necessary preliminary details. This Committee is as follows:—Bros. T. B. Whythead (corresponding Chairman), M. C. Peck Prov. Grand Sec., M. T. Collingwood Prov. G.D.C., R. H. Peacock Prov. G.A.D.C., G. Kirby W.M. 236, M. Millington W.M. 1611, E. J. de Salis W.M. 1991, J. S. Rymer P.M. 236 (Sheriff of York), J. Todd P.M. 236, J. S. Cumberland P.M. 1611. The Committee has proceeded actively with its

work, and the preparations are as forward as is possible. The York Assembly Rooms have been secured for the meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge, under the Earl of Zetland, and those who are acquainted with that beautiful structure, designed by the Earl of Burlington, will readily judge how admirably suited to the occasion is its classical style and elegance of adornment.

The Grand Lodge will be opened in the Guildhall, a noble old mediæval apartment, lighted through stained glass windows, and rich in historic memories. The procession will have about a quarter of a mile of streets to traverse, a distance that will be scarcely sufficient for the number of brethren whom we hear are likely to attend. The streets will be decorated in the most magnificent way, for the inhabitants of the ancient capital of the North are resolved on sparing nothing to do honour to their Royal guest.

After the ceremony and return of the procession to the Guildhall, Brother the Lord Mayor of York will give a luncheon to a hundred of the most distinguished Masons in the State Room of the Mansion House, which is now being specially redecored for the occasion. The State Room is a very beautiful and stately apartment, and contains many portraits of Royal personages who have visited York at various times and partaken of civic hospitality. It will be as well for us to mention that no brother will under any circumstances be permitted within the enclosure to view the ceremony without a ticket. These tickets will be sold at 5/-, for the benefit of the Institution of Art, Science, and Literature, and we shall announce their issue as soon as they are offered for sale. The whole arrangements are of course in the hands of the Grand Secretary, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, and the Grand Director of Ceremonies, Sir Albert Woods (Garter), with whom the local Committee are in correspondence.

AIMS OF FREEMASONRY.

WHAT has been done is, perhaps, of less importance than that which remains to be accomplished. It is not enough that we have wrought a task in the quarries and brought up our work for inspection, agreeably to the designs laid down for us by those whom we have succeeded in the labour of building up the walls of our Masonic Temple, for having reached a stage of Masonic preferment when it has been allotted to us to design that others may execute, the Craft have a right to demand that the plans we shall conceive shall correspond in the grandeur and breadth of their conception, with the exalted honours which we enjoy. If the high dignities and sounding titles we possess be our only qualifications to enlighten the Craft and the world in respect to the aims and objects of Freemasonry, we shall merit the denunciation so justly pronounced against those who assume duties they are not qualified to perform. It is not given unto all of us to accomplish some great work, by which our names shall be perpetuated after we are dead, but there is no man so humble or so devoid of talents, that he may not accomplish something to make the world the better for his having lived in it, and to impress

"Footprints on the sands of time,"

which even, although they may be effaced by the first rising of the tide, shall, while they remain, mark the path trod in the performance of duties rendered, not unwillingly and solely because they are duties, but because they tend to the accomplishment of a noble end, and some one, it may chance to be a stranger and an ingrate, is to be benefited thereby. It is said that a celebrated Egyptologist discovered a tomb of the god Apis which had never been opened. On entering, he says, for the first time, he beheld distinctly marked on the delicate bed of sand which covered the soil, the impression of the footprints of the workmen who, three thousand seven hundred years ago, had placed the image of the god on his couch, and then retired. As no one knows, or cares to know, the names of the workmen, who, nearly forty centuries ago, left this, the only record of their existence, so it may be that no one will know or care to know our names, but it is possible for us to accomplish, in the few years which are allotted to us to labour in the Lodge terrestrial, that which forty centuries hence, aye, for all eternity, will work for good or evil, and

thus it happens that our deeds are of more importance to those who shall come after us than we ourselves are. Men seldom pause to inquire whose hand traced or whose brain inspired a statute which confers a benefit, or works an injury, but the consequences resulting from its enactment make the law itself the object of respect or denunciation. What we shall do here this year may be undone by those who shall stand in our places another year, but the consequence of our acts are for all time, and cannot be undone. Thus it becomes us to consider well the results which are to follow our acts and judgments, lest we inflict an injury where we intend conferring a benefit, or render a judgment which shall work an irreparable wrong where we design administering impartial and exact justice.

Viewed from the exterior, Freemasonry presents no marked excellencies which are not possessed in common with numerous other Associations. To the profane it is simply an organisation which proposes to practise virtues which all mankind are under like obligations to perform, but to those who have entered within the most secret apartments of the temple, and beheld the chernbim whose outstretched wings shield the ark of the covenant, and who have studied its symbols and read their hidden meaning, it exhibits peculiarities which distinguish it from all other human organisations, and to him who has been so fortunate as to receive the true spirit of the inspiration which it breathes in its every teaching, it must always remain without a peer in his affections. We speak this in no spirit of self-approbation or of vaunted superiority, for while it must ever retain to itself the peculiar field it occupies, it also imposes a greater and higher measure of duties upon its initiates. This is not an occasion which calls for an exposition of the nature or extent of those duties. You would not be here if you did not already understand and appreciate them, and you also know whether it is worth the expenditure of time and labour which is demanded by the effort, to make it the means of doing a greater and ever-increasing measure of good, not only to ourselves, but to all mankind.—*The Canadian Craftsman.*

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE monthly meeting of the General Committee was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Colonel John Creton presided, and the following brethren also were present:—Bros. James Brett, Frederick Adlard, G. Bolton, W. H. Goodall, Charles Belton, James Moon, Raynham W. Stewart, Edgar Bowyer, W. J. Murliis, Henry Moore, C. G. Dilley, L. Stean, W. J. Stephens, C. H. Webb, Charles Atkins, Thomas W. Bush, J. A. Farnfield, A. H. Tattershall, Charles Lacey, E. F. Dix, Julius Quitmann, G. L. Moore, C. J. Perceval, Thomas Cubitt, Jabez Hogg, E. C. Massey, and James Terry Secretary. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read, Bro. Terry reported that since the last meeting four annuitants had died, viz., Bros. Mauer, Harrex, Matthew Cooke, and Mrs. Betty Moorhouse, and, according to the practice of the Committee, the vacancies were at once filled up. Bro. Terry also reported that Bro. Wirtzfeld, a successful candidate at the election on the 18th ult., had died on the afternoon of that day. Four cheques, amounting together to £26 7s 6d, were reported as having been received from the John Hervey Memorial Fund, and distributed to the two brethren and two widows standing highest on the poll of unsuccessful candidates. Certificates were read of Brother Griggs, architect, for the payment of £250 to the contractors for work done at the Institution, and for the payment of £5 to G. R. Smith for painting. Applications from the widows of Bros. Harrex and Matthew Cooke for a moiety of their late husband's annuities were granted. Bros. John Balmer, T. W. C. Bosh, W. J. Murliis, William Stephens, and Tattershall were elected to serve on the Finance and Audit Committee; and Bros. Bowyer, Cubitt, Farnfield, Perceval, and Stewart were re-elected as the House Committee. On the motion of Brother Stewart, it was resolved to give the usual summer treat to the annuitants resident at the Institution, and the House Committee were requested to give effect to the resolution. Brother James Terry reported having written letters of condolence to the widows of Bros. Duff-Filer, Gallant and Hale, and that he had received a letter of acknowledgment, written by Bro. Buss, on behalf of Mrs. Duff-Filer, which he read to the Committee. There were four petitions, which were considered and discussed at some length, but ultimately all were received, and the names of the candidates ordered to be added to the lists. The Secretary said, in reply to an inquiry from a brother who was not present when the matter was formally reported, that the whole of the money due from the two Stewards, who were reported to the Committee some time since, had now been received. He said that there were, however, two others who had not paid in the sums they had collected, and whose names he would have to report to the next meeting if their amounts then remained unpaid. The Committee authorised the Secretary to communicate on the subject with the Grand Masters of the Provinces to which the brethren belonged. A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings.

PROVINCIAL G.L. OF NORTHS AND HUNTS.

THE Annual Provincial Grand Lodge meeting of the several Lodges in the Province of Norths and Hunts, was held at St. Peter's College, Peterborough, under the banner of St. Peter's Lodge, 412, on Thursday, 7th June. The Provincial Grand Master his Grace the Duke of Manchester not having attended Provincial Grand Lodge for the last six years, it was hoped that he would have been present on this occasion, but, at the last moment, to the general regret and disappointment, his Grace was unfortunately prevented attending. His place was most efficiently filled by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master Brother Butler Wilkins. The Board of Benevolence and Charity Organisation Committee met at the College at 12 o'clock, where the usual business was transacted, and several grants made to the Masonic Charities and to brethren of the Province. Bro. T. M. Percival P.M. 445 was appointed Provincial Trustee in the place of Bro. R. Howes, after which Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form, the acting Prov. Grand Master being supported by Bro. John Marson as acting Deputy Provincial Grand Master. Bro. E. Vergette P.M. 442 filled the chair of S.W. temporarily, Bro. Henry Brown P.M. 1764 occupying his chair as Prov. Grand J.W. The attendance was smaller than usual (not more than eighty being present), owing no doubt in a great measure to the absence of the Prov. Grand Master. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master having expressed the regret of the Duke of Manchester at his inability to be present, the usual business of Grand Lodge was transacted, and the following brethren were duly invested as Officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. H. Pank P.M. 442	...	G. Senior Warden
F. Marlow W.M. 455	...	G. Junior Warden
Rev. A. H. Cole-Hamilton 1911	...	G. Chaplain
Rev. J. T. Hayes 607	...	Assist. G. Chaplain
J. U. Stanton P.M. 360	...	G. Treasurer
F. J. Dufty 360	...	G. Registrar
F. G. Buckle P.M. 442	...	G. Secretary
J. Wood Ingram W.M. 377	...	G. Senior Deacon
W. Howes Linnell W.M. 455	...	G. Junior Deacon
W. H. Simpson 607	...	G. Sup. of Works
George Ellard P.M. 360	...	G. Director of Cerem.
J. T. Smith 442	...	G. Asst. Dir. of Cer.
Henry Spoor 1764	...	G. Sword Bearer
W. Renshaw 737	...	G. Pursnivant
Brook Sampson 1911	...	G. Organist
H. Watson 466	...	G. Standard Bearer
H. A. Robinson 360	...	
G. Wadsley 373	...	
G. C. Caster 442	...	G. Stewards
G. E. Moyes 466	...	
A. E. Parsons 607	...	
T. P. Dorman 1764	...	

Various questions concerning the Craft having been dealt with, the resignation of Bro. Griffin as Director of Ceremonies was referred to. A vote of thanks was accorded him for the efficiency with which he had discharged the duties of that office for several years, and great appreciation was expressed as to his assiduity and success in working for the Masonic Benevolent Institutions. The thanks of the Lodge were also given to Bro. the Rev. C. Daymond, for the use of the Collegiate buildings for the meeting. The Rev. C. Daymond, in reply, said their thanks were due to the College Committee, who very readily acceded to the application. They had not, he said, forgotten that the foundation stone of these buildings was laid by the Provincial Grand Master for that time. Bro. H. J. Atkins P.M. 1764, who had been appointed Provincial Grand Steward for the year for the Masonic Charities, thanked the Lodge for the handsome grant made towards a nucleus for the fund of the Province—Benevolent Institution twenty guineas, Boys' School thirty guineas, Girls' five guineas. He referred to the liberal contribution given to his predecessors in their Stewardships for the Aged and Decayed Institution, and trusted the brethren would rally round him, and enable him to carry up such a list as would be a credit to the Province and substantially useful to the Institutions. He hoped to visit the various Lodges during the year and lay the claims of the Charities before them. Bro. Pank, with the permission of the Acting Provincial Grand Master, brought before Grand Lodge the Peterborough Cathedral Restoration Fund, and gave notice that at the next annual meeting he would propose a sum be voted from the Provincial Grand Lodge towards the fund. The Acting Grand Master having stated that the Grand Master had appointed the next annual meeting to be held at Northampton, under the banner of the Eleanor Cross, and other business having been transacted, the Lodge was closed in due form. Subjoined is a list of the brethren present:—St. Peter's Lodge 442 (Peterborough):—Bros. W. Dixey W.M., John Wheeler S.W., Stephen Bamber J.W., H. Pank Treasurer, Edward Crisp Secretary, Thomas Harrison S.D., John T. Smith J.D., Thomas Rutherford M.C., Samuel Willett I.G., J. W. Kirby Organist, F. G. Buckle P.M., W. J. Pilcher P.M. P.P.J.G.W., Edward Vergette sen. P.P.G.S.W., John B. Vergette, J. M. Cook, George C. Caster, John H. Green, R. Payling, H. J. Todd, Henry Kempton, A. M. Pentney, John Simpson, &c. Socrates 373 (Huntingdon): Bros. John Marson P.M. Past Prov. G.S.W., J. Wood Ingram W.M., George Hawley P.M., W. H. Smith P.M. P.P.G.R., George E. Wadsley I.G., James Hawtin Past Grand S.W., and Arthur Bunting S.W. Pomfret Lodge 360 (Northampton): Bros. Butler Wilkins P.M. D.P.G.M., J. U. Stanton P.M. Sec. Grand Treasurer, George Ellard P.M. Prov. Grand D.C. Sec. 1764, Frederick J. Airs W.M. Past Prov. G.S.B., Frederick J. Dufty J.W., John James Hart S.W. Past Prov. G.P., Alfred Cockerill Prov. Steward, A. C. Pearson, H. A. Robinson, E. Roberts, and William Kirby. Fidelity 445 (Towcester): Bros. Thomas M. Percival P.M. P. Prov. G.J.D., W. H. Linnell W.M., H. Packer Prov. G.S.B., S. Snedker. Perseverance 455 (Kettering): Bro. F. Marlow W.M. Merit 466 (Stamford): Bros. Henry Morton P.M. Past Prov. J.W., William H. Watson Prov. G.S., Horace Wright P.M. Past Prov. G.S.D., G. E. Moyes 88 and 466, W. Ward P.M.

Past Prov. G.S.B., J. Bentham Past Prov. G.P., James Etobells Past Prov. G.O., and Alfred Coulson. Chichely 607 (Thrapstone): Bros. A. Eames Parsons W.M. and Treasurer, George Siddons jun. J.D., Rev. J. T. Hayes, and Henry Rose. Wentworth 737 (Wellingborough): Bros. W. Renshaw W.M., John Slinn P.M. Past Prov. G.R., and Luke Knight P.M. Past Prov. G.J.D. Eleanor Cross 1764 (Northampton): Bros. Henry Hill W.M. Past Prov. G.O., Henry J. Atkins P.M. P.P.G.D., Henry Brown I.P.M. Prov. Grand J.W., Henry Spoor S.W., T. P. Dorman, and S. S. Campion. De la Pré 1911 (Northampton): Bros. Rev. S. Wathen Wigg W.M. Past Prov. Grand Chap. of Norths and Hunts, Leicester and Rutland, Rev. A. H. Cole Hamilton Prov. A.G.C. S.D., and Brook Sampson Sec. and Organist 1764. The visitors included Speechly W.M. Hope 350 S.C., East India, Alfred Hamson 469 I.P.M. P.P.G.S.W., W. H. Sampson York 236 W.M., C. Downall Dublin, E. L. Shelton 1366 P.M. Highgate, &c. The banquet was held at the Angel Hotel, when a *recherché* repast was served by Brother J. Clifton. The room was most tastefully decorated. The D.P.G.M. (Brother Butler Wilkins) occupied the chair, and was supported on his right by Brother E. Vergette sen. P.P.S.G.W., on his left by Brother J. U. Stanton Provincial Grand Treasurer, and by the principal G. Lodge Officers. The Queen and Craft, and the M.W. the Grand Master of England H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., were loyally honoured. The M.W. the Pro Grand Master of England (the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon), the D.G.M. (the Earl of Lathom), and the Officers of Grand Lodge, having been given from the Chair, Brother F. G. Buckle gave the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master His Grace the Duke of Manchester, and the Deputy Prov. G.M. Brother Butler Wilkins. Referring to the Duke's regrettable absence, he said a man of his position had so many calls upon his time that it was extremely difficult for him to get to Prov. G. Lodge, and no doubt his Grace felt that his presence was not so essential on account of the vitality of the Lodges and the able services of his excellent Deputy. His Grace had been most happy in his choice of a Deputy. The D. Prov. G.M., in responding, said the cause of the Grand Master's absence was a pressing business engagement, which rendered it impossible to get down, at the last moment. Had his Grace been present he should have had the pleasure of representing to him the great progress which Masonry in the Province had made since he was last amongst them—some six years ago; that two new Lodges had been founded, and that the working of the Lodges had greatly improved. At the same time, he would have had to say that faces with which they had been familiar they regretfully missed from amongst them. The Grand Lodge Officers past and present having been honoured, Bro. Pank responded, making some practical observations, and also expressing the regret of many of the brethren at the absence of the Prov. Grand Master, and that it had been so long since his Grace had been amongst them. Bro. J. U. Stanton gave the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institutions, viz., the Girls' School, the Boys' School, and the Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons. He knew how much they regretted that Bro. James Terry, the Secretary for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, was not amongst them that day, as he had been for some years past on similar occasions, and then proceeded to give an interesting sketch of the grand work these Institutions were doing, giving instances of the practical good that had come within his own personal knowledge. The small Province of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire had done nobly. The good they did was beyond their conception. Two years ago, when he had the honour of representing the Province as Steward, thanks to their liberality, he was fourth highest on the list, and the present year that amount was exceeded by Bro. R. H. Griffin, who acted as their Steward. They had attained such a position that any candidate supported by them was almost sure of success the first time. Bro. H. J. Atkins, in replying, expressed the hope that the Lodges would help him as liberally as they had done his predecessors; and he would do his best to secure as large, if not a larger sum, for the noble Institutions which were the outcome of Masonic benevolence. By these Charities they helped their aged brethren, the widow, and the orphan—not by pauperising them, but by maintaining their self-respect while helping them, and, in the case of the boys and girls, preparing them, by a sound education, for an honourable and useful career. Nothing could give them greater happiness than thus to contribute to the peace and comfort of the declining years of aged brethren, or to provide for deceased brothers' widows; or to the maintenance and education of the orphans they left behind them. "The Visiting Brethren" was ably responded to by Bro. E. L. Shelton P.M. 1366, who apologised for the absence of Bro. James Terry, and stated the pleasure it gave him to belong to a Lodge with which Bro. Terry was so closely connected. The acting Prov. Grand Master gave the W.M.'s and Brethren of the various Lodges in the Province, which was severally responded to by the W.M.'s and brethren present. Bro. J. T. Smith gave the Ladies, which was responded to by E. Crisp. The Tyler's toast concluded the business of the evening. The whole meeting passed off in a most satisfactory manner, its success being in a great measure attributable to the efficient manner in which Brother George Ellard performed his duties as Director of Ceremonies, being well assisted by Bro. J. T. Smith. The harmony of the evening was greatly enhanced by the excellent singing of Bros. W. J. Pilcher, H. J. Atkins, J. J. Hart, J. W. Ingram, Wheeler, J. Clifton, F. G. Buckle, George Ellard, J. U. Stanton, &c. Bros. Brook Sampson (piano), R. Croft (harmonium), J. T. Smith (cornet) accompanied, and also contributed solos.

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OBSTRUCTION IN GRAND LODGE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Our very worshipful and esteemed brother the Grand Registrar, M.P. for Worcester, brought with him an experience gained in the House of Commons—of which, by-the-by, he proved himself an apt follower, by the perfunctory and deliberate manner in which he presented the appeal from a brother of New Zealand, the whole, or very nearly the whole of which case had, word for word, been before Grand Lodge a year ago. Our able and astute Registrar opened his case at 9.30, and he managed to spin the matter out for twenty-three minutes and a half. His action was then substantiated and approved by his reputed successor in office, who was stimulated without avail by the Grand Director of Ceremonies, with watch in hand, to continue speaking. The summing-up of the M.W.G.M. in the chair completed the time, viz., ten o'clock, after which no new matter can be introduced for consideration in Grand Lodge. Now, the Grand Registrar need not have given himself so much trouble, for the assembly having become smaller by degrees and beautifully less during his interesting discourse, I should never have thought for one moment of going on with my motion; but, with the permission of the chair, would have been content to defer it to the next meeting, and allow the annual motion of the Past Grand Treasurer for the winter coals for the residents at the R.M.B.I. to take precedence.

My motion, in order to make it clear to your readers, requires a concise preface. Some two years or more ago, the then Board of General Purposes undertook, unknown to the Craft generally, a very important and much required work, that of revising the Book of Constitutions, many of the laws having from time to time been changed, while others had become obsolete. In fact, an entire re-arrangement of the work had become necessary, so that a Worshipful Master might refer to the Constitutions with confidence when in doubt as to what course he ought to pursue. Between June and September of '82 the Craft were informed that they could see copies of the revision at the Grand Secretary's office in London, or at the Provincial Grand Secretaries' offices in the Provinces; this very limited and inconvenient opportunity did not suffice for the brethren, so, accordingly, when the Board of General Purposes asked Grand Lodge to accept the Revision, in September, the members very naturally declined to do so, and it was then and there decided that copies of the intended alterations should be sent to every Lodge, and any individual member might purchase a copy or copies at a cost not exceeding 2s each. Further, it was resolved, that amendments and alterations should be sent to the Grand Secretary's office not later than 31st of January 1883, and that some time in February the M.W.G.M. should be advised to summon a Special G.L. to take the matter into consideration. The fruit of the error that the Revision Committee had committed in not consulting the Craft, and asking for suggestions and amendments while they were engaged on their task, now displayed themselves, and the alterations which might have been considered during the first twelve months of the work now came in, to the number of some 800 or more. This precluded the calling of a Special Grand Lodge; and when the Quarterly Communication took place in March, the matter was referred back to the Board of General Purposes, to report upon at the meeting in June. Now, with the exception of my motion, there was not a word on the agenda paper of what progress, if any, had been made, and I have been informed that it was the intention to let the whole matter drop. I can hardly think that my informant could have been correct, or that the desire of Grand Lodge should be treated as a dead letter. At the same time, when I inquired at the Grand Secretary's office if my motion had been accepted? I was told, "Yes;—for what it was worth;" and, "Had I interest with the printers, as I wanted 800 amendments and alterations laid before Grand Lodge in September next?" which latter date must of necessity be postponed until the Quarterly Communication in December. I consider the subject, i.e. the Rules and Regulations by which our ever-increasing Order is to be governed, is of such importance that, in addition to the notice of motion now standing in my name (with the date changed), I shall move, following the example set by the Committee for the Rebuilding of the Temple, "That as the defined Rules and Regulations under which our Order is to be governed is a matter of the gravest importance to our well-being, and owing to the great delay that has hitherto taken place in bringing the matter to an issue, that a Committee should be formed, consisting of twelve members, six to be appointed by Grand Lodge, and six by the Board of General Purposes, to take in hand the reconsideration of the Revision of the Book of Constitutions, together with the suggested amendments and alterations, as soon as possible, and to lay the result thereof before Grand Lodge in December;—for acceptance." By these means both views of the case will be brought to bear; the purple and the blue; and the decision of the combined Committee should be final, only requiring the confirmation of Grand Lodge to become law.

With regard to the word confirmation; according to the ruling of the Pro G.M., the word "verification," or "that the minutes have been correctly entered," should certainly in some instances be substituted; for there can be no doubt that the feeling of Grand Lodge is very strong in the desire to know what are, and what are not, the prerogatives of the Most Worshipful Grand Master. I am entirely at issue with the Grand Registrar, that the Most Worshipful Grand Master can alter the law of precedence, or any other laws,

except with the consent of Grand Lodge. He has the power of appointing whom he desires to the various offices; he can give his consent to, or place his veto on, new laws; but, *per se*, he cannot alter; and any person who has studied his Royal Highness and his actions, in or out of Freemasonry, must feel convinced in his own mind that the Grand Master is the last to suffer encroachments on his prerogative, or to infringe upon the privileges of others. The two or three cases of irregularity which the Grand Registrar brought forward, as having occurred in seventy years, only serve as exceptions to prove the rule; which not only the blue, but the purple, are called upon and are sworn to obey.

Yours fraternally,

C. J. PERCEVAL P.M. 1607,
AND V.P. OF THE THREE INSTITUTIONS.

8 Thurloe-place, S.W., 10th June 1883.

ELECTION FOR COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In your issue of the 2nd inst., under the above heading, a brother signing himself "P.M." attacks me on a question of my fitness to serve on the Committee of the R.M.B.I., and speaks disparagingly of my nominator.

Permit me to say that my nominator was the respected W.M. of my mother Lodge—the Egyptian, No. 27—which is a Vice-Patron of the Institution, a position that few Lodges have attained to. It was impossible for me to have a better qualified nominator. The Egyptian Lodge has been one of the staunchest supporters of the Benevolent Institution, and "P.M." by insulting its Master, is not, in my opinion, furthering the interests of the Institution.

When "P.M." ventured to recommend the Craft to oppose my election, he must have forgotten or been ignorant of the fact that in June last year I was at the head of the poll when Grand Lodge elected its members of the Board of General Purposes, and that I occupied the same proud position on the poll when in December there was an election in Grand Lodge of a Junior Vice President of the Lodge of Benevolence. I trust I may be pardoned for referring to these matters, but I feel proud of the honour Grand Lodge thought fit to confer on me.

Your correspondent "P.M.'s" appeal to the Craft to leave me "alone," has been answered in a way that he little expected. As regards his statement that when I had the honour of being a member of the Committee I "rarely attended," I beg to say he has been misinformed. I attended rather too often to please some brethren, and had I been less anxious to discharge my duty as one of the Representatives of Grand Lodge on that Committee, you would not have heard from "P.M.," nor have been troubled with this communication.

Yours fraternally,

CHARLES ATKINS,

P.M. 27 and 1260.

Clapton, 12th June 1883.

THE LATE ELECTION OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—There was a point in the Pro G.M.'s speech you have, I am sorry to say, overlooked. I allude to his strong condemnation of the system of canvassing for places by means of papers or cards. If Lord Carnarvon reprobated that course, what would he have said in reference to the scenes which occurred at the Girls' House Committee Election, where candidates, after resorting to the puff advertising method so largely circulated among the Craft generally, awaited the arrival of voters, and persuaded those who were too indolent, or too innocent, to allow them (*the candidates*) to fill up the papers for them. Talk about bribery and corruption, this leaves such practices quite in the shade. I do not know who most to condemn, those weak enough to hand over their privileges to others, or the candidates who were shameless enough to take such advantage. At the next meeting, if convenient for me to attend, I shall certainly propose an entire change, not only in the system of election, but that the polling shall take place under the supervision of Deacons specially appointed, and who should denounce any member attempting such an unfair act. I would add, in addition, that any candidate so acting should be disqualified for the place he is seeking to fill. What is the result of the Girls' Election? By set purpose an excellent, indefatigable, fearless Brother, who has worked diligently and unceasingly for over ten years, has been ousted; while, doubtless an equally worthy Brother, but one who has not attended for the last two years, and whose residence and occupation preclude him from the possibility of attending, has been retained on the Committee.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

A V.P. OF THE INSTITUTION.

Brother James Stevens P.M. P.Z. has been elected by the members of the United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction as Installing Master on the occasion of rehearsal of the ceremony of installation of Worshipful Master, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Friday, the 22nd instant.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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SUBURBAN LODGE, No. 1702.

THE installation meeting of this flourishing Lodge took place on Friday, 8th instant, at that charming roadside hostelry, the Abercorn Arms Hotel, Great Stanmore, and was one of the most successful gatherings the Lodge can record. There were upwards of thirty visitors, beside whom the Lodge was honoured by the presence of the R.W.P.G.M. Colonel Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., whose attendance not only gave *eclat* to the occasion, but bore testimony to the appreciation of the Lodge and its members, he having paid a similar unofficial visit during the previous year. The attendance of brethren was unusually strong, for was it not known that the retiring W.M. intended to instal his successor. Lodge was opened in *due form* by the W.M. (Bro. Charles Hawksley), J. F. Hepburn S.W. (and W.M. elect), C. S. Buck J.D., J. Tickle P.M. P.Z. P.P.G.R. Middlesex Tren., J. Hill Secretary Acting as Deacon, F. J. Tyler and G. H. Hunter, C. Winstanley I.G.; Bros. W. T. Buck P.M., R. Shutt, R. Watson, E. C. Kilsby, J. M. Draper, G. H. Carter, J. Tregaskis, W. Cropley, A. J. Oliver, Jno. Waddington jun., J. T. S. Roberts, Geo. Robinson, A. J. Hone Goldney, E. H. Southgate, William Urry, N. L. Tindell, L. M. Williams, J. Davenport, Thomas Charlton, H. S. Benison, E. Stockdale, Adolphe Sawyer, Thomas Lee Roberts, J. Very Tyler. Visitors—Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.M. Middlesex, F. Hastings Miller P.P.G.O. Middlesex, A. Buck P.G.S.W. Essex, Fontaine 45, H. Ruff 95, H. W. Ruff P.M. 95, G. W. Tiffin 95, G. B. Cutler 217, W. H. Tiper 474, W. Moore 615, W. J. Sperring 780, H. Wilkins W.M. 902, J. J. Bell P.M. 1178, Liebman 1196, F. Eckstein P.M. 1196, G. H. Hunter P.M. 1298, G. Buckland P.M. 1319, F. Clive 1319, T. Gates W.M. 1599, S. Brookes P.M. 1608, A. H. St. Leger 1777, P. Balme 1804, E. H. Parnell 1809, C. Brown 1814, W. H. Murfitt 1861, T. Vincent P.M. 1861, T. Boyes Langton, J. Best Cripplegate. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, as well as the Auditors' account of the Lodge funds, which was received and adopted, Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bros. Davenport and Tregaskis, who were candidates for raising, were interrogated by the Worshipful Master, and entrusted. After which, Lodge being opened in the third degree, they were raised according to ancient custom, the ceremony being rendered in a most impressive manner by the Worshipful Master. Brother W. J. Buck Past Master having presented the Worshipful Master elect, the ceremony of installation had proceeded to the stage at which all below the rank of I.M. are requested to retire, when it was announced that the R.W.P.G.M. was without. A deputation having been sent to receive him, some little delay occurred, but when his entrance to the Lodge was announced, he was received and saluted with full Masonic honours, which were briefly but heartily acknowledged. A Board of Installed Masters having been constituted, the ceremony was then proceeded with, Brother Hepburn being duly installed into the chair of K.S. by his predecessor, to the satisfaction of a critical audience, comprising some 18 Past Masters. The Installed Masters' degree being closed, and the Worshipful Master congratulated, the brethren of the different ranks were called in, to whom it was duly announced and proclaimed, after which the Worshipful Master proceeded to appoint and invest his Officers, at the same time pointing out their duties in fit terms, and complimenting the Treasurer and Secretary on their reappointment. The following are the names of the brethren invested:—Bros. C. Buck S.W., G. H. Carter J.W., R. W. Shutt S.D., C. Winstanley J.D., R. Watson I.G., J. Waddington jun. Organist, W. T. Buck P.M. Wine Steward, E. C. Kilsby M.C., J. M. Draper Assistant Wine Steward, W. L. Tindell and E. Stockdale Stewards, J. Very Tyler. The Installing Master, Brother C. Hawksley, then delivered the addresses to the Master, Wardens and Brethren generally, in a masterly and impressive manner, which reflected great credit on himself and won the approbation of every one present. The usual routine business of the Lodge being despatched, it was closed in peace and harmony, and adjourned. Owing to the Lodge being held in the room in which the banquet was afterwards served, the interval during which the tables were being spread afforded the brethren an opportunity of a quiet stroll in the neighbourhood; this formed a very pleasant incident in the day's proceedings—lawn tennis, &c. being indulged in by those on "active pleasure bent." It was therefore close upon seven o'clock before the company sat down to the excellent repast provided for the occasion by the much esteemed host—Bro. C. Veal—and it goes without saying that ample justice was done to it by those present. Time, which waiteth not for a Worshipful Master, was now somewhat advanced, and after grace had been said, the W.M. proceeded to give the toasts in rapid succession—indeed, with such rapidity that it involved the curtailment to a large extent of the printed programme and book of songs which had been thoughtfully provided for the occasion. In responding to the toast of his health, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master Sir Francis Burdett again expressed the pleasure it afforded him to be present, not alone for the hospitality which he had enjoyed, but the opportunity of being present during the installation of the Worshipful Master. He referred to the manner in which the I.P.M. had performed the ceremony, in the most eulogistic terms, as well as to the other working in the Lodge, which he said convinced him that every member, from the Master downwards, was determined to discharge the duties in a satisfactory manner. The I.P.M. (Bro. Hawksley) in proposing the toast of the Worshipful Master, spoke in complimentary terms of the brother whom he had placed as his successor, and trusted that he would be supported by the Officers whom he had that day appointed. The W.M., in response, expressed his gratitude to the brethren for the manner in which the toast had been received, and trusted to be spared to preside over their meetings with satisfaction to all. The haste with which the toasts followed the removal of the cloth was productive of an

omission, which was here sought to be remedied, viz. the passing round of the Charity box. For this occasion Bro. Hawksley had prepared for presentation to the Lodge a unique and altogether fitting receptacle for the offerings of the brethren, and which is well worthy the inspection of visitors. In form, a cube about $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches square; it rests on bases of proportionate size, forming steps thereto. It was made of oak, said to be 800 years old, out of a building in which Masonry long found a home, and in which Brother Hawksley and two other founders of the Sub-Urban Lodge first saw "light." The top is mounted with the device of a square and compasses of sufficient size to allow the necessary aperture for coin. The front bears the name and number of the Lodge, with a pierced five-point star in centre, and on the reverse the following inscription:—"Presented by Bro. Charles Hawksley W.M., 8th June 1883, as a memento of the Charity Fund, established during his year of office, 1882-3." The presentation made, the box was immediately dedicated to its intended service. The W.M. then gave the toast of the Immediate Past Master, and referred in a feeling manner to his services, particularly during that day, and at the same time expressed the pleasure it afforded him to present the jewel which the Lodge had voted to him as the "fifth" Master; to which Bro. Hawksley briefly responded. Time pressing, only one of the numerous array of visitors was called upon to respond, and that devolved upon Bro. Hastings Miller, Past Prov. Grand Organist Middlesex, who expressed on their behalf the pleasure all had experienced in visiting the Lodge, and their appreciation of the manner in which the Master had been installed. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings at the table to a close, but several brethren who were not compelled by the exigencies of rail service, which demanded catching one train in order to catch another, remained until it was time to catch the last. Thus ended a thoroughly enjoyable day, which will be looked back on by those who witnessed the ceremony with pleasurable recollections for many years to come. We understand Bro. Hawksley is representing the Lodge as Steward for the Boy's Festival. We heartily wish him a success equal to that of Friday last.

United Mariners Lodge of Instruction, No. 30.—The popularity attained by this young but exceedingly vigorous Lodge of Instruction, continues to increase, and the weekly meetings, at the Lugard Tavern, Lugard-road, Peckham, are always well attended. On Wednesday last Brother Thomas filled the chair as W.M., supported by Bros. Walter Martin Preceptor, Harvey S.W., Bartlett J.W., Wimple S.D., Lean J.D., Shorter I.G., Rotheroe Secretary, Bruner P.M., Ledger W.M. 1564, Bellis W.M. 1901, Leonard, Lampen, Pusey-Eedle, Morgan, Andrews, and many others. The ceremony of the second degree was rehearsed, after which the first section of the lecture was given by Brother Rotheroe and the second by Bro. Bellis. The working was executed in the most commendable manner, and afforded considerable pleasure and edification to the brethren present. The Lodge may be congratulated upon having secured the assistance of Bro. Martin as Preceptor, for although a young Mason, and not having yet passed the chair, he is gifted with much tact, intelligence and ability, and is perfect in the whole of the working. Thus the advance made by the regular attendants at the Lodge has been of a marked and gratifying character. The headquarters of the Lodge are very convenient of access, being within a few minutes walk of the Queens-road, Old Kent-road, and Nunhead railway stations, whilst the tramways from Blackfriars, Westminster, and other parts, almost pass the door. Every matter of detail that can in any way conduce to the comfort and convenience of the brethren has been considerably studied by Bro. Alfred Pusey, the proprietor of the hotel, and consequently the meetings are of a very enjoyable, as well as beneficial character. The Lodge meets every Wednesday evening, from 7.30 to 9.30, and visitors are always most cordially welcomed.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at Bro. Langdale's, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., Saturday, 9th inst. Present—Bros. Gribbell W.M., Ferrar S.W., Dixie J.W., Forss S.D., Lone I.G., Lorkin Preceptor, Galer Secretary. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Galer offered himself as candidate, and was examined and entrusted. Lodge opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Forss worked the first and second sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren; and the fifth, assisted by Bro. Dixie. Lodge was closed in the second degree, and Brother Ferrar was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. All business being ended, Lodge was closed in ancient form and adjourned to Saturday, 16th inst.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.—At the usual meeting of this Lodge of Instruction at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, S.E., on Friday, the 8th inst., Brother E. A. Francis presided as Worshipful Master. Amongst others present were Bros. Sarjeant S.W., Johnson J.W., Jones S.D., Hooper J.D., Bate I.G., James Stevens P.M. and Preceptor, Poore Secretary, Richardson, &c. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed in Brother Francis's usual careful and efficient manner, and subsequently the second and third sections of the F.C. Lecture were worked by the brethren in good style. On the Lodge being lowered, Brother Sarjeant was elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing week, and his Officers were appointed in rotation. The ceremony of installation is to be rehearsed in this Lodge of Instruction on Friday, the 22nd instant, and the Preceptor, Brother James Stevens, has been elected Master and Installing Master for the occasion.

Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No 1949.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 12th June, at the Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton. Present:—Bros. Francis W.M., Richardson S.W.,

Phillips J.W., Williams Secretary, Banks S.D., Letchford J.D., Poore M.C., Jones I.G.; also Hooper, James Letchford, Rontledge, Monk, Stokes, Mordey, and Stevens P.M. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge opened in second and third degrees, and the ceremony of installation (with the exception of that portion relating to the board of Installed Masters) was ably rehearsed by Brother Francis, with Brother Hooper as Worshipful Master elect. Lodge was regularly closed to the first degree. After the election of Worshipful Master for the ensuing week, and other formal business, Lodge was closed in due form in perfect harmony. Brother George Mordey 1986 was elected a member.

SIR FRANCIS BURDETT LODGE, No. 1503.

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday evening last, at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, when a goodly number of brethren and visitors assembled, under the presidency of Brother T. Walls P.M. P.P.G.S.B. of Middlesex and Surrey, in the unavoidable absence of the Worshipful Master of the Lodge, Brother W. Taylor. Lodge having been opened and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, it was advanced to the third, when Brother Henry Jenkins was raised to the sublime degree by the acting Worshipful Master, whose working was, as usual, excellent. Resuming in the second, Bros. Arthur Henry Bunn, and James Pateshall Bowden were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, the ceremonies being most creditably performed. During the evening Bro. Saunders, the Treasurer, submitted a report as to the financial position of the Lodge, which was accepted as eminently satisfactory, a substantial balance remaining in hand in favour of the Lodge. A grant of five guineas was voted out of the Lodge funds in aid of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and after the transaction of some other business Lodge was closed in form. The banquet was presided over by Brother Walls, who at the conclusion of an excellent repast proposed the customary loyal and Masonic toasts, which were cordially received. Bro. Saunders P.M. gave the health of the acting W.M., with thanks to him for having officiated in the absence of Bro. Taylor. He expressed regret at the circumstances which kept their excellent Worshipful Master from his wonted position, namely, the serious indisposition of his wife, whom he trusted would soon be restored to health and strength. Bro. Walls suitably replied, and several complimentary speeches followed. Bro. Saunders, as a special toast, proposed the health of Bro. T. R. Richnell, a member of this Lodge, but who had been kept away from its duties for some time, owing to a domestic bereavement. They were all delighted to see the genial face of that brother amongst them again, and once more participating in the duties and pleasures of the Lodge. Bro. Richnell briefly responded, expressing the gratification it afforded him to meet the brethren of his mother Lodge again, after so lengthened an absence, and he tendered his sincere thanks to the brethren for their feeling and kindly reception of his name. Several other toasts were honoured, and amidst an abundance of good music and singing a pleasant evening was passed.

PORTSMOUTH LODGE, No. 487.

AT the last regular meeting of the members of this Lodge, Bro. H. Threadingham P.M. presented, in the name of the members, to Bro. W. E. Atkins, a Past Secretary's jewel, containing a suitable inscription, in recognition of the valuable services rendered by him during the two years he filled the office of Secretary of the Lodge, and the duties of which he relinquished on election as W.M. of the United Brothers' Lodge at Southsea.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, 11th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Queen's Hotel, York. The W.M. Bro. M. Millington, was in his place, and was supported by his Wardens, Bros. J. Blenkin and A. T. B. Turner, and the following Past Masters, Bros. T. B. Whytehead, J. S. Cumberland, C. G. Padel, J. T. Seller, G. Balford, and Major McGachen 1991, and by a number of brethren and visitors from the other York Lodges, and from Hull. A successful ballot was taken for a candidate. Bro. C. Tuff was passed to the second degree, and Bros. C. Stephenson and E. Thackeray were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, the whole of the work being done by the W.M. with great accuracy. Bro. T. B. Whytehead next presented to the library a series of Masonic works, also a book from Bro. W. J. Hughan, and a very beautiful and perfect copy of Bro. Bartolozzi's engraving of Bro. Stothard's painting of the Masonic Girls' School Festival. Votes of thanks were accorded for these gifts. Bros. Sir Frederick G. Milner, Bart. 478, T. Horsley 1001, and Ream 566, were proposed as joining members, and the names of two gentlemen were proposed as candidates for initiation. The W.M. announced that a summons had been issued for an emergency meeting for the following Monday, when Bro. the Lord Mayor would be passed to the second degree. Lodge having been closed, the brethren assembled for refreshment, and spent a pleasant hour.

A meeting of the Metropolitan Council, Time Immemorial, under the authority of the Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, will be held at the Masonic Hall, 8A Red Lion Square, on this day (Saturday), the 16th inst., at three o'clock p.m. The business to be transacted will comprise the reading and confirming the minutes of last meeting; to confer the degrees of St. Laurence the Martyr, Knight of Constantinople, Red Cross of Babylon, and Grand High Priest, on approved candidates.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

ANCIENT EBOR PRECEPTORY, No. 101.

THE regular summer meeting of this Preceptory was held at York on Tuesday, 12th June, under the command of the E. Preceptor Sir Knight M. Millington. The business was of a formal character, there being no candidates. The Registrar, Sir Knight T. B. Whytehead P.E.P. read a letter he had received from the Commander of the Apollo Commandery, No. 1, Chicago, stating that the members of that body who purposed visiting England this summer would have pleasure in making a stay in York, and witnessing the working of the Degree as practised in England. The Registrar also announced that since their last meeting Sir Knight J. S. Cumberland P.E.P. had received an appointment as an Aide-de-Camp of the Great Priory of England, and moved, "That this Preceptory has heard with great satisfaction of the appointment to Great Priory of so worthy a member of the Order, and hereby offers its congratulations to E. Sir Knight Cumberland." This was seconded by the E.P., and carried unanimously.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF A NEW CHURCH.

ON Saturday afternoon last, 9th June, about 250 brethren assembled at Long Bolton, to take part in the ceremony of laying the corner-stone of a new church to be dedicated to S. Augustine. The stone was laid by Col. Legendre Starkie, R.W. Prov. G.M. East Lancashire, and Masonic formalities were observed throughout. A period of sixty years has elapsed since similar proceedings were observed in Bolton, and the consequence was that on Saturday the vicinity of the new church building was thronged with spectators, and the greatest interest to witness what transpired prevailed. A procession was formed, of musicians, firemen, working Masons, teachers, scholars, choirs, and clergy, the Masonic brethren, in Craft costume and insignia, bringing up the rear. The R.W. Prov. Grand Master was met at Firwood Hall, the residence of Mr. F. Harcastle, one of the donors of the site, and he, accompanied by a select party, including the Mayor and ex-Mayor of Bolton, both members of the Brotherhood, and the Rev. Canon Powell, Rural Dean, was conducted to the site of the church. Here, the service was choral, as well as Masonic in character. Col. Starkie was presented with a costly trowel, bearing a suitable inscription, and a mallet made from bog oak, dug out of the foundations, was also given to him, after which he addressed the assembly, and then laid the corner-stone of the building. In the course of a stirring address the R.W. Prov. Grand Master said that although they were not Operative Masons they had, from time immemorial, been associated with the erection of buildings to be raised for the benefit of mankind, the adornment of the world, and the glory of the Great Architect of the Universe. They, Masons, had among them, unseen from the eyes of men, secrets that may not be unveiled, and which no man had discovered; but those secrets were lawful and honourable, and neither repugnant to the laws of God, nor the laws of man. They were entrusted to the Masons of ancient days, and they had been faithfully transmitted to the Masons of the present, whose duty it was to convey them to latest posterity. Unless their Order had been honourable, and their calling just, they would never have lasted all these centuries, nor would they have had, and still have, so many illustrious brothers in their Order, ready to promote their laws and further their interests. Subsequently the brethren sang "Prosper the Art," and the National Anthem (Masonic version). The brethren present, we may add, had lunched together ere they separated. All passed off with *éclat*, and the weather was glorious.

The Province of Essex will add another to its roll of Lodges on Wednesday next, when the consecration of the Blackwater Lodge, No. 1977, will be performed by the Prov. Grand Master the Right Hon. Lord Brooke, M.P. The W.M. designate, Bro. Thomas Eustace P.M. and Treasurer 697, will be installed by W. Bro. A. Lucking P.M. 160 P.G.D.C. Essex. The proceedings will take place at the Town Hall, Maldon, and will commence at Two o'clock.

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The *Times*, August 13th, 1877. From our own Correspondent with the Russian Army. Okoun, July 25th, 1877. The want of sanitary arrangements in the Russian Camp was dreadful, and had we remained there a few weeks longer, dysentery and typhoid fever would have played more havoc in our ranks than the bombs of the Turks. I myself acquired an unenviable reputation as a doctor, owing to my being provided with a small bottle of CHLORODYNE, with which I effected miraculous cures.

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By command,

CHARLES GREENWOOD jun. P.M. P.P.G.R.
Prov. Grand Secretary.

N.B.—Morning dress.

61 Nelson-square, Blackfriars-road, S.E.
9th June 1883.

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Dinner will be provided for those only who have taken Tickets, and no Tickets will be issued after 25th June.

A Sermon will be preached by the P.G. Chaplain, at St. Mary's Church, Oatlands, at 2.45 p.m. Brethren not to appear in Masonic costume at Divine Service.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

A PROVINCIAL Grand Lodge will be held in the New Rooms, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, on Saturday, 30th June, at 2.30 p.m. precisely.

By command of the Prov. G. Master,

H. C. LEVANDER, P.G.D.
Provincial Grand Secretary.

6th June 1883.

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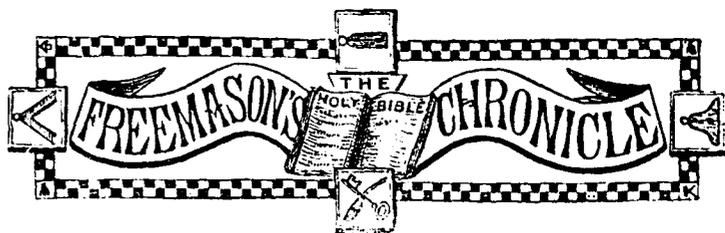
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PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF SURREY.

THE Companions of the Royal Arch Degree assembled in considerable force on Saturday last, at the Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, for the double purpose of transacting the business consequent upon the Annual Meeting of their Provincial Grand Chapter, and to assist in the consecration of a new Chapter, which will raise the total on the roll of the Province to nine. The Grand Superintendent, the Right Worshipful Comp. J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., P.G.W., presided, and he was supported by the Rev. C. W. Arnold, M.A., P.G.C., who filled the chair of H., and the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G.C., who officiated as J. Amongst those who attended were Companions C. Greenwood P.G.D. of Cer. Prov. Grand Scribe E., Magnus Ohren P.G.A.D.C. Prov. Grand J., H. J. P. Damas P.G.D., Charles Greenwood jun. Provincial Grand Secretary Surrey, Leigh-Bennett Prov. 1st Assistant Sojourner, H. E. Frances Prov. 2nd Assistant Sojourner, F. A. Manning Prov. Director of Ceremonies, Comps. Vincent, Boucher, W. W. Morgan, &c. &c. After Provincial Grand Chapter had been formally opened, the consecration of the new Chapter, the Ewell, No. 1851, was proceeded with, the Grand Superintendent, Right Worshipful Companion General Brownrigg officiating as Consecrating Officer, assisted by the Revs. C. W. Arnold and J. Studholme Brownrigg. After the presiding Officer had addressed the Companions on the nature of the meeting, the acting Scribe E. explained the steps that had been taken by those interested in the formation of the Chapter. The Consecrating Officer having signified his approval, gave the necessary directions that the ceremony should proceed, and the petition and charter were formally read. After inquiry had been duly made, and assent given that the Principals named in the charter were still approved, the acting J. was called on for an oration, which was delivered in the following terms:

COMPANIONS,—Masonry is a progressive science, and it is, therefore, a matter of extreme importance when any Lodge has so far proved its past efficiency as to entitle it to a Royal Arch Chapter. It is, I think, quite right and proper that the Provincial Grand Superintendent should not recommend, and that Grand Chapter should not grant a Warrant, unless there is the evidence of at least three years' good work; that there is such a capacity of progress as to entitle the Lodge to further opportunities of searching into the great science of Masonry. And this, Companions, brings me to the single point upon which I desire to claim your attention for a very few minutes to-day. What is progress? Literally, the word means "a going forward;" a going forward to something better and a something higher; a disinclination to rest satisfied with anything that is imperfect or incomplete; a desire to remove all that is evil. And is such, Companions, our aim? I think that, both in Masonry and in the world, we should remember that there is nothing so despicable as the man who does no good. Life is active, not passive. Unless, more or less, you are, in some measure, of practical utility to your fellow men, you are a contradiction to all that is grand, or noble, or holy in life. But, Companions, I have spoken thus strongly in the encouragement of all legitimate progress, in the pursuit of the great principles of Masonry, in order that I may, with special emphasis, insist upon what I believe to be at all times a very necessary caution. There is a true progress, there is a false progress, or rather there is a hideous phantom which veils itself under the fair garb of progress, and which is in reality a serious retrogression. Strip the mask from her face, peel off the untempered mortar from the wall, and what posed as the fair work of progress is in reality only inopportune and ill-considered change. We can change for the worse as well as for the better. I am afraid I am sadly behind the time. It is the fashion to change simply for the sake of changing; to think that there can be no progress without destruction; no improvement of the building without removing the foundations. It was not thus that our ancient brethren wrought. One generation laid the foundations, another reared the fabric, a third beautified it, and so the structure grew to be the thing of beauty and of art which we find it, because our ancient brethren knew that progress did not mean change of fundamental principles; but rather an orderly, but at the same time a living and energetic advancement in the steps which were none the worse because they were those of men who had gone before. We talk a great deal about the landmarks of our Order; I sometimes think there is a danger lest our much talking should make us careless. It is, I conceive, a duty incumbent upon every Mason to encourage true progress; to fight to the bitter end against all false progress; to cut away with unsparing hand all that is evil, to change where change is needful; but ever to remember that we dare touch nothing, alter nothing, unless we have some better reason than that restless and discontented spirit of the world which is ever meddling and marring, but never improving; which is hindering all true progress by its anxiety to scrawl its own ideas upon the plans of the Master Architect, instead of carrying out what has been laid down and approved by the wisdom and experience of the past. May this Chapter be ever full of life and true progress; a bulwark against all needless and undesirable change.

The consecration ceremony was then completed with full ceremonial, and the three Principals duly installed as follows:—Comps.

Arthur E. Taylor P.M. 1201 1851 P.Z. 1201 M.F.Z., William Howard Paddle P.M. 1851 H., George William Saul P.M. 1201 J. The Companions who had not yet attained the Principals' chairs were then re-admitted, and the remaining Officers were invested:—Comps. E. A. Baber Prov. Grand Sword Bearer S.E. and Treasurer, G. N. Pochin S.N., H. H. Room P.S., T. Bowler Janitor. After the customary recognition of the services of the consecrating Officer and his assistants had been tendered, accepted, and acknowledged, the business before Provincial Grand Chapter was proceeded with. The roll of Chapters in the Province was called, and each proved to be well represented. The report of the Finance and Audit Committee was received and adopted, and then came the election of Treasurer, this resulting in the re-appointment of the ever-popular Companion Price, who, however, was unavoidably absent. The Officers were then invested, as follow:—

Comp. Rev. C. W. Arnold, M.A., P.Z.	Prov. G.H.
H. J. P. Dumas P.Z. 410 ...	Prov. G.J.
Charles Greenwood P.Z. 410	Prov. G. Scribe E.
Leigh-Bennett H. 370 ...	Prov. G. Scribe N.
F. Buckland P.Z. 889 ...	Prov. G. Pr. Sojourner
Rev. W. W. Martin Z. 370 ...	Prov. G. 1st. A. Sojourner
D. Thompson Z. 1556 ...	Prov. G. 2nd A. Sojourner
E. A. Baber P.Z. 452 ...	Prov. G. Sword Bearer
W. W. Paddle H. 1851 ...	Prov. G. Standard Bearer
J. H. Askham Z. 1564 ...	Prov. G. Dir. of Ceremonies

In addressing the Companions the Grand Superintendent expressed his intense gratification at the progress Freemasonry was making in the county of Surrey. The whole of the twenty-seven Lodges were working in a satisfactory way, and the new Chapter inaugurated that day made up the total in the Province to nine. General Brownrigg acknowledged and fully recognised the zeal displayed by his assiduous Deputy, the Rev. C. W. Arnold, who spared no time or pains in carrying out the work of the Province. The services of Companion Greenwood were also gracefully alluded to by the Grand Superintendent, who next stated that it was with extreme reluctance he had to announce that in consequence of a long-standing engagement he should be compelled to leave, much as he could have desired to join them at the banquet table. The general business was then proceeded with, completed, and Provincial Grand Chapter closed. A capital dinner was supplied by the Bros. Bond, the proprietors of this old-established hostelry, and ample justice done to the good things provided. Companion Arnold presided, and the customary toasts received full attention.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS.

WE supplement our last week's Report of this interesting event with the following particulars of what occurred after the banquet, which, by the way, was capitally served by Messrs. Spiers and Pond (Limited), the present lessees of the Freemasons' Tavern:—

The toast list of the evening was commenced by the proposal, by the noble chairman, of The Queen, coupled with Mark Masonry. Brethren of the Mark degree were particularly noted for their loyalty, even among Freemasons. Bro. Else followed, proposing the health of the Most Worshipful Grand Mark Master Mason. The Mark Degree had been singularly fortunate, inasmuch as it had secured for itself the services of brethren as Grand Masters who were not only of high rank in the country, but who had been most energetic in advancing the interests of the Degree. The present Grand Master had ably followed in the footsteps of those who had preceded him, and he (Bro. Else) had great pleasure in calling upon the assembled company to do honour to the toast. The Most Worshipful Grand Mark Master thanked the W. Brother on his right for the kind way in which he had proposed the toast of his health, and the brethren for their reception of it. The honour which had been paid him that night was not exceptional, but was repeated wherever he went. It fully repaid him for any little time he might devote to Mark Masonry, but at the same time he felt he was only doing what every one should do who undertook office—perform his duty. He felt that in acting up to that precept, he had gained popularity among the brethren of the Mark Degree. It had been his custom, on each succeeding Grand Festival, to give a short résumé of the previous year's work. He considered he might describe Mark Masonry as being in a flourishing condition at the present time, and he made this remark after having looked into the matter very carefully. He had visited many parts of the country during his past year of office. From his experience, and from what he had heard, he was convinced that the proper spirit of emulation was to be found among Mark Masons, and so long as that spirit was associated with the Degree, it must go on successfully. The number of new Lodges warranted during the past year was nineteen, as compared with twenty-two the previous one; this number was not quite so large as usual, but was yet very satisfactory. Others were coming forward, and generally there was an appearance of increasing strength. Large numbers of brethren were continually being advanced, indeed, the number of new members during the past two years had been larger than had ever been known in the annals of Mark Masonry, the total being upwards of 3000—an average of 1500 a-year. The most that had been received before in a single year did not exceed some 1100 or 1200. As he had already mentioned, he had paid visits to many of the counties during the past year, and had assisted at the formation of three new Mark Provinces, of which there had been six established during the year. One that he had personally attended was the East Anglian. Being at heart an East Anglian, he naturally desired that Mark Masonry

should flourish there during the term of his presidency. There were now two Mark Lodges in the district, both of which were in a flourishing condition. He had recently brought himself under his own jurisdiction by accepting office as a Provincial Grand Master. He had done it with the hope of advancing the interests of Mark Masonry, and with the assistance of his able friend Bro. Martyn, he hoped the ruling of the Province of East Anglia would be properly carried on. When the time came for electing another Grand Master, he would find no more loyal subject than the Provincial Master for East Anglia. Lord Henniker then proceeded to refer to the way in which the Grand Officers had been received in the various parts of the country they had officially visited, especially mentioning the reception they had met with at Birmingham, at Nottingham, and in East Anglia. He considered it right when brethren acted as those of the districts referred to had done that some notice should be taken of them. The cordiality he had met with had given him encouragement to endeavour to further advance the interests of Mark Masonry. He assured the brethren he should strive his utmost to do his duty during the remainder of his term of office, and hoped that when the time came for him to give up his position of Grand Master, he might do so with regret. He hoped he might hand over the Order in as flourishing a condition to his successor as that he received it in from the brother who had preceded him, and that it would continue to advance in numbers and usefulness. One word more, he trusted the brethren would allow him, when he should have attained the rank of Past Grand Master, to take an active part in the management of the affairs of Grand Lodge. He next proposed the toast of the Past Grand Mark Master Masons, referring more particularly to Bros. Beach and Portal. He was pretty well acquainted with all the Past Grand Masters, and frequently talked with them about the Mark Degree. He believed they all did their best for the advancement of the Order, and hoped they might be present at its meetings from time to time; as they got older, however, it was difficult to secure their presence. It had been their fortune during his year of office to receive one member of the Royal Family as Past Grand Master, and he hoped, as he had already told them in Lodge, they would soon see another member of the Royal Family similarly invested. He regretted there was no Past Grand Master present to reply (Bro. Portal's health compelled him to leave early, and Bro. Beach was also unable to stay), but their not being then represented would not prevent the toast being honoured. The toast of the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Officers Present and Past was next given. Lord Henniker regretted the absence of his Deputy, as he always felt stronger when Lord Kintore was at his side. He thanked the P.G. Officers for their support, and hoped the present ones would have more work than their predecessors. He had invariably found the Grand Officers at his side wherever he had been. He specially thanked Bros. Binckes, Dewar and Davison, but must mention that all the Grand Officers had ably supported him. He could not thank the present Officers—or at least the new ones—for what they had already done, but would tell them they were expected to work hard for the benefit of the Order. Col. Bignold returned thanks. With the Grand Master, he regretted the absence of Lord Kintore, because of the loss of the admirable speech he would have been sure to have given them. He felt proud that the duty of replying to the toast had fallen to him. He loved Masonry—he had always loved it, and did not love it less since he had joined the Mark Degree. The Grand Master had alluded to the Province of East Anglia; he considered the brethren thereof had acted wisely in selecting the Grand Master to rule over them. He felt that the true spirit of Freemasonry was not dead, but that the keystone of the Arch was still alive. Brother Randall, Past Grand Chaplain, proposed Success to the Mark Benevolent Fund. There was no single degree in Freemasonry into which benevolence did not enter, not a Lodge in which the principle was not received, not a brother who did not admit it as a duty. In some degrees it was inculcated upon each from the time he was admitted to diffuse the sublime principles of universal benevolence and to distribute alms to the poor, to clothe the naked, bind up the wounds of the afflicted. There was no institution in the kingdom, according to numbers, not even the Church of which he was a minister, nor any association existing, according to its numbers, that did so much in the way of benevolence as the Masonic Brotherhood. After some further remarks, he formally proposed the toast, coupling with it "the name of the man who had done more perhaps than any other to promote the success of Mark Masonry, and who, he was sure, had done more than any man to promote the success of the Mark Benevolent Fund"—Bro. Binckes. Bro. Binckes was afraid that the extreme approval his excellent friend Bro. Randall had bestowed upon him had deprived him of the power of replying to the toast. While he believed Brother Randall perfectly sincere in every word he had said, he was sure that every one present would believe him equally sincere when he said that it was enough for him to have achieved that great success which had been alluded to; he desired the glory to be shared by those with whom he had been associated in the Charities of Mark Masonry. It had been his duty for a number of years to interest brethren in the cause of charity, and to devote the best of those poor powers with which he had been gifted to that charity, which he believed to be the greatest ornament of the Order, and he thought he might say that he had not got an altogether unsuccessful answer. He believed that next year would bring his silver wedding with regard to Mark Masonry. From what a very small origin had great results been achieved. There were very few brethren who knew the difficulties Mark Masonry had had to contend with. The announcement made by the Grand Master that evening was, he thought, the crowning honour that could be conferred upon the Degree. He said this for the purpose of adding the remark, that he did not think any one better than himself could tell how much they owed to the Grand Master for the success of Mark Masonry. The Most Worshipful Grand Master would allow him to say that it was entirely attributable to his good offices that this honour had been brought to them. It gave them additional reasons for saying that

since the formation of this Grand Lodge in 1855-56 they had never been presided over by any one who set up for himself a higher standard of duty for the advancement of the Order. In the cause of Charity, with which this toast had been associated, Lord Henniker had done all in his power. In reference to the Mark Benevolent Fund, they had always found Lord Henniker a staunch supporter. It could not fail to bring to their recollection those memorable words used by His Royal Highness when he was installed,—that the two great watchwords of Freemasonry were Loyalty and Charity. The G.M. had said that evening that no Englishmen were so loyal as Masons, and among Masons there were none so loyal as Mark Masons. He (Bro. Binckes) did not hesitate to say that they were the *crème de la crème*. He would claim for Mark Masonry that whether in reference to loyalty or charity they were always to the front. With regard to the Mark Benevolent Fund, he had to announce that the ensuing annual Festival would be presided over by Bro. Pryce Price, P.G.M. for South Wales, and might mention that at the present time ten Boys and two Girls were being educated out of its funds. Bro. Randall, in proposing this toast, had alluded to enjoyments of the table which he found prevalent; he would ask him whether his experience did not extend to this—that whenever a gathering took place in connection with the Church, to which he had referred, whether to lay a foundation stone, or to form a mission for the propagation of the gospel in foreign parts, something in the way of hospitality was always to be found. He knew that Freemasons spent an enormous amount of money on their own enjoyments, but it was through that means that their hearts were warmed to that extent to unloose the breeches pocket, or the purse within that pocket, to contribute to the Masonic Institutions. He might mention that the adhesion of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was subject to the condition that it was not to be understood for a moment as justifying any attempt on the part of the Mark Masons to seek or claim recognition in the shape of amalgamation with the Grand Lodge of England. On this subject, he might distinctly say, Mark Masters no longer thought it desirable, even if it were possible, that there should be any such amalgamation. The health of the Visitors was proposed by Baron de Ferrieres, and was responded to by Bro. Dalrymple Dunbar, who referred to the position which Mark Masonry held in Scotland in reference to Craft and Royal Arch Masonry.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Edwin M. Lott, Past Grand Mark Organist, who was assisted by Brothers Egbert Roberts, Henry Gny, E. Moss, and Ashton. We append the programme, which was capitally rendered throughout:—Grace, "Non nobis Domine," Bird; "God Save the Queen," solo, Bro. Henry Guy; Glee, "Integer Vitæ," Fleming; Song, "Jack's Return," G. Marks; Glee, "The Mighty Conqueror," S. Webbe; Song, "We sing as on we go," Fesca; Part Song, "When Evening's Twilight," Hatton.

ST. JOHN'S DAY EVE.

Hail! mystic brethren; favoured Sons of Light,
Who come together on this festive night,
To worship the GRAND ARCHITECT of Heaven,
And ask that blessing may be freely given
To all who dwell upon this fleeting earth,
Whether in hovel, or in halls of mirth.
Thrice welcome all! On this proud natal day
St. John the Baptist guides us on our way,
While forms of beauty gather here to-night,
To cheer us on with smiles and glances bright.

Religion's handmaid—glorious Masonry!
Ennobling those who truly follow thee—
What notes can chant thy praises, or declare
The joys and virtues thy true followers share?

Behold the Mason as he first explores
The hidden depths within our mystic doors;
He leaves his helpless state, and from the night
Of darkness enters on a blaze of light.
Behold him, as with firm though bated breath—
His agonies resembling those of death—
He enters boldly on the task to prove
The wondrous merits of Masonic Love.
Here first he stands with opened eyes, to be
A model of true worth and secrecy;
Here is revealed to his astonished sight
The awful grandeur of "Let there be Light,"
And here he learns that in the Mason's school
The Holy Bible is the only rule.
The Square and Compasses are held to view,
As curbing his desires and passions too.
Clothed with the Lamb-skin as his sure defence,
Emblem of purity and innocence,
He in the North-East corner takes his place,
The youngest Mason, full of new-found grace.
Perfect and upright Mason, there he stands,
The gauge and gavel in his worthy hands,
While, over all, the starry blue expanse
Spreads, the anticipation to enhance,
Of that good time for which all Masons strive,
When in the Lodge above they shall arrive,
By Jacob's ladder, whose three rounds, so fair,
Faith, Hope and Charity, shall guide them there.
He learns to meet upon the Level too—
To act upon the Plumb as brother true—
And when his Lodge from labour doth repair
He learns to part with brethren on the Square;
His guiding rules, all handed from above,
Relief and Truth joined with a brother's Love—

Temperance, Fortitude and Prudence too,
With solid Justice, form his system true!

Behold him, further on, progressing still,
And climbing slowly the Masonic hill.
The Plumb, the Square, the Level still appear
As guides upon his mystical career.
Between the brazen pillars he attends,
And with his guide the winding stairs ascends
Into the chamber where fresh light is gained,
And where the liberal arts are all explained.
Here to the heights of science he can soar—
Set forth in language never heard before—
The sheaf of wheat—the waterford are taught—
Till his dazed eyes are opened wide to see
The hidden meaning of the letter G!

But the sublime for him is yet to dawn!
Behold him as he travels further on—
Sanctum Sanctorum he has gained at last—
And through the Temple—Builders' trials passed!
Faithful and true, with firm Masonic nerve,
Death fails to force him from his vows to swerve!
Rather the torture, rather dust to dust,
Than shirk his duty or betray his trust!
Here we behold the perfect man, imbued
With all the graces of our Brotherhood,
Triumphing over death; firm fixed is he
In hopes of glorious Immortality!
Such is our noble Brotherhood—and still
The sad events near Mount Moriah's hill,
And at the Temple Gates, must e'er remain
Impressed upon our hearts while Time shall reign.

What is the Mason's mission? 'Tis no less
Than to relieve a brother in distress;
To heal the widow's woes; to soothe her sigh,
And dry the tear from the poor orphan's eye;
To keep inviolate the holy vow
Of universal friendship, and to bow
Before the shrine of Him who gives us grace
To frame our hearts fit for His dwelling-place
Who watches o'er our work and deigns to be
Our Teacher, in all acts of purity.
Brethren, it is for this we meet and part,
And serve with hand to hand and heart to heart.
The world our Lodge, we seek ourselves to raise
To that grand sphere where reigns the King of Days,
And then, through an eternity of youth,
Drink from the fountain of JEHOVAH'S Truth!

Let us our mission ever keep in sight,
And as we leave this sacred house to-night,
Let us remember that great truth we teach
That we are surely travelling on to reach
"That undiscovered country from whose bourne
No traveller is e'er permitted to return,"—
And that our loved Acacia blooms, to prove
The endless ages of Almighty Love,—
Pointing us to those glorious realms on high
Where souls redeemed can never, never die.

—Voice of Masonry.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Berks and Bucks will be holden at the Albert Institute, Sheet-street, Windsor, on Monday next, the 18th inst., when the general business of the Province will be transacted. Special arrangements (as usual) have been made by the Great Western Railway Company, by which Return Tickets at single fares will be issued on production of the summons, at the Booking Offices at the following stations:—London, Reading, Oxford, Newbury, Abingdon, Swindon, Faringdon, Aylesbury, Wycombe, Marlow Road, and Maidenhead; and at all stations on the London, Wokingham, and Reading Railway between Waterloo Bridge and Windsor.

The West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution proposes to increase its benefits. At the last meeting there were eighteen applications for education and advancement, which would cost about £100 a year, and the brethren resolved to recommend the cases to the next Court of Governors. The Committee to whom the question of increasing the benefits was referred, reported that the time had arrived when these privileges should be extended. They recommended that children who had lost both parents should be elected and sent to approved schools, to be educated, clothed, and maintained, the outlay on that account not to exceed £100 a-year. Should this outlay cause the invested capital of the Institution at any time to go below £15,000, elections for increased benefits to be deferred until the funds increased. The Committee, however, had no doubt that with increased outlay increased means would come.—*Evening News*.

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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 Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 16th JUNE.

- 108—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction)
 1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
 R.A. 1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton
 M.M. 104—Macdonald, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
 M.M. 205—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow
 M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
 Metropolitan Council (T.I.) Allied Masonic Degrees, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
 308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Rottoms, Eastwood
 1897—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow

MONDAY, 18th JUNE.

- 22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
 648—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 1159—Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
 1506—White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 1507—Metropolitan, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1623—West Smithfield, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)
 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
 1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
 1910—Shadwell Clerko, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
 R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 M.M. 224—Menatschin, Criterion, Piccadilly
 K.T. 131—Holy Sanctuary, 33 Golden-square, W
 Prov. G. Lodge of Berks and Bucks, Albert Institute, Sheet Street, Windsor
 61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
 77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
 236—York, Masonic Hall, York
 261—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
 302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
 307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
 331—Phoenix Public Room, Truro
 359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
 409—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
 424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
 466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
 467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
 613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
 622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield.
 1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
 1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
 1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
 1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
 1238—Gooch, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
 R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
 R.A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
 R.A. 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
 R.A. 492—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth
 R.A. 779—St. Augustine, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
 R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
 R.A. 1284—Brent, Masonic Hall, Topsham
 M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
 M.M. 141—Skelmersdale, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyze

TUESDAY, 19th JUNE.

- Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 1
 65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
 85—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)
 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 763—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 890—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
 1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
 1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1380—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
 1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge
 1446—Mount Edgumbe, 19 Jermy-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
 1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
 1553—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)
 1695—New Finsbury Park
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30
 R.A. 11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.C. 46—Oxford and Cambridge, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square
 126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
 213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 249—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
 418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
 452—Frederick of Unity, Freemason's Hall, 105 High Street, Croydon
 667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch

- 897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen, Lancashire
 960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-sweet, Cardiff.
 986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
 1066—Tregunlow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall
 1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
 1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
 1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex
 1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
 1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 8 (Instruction)
 1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
 1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
 1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
 1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Ruzeley
 R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
 R.A. 80—St. John's, Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, Sunderland
 R.A. 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
 R.A. 792—Oliver, Masonic Hall, Osborne Street, Great Grimsby
 R.A. 1151—Unity, Town Hall, Tywardreath, Cornwall
 M.M.—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate

WEDNESDAY, 20th JUNE.

- Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
 15—Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 73—Mount Lebanon, Horse Shoe Inn, Newington Causeway, at 8. (Inst)
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In)
 538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst)
 700—Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
 791—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
 865—Dalhousie, Town Hall, Hounslow
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, E., at 8. (Inst.)
 1298—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Cubitt Town
 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, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
 1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1638—Brownrigg, Swan Hotel, Kingston on Thames
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1731—Cholmeley, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill
 1791—Creton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
 R.A.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)
 R.C.—St. Andrew, Cafe Royal, Regent Street, W
 R.C. 44—Bard of Avon, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square
 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
 121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
 125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
 178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan
 200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough
 210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
 246—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.
 259—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
 274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
 277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
 290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
 342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
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 1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
 1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe
 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
 1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
 1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
 1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
 1692—Hervey, George Hotel, Hayes
 1977—Blackwater, Public Hall, Maldon (CONSECRATION)
 R.A. 361—Industry, Norfolk Arms, Hyde
 R.A. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
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 R.A. 847—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, High Street, Honiton
 R.A. 1337—Chorlton, Masonic Hall, High Lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
 House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
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 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 704—Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
 902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30 (Inst)
 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
 1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
 1227—Upton, Spotted Dog, Upton
 1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction)
 1320—Blackheath, Green Man, Blackheath
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
 1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford-street, W.C., at 7.45 (Instruction)
 1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 8. (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)

1881—Londesborough, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 63—St. Mary, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8. (Inst.)
 M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8.30 (Inst.)

56—Howard, High-street, Arundels
 98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
 100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
 343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
 346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
 350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
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 389—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
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 1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
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 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
 1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
 1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
 1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
 1690—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1697—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
 1892—Wallington, Public Hall, Carshalton
 R.A. 38—Cyrus, Council Chambers, North Street, Chichester
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FRIDAY, 22nd JUNE.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4.
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 26—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
 60—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruc.)
 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8 (In.)
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
 1153—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, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 1789—Ubiquitous, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 R.A. 65—Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall St.
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
 R.A. 1169—Marquis of Dalhousie, 33 Golden-square, W.
 R.A. 1802—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
 401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
 404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
 463—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
 652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
 1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
 1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
 R.A. 680—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.C. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 23rd JUNE.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 165 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1541—Alexandra Palace
 1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
 R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Melbham
 M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

JOPPA LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 188.

THE annual dinner in connection with this young but exceedingly successful Lodge of Instruction, was held on Tuesday, 5th inst., at the Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, where there was a gratifying attendance, under the presidency of Bro. A. G. Dodson P.M., the esteemed Preceptor. Bro. G. P. Nightingale occupied the vice-chair, and the company included Bros. E. P. Albert P.G. Purs., J. Benjamin W.M. of the Joppa Lodge, R. J. Chillingworth P.M. Treasurer, J. Pigé P.M., Isaac Botibol, W. J. Large, A. Botibol, L. Wall, J. W. Dewsnap, H. Kemp, W. J. Dodds Secretary, J. Hughes P.M., G. C. Dunlop, W. J. Gardner, G. Midgley, J. Hicks, S. Pardoe, W. Mills Bailey, S. Botibol, J. G. Shaw, W. A. Collyer, Kleinmann, Minns, S. Pardoe sen., H. Davis, and others. A sumptuous repast was provided by Bro. Chillingworth, whose arrangements for the comfort and enjoyment of the party afforded every satisfaction. At its conclusion, the customary Loyal and Craft toasts were honoured, Bro. E. P. Albert responding for the Grand Officers present and past. In the course of his remarks he observed that within the past few weeks a new set of Grand Officers had been appointed, but they might rest assured that the lustre of Grand Lodge would not be lessened by the changes that had taken place. Bro. Dewsnap, in proposing the Mother Lodge of Joppa said, many of those present were members of that old Lodge, and were very proud of being so. Any brother who visited it was sure of meeting a cordial reception at the hands of the Lodge and of Bro. Benjamin the W.M., whose name he would associate with the toast. Bro. J. Benjamin, in responding, said he was especially thankful to the members of the Joppa Lodge for having placed him in the position he now occupied as their W.M.

He felt sure the manner in which their Lodge of Instruction was conducted was such as afforded sound and useful aid to the brethren in their search after Masonic knowledge, and reflected great credit upon its founder and Preceptor, Bro. Dodson. Through his guidance he (the speaker) was enabled to take his position in the parent Lodge, and no doubt many members of this Lodge of Instruction would be able to follow in his footsteps, having received the benefit of the same able tuition. It was with great pleasure he referred to the substantial aid which this Lodge of Instruction had given to the cause of Charity. Although only about three years old, it had created four Life Governorships, which was a great credit to the members, and showed that, like the mother Lodge, they had Benevolence at heart. He concluded by congratulating the Preceptor and the members generally upon the excellent results of their work during the past year. Bro. Nightingale said it had devolved upon him to propose what he regarded as one of the most important toasts of the evening, Success to the Joppa Lodge of Instruction. He was one of its oldest members; he had spent many happy evenings there under the tuition of Bro. Dodson. He quite agreed with Bro. Benjamin in the opinion that all who attended their weekly meetings, and participated in the instruction imparted there, would certainly rise to position in the parent Lodge. Reference had been made to the exertions made by this young Lodge of Instruction in the cause of Charity, and he rejoiced to think that although established only three years ago, they already had had four ballots for Life Subscribers, which only showed what a prosperous Lodge they were. He hoped they might go on in the same manner in the future, and he coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Hicks. Bro. J. Hicks did not know why he should have been selected to respond for this important toast, which had been received with so much heartiness and cordiality. He could only say he knew of no Lodge he loved so much as this, and he derived the greatest help and pleasure from the gatherings, which took place here on every Tuesday evening throughout the year. They never missed an evening, and the members were not only glad to meet each other, but also brethren from other Lodges. It was at such meetings as these that they became perfect with the ritual, and more acquainted with the work of the Craft; and, above all, they tried to cultivate the virtues of harmony and goodwill, in which they were assisted most heartily and genially by their worthy Preceptor. He trusted that those who had joined them for the first time that evening would become members, and thus share in the advantages which all must admit belonged to this excellent Lodge of Instruction. Brother J. Hughes, in proposing the health of the President, observed that ever since the formation of this Lodge of Instruction he had reason to admire the work performed by Bro. Dodson. He understood very little of the practical work of Masonry when he joined this Lodge, and it seemed such a vast amount of uphill work to learn the whole of the ceremonies that he thought he must give up the attempt. But Brother Dodson, with his kindly, genial manner, insisted on his going forward, and very soon he took the various chairs, gaining confidence and experience on each successive occasion. That was the way in which he coached up and encouraged his pupils, for which they had great reason to thank him. If they attended the meetings regularly their worthy President would put them in such a position that they would not be ashamed to present themselves before the brethren, but would be able well to perform any duties that might devolve upon them. During the whole time he had attended this Lodge of Instruction he had noticed the vast amount of attention Bro. Dodson had paid to its duties, and he felt sure, from the esteem and regard in which he was held by the brethren, the toast of his health would be most heartily received. Bro. Dodson, who rose amidst renewed applause, to respond, said he returned his grateful thanks for the pleasing acceptance which had been given to the toast, and for the many kind compliments that had been paid to himself. He could only say he felt great pleasure in attending the meetings of this Lodge of Instruction every Tuesday evening. Indeed, he made it his "night out;" if he had given any satisfaction by the way in which he had presumed to teach them, it was to him a great pleasure. He should endeavour to do in the future as he had done in the past, and trusted they might continue to meet for years, to work with that love and harmony which were always characteristic of Freemasonry. He then proposed the health of their excellent Treasurer and Secretary, in doing which he spoke in felicitous terms of the manner in which both these Officers performed their duties. Bro. Chillingworth said it was a very pleasant office to be the Treasurer of this successful Lodge of Instruction, and if he had performed his duties in any way to their satisfaction he was exceedingly pleased, and should be happy to continue in the same way. Bro. W. J. Dodds also responded, as Secretary of the Lodge. Bro. J. Hicks next proposed the Visitors, in doing which he spoke of the love of hospitality as one of the virtues of Freemasonry, and said they were always glad to see as many Visitors as they could gather around them. The only way to cultivate that love and harmony of which Bro. Dodson had spoken, to spread it, and to make the principles of Freemasonry more a part of their inner lives, was to meet as many of their brethren as they could on all occasions, and thus it was that Masors were always pleased to see as many visitors at their festivities as could make it convenient to join them. The toast was cordially received, and acknowledged in suitable terms by Bros. W. Minns, J. Shaw, Bailey, S. Botibol, and W. A. Collyer. Bro. Gardner proposed the Masonic press, acknowledging the care and accuracy with which the meetings of the brethren were reported, and the valuable information the journals of the Craft afforded on matters of interest to them. The toast was duly acknowledged. Several other toasts followed, interspersed with some capital songs, valuable aid being rendered by Bro. W. J. Large as accompanist on the pianoforte. A thoroughly happy and harmonious meeting was enjoyed.

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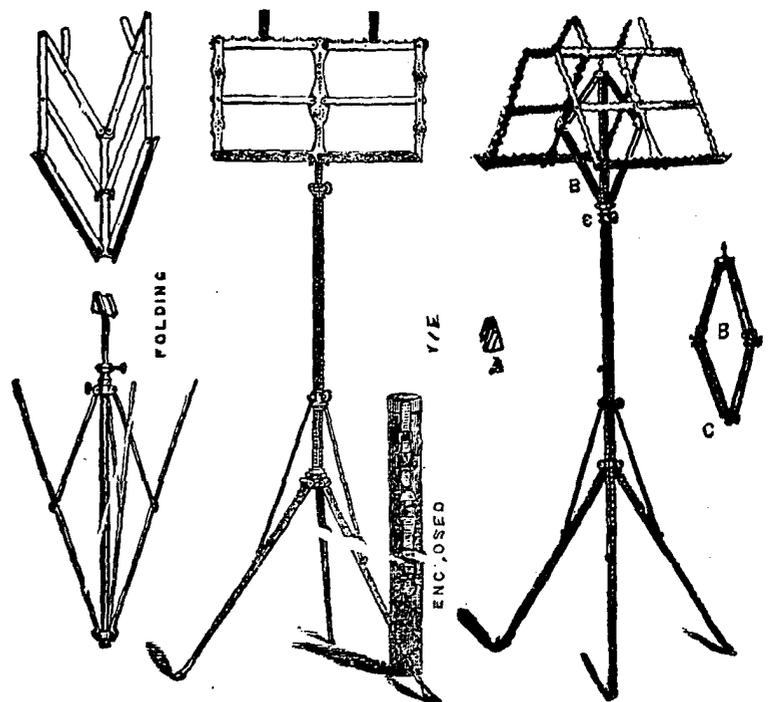
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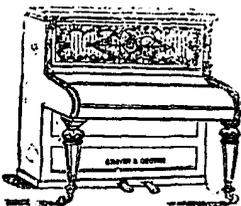
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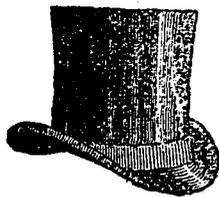
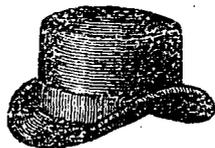
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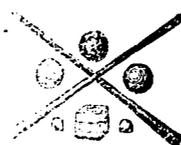
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