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## THE RESULT OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

SUCH considerable additions have been made to the total of this year's subscriptions to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, since the details published in our last issue were supplied to us, that we are now able to announce that the result of the year's Festival is already within a few shillings of twenty-three thousand pounds, or, to be more exact, that the figures as given us at the Institution on Thursday afternoon total up to £22,977 13s 6d, an increase of £533 13s 6d as compared with the amount announced by the Secretary at the Festival, and this, too, with several lists yet outstanding. We shall not attempt any further laudatory remarks in reference to this grand result—the figures speak for themselves, and reflect the greatest credit on all who have contributed to this most satisfactory result.

London, which was accredited at the Festival with £7,273, does not come up to that amount. All we can make of the figures published in our last is £7,074 16s 6d, and to this only £28 9s has to be added, viz., £1 3s to the list of Bro. Charles Dearing, of the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge, No. 1602, and £27 6s as the total collected by Bro. A. W. Duret, of the Progress Lodge, No. 1768, whose list had not been received when we went to press last week. So far, then, London has contributed £7,103 5s 6d, with twelve lists to come in. This sum is less than one-third of the total subscriptions, and, we may add, includes the amounts contributed by brethren who figure under the head "unattached"—some of whom by right belong to the Provinces.

Among the Provinces, Kent is the first which deserves attention at our hands. Accredited at the Festival with donations amounting to £2,000, its total increased, according to last week's return, to £2,107 12s 6d within twenty-four hours of the announcement. Now it has still further advanced, and at the present time it is accredited with £2,305 15s 6d, a result which has been arrived at by additions to lists already announced, and by the arrival of lists which were outstanding when we wrote last week. The lists which are affected by these additions are as follows and the figures given are those at which the totals now stand:—

	Lodge	Jas Smith Eastes D.P.G.M.	601 16 0
Royal Navy	429	T H Grove Snowdon	10 10 0
Wellington	784	A F S Bird, J.P.	63 0 0
Lord Warden	1096	R S Davy, M.D.	21 0 0
Corinthian	1208	W A Smeeth	59 12 0
Amherst	1223	R Dartnell	15 15 0
		C J Craig	10 10 0
	Chapter		
Belvidere	503	G F Busbridge	10 10 0

These figures are the latest totals known at the office of the Institution, but there is a doubt even now as to whether they are correct, if we may judge from a letter we have received from Bro. W. A. Smeeth, the Steward of No. 1208, and which we publish elsewhere. We last week gave Bro. Smeeth's total as £31 10s, and he states that amount "is considerably less than half the sum that he had the pleasure to announce at his Lodge meeting on the preceding Monday," so that the

total now accredited to him—£59 12s—must still be short of the actual figures. We very much regret that Bro. Smeeth's collection should have been understated, and if we still give it wrong, we hope he will supply us with the proper figures before our next issue. So far we can only publish the amount as given in the official returns. These additions which have been made to the Kentish total places that Province far above any of the others at this year's Festival, the next in order of merit being East Lancashire, with its £2,100. It appears to us a great pity that the credit of heading the Provinces should have been lost to Kent by what must have been a want of care in making up the lists. In a Province like this, and especially under such circumstances as were associated with it this year, when its Grand Master took the chair, some influential brother should be appointed to keep a record of the totals of the several Stewards, and make up a final return for announcement. If such were done, it would greatly assist the Secretary of the Institution, and it would prevent errors which cannot be afterwards remedied, no matter how publicly they may be explained. The present is a case in point. East Lancashire was said to take the first place at the time of the Festival, and it was immediately announced far and wide that such was actually its position; whereas, Kent was entitled to the palm; it is now too late to alter the impression made by the first announcement, and East Lancashire will retain—at least in the minds of very many brethren—the credit of being at the top of the Provinces, so far as amount of donations is concerned.

Cheshire has added £8 8s to its last week's return, the totals from the two Stewards of Lodge No. 321 being £10 10s from each, instead of £12 12s, accredited to one of them in our last.

Cumberland and Westmoreland, at the hands of Bro. G. J. McKay, alters its £1,000 into 1,000 guineas, an increase of £50, and one which we congratulate the brethren on making.

Gloucestershire sends up a further £5 5s at the hands of Bro. J. Brook-Smith, who now figures for £15 15s, in lieu of £10 10s previously announced.

Hants and Isle of Wight total is augmented by a guinea, placed on the list of Bro. T. H. Williams, while it appears there is one of its lists yet to be accounted for.

Lancashire (West) sends up £10 10s by Bro. John Williams, and £31 10s by Bro. J. T. Callow (both of whose lists were left blank in our last), and thereby increases its total by £42.

Warwickshire—per Bro. H. Bowley, of Lodge No. 739—contributes £26 5s beyond the figures given last week, and has yet some of its Stewards whose lists are outstanding.

Yorkshire (North and East) adds £3 11s to its total, that additional sum having been collected by Bro. A. Buckle, B.A., of York Lodge, No. 236.

The above constitute the additions which have been made to the Provincial lists since the publication of our last issue, and these, together with the amounts therein given, bring up the total of Provincial subscriptions to £15,874 8s, as compared with £15,171 accredited to them at the time of the Festival—a very gratifying addition of £703 8s.

Before proceeding further, we must offer some explanation for an error which occurred in our last issue as regards our summary of the amounts of the Provincial totals. At the time we wrote the remarks we refer to we were without

the official lists, and not wishing to trust to memory, we copied the figures from a daily contemporary whose weekly Masonic column is, we are aware, under the direction of a well-known brother. We copied the totals with the intention of verifying them before we went to press, but omitted to do so, and in the result suffered the worst penalty which can befall "copyists"—we gave incorrect information. We much regret the error, but if our readers will consider how short a time there is at disposal after the returns are made up before we have to print, they will, we are sure, excuse the mistake we were led into. The actual totals, up to the present time, are as follows:—

	£	s	d
Kent	2305	15	6
Lancashire (Eastern Division)	2100	0	0
Yorkshire (Western Division)	1500	0	0
Northumberland	1222	13	0
Cumberland and Westmoreland	1050	0	0
Yorkshire (North and East Division)	873	7	0
Gloucestershire	601	17	0
Staffordshire	460	9	0
Leicestershire and Rutland	405	0	0
Hampshire	375	5	6
Sussex	364	17	0
Somersetshire	357	10	6
South Wales (Western Division)	350	0	0
Lancashire (Western Division)	334	5	6
Worcestershire	328	6	0
Devonshire	317	6	0
Suffolk	265	13	0
Warwickshire	241	10	0
Derbyshire	238	17	0
South Wales (Eastern Division)	230	0	0
Mark Masters' Degree	218	8	0
Jersey	210	0	0
Berks and Bucks	178	14	6
Cheshire	173	5	0
Essex	158	11	0
Middlesex	141	17	6
Wiltshire	135	9	0
Cornwall	128	7	0
Durham	115	10	0
Hertfordshire	105	0	0
Dorsetshire	79	16	0
Foreign Stations	74	0	0
Oxfordshire	73	17	0
Surrey	68	15	0
Herefordshire	53	11	0
Norfolk	26	5	0
North Wales and Salop	10	10	0
	£15,874	8	0
London	7,103	5	6
	£22,977	13	6

We have devoted thus much of our space to a summary of last week's Festival result feeling assured that all who took a part in the raising of the money will agree with us that a correct return is desirable. We shall next week apply ourselves to the usual analysis of the several lists, and shall use these revised totals in doing so.

We have been requested to transfer from the list of "Unattached" Stewards the name of Bro. J. M. P. Montague, who represented the A. and A. Rite. His list will now be credited to the Province of Dorset.

Since the above was in type, we learn that Bro. H. J. Creamer, of Israel Lodge, No. 1474, Warwickshire, has sent up the sum of ten guineas. This also shall be taken into consideration by us.

A special meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of North and East Yorkshire will be opened at York on Wednesday, 18th July, at 10 a.m., to co-operate with H.R.H. the Prince of Wales in the ceremony of laying the memorial stone of the new Institute, which is to be performed with Masonic honours. Bro. T. B. Whytehead is the Chairman of the Provincial Committee, and under his direction we feel sure everything possible will be done to ensure success. Brethren who propose to take part in the procession must be provided with tickets, which may be had (price 5s each) of Bro. M. E. Peck, the Provincial Grand Secretary.

Signor Ernest Palmieri announces his first *Matinée Musicale* (by permission of Messrs. Collard and Collard), at the Concert Rooms, 19 Grosvenor-street, Grosvenor-square, on the 5th July, when he will be assisted by some of the most eminent artistes of the day. Tickets 10s 6d each, can be obtained at 7 Uxbridge House, Notting Hill Gate, W.

### A DAY AMONGST "THE BOYS."

CONTRARY to last year, when "Our Boys" were favoured with splendid weather for their annual summer Festival, Tuesday last turned out one of the most unfavourable days we have experienced in this proverbially "dripping" month of June. However, meteorological obstacles did not deter our brethren and their fair friends from attending in considerable numbers to participate in a *réunion* which has now come to be regarded as one of the most enjoyable of the season. It is then that friends meet, with a renewal of old acquaintanceships and the formation of new ones, and there is a happy sense of fraternity all round, and in every sense of the word. Stewards, who so proudly presented their lists last week, at the Crystal Palace, and helped to make up one of the most memorable years ever known in the cause of Masonic benevolence, were there in full strength, and in conscious satisfaction at having done their best. Their wives and sisters, and sweethearts—for, we presume, the rule applies in every social circle—evidently shared in the universal sense of duty, well fulfilled by the Craft in doing the boys a "good turn;" whilst Officers vied with the lads themselves in the endeavour to make the event a success, in spite of all that Jupiter Pluvius could do to mar it. As the trains arrived the Visitors filed down the somewhat muddy pathways of the village towards the School, with the skies overhead as murky and rain-laden as it is possible to conceive in mid-year; but once inside the commodious and hospitable precincts, all concern respecting the outer influences were immediately banished. The urbane and indefatigable Secretary, Brother Frederick Binckes, and the equally popular Head Master, the Rev. Dr. Morris, were here, there, and everywhere, receiving the Visitors, and assuring their personal comforts and enjoyment, in which task they were assisted by Bros. W. Raynham Stewart, J. L. Mather, and many other members of the House Committee. When the company had fully mustered, there could scarcely have been fewer than 800 ladies and gentlemen present, and a vast improvement was perceptible as a result of the determination of the executive to limit the number of invitations, as compared with previous years. Instead of issuing tickets for the admission of "bearer and friends," which often was construed in an unlimited sense, this year the invite was for one only; and the wisdom of the arrangement proved satisfactory to many who recollected the impetuosity with which those who ought to have known better made a rush for the commissariat department last year, even before the ceremony of distributing the prizes had been concluded. Instead of the Stewards and others who had borne the heat and burden of the Festival being elbowed out by the crowd, who had taken little part therein, all were able, with ease and comfort, to enjoy the hospitality of the House Committee, and in the place of hurry and confusion perfect order and convenience reigned supreme. The weather outside not being propitious, the proceedings in the gymnasium were vested with more than ordinary interest, although some little disappointment was experienced when it was announced that Viscount Holmesdale, who had so genially presided at the Festival, was unavoidably prevented from following the usual custom of the President on such occasions of distributing the prizes earned by the boys in the various educational competitions of the year. This regret was, however, in a great measure compensated for by the timely appearance of Bro. Horace B. Marshall, C.C., who, besides being a Vice Patron of the Institution, had the honour of being Hon. Treasurer of the Board of Stewards at the recent Festival. The interior of the gymnasium, when the fashionably-attired audience was seated, presented an aspect of the liveliest animation. The ceiling and pillars supporting the roof had been gaily decorated with flags and floral designs, whilst at the end of the hall a stage had been erected, with proscenium, wings and all the necessary accessories for a histrionic performance. On the platform were the most prominent members of the House Committee, with Bro. Binckes and the Head Master as central figures, surrounded by a perfect galaxy of feminine beauty. One of the lads (H. Fellowes) opened the programme with a song, "I am a Troubadour," one of C. W. Glover's happiest productions, and sang with much taste, after which the choir sang Weber's well-known glee, "The stars that above us are shining," in a manner that reflected the highest credit upon their musical instructor, Mr. C. E. Tinney, and afforded abundant evidence of the careful and efficient training imparted to them in this branch of the *curriculum* of the school. The musical arrangements were of the most complete and admirable character, and the lads acquitted themselves to the evident satisfaction of the audience. The Chairman having introduced the more "serious" business of the day with a few encouraging remarks to the boys, and congratulatory observations to the friends of the School, the happy recipients of the prizes presented by the Institution were called up by the head master, and each, as he took from the hands of Bro. Marshall his well-earned award, was also encouraged by a few kindly words to persevere in his future studies. The following was the order of merit:—

#### PRIZES PRESENTED BY THE INSTITUTION.

First Class.—Scripture, 1st, R. W. Keddell; Latin, 1st, R. Warner; 2nd, F. Godfrey. French and German, 1st, E. Hair; 2nd A. Salter. English, 1st, E. G. Taylor. Mathematics, 1st, T. E. Hall; 2nd, W. G. Barnett. General Proficiency, 1st, W. J. Bartley; 2nd, G. Mey.

Second Class.—Latin, A. J. Laslett. French and German, R. P. Deeley. English, P. A. Gedge. Mathematics, W. H. Hotherhall.

Third Class.—Latin, H. R. Hounslow. French and German, H. A. Kennedy. English, A. Haworth. Mathematics, J. C. Potts.

Fourth Class.—Latin, G. B. Brooks. French, A. G. Aspden. English, J. Langdon. Mathematics, F. R. Thomas.

Fifth Class.—Latin, F. W. Cairney and R. F. Reynolds. French, E. Lucas. English, S. D. Carey. Mathematics—W. T. Pike.

Sixth Class.—General Proficiency, G. Jones and W. J. Williams.

Seventh Class.—General Proficiency, C. P. O'Doherty, C. J. Sanderson, and J. P. Templeman.

Following this part of the programme, the choir sang a couple of part songs, "Over the Hills we go" (Little), and "You Stole my Love" (W. Macfarren), which were admirably sustained, and all eyes were then directed to the "stage," whereon was enacted in capital style a farce by Thomas J. Williams, entitled *Tweedleton's Tail Coat*, throughout which a running fire of humour was kept up by the following cast:—

TOBY TWEEDLETON . . . . .	(A Poor Relation)	F. F. GODFREY.
BLACKBERRY THISTLETOP . . . . .	(A Farmer's Son)	E. HAIR.
MR. BARNABY BRACEBUTTON . . . . .	(A Retired Hosier)	H. R. WATKINS.
MR. PANTECHNICON PANTILE . . . . .	(Inventor of a Patent Screw Warming Pan)	R. W. KEDDELL.
EVELINA . . . . .	(Bracebutton's Daughter)	H. B. SEARLE.
KITTY SPRUCE . . . . .	(A Maid of All Work)	C. KING.

The piece went with a swing and verve all through which would have done credit to more practised artistes, and testified to a considerable amount of historic ability in the lads who took part in the production. After a selection of music by the band, and the singing of T. Morris's Canadian boot song, and Sir A. Sullivan's, "The Chorister," by F. Cairney, Brother Binckes announced the names of the lads who had succeeded in carrying off the special prizes presented by the House Committee, who he stated were a dozen of the staunchest friends of the Institution; who were not only lavish in the amount of time and trouble in the work they devoted to the cause, but also in their pecuniary assistance when it could in any way conduce to the welfare of the Institution. This, by no means a merely complimentary allusion to the exertions of the House Committee, was received with genuine expressions of recognition, and the prizes were then awarded in accordance with the subjoined list:—

Writing, 1st, H. Nicholls; 2nd, F. Smith. Dictation, 1st, A. Salter; 2nd, J. Mackay. History, 1st, E. Hair; 2nd, T. Hall. Geography, 1st, F. W. Pow; 2nd, F. F. Godfrey. Mental Arithmetic, 1st, A. Salter; 2nd, R. Warner. Elocution, 1st, F. F. Godfrey; 2nd, R. W. Keddell. Good behaviour, 1st, H. J. Percy; 2nd, M. Thomas. Efficiency as Monitor, 1st, E. G. Taylor; 2nd, F. B. Searle. Proficiency in Drill, 1st, E. Hair; 2nd, F. W. Pow. The Band, 1st, H. N. Shrapnel and E. Jones; 2nd, A. Stevens and F. Smith.

The prizes offered by the Audit Committee, for the first time this year, were then given out, Brother Binckes intimating that they were designed to encourage the pupils in the art of music. R. Riley took the first, and E. Tibbits the second, amongst the competitors in the band, and J. Hurst the prize for excellence on the pianoforte. Then came the awards contributed by private donors, in the course of which the Secretary humorously, but truly, observed that although some amount of merriment might be occasioned by the lads coming forward in the grotesque costumes in which they had been acting, it went to prove that they were as apt in causing and enjoying amusement as in the acquirement of the more serious and useful studies of the School. The Rev. Dr. Morris, as Head Master and a Vice-President of the Institution, gave prizes for attention to studies and elocution, the former of which were taken by H. King and J. Hogg, and the latter by W. Garstin and H. R. Watkins. Bro. Edgar Bowyer, a Vice-Patron of the Institution, presented a prize for book-keeping, which H. J. Percy had the credit of securing. Bro. G. Festa, another zealous Vice-President, offered a prize for shorthand, which fell to E. Tibbits; and Bro. Mauriotti's premium for mathematical drawing was given to F. Smith. Mr. Sylvester, the Drawing Master at the Schools, gave prizes, which were awarded as follows:—Etching, H. Hamilton, F. Godfrey, and A. Gardner; freehand, C. Stone; model, H. J. Percy; and architecture, E. Tibbits. As a relief to the routine work before the meeting, the choir was then called upon for a couple of part songs, and Macfarren's "Summer Song," and "Come, Dorothy, Come" (Swabian Volkslied) were given with remarkable sweetness and precision: Candidates for the "big" prizes of the year were then called forward, and Edwin Hair was congratulated upon bearing away the silver medal for good conduct, an honour which it was intimated was founded long before the present Schools were instituted. The Canonbury Gold Medal, presented by the late Brother Edward Cox, to the boy who was most popular amongst his comrades, and by whom the fortunate possessor was elected, was this year gained by Hugh Robert Watkins, whose ears must have tingled pleasantly at the announcement by Brother Binckes that neither he nor the House Committee had ever heard a complaint about him. Next came the coveted silver watch and chain for the boy who was about to leave the Institution, and the pleasure of awarding this gift from the Supreme Council of the 33° was only marred by the unfortunate indisposition of Ernest J. W. Taylor, which prevented his personal attendance on an occasion which must have been of so much interest to him. There was a considerable amount of justifiable pride in Bro. Binckes's allusion to the results of the University Local Examinations, and although Brother Winn no longer puts in his wonted appearance at these gatherings, his name was recalled as a munificent friend of the Institution, who by the accumulation of donations, amounting in the aggregate to £525, has secured an annual sum of £23 to be divided amongst the lads most proficient in the local examinations. As a result of the efforts of the eighteen candidates who were sent up, all satisfied the examiners, and twelve passed in honours, the list being as follows:—

HONOURS—First Class.—£2 to each boy.—1. T. Hall (distinguished for mathematics); 2. A. Salter; 3. E. G. W. J. Taylor (distinguished for Latin); 4. R. J. Warner.

HONOURS—Second Class.—£1 10s to each boy. 5. W. J. Bartley; 6. E. A. Browning; 7. F. F. Godfrey; 8. E. Hair; 9. J. E. Tanare; 10. H. R. Watkins.

HONOURS—Third Class.—£1 to each boy.—11. G. R. Allison; 12. R. W. Keddell.

CERTIFICATES.—(satisfied the Examiners).—10s to each boy.—13. W. G. Barnett; 14. J. Butterworth; 15. W. P. Cooper; 16. R. Riley; 17. H. B. Searle; 18. F. Smith (distinguished for Latin).

The part songs, "Song to Spring" (Betzor), and "The Night Comes" (C. E. Tanney) were then sung in excellent manner, after which Brother Binckes, in a few happily-chosen sentences, pointed out that the object of these annual celebrations was to enable the Festival Stewards practically to witness the advantages afforded by the Institution, and to carry away a right impression of what they had seen. By the efforts of the Stewards a large amount was annually got together for carrying on the work of the School, and he appealed to the rest of the visitors to enable those who took a useful and prominent part in the welfare of the Institution to give them precedence in the matter of refreshment, which on some previous occasions had not been observed. The Chairman next addressed the lads in his usually kind and practical way, counselling them to go "onward and upward" through life, and to those who had not succeeded this year he remarked that the race was not always to the swift, nor the battle to the strong. He placed before them the fable of the tortoise and the hare, and pointed out that those who could not succeed by brilliancy might do so by toil and perseverance. The old story of Bruce and the spider was recalled, and the lads were reminded that if they had not yet commanded success they could do all they could to deserve it. To those who were about to quit the School, and who were going forth into the world big with good resolves, he said they might rise early and eat the bread of carefulness, but the workman might build the house in vain unless the Master blessed his labour. He exhorted them to honour the Lord with their substance, which they might well do by contributing half a guinea or so a year to the funds of the Institution, by which means they would in time become Vice Patrons. He was himself a poor boy forty years ago, but on the principle that he had given a proportion of that which had been entrusted to him by the Master, he now presented to them the experience of his life. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart proposed a cordial vote of thanks to the Chairman, which Bro. Marshall duly acknowledged, and in turn asked a similar compliment for the Head Master, the Rev. Dr. Morris, and his staff of assistants. In doing so, he said the best proof of the value of the instruction imparted to the boys was the fact that eighteen of them had passed the University Local Examinations. The money liberally supplied by the Craft, and judiciously expended by the Stewards, was well applied in fitting boys for the battle of life upon which they were about to enter. Bro. Dr. Morris suitably responded, and Bro. Roebuck proposed a vote of thanks to their estimable and hard-working Secretary Bro. Binckes, whose labours had been crowned with such success that the unprecedented sum of between £22,000 and £23,000 had been raised in aid of the funds of the Boys' School. Bro. Binckes, who had been absent during the time so many deserved compliments had been showered upon him, acknowledged the assistance rendered by the brethren in achieving the result which he had the pleasure of announcing at last week's Festival, and spoke of the sense of responsibility felt by each and all of the Directors in promoting the best interests of the Institution. The successes won by the pupils were their best reward, and he believed they had not yet reached the summit of their achievements. The farce, *A Terrible Tinker*, from the pen of J. Williams, was then performed by the boys, who afforded hearty and genuine amusement by their clever and intelligent acting.

The part song "Amid the golden corn" (F. A. Hatton) was then sung, and after the National Anthem, the company adjourned to the dining-hall and school-room where a substantial collation awaited them, and to which it need hardly be added ample justice was done. Later in the evening a number of athletic sports took place in the field in rear of the School, and were witnessed with evident interest, albeit a few showers drove the visitors every now and then to the shelter of the schools and playground. Subjoined are the results:—

Throwing the Cricket Ball.—E. Tibbits 1; W. Healey 2.  
100 Yards Flat Race.—E. Tibbits (scratch) 1; W. Healey (½ yards) 2.  
A good race, won by half a yard.  
Long Jump.—H. Hamilton 1; E. Hles 2.  
150 Yards, for Little Boys.—Booth 1; Marshall 2; Keighley 3.  
Won by two yards.  
High Jump.—E. Tibbits 1; H. Hamilton 2. Height 4 ft. 2 in.  
Jockey Race.—E. Hair 1; R. Keddell 2.  
Quarter Mile Handicap.—H. Hamilton (½ yards) 1; W. Healey (¼ yards) 2, E. Tibbits (scratch) 3. Won by a yard; half a yard between second and third.  
Tug of War for Little Boys.—Unwiu's team beat Blomfield's.  
Tug of War for Elder Boys.—Pow's team beat Hair's; Hamilton's team beat Keddell's. Final.—Pow's team beat Hamilton's.  
Half Mile Handicap.—E. Tibbits (scratch) 1, T. Allison (12 yards) 2, T. Dyer (12 yards) 3. A good race, Tibbits catching his men in the last fifty yards; two yards between second and third.  
Sack Race.—Walker 1, Black 2.  
Jingle Race.—Gibson 1, Symons 2.  
Band Boy's Race.—Browning 1, Riley 2.  
Hurdle Race.—H. Hamilton 1; W. Emmott 2; won by three yards.  
Consolation Race.—Mackay 1, Stevens 2.

The prizes were afterwards distributed by Mrs. Edgar Bowyer, for whom hearty cheers were given by the lads, and repeated for the Head Master, Brother Binckes, the Chairman of the day, and other friends. It should be mentioned that Brother Festa, the present Worshipful Master of the Montague Guest Lodge, by his personal exertions succeeded in obtaining a substantial amount towards the prize fund for the sports, a kindness which met with due recognition and appreciation on the part of those who competed for the various events. As a fitting close to the entertainment there was dancing in the gymnasium, to the strains of the excellent band of the School, and the pleasures of the evening were kept up without rest until the last returning trains to town, when the guests were fain reluctantly to separate, having spent a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon.

## LODGE HISTORIES.

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*History of the Lodge of Relief, No. 42, of the Antient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, Bury, Lancashire, warranted on the Third of July, 1733, giving a Complete List of Worshipful Masters and Roll of Members from its Formation, compiled by Bro. Edward A. Evans, J.W. of the Lodge, in Commemoration of its Sesqui-Centennial, July 3rd, 1883; together with an Introductory Notice by Bro. J. Newton P.M. 37, P. Prov. S.G. Deacon E.L. (Compiler of "History of Lodge of Antiquity, No. 146, &c."); and a List of "Moderns" Lodges in Lancashire prior to the Union in 1813, by Bro. G. P. Brockbank W.M. 37, P. Prov. S.G. Deacon E.L. (Compiler of "History of St. John's Lodge, No. 221, &c.")*  
Bury: Printed at the Hope Office by Bro. O. C. Crompton, 1883.

THE author of this Lodge History, though but a young Mason evidently takes a deep interest in studying the earlier Masonic Records. We arrive at the conclusion that Bro. Edward A. Evans is a young Mason from the fact that he is described as the Junior Warden of his Lodge, and we heartily congratulate him upon the interesting details he has placed before us. We have so often pressed upon Craftsmen the necessity and advantages to be gained by a careful perusal of the books in possession of many of our old Lodges, that it goes without saying we are pleased to enrol Bro. Evans amongst Masonic students, happily an energetic and increasing body. The author has secured the co-operation of two most enthusiastic Masons, in Bros. J. Newton, P.M. 37, and G. Parker Brockbank, W.M. of the same Lodge, both of whom have done good suit and service as Lodge Historians. Bro. Newton has written a most interesting introduction to Bro. Evans's book; we have, however, only space for a brief extract or two, but we cordially recommend our readers not to lose the opportunity thus offered them for acquiring a knowledge of the traditions of our Order. Speaking of the Bye-Laws of 1734, Bro. Newton says, "These are at once curious and interesting, it would seem that an additional fee was charged to a Brother on his being raised to the third degree. The same custom prevailed in 'The Anchor and Hope' Lodge, Bolton, and probably in other Lodges, also, at that period. The Byelaws of 1734, and subsequent Byelaws adopted by the Lodge, show that the Lodge partook of the nature of a Sick and Burial Society at the earlier portion of its existence, as evidenced by the provision made for payments of Sick and Funeral Allowances."

With regard to the present status of the Lodge, Bro. Newton says: "Relief occupies the position of *second oldest* Lodge in Lancashire, the *senior* being the Anchor and Hope Lodge, No. 37, and like that Lodge the Lodge of Relief has continued to meet in the town where it was originally constituted during the whole period of its existence, extending from 1733 to 1883, or 150 years, a fact of which its members may justly feel proud."

After referring to the establishment of a Royal Arch Chapter, by some of the members of the Lodge of Relief, in 1769, "three of whom attended the Anchor and Hope Lodge at Bolton, in January of that year, in order to have the R.A. degree conferred upon them," and recording that their Chapter is still in existence, Bro. Newton concludes his introductory remarks with the following well deserved expressions of praise:—"Bro. Evans has so carefully noted down the various points of interest worthy of being recorded, that I now leave his history to speak for itself, at the same time commending it not only to the attention of all the members of his Lodge, but also to the Craft in general, especially to the ever-increasing number of Masonic students. It is only by means of compilations of this kind that we can hope to see an authentic and complete account of our Institution."

Having thus dismissed the portion of work allotted to our respected Bro. Newton, we now come to Bro. Evans's labours. He has divided his book into six chapters, the first of which gives a copy of the Petition to the Grand Master, the Rt. Hon. Earl of Strathmore, praying that a Deputation may be granted to "our right Worshipful Bro. Mr. Edward Entwistle" for consolidating the petitioners into a regular Lodge. This document is signed by

LAU: PLANT M.  
JOHN HEY S.W.  
W.M. LOE J.W.

GEORGE LEIGH  
ROGER BOOTH  
ED: CLARK

Then follows a certificate of recommendation, which appears to have been signed by the first W.M. and Wardens of the Anchor and Hope Lodge, Bolton. This we quote in full:—"These are to Certify the Right Hon. the Earl of Strathmore Grand Master, Thos. Batson Esq. Deputy Grand, & James Smith & John Ward Esqrs. Grand Wardens, yr Bro. Lau: Plant John Hey &c. who are subscribers to the Petition are regularly made Masons thorowly as the Constitutions direct as Witness our Hands the sixth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord 1733.

ED. ENTWISLE M.\*  
JOHN FISHWICK S.W.  
ROBT. BROWN J.W."

In due course the prayer of the petitioners was granted, and, as a matter of course, the Warrant is fully set out in the pages of the History. It appears from a footnote that the "Warrant is 8½ in. wide by 11½ in. long, and although it was not framed until 23rd April, 1818, is in an excellent state of preservation, the seal, although cracked, is otherwise perfect. The cost of framing the warrant was 2/3." With respect to this seal, it is stated to be "the official seal of the 'Moderns' Grand Lodge. The Shield contains the following Emblems or Arms,—a Chevron, charged with a pair of Com-

\* We note a divergence in the spelling of this worthy brother's name; in the copy of petition there is a second "t," but in all other cases the name is spelt "Entwistle."

passes open chevronwise, between Three Towers embattled. Crest,—Upon the Helmet of Nobility, a Dove with wings close. Supporters,—Two Beavers. Motto,—'In the beginning was the Word,' expressed in Greek characters."

Bro. Hughan has remarked of this seal that "he never met with such an one before, and that it clearly refers to the third degree before the Royal Arch was adopted."

The Bye-laws are next dealt with by our author; those first made bear date St. John's Day 1734, and provide, in the preamble, that the brethren "meet at the House of Mr. John Hey's, being ye Sign of the Red Lyon, in Bury, in the County of Lancashire."

No. 1 stipulates that the brethren "hold a Quarterly Communication at the House of the sd John Hey's (viz.), upon the usual Feast Days, or Times, of St. John the Evangelist, the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. John Baptist, and St. Michael the Arch Angel, by two o'clock in the afternoon of the same Days, unless any of the said Days happen to fall upon a Sunday, then upon the day following, upon pain of forfeiting twelve pence."

No. 2 provides for the holding of monthly meetings; Nos. 3 and 4 regulate the conduct of the brethren, while No. 5 provides for the enforcement of a rule which at the present day is too frequently disregarded. We quote it in full:—

"5.—That no Candidate shall be admitted a Member of this Society without giving the Notice the Constitutions direct, and at the time of admitting first pay, half a Guinea, and when he is admitted Master† pay further the sum of Five Shillings and Three pence."

No. 6 stipulates that all the brethren present shall be consenting parties to the admission of a new member.

No. 7 regulates the fees to be paid: "Every Member of this Society at all and ev'ry the Quarterly Meetings aforesaid shall pay the sum of twelve pence; wch said Sum of twelve pence, together with the Admissions, and Forfeitures shall be log'd in a Box for that purpose and an Acct. of 'em kept in this Book, in order to the raising a Stock for support and relieve of decay'd Brothers and such other uses as the Lodge shall agree to."

No. 8 provides for the safe keeping of these forfeitures. No. 9 decides "That no Bror. be entitled to any of the aforesaid Money till he has been a regular subscriber three years and paid all his forfeitures, nor even then unless he Absolutely want a weekly Allowance, which shall all ways be Appointed by a Majority of Brothers what shall be thought sufficient."

Nos. 10 and 11 provide means for the adjustment of any differences that may arise, and for the termination of the business hours of the Lodge.

Then follow the signatures of 55 brethren, a fact which clearly demonstrates that Freemasonry must have been popular in Bolton in 1734.

"† This means when he was raised to the Third Degree."

(To be continued.)

## THE GRAND COMMANDERY.

THE Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania opened its Thirtieth Annual Session at Foulton Opera House, on Tuesday evening, the 30th of May. The Session was opened by Grand Commander B. Frank Breneman, when the Eminent Commander of Lancaster Commandery tendered, on behalf of the Templars of Lancaster, a welcome to the members of the Grand Commandery, which was responded to by G. Senior Warden George S. Graham, in a very elegant and pleasing manner. The annual reports of the Grand Commander, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Recorder were read and referred to appropriate Committees. There are fifty-six subordinate Commanderies in this jurisdiction, numbering at present 5,321 members; 643 were knighted during the year, while forty-five were admitted, eighty-five demitted, eighty-six died, and thirty-five rejected. The Grand Commandery consists of 754 members. The Treasurer's report exhibits the balance from 1882 as 1,302.56 dols. Receipts during the year 4,063.65 dols. The payments were 3,965.84 dols. The balance being 1,670.37 dols. and the assets of the Grand Commandery amounted to 2,270.37. Charters were granted for the establishment of Commanderies at Johnstown, Tankhannock and New Castle. Erie was chosen for the place of meeting the Grand Commandery in 1884. The election of Officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—Charles W. Batchelor, of Pittsburgh, R. E. Grand Commander, Edwin G. Martin, M.D., of Allentown, R. E. Deputy Grand Commander, Joseph Alexander jun. E. G. Generalissimo, G. S. Graham, of Philadelphia, E. Grand Captain General, John Hewitt, of Philadelphia, Grand Prelate, Lee S. Smith, of Allegheny City, Grand Senior Warden, W. W. Allen, of Philadelphia, Grand Junior Warden, Mark Richards Muckle, of Philadelphia, Grand Treasurer, Charles E. E. Meyer, of Philadelphia, Grand Recorder. The following have been appointed subordinate Officers of the Grand Commandery:—W. C. Mellert, Pittsburgh, E. G. Standard Bearer, Frank Mills, Philadelphia, E. G. Sword Bearer, Benjamin Kauffman, Lebanon, E. G. Capt. of G., Edw. Masson, Philadelphia, E. Grand Marshal. The parade on Wednesday afternoon was one of the largest that has taken place in the State for many years. In the evening a reception and promenade concert took place in Fulton Opera House, which was a brilliant affair. An exhibition drill was given by St. Alban Commandery, No. 47, of Philadelphia, under the direction of Joseph S. Wright. It was a very creditable affair, highly complimentary to the Sir Knights of St. Alban.—*Columbia Weekly Courier.*

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### CONSECRATION OF THE BLACKWATER LODGE, No. 1977.

ON the 20th instant, the Right Hon. the Lord Brooke, M.P., paid his first official visit into the Masonic Province of Essex, since his installation by His Royal Highness the Duke of Albany at Colchester, in February last, the occasion being the Consecration of a new Lodge at Maldon, to be called the Blackwater, after the river upon which the borough stands, and numbered 1977 on the registry of the Grand Lodge of England. As might naturally be supposed the event awakened a good deal of interest among the Masons of the Province, and there was a large gathering both of present and past Provincial Grand Officers and members of the Lodges. The Public Hall was set out as a Lodge-room, and, being decorated with flowers and bunting, had a very pretty appearance. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master arrived at Maldon by train at 1.33, and proceeded at once, in an open carriage, to the Public Hall, where Lodge was shortly afterwards opened by his lordship, the following brethren acting as Officers pro tem:—Bros. A. Buck I.P.M. 453 P.G.S.W. as S.W., Fred. Wood P.M. and Treasurer 1000 P.P.G.S.W. as J.W.; Thomas J. Ralling P.M. and Sec. 51 P.G. Sec. as Secretary, A. Lucking P.M. and Secretary 1000 P.G.D.C. as D.C., and J. F. Barratt I.P.M. 1000 P.G. Reg. as I.G. His lordship then proceeded to consecrate the Lodge in due Masonic form. In the course of the proceedings, the following Oration, on "The nature and principles of Freemasonry," was delivered by the acting Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. E. H. Crate P.M. 697 P.P.G. Chaplain. The rev. Brother said:—

To do anything like justice to so copious a subject as that on which I have been requested to address you, viz., "The nature and principles of Freemasonry," would require a far longer time than the few minutes allotted to this oration. I will, therefore, only attempt to say a word or two concerning those three great principles on which our Order is founded, viz., Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. By the first we are reminded of that close and intimate relationship which subsists between us. There are various bonds of fraternal union existing in the world, but to us who are banded together by the mystic tie, those words of Moses, "Sirs, ye are brethren," seem to apply with especial force. And why so? Because we are brethren by bonds never to be broken—bonds into which we were not born; bonds into which we were neither entrapped, enticed, nor compelled to enter; bonds from which we might, even to the last moment before we entered, have easily escaped. If, therefore, as Masons, we do not act as brethren, we are surely amongst the worst of men. The relation, then, which we bear to one another, suggests to us the first great principle of our Order, and the duty it lays upon us, viz., that of Love—"Love as brethren." And how shall this love be shown? By gentle reproof in error by instruction of our Brother when he is in ignorance or difficulty; and by tender sympathy in sorrow and distress. In these particularly, amongst many other ways, may our love of the brethren be manifested. Prove yourselves, then, to be Masons in the best sense of Masonry, by the constant exercise of this exalted principle of humanity, this highly-finished jewel of Masonry—Brotherly Love. To the brother who is thoroughly imbued with this first great principle of Masonry, the practice of the second, viz., Relief, will have become a necessity of its existence. If he is rich, he will "give plenteously"; if he has "little, he will do his diligence gladly to give of that little"; in either case regarding himself but as a steward, with a Master over him who will surely hereafter call upon him for an account of his stewardship. In short, he will ever bear in mind, and strive to act in accordance with, those words which are addressed to every Master when placed in the Chair of a Lodge—"So that when any one is said to be a Mason, the world may know that he is one to whom the burdened heart may pour forth its sorrows, the distressed prefer their suit, whose heart is guided by justice, and whose hand is extended by benevolence." It may, perhaps, seem almost superfluous to add that if we, as Masons, are careful not to neglect the duties of Brotherly Love and Relief, we shall no less scrupulously endeavour to carry out the third great principle of our Order, i.e., Truth. "Speak every man truth with his neighbour" ("or brother") will be our motto; and we shall not be content with a mere literal interpretation of the injunction, but shall strive to show our loyalty to the brethren, individually and collectively, by the straightforwardness of our conduct, as well as by the truthfulness of our words, remembering that "Actions speak louder than words." But, above all, we shall strive to act up to those five points of fellowship which we have solemnly sworn to observe. Now, to the members of this newly-constituted Lodge I would say—Suffer me to express the hope and belief that Wisdom has here builded her house. May all the choicest blessings of the G.A.O.T.U. rest upon you; with corn, and wine, and oil may He continually sustain you. May your Lodge ever stand firmly supported on the three great pillars of Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty. May every member of it, present and future, mount steadily upwards on the three grand rounds of our Masonic ladder—Faith, Hope, and Charity—ever practising here the noble principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, that so, when hereafter summoned from this sub-lunary sphere, they may ascend to that Grand Lodge above where the world's Great Architect lives and reigns for evermore.

At the conclusion of the Consecration, the installation of the first W.M., Bro. Thomas Eustace P.M. and Treasurer 697 P.P.G.S.B., took place, the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. A. Lucking P.M. and Secretary 1000 P.G.D.C. The following were appointed and invested as the first Officers:—Bros. Thomas Rix P.M. and Sec. 697 P.P.G.S.B. acting I.P.M., Alfred Richardson S.W., Robert Smith J.W., Rev. E. H. Crate P.M. 697 P.P.G.C. Chaplain, J. H. Alliston Treasurer, George A. Eustace W.M. 697 Secretary, Samuel H. Ellis S.D., Samuel Sawyer J.D., R. Clowes W.M. 650 M.C., Edmund Gowers Organist 1024 P.P.G.O. Organist, William Strutt I.G., Edward Fairman Tyler, D. J. Wright I.P.M. 1024 P.G.P. and Hodson Stewards. The business of the day being over, the newly-installed

W.M. proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be given to the Right Hon. the Lord Brooke, M.P., for his kindness in attending to-day and performing the ceremony of consecration. Bro. Eustace remarked that the brethren of the new Lodge esteemed it a very high honour that his lordship had come amongst them, more especially as it was his lordship's first visit to the Province since his Installation. The brethren trusted that his Lordship would allow them to enrol his name as an hon. member of the Lodge. The motion was seconded by Bro. Richardson S.W., and carried by acclamation. The R.W. P.G.M., in responding, thanked the brethren for the hearty reception they had given him. Having been appointed to preside over the Province, he felt it a duty to be present on so important and interesting an occasion, and at the same time it had been a great pleasure. They were good enough, a short time ago, to assemble in such large numbers, and to give him such a cordial welcome on his introduction to the Province at Colchester, some time back—and he recognised many faces around him which he saw on that occasion—that he felt that any little inconvenience to which he might be put in endeavouring to carry out his duties was but a small return for the great kindness he had received. His Lordship congratulated the brethren of the new Lodge upon the auspicious inauguration they had had, and also the W.M. upon being placed in the high position of first W. Master. He understood that this was not the first time that Bro. Eustace had presided over a Lodge, and he (Lord Brooke) trusted that under his rule, and those who might succeed him, the Blackwater Lodge would become one of the most influential in the Province. His Lordship then remarked that he thought this would be an opportune time for him to announce that he proposed to hold a Provincial Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 1st of August, and carrying out the intentions of their late respected P.G.M., it would be held in the Borough of Harwich. His Lordship concluded by again thanking the brethren for the cordial welcome they had given him, and resumed his seat amid much applause. Votes of thanks were then passed to the P.G. Officers who had assisted in carrying out the arrangements of the day; to Bro. the Rev. E. H. Crate, for his excellent oration, and to Bro. Clowes for his handsome present of the Lodge banner. This banner, it should be stated, is a most beautiful specimen of needlework. It is of sky-blue silk, and in the centre is the arms of the Borough in heraldic colours, with the name and number of the Lodge worked beneath; while at the four corners are various Masonic emblems in silver thread, the whole being edged with fringe and mounted on a handsome stand. The banner, which was greatly admired, is the work of Miss Florence Chaplain East, Bro. Clowes's sister-in-law. The musical portions of the ceremony were ably rendered by Bros. John J. C. Turner P.M. 51 P.P.G.O., C. Osmond W.M. elect 51 P.P.G.O., Edmund Gowers J.W. designate and Org. 1024 P.P.G.O., and A. B. Sparling J.D. 697. The same brethren also kindly sang various selections between the toasts at the festive board, in which they were assisted by Bros. J. P. Lewin, F. Bird and A. F. Amos. At 4.30 between 90 and 100 brethren dined at the Blue Boar Hotel, a very excellent repast being served by Mrs. Hickford, the hostess. The usual Masonic toasts were given on removal of the cloth. In responding for the toast of his health, the R.W. P.G.M. repeated that he was most gratified with the kind reception they had given him, and expressed a hope that he should be able to come often amongst the brethren of his Province. His Lordship spoke highly of the work which had been done in the Lodge by the various brethren who had taken part in it, and said he certainly had never seen better performed anywhere. His Lordship proposed the health of the new W.M., and wished him a prosperous and happy year of office, and again expressed a hope that the Lodge would become an influential one in the Province. His Lordship and most of the Visitors left Maldon by the 6.57 train. The whole proceedings passed off most successfully, and all concerned are to be congratulated upon the happy inauguration of the Blackwater Lodge. Amongst the brethren present during the day, besides those already mentioned, were:—Bros. J. Nunn P.G.S.B. England, Andrew Durrant P.M. and Treasurer 276 P.G. Treasurer, the Rev. F. B. Shepherd P.M. 276 P.P.G.C., H. E. Dehane W.M. 1513 P.G.S.D., George Corble P.M. and Secretary 453 P.P.G.J.W., Frederick Wood P.M. and Treasurer 1000 P.P.G.S.W., F. George Green P.M. and Secretary 1024 P.P.G.S.W., W. Humphreys P.M. 1024 P.P.G.S.W., Edward Humphreys P.M. 1024 P.P. Grand Registrar, H. J. Sauson P.P.G.J.D., D. M. B. Wheeler P.M. 275 P.P.G.J.W., J. P. Lewin P.M. 276 P.P.G.S. of Works, J. F. Barrett P.M. 1000 P.G. Registrar, D. J. Wright P.M. 1024 P.G.P., E. Shedd I.P.M. 276 P.G.S., W. Bloom W.M. 1799, F. Bird W.M. 1024, J. J. Cavill W.M. 1312, A. Pertwee W.M. 433, C. Floyd W.M. 1867, W. C. Bell P.M. 1024, H. Darken P.M. 51, F. Quilter 51, Morgan Jones 697, H. J. Everett 697, W. G. Siggers 697, L. F. Manley 697, J. T. Bailey 697, A. F. Amos 697, J. G. Reushaw 697, Clarke Abbott 697, A. Ward 697, C. Frost 697, J. Howe 697, R. Hielsham, M.D., S.W. 1813, A. O. Stopes 51, T. Elsey Bland 1024, J. Taylor jun. J.W. 1817, C. S. Blyth 1024, R. A. Francis 1024, E. J. Burstall 697, F. C. B. Christie 1024, W. H. de Cean 1024, F. D. Grayson W.M. Elect 160, C. H. Parker 1024, John Huntley 1312, J. B. Jarvis 276, H. Harper P.M. and Sec. 160, &c., &c. Letters of apology for their inability to attend were received from the W.D.P.G.M. (Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.D.), W. Bro. Colonel Somerville Burney P.M. 697 P.G.D., V.W. Bro. Colonel Shadwell Clarke G. Sec., W. Bro. E. B. Florence P.M. 214 P.G.J.W., W. Bro. J. C. Earle W.M. 214, &c., &c.—*Essex Standard*.

We are told that during the four days of the Handel Festival there were over 80,000 persons present at the Crystal Palace. The police arrangements were under the direction of Brother Superintendent Butt, who had an efficient body of men under him. Every thing went off satisfactorily, and Brother Butt was deservedly complimented by the chairman of the company, Mr. McGeorge.

## INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &amp;c.

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## EVENING STAR LODGE, No. 1719.

THE installation meeting of this successful Lodge took place on Tuesday, the 26th inst., when the brethren were presided over by Brother James Glaisher W.M., Magnus Ohren P.G.A.D.C. S.W., Arthur Mead S.D. as J.W., J. Manwaring J.D., Edward Hide as I.G. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. John Sampson Peirce P.G.D. No. 2, S. Spencer late 662, C. W. Davis 1216, H. A. Dixie 1216, W. W. Morgan S.W. 211, F. J. Cisneros Lodge of Light, Cuba, H. Massey P.M. 619 and 1928, J. I. Anderson 206 and 551, D. W. Pentecost P.M. 231, H. J. Levett 452, Aubrey M. Ohren 452, E. W. Linging 1563, T. M. Pagot P.M. 829, H. B. Chamberlain 1364, F. H. Duffield 619, A. W. Cooper 619, E. C. Massey P.M. 1297, A. Richards P.M. 216, Cranch 1669, Robert Harris 25, C. M. Ohren W.M. 452, Henry J. Dutton 1706, &c. Lodge was formally opened at 4.30 o'clock, when the minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. Several communications were noted, one from Mrs. J. W. Sugg, wife of the J.W., who stated that though her husband's state of health had improved, he was yet unable to be present at Lodge, and intimating that for a few weeks, at least, Brother Sugg would continue to reside at Brighton. The W.M. having expressed a fervent hope that their esteemed brother would be able to attend at the next meeting, a letter was announced from Mrs. Duff-Filer, in reply to the letter of condolence sent by the Lodge on the death of her husband, who was the first W.M. of the Evening Star Lodge. The report of the Standing Committee was received and adopted. This showed a balance in favour of the Lodge of £110 14s 5d. It was stated that the Lodge property was fully insured, and that a balance stood to the credit of Benevolent Fund of £12 11s 4d. The proposed new Bye-Laws, subject to the approval of Grand Lodge, were agreed to; and reference was made to the munificent contributions to the lists of the Stewards representing the Lodge at the respective Festivals of the Girls' and Boys' Schools, by Bro. W. Winn, who had given 100 guineas to each of the scholastic Institutions. This enabled Brother Dr. Porter, who acted for the Girls, to take up a list of £146 odd, while Brother Ferrand Davies, who served for the Boys, took up a little over £150. Brother Glaisher explained the reason why the Lodge thought it advisable to change the date of its meetings, which in future will be held in the months of February, May, October, and November, instead of the four consecutive months hitherto the rule. The installation of Brother Magnus Ohren Past Grand A.D.C. as Worshipful Master was then proceeded with, Brother Glaisher ably conducting the ceremony. The Officers were appointed as follows:—Bros. J. W. Sugg S.W., Arthur Mead J.W., James Glaisher P.M. Treasurer, W. Sugg P.M. Secretary, Joseph Manwaring S.D., E. Hide J.D., Joseph Francis Porter I.G., Ferrand Davies and T. H. Martin Stewards, and C. T. Speight Tyler. On the motion of Brother Thomas A. Greene P.M., a P.M.'s jewel was presented to the retiring W.M., Bro. James Glaisher, as a mark of respect from the members. At the same time Bro. Glaisher was complimented for the zeal he had displayed in his conduct of Lodge business. This having been suitably acknowledged, a proposition for a joining member was handed in, and shortly afterwards Lodge was closed. The banquet was served in the Crown Room of Freemasons' Tavern, and in due course the toast list was proceeded with. In proposing the health of the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers present and past, the W.M. said that the Craft at large were indebted both to the Earl of Carnarvon and the Earl of Lathom, who took a lively interest in Masonic affairs. Most particularly were they indebted to Lord Carnarvon, who frequently presided in Grand Lodge, and on these occasions the business was disposed of with the least delay. Lord Lathom was not so frequently seen in Grand Lodge, but he came whenever his engagements would permit of his so doing; he also took a great interest in Masonry. Of the other Grand Officers he would not speak. Those who went to Grand Lodge knew that only capable men were appointed to office, and that all of them endeavoured to perform their duties with zeal and regularity. Bro. J. Sampson Peirce, in replying, referred to the fact that both the W.M. and Bro. Glaisher were Grand Officers, as well as himself, and regretted that Bro. Glaisher's name had not been associated with the toast. It was well known that the M.W. the Grand Master exercised the greatest care in the selection of Officers, so much so that the honour attaching to the holding of Grand Office had been greatly enhanced under his wise rule. He (Bro. Peirce) fully appreciated the honour of having to respond for Grand Officers. It gave the Pro Grand Master a great amount of pleasure to associate himself with the affairs of the Craft. He was frequently at Grand Lodge, and it must be very gratifying to him to be always accorded, as he was, such a hearty reception. With respect to the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, he, too, was immensely popular, not only with Master Masons, but with the more advanced Degrees with which he most zealously associated himself. As regards the rest of the Grand Officers, they were well known and earnest Masons, who all endeavoured to do their duty, to the best of their ability; they were at all times very happy to come amongst the brethren, and watched with pleasure the progress of the various Lodges. In conclusion, he assured his audience that the Grand Officers might be relied upon to do their best in discharging their duties; he thanked the brethren very heartily for the cordial manner in which the toast had been received. Brother Glaisher J.P.M. said that there was a very pleasant duty which he had to perform, the privilege of performing which attached to the honourable position of I.P.M., which he, for the first time in that Lodge, held that evening. The toast he had to propose was the health of the W.M., whom he had known for a quarter of a century. He had always found Brother Magnus Ohren a sterling man, in every sense of the word; he asked them, therefore, with pleasure and confidence

to drink a bumper to the good health of their newly-installed W.M. Brother Ohren in replying said, that to a man who was not a trained orator it was one of the most difficult tasks he could be called upon to perform to reply to a toast personal to himself. Bro. Glaisher had referred to the length of their acquaintance; he took to himself the credit of being the Masonic father of Brother Glaisher. Some twenty-five years since they were up in a balloon together, and Bro. Glaisher while in the clouds expressed his desire to know more of Freemasonry, stating he was well inclined towards the Order. He (Brother Ohren) seized the opportunity, and was eventually induced to propose him as a member of the Craft. It came about, in due course, that both were in office in the same Lodge, Bro. Glaisher, however, showed superiority in regard to memory. He (Brother Ohren) felt some diffidence in going forward, and urged on Brother Glaisher to precede him; it was ultimately agreed that he should follow Brother Glaisher, and in those relative positions he and his friend Brother Glaisher had passed the chairs of three Lodges together, and this was the third time that Brother Glaisher had installed him. He returned them his best thanks for the kind and cordial manner in which they had received the toast. The next toast was the Past Masters of the Evening Star Lodge. Brother Glaisher was not in good health and had been obliged to leave early; indeed, he would not have been present at all if it had not been for the purpose of placing his successor in the chair that day. Bro. Greene had been kind enough to undertake the Senior Warden's duty in the absence of Bro. J. W. Sugg who was unfortunately confined to the house by illness. The P.M.'s of the Lodge had always shown themselves willing to assist the W.M. in his work, and he was sure that those who were absent would have been present if circumstances had not prevented them; in fact letters had been received to that effect. The brethren present would agree that no man should neglect his official duties to attend to Masonry. He would say no more upon this toast, but would ask Brother Greene to respond. Bro. Greene thanked the W.M. and brethren. He considered that every Past Master ought to be able and willing to accept any office, from Inner Guard to Installing Officer. If every Officer and member of the Lodge would lay it to heart that he ought to do his duty in every branch of Masonry, then the Evening Star Lodge would be second to none in the working of the Ritual. They had begun upon a good model—that of the Emulation Lodge. If the Ritual was as well carried out in the Evening Star Lodge as it was in the Emulation Lodge of Improvement it would be second to none. With the toast of the Visitors was coupled the names of Bros. Alfred Richards and Cisneros, who acknowledged the compliment, and assured the W.M. and brethren the visitors fully appreciated the hospitality shown them. Bro. Meade replied for the Wardens and other Officers, and Prosperity to the Masonic Charities gave an opportunity to Bros. Dr. Porter and Ferrand Davies to say a word or two. The Lodge on every occasion had sent up a Steward. It was the ambition of the Evening Star Lodge to be a V.P. of all the Charities, and, so long as there was a willing brother found to come forward to assist them with a Stewardship, he hoped they would always be able to send something from the funds of the Lodge. Bros. Dr. Porter and Ferrand Davies replied; each spoke of the great sympathy they had with the Charities. Both of them stated that upon taking Stewardships they had applied to Brother Winn, who was so liberal a supporter of the Charities. Brother Winn generously and at once promised one hundred guineas to each of them. The Tyler shortly afterwards gave the closing toast. This enabled those brethren who had trains to catch to get away at an early hour. Those, however, who could spare time, were well repaid for staying. The musical ability of those present was much exercised; and good songs and recitations followed in quick succession. Bros. Charles and Aubrey Ohren, sons of the W.M., exerted themselves most satisfactorily; while two recitations, given by Bro. Harold J. Levett, were most artistically rendered. Brother Henry J. Dutton was a ready accompanist at the pianoforte. Bros. R. A. Cranch and Linging also were successful in their efforts to entertain. Taken altogether, we scarcely recollect spending a more pleasant evening. The menu card was enriched by a splendid photograph of the W.M. by Fradelle, of 216 Regent-street.

## ALEXANDRA PALACE LODGE, No. 1541.

THIS Lodge met on Saturday last, at its new home, the Imperial, Holborn Viaduct. The business of the evening being the installing of Bro. H. Gush as W.M. for the ensuing year; the work was most ably performed by the retiring Master Brother W. Denison. The newly installed W.M. then invested his Officers—Bros. R. J. Ward S.W., J. Ward J.W., W. Denison I.P.M., Larchin Treasurer, J. R. Stacey P.M. Secretary, Fitch S.D., Manton J.D., Kearney I.G. A splendid Past Master's jewel was presented to the retiring W.M. The brethren, after labour, partook of a most recherché banquet, which had been provided by Brother Begbie, the indefatigable manager of the Imperial Hotel.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—On Friday, 22nd inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Bros. C. E. Botley W.M., H. E. Tucker S.W., Gomm J.W., F. Botley S.D., A. Turner J.D., Sperring I.G., Andrews P.M. Preceptor, Maton, Blasby, &c. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed and signed. The work comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation and calling the Lodge off and on. After routine work Lodge was closed, and adjourned.

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## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST'S DAY.

FREEMASONS punctuate the Masonic year by the observance of two Festivals—St. John the Baptist's and St. John the Evangelist's Days. We are upon the eve of the former, and many bodies of the Craft are preparing to celebrate it with becoming spirit. In Pennsylvania we shall witness nothing akin to the great gathering of one year ago, when all of the Lodges of Pennsylvania united in commemorating, in Philadelphia, the Sesqui-Centennial Anniversary of the first meeting of the Grand Lodge, and first election of a Grand Master and other Grand Officers in this jurisdiction. The rejoicings of that day may not be duplicated in their enthusiastic character for a number of years to come, but the brethren will always keep in memory the first St. John, and in spirit, if not by formal act, evince the power of the virtues he exemplified over their lives.

The Grand Lodge of England was "revived" on St. John the Baptist's Day, 1717, just one hundred and sixty-six years ago. Prior to that, for an unknown period, the subordinate Lodges of England and Scotland—such as the Lodge of Antiquity (St. Paul's Lodge), in London, and the Lodge of Edinburgh, and Mother Lodge Kilwinning, Scotland, each was sovereign and independent; but in 1717, in England, and a little later in Scotland, the individual Lodges respectively united in forming a Grand Lodge, yielding their sovereignty, and reviving the annual assemblies or communications of the Craft. That the brethren in the early part of the seventeenth century highly esteemed St. John the Baptist's Day, is proved by the fact of the famous gathering on that Festival of the Fraternity at the Apple Tree Tavern, London; and we cannot do better than imitate their example by frequently, if not statedly, holding a proper Masonic celebration on this natal day of the revived Grand Lodge.

Among our country Lodges, and especially in the South and West, this St. John's Day is the most popular festival of the year. It occurs at such a charming season, when the air is redolent with the aroma of flowers, the days are longest, the sun shines brightest, all nature is freshest and fairest, and human nature is readiest to join in a festal celebration. The Grand Architect of the Universe Himself has indicated this season, and especially St. John's Day, when the season is at its height, as the time of times for holding a festal celebration. Masonry could possibly select no better one.

We are not among those who deduce the genealogy of the Craft directly, by lineal descent, from the Baptist. He may have been a Mason. We cannot say. Certainly the "voice of one crying in the wilderness" was a "voice of Masonry," and for aught we know, the Baptist may have frequented "a Lodge in some vast wilderness." Right well we know he was a Standard Bearer of Truth, and that his brotherly love knew no bounds. If he was not a Mason, he ought to have been one. He was a Mason at heart and in life, and by observing his "day" we may pay a tribute to the general Masonic character of his life. At all events he was a pleasing type of Masonry, which exists in the wilderness of the world as the depository of truths which the world must accept and practise, before it can be what the Grand Architect of the Universe designed it to be.

Ancient Craft Masonry has often been called "St. John's Masonry." It is a name we may be proud of, for St. John's is as good, if not as ancient a name as King Solomon's. Both of these ancients were good men and true in fact, if not in Masonry.

John signifies *God-sent*. Is it too much to say that Masonry is God-sent, and basks under the smile of the Almighty? Does He not approve our heaven-born Charity, our open Bible, our holy Altar, our stately Masonic Temples dedicated to His Name, and our public Masonic Homes for the aged, the indigent and the orphan? Are not Faith, Hope, and Charity, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, God-sent?

Let us never yield to the zealotry of brethren of one idea. In France they have emasculated the Faith of Masonry by cutting off from it an acknowledgment of the existence and beneficence of the Grand Architect of the Universe, the "I am that I am," the Great First Cause; and they have in like manner emasculated the constitution of the Craft by cutting off from its faculty of power the head—the Grand Master, and substituting a fractional President. Some also would have us drop both the St. Johns. Never, while Masonry is Masonry. Rather let us drop the brother or brethren who insanely strike at the landmarks of the Craft, the usages and customs of Freemasonry. Freemasonry above all is cosmopolitan. It cannot be sectarian. It would be sectarian if it should drop the St. Johns, just as it would be atheistic to ignore the great "I am." Oh! the littleness of little men, who would level a great Fraternity to the deep, low, dark valley of their own puny understandings. Let us laud rather that comprehensive catholicity which embraces the higher and better thoughts of all the higher and better thinkers; that knows no religious creed in Masonry; that loves it for its elastic character; that exemplifies in practice as well as teaches its virtues; and that upholds it in its purity, its simplicity, and its integrity.—*Keystone*.

Two Provincial Grand Lodge Meetings of the Mark degree are appointed for next week, that of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight taking place at Sandown (Isle of Wight) on Monday, and that of Middlesex and Surrey at Richmond on Saturday. The former will take place at 4 o'clock, previous to which the William Hickman Lodge will be consecrated, and we hope several additions made to the role of Mark Masters. The latter, that of Middlesex and Surrey, will commence at 5 o'clock. The work to be transacted in both is that usual at these annual gatherings. A banquet will follow in each case.

## RETURNED PRODIGALS.

ONE of the healthiest of Masonic signs in the State of New York, we hold, is the return of the wanderer. From an examination of the record, we are informed by the Grand Secretary that the number of affiliates through the State has been large and increasing. The story of the Prodigal Son and his return come to mind. Non-affiliation is the bane of Freemasonry, and we believe this to be admitted by all the Masonic press, and its cause and effect have been discussed and dwelt upon without stint. Its causes have been numerous, and its effect quite disastrous. By some excellent judges it has been calculated that New York State has within its territorial limits 120,000 Masons; on its rolls less than 80,000, and the balance one-third of the entire number, floating, drifting here and there, without any interest in the Fraternity on the part of many of them, yet only needing direction and the kindly influences of our Institution to again bring them within the fold.

We believe the past Masonic year will be found to have been one of great prosperity; that Masonic thought has been diffused more widely and intelligently among available material for the Temple; that this awakening has naturally reached those who once were with the Brotherhood, hastily and from causes just or imagined, allowed themselves to drop away from our registry, and that as well it has reached those who having had but an indifferent Masonic education (in reality, those who never saw the true light) listlessly, as the Hibernian would say, "dropped that which they never had." These men, our Grand Secretary says, are beginning to awake and to realise their position and surroundings, and to knock at our doors for re-enrollment.

So important do we look upon this matter that we would be gratified to see the price of affiliation in all our Lodges fixed at some nominal sum; then let the members exercise their best judgment in proposing applicants for affiliation and in the use of the ballot in staying undesirable or inharmonious elements from becoming members of the Lodge family.

Now, anon this subject, and relative to the practice of Lodges in different States, the *Dispatch* has an article, from which we extract as follows:—

"It will be remembered that our statutes allow a Lodge, by adopting a Bye-law to that effect, to provide a penalty for non-payment of dues, 'which penalty shall be unaffiliation.' Now, it happened that a member of a Lodge in New York was disciplined in the way and manner 'herein provided,' and after a time removed permanently to another jurisdiction, where he affiliated. When the Lodge at this end of the line heard of the fact, it made a vigorous attempt to apply our local laws, and demanded reparation. The jurisdiction at the other end calmly replied, 'You have declared this brother unaffiliated, and when he removed his residence to another place your jurisdiction over him ceased. If he owes you anything, you have a right to collect it; but we, finding him worthy, have exercised our right by making him a member of our Lodge.'

"This transaction illustrates in an eminent degree the fallacy of the general supposition that our laws apply in other places beyond the State of New York. Of course, a brother disciplined in a Lodge in this State could not join any other in this jurisdiction until he had cleared the old score; but when he passes the border of our State lines his admission or refusal must depend on other conditions than our local regulations, and it will be well for us when we come to understand that our laws have no general acceptance, the exceptions—which only prove the rule—being in States where laws similar to our own prevail. \* \* \* In some States consent to receive the petition of a rejected candidate can only be given to another Lodge by a unanimous vote. New York, fortunately, is on the right side of this question, because only requiring a majority, and this, we take it, that in the experience of the brethren, it is generally, or at least in the majority of cases, found that the rejection is due to some personal reason apart from the governing principles of the Fraternity, and that such feeling should not be allowed a wider range than is to be found in one Lodge, or, in other words, that allowing one man to follow another with his vindictiveness around the world is neither just nor Masonic. Please consider."

We have no reason to believe that our States have a less number of non-affiliates in proportion to those of New York. Counting our strength at a close calculation of 600,000 men in the States there would be proportionately an army of 200,000 wanderers or negative Masons. There is no just reason why that number should be 100,000. The admitted main cause is the non-payment of dues, while another is the lack of a proper discharge of the duties of the Officers of Lodges.

There should be more rejoicing over one affiliate returning to the household than over three initiates, one of whom, in carrying out the proposition, is bound to become a non-affiliate.—*Hebrew Leader*.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex will be held to-day, at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, under the presidency of R.W. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Prov. G. Master. Lodge will be opened at 3 p.m., and after the transaction of formal business, the election of Provincial Grand Treasurer, and the appointment of other Officers, will take place. Notice of motion has been given by the Provincial Grand Master, that he will propose the granting of ten guineas to each of the three Masonic Institutions, and we doubt not the proposal will be agreed to. A banquet follows, at 5 o'clock, tickets for which (one guinea each) may be obtained of the Provincial Grand Stewards.

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By command of the M.W. Grand Mark Master,

GEO. J. TILLING P.M. 63,

Provincial Grand Mark Secretary.

Southampton, 11th June 1883.

N.B.—The William Hickman Lodge will be constituted at St. George's Hall, Sandown, immediately before the holding of the Provincial Grand Lodge. The ceremony will commence at three o'clock precisely.

PROVINCIAL  
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MIDDLESEX AND SURREY.

The R.W. Bro. Col. Sir FRANCIS BURDETT, Bart., Prov. G. Master.

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS of the Province of Middlesex and Surrey, will be held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Richmond, on Saturday, 7th July 1883, when all Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers, together with the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters and Acting Wardens of Lodges in the Province, are hereby summoned to attend, and all Mark Master Masons are invited to be present.

The Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened at five o'clock.

By command of the R.W. P.G.M.M.,

Wm. G. BRIGHTEN P.M. &c.

Provincial Grand Mark Secretary.

4 Bishopsgate Street Without, E.C.  
13th June 1883.

Banquet at 6.30 o'clock. Tickets One Pound each, including Wine.

Brethren intending to be present should notify their intention to the Provincial Grand Mark Secretary on or before Tuesday, the 3rd July.

THE VISIT OF THE GRAND MASTER TO YORK.

H. R. H. THE PRINCE OF WALES will lay the Memorial Stone of the New Institute, with Masonic honours, at York, on Wednesday morning, 18th July.

Provincial Grand Lodge of North and East Yorkshire will be opened at 10 a.m.

All Masons who propose taking part in the procession must be provided with tickets, as otherwise they cannot be admitted into the enclosure, and no exception can be made.

Tickets, 5s each. Applications for tickets must be made to M. C. PECK, 2 Albany Terrace, Hull, (Provincial Grand Secretary), and be accompanied with remittance.

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All brethren to appear in black, with tall hats, and full Masonic Craft clothing, and white gloves. Aprons to be worn outside the coat.

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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Saturday, the 14th day of July 1883, at Twelve o'Clock precisely, on the General Business of the Institution, to place Candidates on the List for the Election in October next, to declare the number of Girls then to be elected, to receive the following report of General Committee, and to consider Notice of Motion as under.

REPORT OF GENERAL COMMITTEE.

"The General Committee reports to the Quarterly General Court that, in consequence of an intimation conveyed to the House Committee from the owner of the freehold land adjacent to the Institution—that he was about to offer for sale nine acres, or thereabouts, bounding two sides of its grounds, and that the lowest sum he would take for the whole, which he declined to divide, was at the rate of £1,000 per acre—Col. Creton, with the concurrence of his colleagues, had obtained from him a promise that such land should not be sold until the views and opinion of the General Court as to the advisability of acquiring the property for the Institution could be obtained.

"That taking into consideration the facts that the land, if sold to a third party, might be dealt with in a manner most prejudicial to the School, and that if purchased by the Institution a very considerable and valuable portion of it could be re-sold, this Committee consider the subject is one which should receive the fullest consideration at the hands of the governing body of the Institution."

NOTICE OF MOTION BY BRO. ROBERT GREY P.G.D. Vice-Patron.

"That the Report of the General Committee with reference to the land offered for sale be received and considered, and such action taken thereon as shall be deemed advisable by the General Court."

F. R. W. HEDGES,

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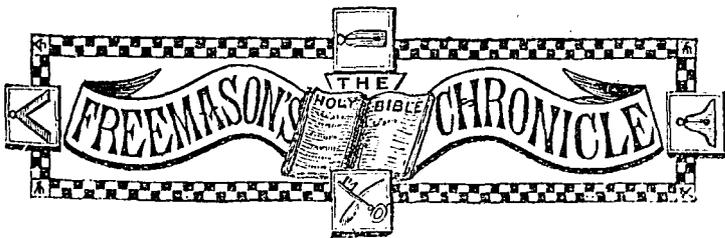
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**PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SURREY.**

**THIS** Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Thursday, the 28th inst., at the Oatlands Park Hotel, Walton-on-Thames, the brethren assembling under the banner of the Friendship and Harmony Lodge, No. 1616. There was a very fair attendance of members of the different Lodges in the Province, and the Past Provincial Grand Officers were well represented. The R.W. Provincial Grand Master, General Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., presided, and was supported by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master the Rev. C. W. Arnold Past Grand Chaplain, and the following Officers of the year:—Bros. Chas. Greenwood P.G.S.B. S.W., James E. Barton J.W., Rev. R. Milner Chaplain, W. A. Barrett Registrar, G. Price Treasurer, C. Greenwood jun. Secretary, J. B. Boncher S.D., A. E. Taylor Superintendent of Works, H. E. Frances Director of Ceremonies, J. H. Askham Assist. D.C., F. A. Manning Standard Bearer, &c. Amongst others present were, Rev. Ambrose Hall Past Grand Chaplain, Chevalier Desanges, Rev. — Watson, Vicar of St. Mary's Church, Oatlands, &c., &c. After Lodge had been formally opened, the roll of the Province was called over, and representatives from 24 out of the 25 Lodges which comprise the Province of Surrey answered the call. The minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge held at Woking in July last year were read and confirmed unanimously, as also were the minutes of a special Provincial Grand Lodge held at Freemasons' Tavern, on 21st November 1882. The minutes of the Special Provincial Grand Lodge meeting at Bagshot, on the 9th April 1883, were likewise confirmed. This was the occasion when the Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey assisted His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, K.G., Past G. Senior Warden, to lay the foundation stone of St. Anne's Church.

The Report of the Finance and Audit Committee was received. This showed a balance in hand of £71 2s 2d. A sum of £5 5s was voted to the Oatlands Working Men's Club Building Fund; while a suggestion from Bro. Dr. Strong as to the returns from the Lodges being made at an earlier date than hitherto, received approval from the Provincial Grand Master, and it was understood that a rule to this effect should be framed, and brought forward for consideration at next Prov. G. Lodge. The Prov. G.M. then referred to the occasion, in February last, when he took the chair at the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. It had afforded him immense satisfaction to realise how well the brethren of his Province had supported him on that occasion; 22 of the Lodges sent up Stewards, and amongst them they raised nearly £1000. The total amount realised for the Institution at this Festival considerably exceeded £13,000. A provisional grant of £63 had been passed by Provincial Grand Lodge, and the Provincial Grand Master now called on the members to formally sanction this grant. He also reminded the brethren that Provincial Grand Lodge had voted ten guineas to the St. Anne's Church, Bagshot, Building Fund; this, however, also required the formal approval of Prov. Grand Lodge now assembled. These grants were agreed to, and General Brownrigg again rose, this time to propose the re-election of Brother George Price as Provincial Grand Treasurer. The heavy strain on their funds made by these extraordinary demands had somewhat impoverished their exchequer, and their esteemed Brother Price had always laid it down as a rule that a balance of £100 should stand to the credit of Provincial Grand Lodge. In spite of a full realisation of the fact that they had encroached upon this balance, he would propose the re-election of Brother Price, and trusted that under the exceptional circumstances narrated he would not insist on the very letter of his contract being carried out. This proposition was duly seconded, and the ballot was unanimous in favour of Brother Price's re-election. The honour was briefly acknowledged. The Officers for the year were then invested, as follows:—

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| Bro. W. R. G. Farmer W.M. 1616         | - | - | G. Senior Warden    |
| Colonel Dundas                         | - | - | G. Junior Warden    |
| Rev. A. Hunt Sitwell, M.A., P.M. 1826. | - | - | G. Chaplain         |
| G. F. Romiau                           | - | - | G. Registrar        |
| Charles Greenwood P.G.S.B.             | - | - | G. Secretary        |
| T. Franklyn Lloyd P.M. 416             | - | - | G. Senior Deacon    |
| Charles Belton P.M. 777                | - | - | G. Junior Deacon    |
| G. D. Lister W.M. 410                  | - | - | G. Sup. of Works    |
| John G. Horsey P.M. 1892               | - | - | G. D. of C.         |
| Thomas Vincent P.M. 1861               | - | - | G. Sword Bearer     |
| B. H. Ridge P.M. 463                   | - | - | G. Assist. D. of C. |
| H. J. Lardner 1929                     | - | - | G. Organist         |
| G. Payne P.M. 1564                     | - | - | G. Pursuivant       |
| W. P. Catterson                        | - | - | } G. Stewards       |
| T. T. Phillips                         | - | - |                     |
| Charles Ledger                         | - | - |                     |
| W. G. Batchelor S.W. 452               | - | - | } G. Tyler          |
| C. T. Speight                          | - | - |                     |

For the Audit Committee, the same brethren as last year fulfilled the duties were reappointed.

In addressing the brethren General Brownrigg urged on the new Officers the necessity of attending any meetings they may be summoned for. The state of Freemasonry in the Province was most satisfactory. The Lodges were progressing, and a spirit of unanimity prevailed that was most cheering. With respect to the selection of Grand Officers, he desired it to be remembered that there were not many offices at his disposal, and where there were so many aspirants it was a difficult task to select the most deserving. However, he desired to be impartial, and he took counsel with his Deputy, who rendered him valuable service in arriving at his decisions in this respect.

Shortly afterwards Provincial Grand Lodge was closed. The brethren then adjourned for Divine Service at St. Mary's Church, Oatlands, where a sermon was preached by the Provincial Grand Chaplain. Our rev. brother's discourse was as follows:—

"Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you."—1 Peter v 7.

The love of God to us, and the confidence and strength which it affords to all who have realised it, in whose hearts it has been shed abroad by the co-operation of the Holy Ghost, is forcibly impressed upon us in the text you have heard read. We are urged by it in times of sorrow and anxiety to put our whole trust and confidence in God, for we know and believe the love which He hath to us. When we recall the past, when we look back upon our lives, we are apt to dwell too much upon those events which have given us happiness, and to overlook the trials and difficulties which have met us from time to time, when our faith in the Divine love has been really put to the test. For it is in the time of pain and weariness and sorrow, far more than in happy and prosperous days, that the strength and the reality of faith is proved. My dear Brethren, we may be perfectly acquainted with the statements contained in the Bible respecting the character of Almighty God, and admit readily that His nature and His attribute is love, and that He has proved it and commended it to us by sending His only and most dearly beloved Son to redeem us, and the Holy Ghost the comforter to abide with us. Now let us ask ourselves this question,—Do we really believe this? Can we, under all circumstances, however painful and mysterious, cast our burden upon the Lord, and feel assured that He careth for us? Do we then—in moments of pain and sharp distress—know and believe the love which God hath to us? The Holy Scriptures, or as we term it, "The Volume of the Sacred Law," tell us of the omniscience and the omnipresence of the G.A.O.T.U. He, as David testifies, is about our path and about our bed, and He spieth out all our ways. In Him we live and move and have our being. Wherever we are, or whatever we do, He is ever with us, and His all-seeing eye beholds us, and one day we shall have to render to Him an undisguised account of our life and actions.

This, my brethren, we all believe, but do we realise the blessed truth that God careth for His people, and that His ears are always open unto their prayers.

Our Faith is not tried, mark you, in times of prosperity; when the sun is shining brightly and life is full of hope, and the voice of health is heard in our dwellings, but in the days of sorrow and adversity, when the sky is black with clouds, and the rain descends, and the winds blow, and the floods come and beat upon our house. It may be easy for some of us now to talk of the love of God, and of Christ. When life is hopeful and unruffled by care to believe in it, or think that we believe in it. But should we have boldness in the day of judgment? Should we believe it were God to visit and to judge us by some new and greater calamity than any which we have experienced heretofore? For example, suppose He were suddenly to take away one who was most near and dear to our hearts, leaving us desolate and alone, and bowed down under the burden of an intolerable anguish; or if some grievous bodily infirmity or some cruel dishonour were to visit us—what should we do then?

Should we, after the first throes of grief, relapse into a dull despairing bitter submission to our hard fate? or should we be able to plant our feet upon the everlasting rock, which is Christ, and say: We know and believe the love that God hath to us. "I will cast all my care upon Him, for He careth for me. Though He slay me, yet will I put my trust in Him."

It may appear strange, and yet it is most true, that men are taught chiefly by adversity the love which God hath toward them. The history of the Saints of God afford us abundant proof of this. David, who was sorely tried, confessed that it was good for him to have been in trouble. Hezekiah, likewise, when he was sick unto death, found out the truth about these dark hours of trial, and confessed it, saying: "O Lord, by these things men live, and in them is the life of the Spirit. Behold, for peace I had great bitterness, but Thou hast in love to my soul delivered it from the pit of corruption, for Thou hast cast all my sins behind Thy back." This, too, was Jacob's experience on that most fearful night of his whole life, when he waited by the ford of Jabbok, expecting that with the morning light the punishment of his past sins would come upon him, and not on him only, but on all his family, and his innocent children. When he stood there alone by the dark river, not knowing whether Esau and his wild followers would not sweep off the earth all he had and all he loved, and knowing too, ah! most bitter thought, that he had brought it all upon them by his own deceit and treachery. Then, when his sins stared him in the face, and God rose up in judgment against him, he learned to cast his care upon God, and to pray, as he had never prayed before—a prayer too deep for words.

And Jacob was left alone, and there wrestled a man with him till the breaking of the day, and when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of Jacob's thigh, and the hollow of his thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him. And he said: Let me go, for the day breaketh, and he said, I will not let thee go till thou bless me, and he blessed him then, and Jacob called the name of that place Peniel, for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved."

So let it be with us, my brethren, when we are sorely tried, and find it hard to realise the care which God hath for us. Like Jacob, let us plead His gracious promises, and acknowledge the good gifts and blessings which we have already received, saying: I am not worthy of the least of all Thy mercies which Thou hast shewn to Thy servant. Ask for His help and plead His promises, even as Jacob did, according to his light, saying: Thou saidst I will surely do thee good, and you shall find, with him, that, as a Prince, you have power with God and man, and have prevailed. You will know and believe in the love of Him who careth for us, and perfect love will drive out all partial fear.

The love of God shed abroad in your hearts will sustain you under the sorrows and anxieties of this mortal life, and enable you to look forward and hasten to the coming of the day of God and the glorious appearing of the bright morning star, whose rising will bring peace and salvation to the faithful and obedient.

May it be so with us, dear brethren, that when this life comes to an end we may, by God's infinite love and mercy, be admitted into those immortal mansions whence all good emanates. So mote it be.

The arrangements for the banquet—in fact for the day's proceedings—reflected the greatest credit on the entertaining Lodge, Friendship and Harmony, No. 1616. A most bountiful repast was provided, and it is scarcely necessary to say justice was done to it. The room where the banquet was served was most suitable for the purpose, and the scenery around added a charm to the meeting. The Prov. Grand Master presided, and briefly introduced the customary toasts; in speaking to that of the Queen and the Craft, General Brownrigg called attention to the fact that this was the 45th anniversary of Her Majesty's Coronation. In introducing the second—the health of the M.W. the Grand Master, the R.W. the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers Present and Past, General Brownrigg said he approached this toast with some amount of diffidence. He had always conceived the duties of the Past Grand Officers to be to watch over the best interests of the Craft, and to uphold and give the Grand Master strength. He was, however, somewhat afraid there was a probability of the good feeling that had hitherto existed being disturbed. In the few hurried remarks he had addressed to the members of the Province in the Lodge-room, he had called their attention to the necessity of attending the approaching Commemoration of Grand Lodge, which was to be held on the day following their present meeting. Matters that demanded the gravest consideration would be discussed at this gathering. He would venture to remind the brethren that at the meeting in April last, when the Grand Officers for the year were appointed, the table of precedence had been materially altered, without notice, and without any explanation being vouchsafed. It had since been urged, that the Grand Master, being the Fountain of all Masonic honour, was acting within his prerogative when he took upon himself the responsibility of

altering the table of precedence which had hitherto been carefully adhered to. For himself, he (General Brownrigg) could not think the Most Worshipful Grand Master was acting entirely on his own behalf in this regard. The Prince of Wales, though giving every attention to the business of the Craft, relied on his advisers for matters of detail, and in this respect he ventured to assert that the Grand Master had been badly advised. However, should the projected change be persisted in, he would suggest that the brethren respectfully and humbly make their protest, when doubtless their complaints would receive attention. By the projected changes, Grand Chaplains were removed to a position below Grand Secretary, Grand Registrar, and Grand Director of Ceremonies; consequently were much lowered in the scale of precedence that had hitherto prevailed. Now, taking into consideration the position of Grand Chaplains, as scholars, to say nothing of their sacred calling, he could see no reason for these alterations. He had spoken somewhat at length on this matter because he felt strongly on it. After reference to other changes that were projected, the Prov. Grand Master urged on all of those present who could make it convenient to attend Grand Lodge, and take part in the consideration of the several questions affected by the projected revision of the Constitutions. He then formally offered the toast for the acceptance of the brethren, and called on the Rev. Ambrose Hall Past Grand Chaplain to respond. Brother Hall in reply said that to all Grand Officers, whether present or past, it was ever a pleasing duty to acknowledge this toast. He could endorse the opinions expressed by the Prov. Grand Master, but he trusted the cloud which seemed to be at the present time overshadowing them would pass away, and that they should be, as hitherto, one body, one phalanx, united indissolubly together. When he looked around he saw many who had our good cause so much at heart, that he felt assured wiser counsels would prevail. Brother Hall concluded by returning his sincere thanks for the reception given to the toast. The Rev. C. W. Arnold proposed the health of Brother General Brownrigg. The Provincial Grand Master, it might well be said, lived in the hearts of the members of his Province. This was exemplified in an eminent degree in February last, when he presided at the Festival of the R.M.B.I., on which occasion the members of the Province most loyally supported their chief. In acknowledging the compliment, the Prov. G. Master said he had only the same old, old story to recount. He never experienced anything but kindness and consideration at the hands of the members of the Province; while as to the zeal of his Deputy he felt unequal to the task of expressing his recognition of it. It was an astonishing thing to him to note how well the Lodges of Surrey got on together. Whenever a dark cloud arose, a little calm reflection soon dispelled it; and he ventured to assert there was not a happier or more united Province in the kingdom than the one he had the honour to preside over. For the toast of the Prov. Grand Officers Bro. Rev. C. W. Arnold replied. Several other toasts were given, and the enjoyment of the day was well sustained. In the course of the proceedings it was announced that the offertory at church, together with the amount voted by Prov. Grand Lodge for the Oatlands Working Men's Church Building Fund, realised £9 3s.

During the evening, a capital selection of music, under the direction of Bro. Edwin M. Lott P.P.G.O. Surrey, was performed by the following members of the Mozart Lodge, who kindly gave their services:—Bros. E. Moss W.M. 1929, H. Ashton, J. Kift, and T. Tremere J.W. 1929. The following is the programme:—Grace, "Denm Laudate," Dr. J. Smith; National Anthem; Madrigal, "This pleasant month of May," Beale; Song, "I seek for thee," Ganz—Bro. E. Moss; Part Song, "Summer Eve," Hatton; Song, "True to the last," Adams—Bro. T. Tremere; Ballad, "Far on the deep blue sea," Thomas—Bro. Henry Ashton.

## ROYAL ARCH.

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### LEBANON CHAPTER, 1326.

A REGULAR convocation of this Chapter was held at the Lion Hotel, Hampton, Middlesex, on Thursday, 21st June. Ex-Comp. J. Stevens P.Z., 720, 771, acting M.E.Z., in the absence of the M.E. Comp. John Carther Woodrow. There were also present Ex-Comps. C. W. Fox H., John Hammond P.Z. J., W. Hammond P.Z. P. Prov. 1st A.S. Middlesex S.E., Edward Hopwood P.Z. acting S.N., H. J. Lardner M.E.Z. 1823 acting P.S., Comps. W. C. Davey and Thomas Errington Assistant Sojourners, Ex-Comp. J. W. Casson H. 1615 acting Organist, Ex-Comp. J. T. Briggs P.Z. 177, and others, Comp. Gilbert attending as Janitor. The Chapter having been opened, and the minutes of previous convocation confirmed, Ex-Comp. Briggs was elected a joining member, and ballots were taken for three candidates for exaltation, which were found clear. Bro. William Francis Webb, being in attendance, was duly exalted, with full musical ceremony, and the explanations from the principals were ably delivered by Ex-Comps. Casson as J., Briggs as H., and James Stevens as M.E.Z. At the conclusion of the ceremony the thanks of the Chapter were accorded to Comps. Stevens, Lardner, and Casson for attendance and assistance, and after some other routine business the Chapter was closed. Subsequently the members of the Chapter and their visitors partook of an excellent cold collation, and under the presidency of Comp. Stevens, enjoyed a social hour or two before separation.

## FUNERALS.

Bros. W. K. I. & G. A. HUTTON,  
COFFIN MAKERS & UNDERTAKERS,  
17 NEWCASTLE STREET, STRAND, W. C.  
And at 30 FOREST HILL ROAD, PECKHAM RYE, S. E.

## GRAND LODGE OF NEW YORK.

FROM THE KEYSTONE.

THE 102nd Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of New York was held on Tuesday and Wednesday, 5th and 6th instant, Bro Benjamin Flagler, M.W. Grand Master, presiding. There were over eight hundred representatives of Lodges present.

*Grand Master's Address.*—After congratulating the assembled representatives upon the close of a year of general prosperity to the Craft throughout the jurisdiction, Grand Master Flagler reviewed the official work of his year, and recommended the recognition of the new Grand Lodges of Arizona and Peru. In relation to the penalty attaching to the non-payment of dues, a subject which interests every member of the Fraternity, he said:

In 1873 new regulations were adopted by the Grand Lodge, providing a penalty for the non-payment of dues. I am forced to the conclusion that these regulations do not properly protect the interests of the subordinate Lodges. So long as the Grand Lodge requires payment of a stated sum from the subordinate bodies, it must of necessity permit those Lodges to collect dues from members, and as their existence depends entirely upon their ability to pay to the Grand Lodge each year the moneys demanded, they should have the authority to compel payment of the dues provided for by their By-laws. Every Mason, when he becomes a member of a Lodge, signs his name to the By-laws, and by his own act enters into a contract to pay into that Lodge each year the amount therein stated as dues. Any failure on his part to do this indicates a want of integrity, and is a clear violation of a solemn compact. And as the Lodge enters into obligations based upon the agreement of each member to pay a certain sum each year, the neglect or failure to pay often proves a source of embarrassment to the Lodge and brings scandal upon the Fraternity.

*The Penalty for Non-payment of Dues.*—There has been in my opinion a great deal of mistaken sentiment brought into the discussions of this subject heretofore. If the neglect or refusal to pay was confined to our indigent Brethren, all this might do, but experience demonstrates that it is not. The representatives of Lodges here present will, I think, bear me out in the assertion that at least three-fourths of those unaffiliated by Lodges for non-payment of dues are those who could well afford to pay if they chose so to do. Therefore my opinion is, the neglect or refusal to pay by members who can do so without injury to their families, should subject the delinquent to a loss of his Masonic privileges, and that the penalty should be suspension from all the rights and privileges of Masonry until payment be made of the amount due at the time of such suspension. There is another consideration that has arisen out of my experience during the year, namely, that the penalty of unaffiliation for non-payment of dues fixed by our regulations, leaves the particular brother free, except that he owes his Lodge a certain amount whatsoever that may be, and we have a clear right to provide that he shall not affiliate in any other Lodge in this jurisdiction until he has satisfied that claim. But we cannot enforce our laws on other jurisdictions, nor make them the collectors of money due us; hence, when one declared to be an unaffiliate in this jurisdiction seeks affiliation in another, they are only bound in considering his petition to ascertain whether he is really an unaffiliate, and not whether he owes us any dues. I commend this whole matter to the careful consideration of this Grand Lodge.

*What Constitutes a Summons.*—Referring to the question of what constitutes a summons—another matter of general interest to the Fraternity at large—he said:—

The question has often been asked, "What is a legal summons?" I have replied:—A summons, to be legal and of effect, must be issued by the Master, over his own signature or by the order of the Master, and be attested by the Secretary under the seal of the Lodge; that it must be addressed to the brother summoned, and either be handed to him or sent through the post office to his last known address. As there seems to be considerable diversity of opinion in this matter it should be settled by this Grand Body, and I recommend forms for summons to be decided upon and printed in the transactions or with the constitution and statutes as a guide. The practice of using the word "summoned" in simple notices and of publishing in newspapers so-called summons is a grave mistake, and has led to the general impression that a summons is no more than a notice, and therefore but little attention is paid thereto, and our Lodges seem to have discontinued almost entirely to discipline members for refusing or neglecting to obey. A summons should not be lightly used, or when the purpose to be accomplished may be attained as well as by notice. I have given the generally accepted definition, but respectfully urge that there be a legal definition, that a mere notice or newspaper advertisement may not be mistaken for so important a document.

*The Illustrious Dead.*—The Grand Master next delivered eulogies on the illustrious dead of the year. The mortuary list contained the names of the Right Worshipful John M. Reilly, Charles E. Young, Henry W. Turner, James W. Simonton, Thomas H. Landon, Joseph B. Chaffee, Dr. C. Henry King, Levi H. Willard, Charles Craig, and Worshipful Brother Ezra Graves.

*Annual Report of Officers.*—After the reading of the Grand Master's address, which was received with approval, the Grand Treas., Bro. John Boyd, presented his report, which showed the receipts for the year from all sources to be \$5,092.15 dols. The report of Bro. Eblers, Grand Secretary, showed that the number of initiations and restorations during the year was largely in excess of the unaffiliations and deaths. The report of the Grand Librarian, Bro. H. G. Carter, showed that that important department had been administered with a degree of success unknown in former times. The librarian suggested many important improvements, which will no doubt be made, as their introduction will have the effect of increasing the revenues of the Fraternity. The report of the Trustees of the

Hall and Asylum Fund, who have charge of the Temple, showed that the building had been kept in excellent repair and beautified to a considerable extent. The receipts from all sources were \$97,147.78, of which nearly \$33,000 dols. has been devoted to a reduction of the debt of the Temple. The Trustees give notice that after the 1st prox. they will be prepared to purchase income bonds to the amount of \$25,000 dols.

On Wednesday the Finance Committee reported in favour of fixing the salary of the Grand Secretary at \$3,500 dols., with an allowance of \$1500 dols. for clerk hire, the salary of the Grand Lecturer at \$1000 dols., with an allowance not exceeding \$400 dols. for travelling expenses, the Grand Pursivant and the Grand Tyler to receive \$200 dols. each.

The following brethren were elected Grand Officers for the ensuing Masonic year, and installed into their respective stations:—Bros. J. Edward Simmons, of New York City, M.W. (Grand Master Bro. Benjamin Flagler declining a re-election), William A. Brodie, of Genesee R.W. Deputy Grand Master, John W. Vrooman, of Herkimer, R.W. Grand Senior Warden, John Ten Eyck, of Albany, R.W. Junior Grand Warden, John Boyd, of New York, R.W. Grand Treasurer, and E. L. M. Ehlers R.W. Grand Secretary. R.W. Bro. Theophilus Pratt, President of the Masonic Veteran's Association, was chosen one of the Trustees of the Hall and Asylum Fund.

The newly elected Grand Master, Bro. J. Edward Simmons, was born in Troy, 19th September 1841. He was educated at Williams College, and was graduated from that institution in the class of 1862. He studied law in the Albany Law School, and was admitted to the Bar in 1863. Returning to Troy, he practised law there for two years, and then abandoned the practise of his profession. In 1865 he removed to New York city and became a member of the Stock Exchange, and has retained his membership in that institution through a successful business career. He was initiated in Mount Zion Lodge, No. 311, in 1864, and ten years later affiliated with Kane Lodge, No. 454, of New York. He was Master of Kane Lodge in 1877 and 1878. During the administration of Grand Master Couch he was appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the Sixth District, and was Grand Marshal under Grand Master Roome. He was elected Deputy Grand Master last year, and is the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Missouri near the Grand Lodge of New York. Bro. Simmons is a member of Jerusalem Chapter, No. 8, R.A.M., and of Cœur de Lion Commandery, No. 6, K.T., of which he is a Past Eminent Commander. He is also a member of the Board of Education.

We congratulate our brethren of New York upon the harmonious and gratifying result of their Annual Grand Communication.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

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*All Letters must bear the name and address of the Writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.*

*We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.*

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## GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Allow me space to express my astonishment with the want of experience displayed by several writers in your paper on the subject of usual or frequent changes in Grand Officers. I will admit the duties of the Grand Treasurer are, of necessity, mainly discharged by the Grand Secretary and his assistants; and, therefore, the fortunate holder of the office requires no special qualification beyond the esteem and confidence of the Craft. It is, however, very different in the case of the Grand Registrar, Secretary, the Director of Ceremonies, each of whose duties can only be usefully and satisfactorily performed by an experienced Brother possessing special aptitude and ability.

I sincerely wish brethren would fully consider every side of the question before venturing to publish their opinions to the Craft at large.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

25th June 1883.

HENRY SMITH P.M. 387.

## THE BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—My attention has been directed to a very great inaccuracy in your published statement of the amount of my list, as Steward representing the Corinthian Lodge, No. 1208, on the occasion of the late Festival of the R.M.I.B. I am credited with £31 10s only, which is considerably less than half the sum that I had the pleasure to announce at our Lodge meeting on the preceding Monday, as the total amount of subscriptions and donations paid and promised by the Lodge and its members. If similar errors are made in the lists of other Stewards of Lodges in Kent, the £130 required to bring the contribution of our Province up to the magnificent one of East Lancashire would have been forthcoming.

To those who have made this error I leave the duty of correcting it, although fully persuaded that the correction will not meet the eyes of numbers who have read the first statement, and this fact causes me some natural annoyance, as I consider that the brethren of my Lodge very generously answered the appeal made to them.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Fraternally yours,

W. A. SMEETH, P.M. 1208, P.P.G.A.P. Kent.

## 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, 30th JUNE.

- 198—Percy Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)  
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)  
 1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction)  
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.  
 Prov. G. Lodge of Middlesex, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court  
 1462—Wharnclyffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone

## MONDAY, 2nd JULY.

- 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.C., at 8 (Instruction)  
 186—Industry, Bell, Carter-Jane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)  
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1125—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In.)  
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)  
 1507—Metropolitan, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1623—West Smithfield, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)  
 1625—Vedegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Bardett-road. (Inst.)  
 1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)  
 1591—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)  
 1924—Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Wickham Park, Brockley  
 1996—Priory Lodge of Acton, Royal Oak Assembly Hall, High Street, Acton  
 R.A. 23—Old King's Arms, Freemasons Tavern, W.C.  
 R.A. 91—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 M.M. 139—Panmure, 81 Red Lion Square, W.C.  
 K.T. 127—Bard of Avon, 33 Golden Square, W  
 Prov. Grand Lodge of M.M.M. of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, George Street Hall, Sandown, Isle of Wight  
 37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors  
 119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven  
 133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Paversham  
 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield  
 156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth  
 236—York, Masonic Hall, York  
 381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen  
 431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields  
 597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead  
 822—St. Cuthberta, Masonic Hall, Wimborne  
 691—Oakley, Masonic Hall, Church Street, Basingstoke  
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire  
 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire  
 1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester  
 1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire  
 1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks  
 1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham  
 1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds  
 1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.  
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.  
 1380—Stelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool  
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington  
 1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Cner-street, Swansea  
 1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales  
 1674—Caradoc, Town Hall, Rhyll  
 1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle  
 1798—Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester.  
 R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley  
 R.A. 404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford  
 M.M. 37—Wyndham, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.

## TUESDAY, 3rd JULY.

- Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4  
 65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)  
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
 111—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)  
 171—Amity, Ship Hotel, Greenwich  
 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)  
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Mai la 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.)  
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)  
 1446—Mount Edgecombe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)  
 1510—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, 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. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 1538—St. Martins-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street  
 70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth  
 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.  
 120—Paladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.  
 124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham  
 159—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness  
 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.  
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)  
 249—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon  
 265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley  
 364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.  
 393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick  
 558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.  
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.  
 804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.  
 847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.  
 919—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard  
 960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.  
 995—Furness, Masonic Hall, Ulverston.  
 1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.

- 1131—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.  
 1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.  
 1310—Harrow, King's Head, Harrow.  
 1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.  
 1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)  
 1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.  
 R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 M.M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Chatham.

## WEDNESDAY, 4th JULY.

- 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 Lelanon, Horse Shoe Inn, Newington Causeway, at 8. (Inst)  
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 224—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In)  
 539—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst)  
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)  
 781—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)  
 1278—Burdett Courts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, E., at 8. (Inst.)  
 1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)  
 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)  
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1707—Eleanor, Auderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.  
 1791—Crenton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)  
 1827—Alliance, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street  
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)  
 R.A. 5—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8.30. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 55—Constitutional, Private Rooms, Leytonstone  
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)  
 R.A. 773—Bard of Avon, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond  
 R.A. 1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)  
 K.T. 129—Holy Palest, 33 Golden Square, W.  
 74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham  
 298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale  
 328—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol  
 327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton  
 496—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne  
 417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester  
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)  
 615—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.  
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)  
 678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.  
 839—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston  
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)  
 992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton  
 1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull  
 1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)  
 1055—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby  
 1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon  
 1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick  
 1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street  
 1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea  
 1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan  
 1351—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire  
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruct.)  
 1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Solbury, Gloucester  
 1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull  
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)  
 1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore.  
 1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool  
 1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth  
 R.A. 51—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Chesham Street, Rochdale  
 R.A. 200—Old Globe, Londesborough Rooms, Scarborough  
 R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike  
 R.A. 300—Perseverance, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Asin-under-Lytone  
 R.A. 312—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Portsea  
 R.A. 1125—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Fore Street, Tiverton  
 M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness  
 R.C.—Palatine, Palatine Hotel, Manchester

## THURSDAY, 5th JULY.

- 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)  
 10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)  
 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)  
 1155—Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-road  
 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)  
 1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1289—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury  
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1360—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon  
 1361—United Service, Greyhound, Richmond  
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)  
 1445—Prince Leopold, Milford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston  
 1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford-street, W.C., at 7.15 (Instruction)  
 1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)  
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)  
 1724—Kaisir-i-Hind, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W  
 1765—Trinity College, 61 Weymouth Street  
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate  
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In)  
 R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Taver, Canonbury Place, at 8. (Inst.)  
 M.M. 197—Stidholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square  
 M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8.30 (Inst.)  
 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.  
 123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire  
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 266—Naphali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood  
 269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn  
 239—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds  
 294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks  
 295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield  
 300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne  
 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.  
 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.  
 446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.  
 509—Teas, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.  
 637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.  
 792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby  
 913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead  
 974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford  
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Eland  
 1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire  
 1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire  
 1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster  
 1384—Equity, Alfords Chambers, Widnes  
 1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich

1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padham, near Burnley  
 1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley  
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1594—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomeryshire  
 1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire  
 R.A. 187—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol  
 R.A. 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford  
 R.A. 759—Bridgewater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire  
 R.A. 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
 R.A. 1074—Bective, Masonic Rooms, Kirkby, Londale  
 R.A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 M.M. 10—Cheltenham and Keystone, Masonic Hall, Cheltenham  
 M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

## FRIDAY, 6th JULY.

Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.  
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
 25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)  
 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)  
 1158—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. Cornarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley  
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 65—Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.  
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)  
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)  
 44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester  
 81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.  
 127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate  
 219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.  
 242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.  
 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds  
 375—Lambton, Lambton Arms, Chester-le-street, Durham  
 453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.  
 539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.  
 837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon  
 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal  
 1337—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy  
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1528—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.  
 1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.  
 1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.  
 1648—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.  
 1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth  
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7  
 R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30  
 R.A. 170—All Souls', Masonic Hall, Weymouth  
 R.A. 271—Lennox, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

## SATURDAY, 7th JULY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4  
 1194—Villiers, Albany Hotel, Twickenham  
 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)  
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8  
 Prov. Grand Lodge of M.M.M. of Middlesex and Surrey, Star and Garter Hotel, Richmond  
 1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent  
 1458—Trath, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester  
 1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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## HERVEY LODGE, No. 1692.

THE sixth anniversary of the Hervey Lodge, held on Wednesday, 20th inst., at the George Hotel, Hayes, Kent, was one of the most successful meetings ever held since the establishment of this rising Lodge. The members were summoned for 4 p.m.; the brethren met punctually, and were presided over by Bro. Harold Gripper, the W.M. for the past year, who was supported by Bros. D. Grinstead S.W. (W.M. elect), R. L. Gore J.W., H. Balding S.D., J. W. Baldwin J.D., J. King I.G.; also P.M.'s J. J. Hamilton G.S.W. and T. C. Newsome. Among the Visitors who attended the Lodge were Bros. W. W. Baxter P.M. 742, John Coe P.M. 1339, F. West P.M. 1815, A. Bishop S.D. 1892, G. J. Goodhart J.D. 1506, W. Elcombe 31, J. H. Francis 1815, H. Robertson 534, J. C. Gowdey 365 Scotia, Barbadoes. After the usual opening, the very interesting business of the evening was proceeded with; first, the passing of Bros. M. J. Dickens, J. Howard, and J. Sanders; the initiation of Mr. A. J. Beesley, and the reading of the Report of the permanent Committee, which was a very satisfactory one. The installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. D. Grinstead, was worked in a most able and praiseworthy manner by Bro. Harold Gripper, who, indeed, has conducted the working of his year of office in an eminently satisfactory manner. The new W.M. then proceeded to appoint his Officers, the addresses being impressively delivered to each on investiture—Bros. R. L. Gore S.W., R. V. Harman J.W., J. J. Hamilton P.M. G.S.W. Treasurer, H. Balding Secretary, J. W. Baldwin S.D., John King J.D., W. J. Gore I.G., A. H. Brett Steward, J. Bavin Tyler. The installing Master then delivered the addresses, and the usual routine business being completed, Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet-room, where the W.M. ably presided, over a most pleasant and social gathering. Bro. D. Grinstead, in proposing the health of the Queen and the Craft, said that no words of his were necessary to add to the enthusiasm with which this toast was always received at Masonic meetings. He would ask the brethren on this occasion, the 46th anniversary of Her Majesty's accession to the throne—that her health might be drunk with all earnestness, as that of one who had excelled in all the duties of a Queen, a wife, and a mother. The other routine toasts were proposed in due form, and were heartily received. The W.M. then pro-

posed the M.W. Viscount Holmsdale Provincial Grand Master, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, coupling with the toast the name of our worthy and excellent Treasurer, Bro. J. J. Hamilton, P.M. G.S.W. This toast was most enthusiastically received and ably responded to. Song—"The Old Brigade"—Bro. J. King. The toast of the evening, the Worshipful Master, was proposed by the I.P.M. Harold Gripper, who felt assured, from the working displayed by his successor in the several offices in the Lodge which he had so ably filled, that the work now before him would be equally well done. He knew the brethren would unite with him in wishing that Bro. Grinstead might have plenty of work to do. Song—"Welcome, Friends." Bro. R. L. Gore The W.M., in reply, thanked the brethren for the honour they had unanimously done him in placing him in the proud position he now occupied. He assured them that nothing on his part should be wanting to make his year of office a successful one. He had no doubt as to the immediate future, supported, as he truly hoped to be, by the Immediate Past Master. Song—"Et cetera"—Bro. Goodhart. The health of the initiate was next proposed, and was responded to in a few appropriate words, the "Entered Apprentice" song being given with great gusto. The Visitors were then complimented; each responding to the toast. For the Past Masters Bro. Newsome first replied, and then the I.P.M., who complimented the Lodge on the large subscription, amounting to no less a sum than £50, that he had had the honour to forward to the Boys' Festival. Bro. Grinstead thanked them for this appointment, and regretted that their installation gathering should have taken place on the same day. Song—"The Village Blacksmith"—Bro. West. The Officer's toast was well received, and replied to by each in due order. The Tyler's toast brought to a close one of the most agreeable meetings that the Lodge has ever held.

**Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.**—Held its usual meeting at Bro. Langdale's, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., on Saturday last, 23rd instant. Present—Bros. Gribbell W.M., Marks S.W., Lone J.W., C. Lorkin acting Preceptor, Fenner acting Secretary, Ferrar S.D., Rhodes J.D., Manger I.G.; also Bros. Payne, Langdale, &c. Lodge was opened with all formalities, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Payne, after the Lodge had been advanced, answered the usual questions leading to the third degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, including the traditional history, Bro. Payne acting as candidate. Lodge was called off and on. Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees. Bro. Fenner worked the second section of the first lecture, being assisted by the brethren. Bro. Marks was unanimously elected W.M. for next week. After which Lodge was closed, and adjourned. Bro. Lorkin, W.M. Duke of Connaught 1524, will rehearse the ceremony of installation this (Saturday) evening. Brethren are fraternally invited to attend. Time of meeting 8 o'clock punctually.

**United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.**—At the usual weekly meeting held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, S.E., on Friday evening, the 22nd instant. Bro. Eldridge Johnson presided as W.M. Bros. Alfred Jones officiated as S.W., J. N. Bate J.W., Stokes S.D., Sarjeant J.D., G. H. Chapman I.G., Poore Secretary, Stevens P.M., and Preceptor. There were also present Bros. Wilmot, Pool, &c. The first section having been worked by the brethren, the ceremony of initiation was well rehearsed for the first time by Bro. Johnson, who received the thanks of the Lodge for the proficiency he displayed. Bro. Bate delivered the charge in good style, and the Preceptor then lectured on the first tracing board. Lodge was called off for entry drill, and called on. Bro. Chapman was elected a member. Bro. James Stevens having been elected W.M. and installing Master for the rehearsal of the installation ceremony on Friday, the 29th instant, Lodge was closed and adjourned.

**Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.**—On Monday, 25th June, at Canonbury Tavern, N. Bros. Marks W.M., Brock S.W., Rose J.W., Killick Treasurer, Collingridge Secretary, Osborne S.D., Pammell I.G.; and several other brethren. After preliminaries, the ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed, Bro. Bagnall acting as candidate. Bro. Brock was appointed W.M. for Monday, 2nd July. Lodge was closed in due form.

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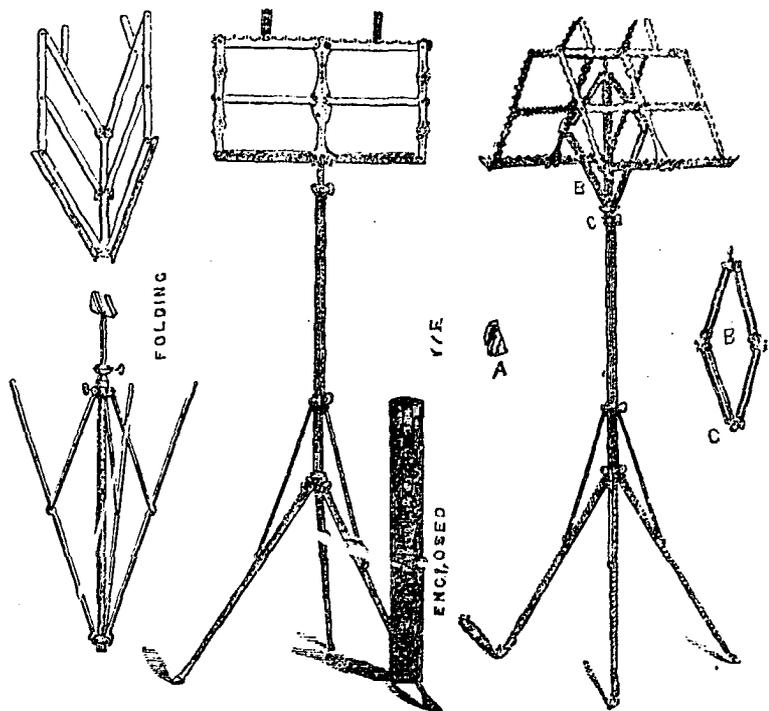
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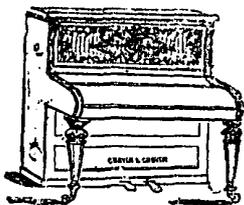
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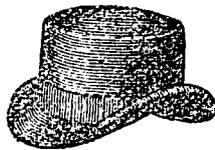
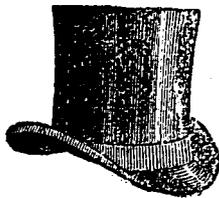
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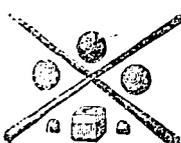
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