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VISIT OF THE G. MASTER TO YORK.

THE arrangements made to ensure the success of the Masonic gathering at York, on Wednesday next, to our mind leave nothing to be desired. An experienced committee has been appointed to arrange all details, and this body acted wisely in securing the services of our esteemed Bro. T. B. Whytehead, who they have appointed their Chairman. All concerned have worked most zealously, and we anticipate the meeting will be more numerous attended than any previous Masonic assembly in the Provinces. The Grand Master will ascend the throne at the Guildhall of York at 10.15, when he will immediately proceed to open his Lodge. Previous to this, Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened, by the Prov. G. Master, the Earl of Zetland, at the Assembly Rooms.

ANALYSIS OF THE SUBSCRIPTION LISTS FOR THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

CONTINUING our review of the recent Festival we now come to the Provinces. First and foremost on the present occasion, is Kent, the Grand Master of which district occupied the chair at the Festival itself. He was supported by forty-one members of his Province as Stewards, and they were instrumental in collecting £2,305 15s 6d. In March last the Province was represented at the Benevolent Festival by four Stewards, three of whom took up £148 5s, while in May, at the Girls, five of the six Kentish Stewards contributed £228 8s, giving a total of £2,682 8s 6d sent up this year from Kent to the three Institutions. The principal list for the Boys was that of Brother J. S. Eastes, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, his total being £601 16s, while six other Stewards reached three figure totals; these were Brother Henry Bond, of the Acacia Lodge, No. 1314, whose list amounted to £129 17s 6d; Bro. W. Hollis, Chislehurst Lodge, No. 1531, £121 16s; J. G. Henning, Union Lodge, No. 127, £120 15s 0d; F. W. Prescott, Peace and Harmony Lodge, No. 199, £113; J. G. Chillingworth, Saye and Sele Lodge, No. 1973, £110 5s; and Henry Mason, Pattison Lodge, No. 913, £100. Great praise is due, both to these Stewards and the brethren who supported them, for the very handsome sum collected for this Festival, which exceeds by a considerable amount anything before realised from Kent, and has only been exceeded in two instances by other Provinces during the past.

East Lancashire was represented by its Provincial Grand Master and by forty other Stewards, and between them they have collected £2,100, a grand amount, and one which will long rank among the foremost contributions to our Charities. In February last its donations to the Benevolent amounted to £212 1s 6d, and in May £89 5s was sent up to the Girls, giving a total for the year of £2,401 6s 6d.

West Yorkshire, on the present occasion, contributes £1,500, which sum follows donations of £450 to the Benevolent and £400 to the Girls, and makes a total from the district of £2,350 during the current year. The present return is one of the grandest ever known in West Yorkshire, noted as it is for large amounts, the total having been exceeded only once, viz. in 1881, when its con-

tributions amounted to £3,560 for the Benevolent Institution.

Northumberland, not a very frequent attendant at the Festivals, comes nobly forward for the Boys this year with a total of £1,222 13s, collected by its Grand Secretary, Bro. B. J. Thompson. This is the first appearance of this district at the Charity Festivals of the present year, but the total now contributed goes far to make up for the absence of its members from the other two. We should, however, like to see a regular system of Stewardships inaugurated in the Province, and hope now that so influential an official as the Provincial Grand Secretary has taken the matter in hand that something of the sort will follow.

Cumberland and Westmoreland, another northern Province, and one which is also very uncertain as regards representation, is to the front on the present occasion with £1,050, collected by a most zealous worker for the Charities—Bro. George J. McKay. The Province was represented in May last, when the same Brother contributed twenty-five guineas towards the Girls' total.

North and East Yorkshire finishes up the Charity year with a donation of £873 7s for "Our Boys," which sum, together with £29 13s sent to the Benevolent in February, and £15 15s contributed to the Girls in May, gives a total for the year of £918 15s. The principal list on the present occasion is that of Bro. J. S. Cumberland, whose total of £541 16s is a living example of what can be accomplished through perseverance. It is not very long since that North and East Yorkshire was all but unknown in connection with our Charities, now it is possible for one of its members to collect no less a sum than £541 16s for one of the Festivals, and to be supported by other brethren with a total of £331 11s, in addition, a change which does great credit to the brethren of the district. Very much of this improvement is due to the exertions of Bro. J. S. Cumberland, and we feel sure that his present list must be as gratifying to him as to any one connected with the Province. We wish him long life to continue his exertions in the good cause.

Gloucestershire comes next, with £601 17s. It was represented at each of the preceding Festivals; in February by six Stewards, and in May by two. Its contributions this year have been £218 3s, £36 15s, and £601 17s respectively, together £851 15s, very satisfactory figures, especially when it is remembered that support from the district is regular.

Staffordshire contributed £460 9s towards the Boys' Festival, and this, together with £57 15s sent up for the Benevolent, and £272 6s contributed for the Girls' School, gives the very respectable total of £790 10s for the year. The district is one of the most regular in its attendances, and with such sums as have lately been sent up is well deserving of congratulation.

Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, accredited with £375 5s 6d on the present occasion, had previously contributed £1,456 19s, so that the district stands out well, with a total of £1,832 4s 6d for the year. Its total in February was £149 16s, and in May £1,307 3s. On the latter occasion it will be remembered its Grand Master occupied the chair. The regularity and amount of the contributions from this district renders it one of the most important in the country.

Sussex figures this year for £364 17s for the Boys, £210 for the Old People, and £363 6s for the Girls, a

grand total of £938 3s contributed during 1883, and that, too, after numerous other good totals. May the brethren of this southern district ever be as mindful of the Charities as they have been in the past.

Somersetshire comes next on our list, its total being £357 10s 6d. It was represented in February by one Steward, who took up £52 10s; and in May, also by one Steward, whose list was £44 2s. The total for the year is therefore £454 2s 6d.

The Western Division of South Wales, with a level £350, shews out well, considering its limited number of Lodges. The present is its first appearance in 1883, but it is, we believe, the custom in this district to support one Charity each year, and give all attention to that alone—a very good system in small districts.

West Lancashire has been comparatively quiet this year, still its representatives have brought up £823 13s 6d for the three Institutions, viz., £244 15s for the Benevolent, £244 13s for the Girls, and £334 5s 6d for the Boys. It must not be forgotten, when comparing these figures with those of other districts, that West Lancashire, in addition to its donations to the central Charities, also supports a local Masonic Institution, as also do other of the Provinces in its neighbourhood.

Worcestershire stands out well this year, its members having contributed a total of £764 6s, viz., £218 13s to the Benevolent, £217 7s to the Girls, and £321 6s to the Boys. A splendid results if taken in connection with the number of its Lodges, which are only eleven.

Devonshire now sends up £317 6s, and with its previous totals of £74 11s for the Benevolent and £203 3s for the Girls, is deserving of praise. £595 in one year from such a Province as Devonshire is most gratifying.

Suffolk is another district worthy of especial praise. Its total for the present year being no less a sum than £653 0s 6d. Of this amount £250 17s 6d was contributed to the Benevolent in February, £136 10s to the Girls in May, and £265 13s to the Boys last month.

We have now come to the end of those Provinces whose totals on this occasion exceed £250. We propose to conclude our summary here, especially as we have already given a list shewing the amounts contributed by the remaining districts. We do not leave off at this point because we consider those which follow are undeserving of mention, on the contrary, every district that puts in an appearance is deserving of praise, but the space at our disposal being limited, we are compelled to draw a line somewhere.

GROWTH OF GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

WE have lately received a copy of the "Sesqui Centennial Proceedings of Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, F. and A.M.," and from its pages we extract the following address of Bro. the Hon. Pearson Church:—

It has ever been the custom of mankind to preserve a record of any notable event in their political, their religious, or their social life.

Such an usage, having the sanction of Divine command, is the means whereby true patriotism is fostered, religious zeal encouraged, and brotherly love nourished.

In conformity with this ancient and sacred custom, the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania keeps this service. This day is unto us a memorial.

On St. John's Day, 24th June, in the year of Light 5732, there was held for the first time in the Province of Pennsylvania, and in this City of Philadelphia, a Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons; and at the same time Grand Officers for its government were duly chosen.

There had been indeed prior to that time, Masons sojourning here who used to meet together as a Lodge under the auspices of a Grand Lodge of England.

Yet this day, one hundred and fifty years ago, is to us, as Pennsylvania Masons, "the Beginning of Days." (It is a coincidence to be noticed in passing, that it was then, as it is now, the Saturday of the week.)

It does not fall within the scope of my remarks to unravel the network of intricacies which surrounds the Masonic jurisdiction of England during the last century, nor to rehearse the story of the consequent uncertainties of authority which exist in the chronicles of this earliest Grand Lodge. It is sufficient to remark that at one time there were two or more Grand Lodges in England, and two Grand Lodges at the same time claiming jurisdiction in Pennsylvania. The older Body did not long survive the political Revolution of the Colonies.

Our present Grand Lodge derives its real origin from "The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and

Accepted Masons, 'according to the Old Constitutions,' granted by His Royal Highness Prince Edwin, at York, in the year of our Lord 926."

The Grand Warrant of our authority was issued on the 20th of June 1764.

The Grand Lodge thus organized remained as a Provincial Grand Lodge under the authority of the Grand Lodge of England, known as the "Ancients," until, on the 25th of September 1786, it was unanimously resolved by the members that it was improper that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania should remain any longer under the authority of any foreign Grand Lodge; and thus the old Provincial Grand Lodge became an institution of the past.

Immediately thereupon a Grand Convention was formed to take proper steps for the establishment of a truly independent Grand Lodge; and there was then adopted, with like unanimity, an ordinance that the Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Provincial Grand Lodge form themselves into a Grand Lodge, to be called "The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging."

This official title, somewhat quaint, and still unchanged, differing, as I believe it does, from that of any of our sister Grand Lodges, sufficiently indicates that this Grand Lodge claimed and exercised Masonic jurisdiction outside the Province and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. This jurisdiction was thus exercised by the Provincial Grand Lodge in warranting subordinate Lodges in many adjoining and distant Colonies, in the Island of Hayti, in regiments of the Continental Army, and even of the British Army.

This Grand Lodge, after it attained its independence, granted warrants to subordinate Lodges in many distant States, in the West India Islands, in Mexico, in different countries in South America, and in the United States Army. Many of these Lodges became extinct, and many became subsequently attached to other Masonic jurisdictions.

The Act of Independence of our Grand Lodge was gracefully acknowledged and fraternally recognised by the Mother Grand Lodge of England. In their congratulatory letter of brotherly love and of God-speed, occurs a passage so happily freighted with "thoughts that breathe and words that burn," that I may be pardoned for quoting it: "Having perused," they say, "your Book of Constitutions, we reflect with pleasure that the Grand Lodge of England has given birth to a Grand Lodge in the Western World, whose strict adherence to the ancient and immutable landmarks of our Order, reflects honour on its original founders. . . We conceive that in constituting your Grand Lodge, we necessarily communicated to it the same independent Masonic authority within your jurisdiction, which we ourselves possessed within ours; amenable to no superior jurisdiction under Heaven, and subject only to the immutable landmarks of the Order. All Grand Lodges in Masonry being necessarily free, independent, and equipollent within their respective jurisdictions, which consequently excludes the idea of subjection to any foreign authority or the establishment of an *imperium in imperio*."

Of this counsel, coming from our Alma Mater, this Grand Lodge has ever been mindful. As the instructive words of a prudent father sink deep into the heart and understanding of an obedient and respectful child, so did this Grand Lodge, in its youth, cherish this message of wisdom from our ancient and honourable ancestor.

The ancient and unchangeable landmarks, usages and customs of our Order, and the no less trenchant doctrines of independent jurisdictional sovereign Masonic authority, have been the Jachin and Boaz of our Masonic edifice, reared and supported as it has been in Wisdom, Strength and Beauty. They have been to this Grand Lodge the pillar of cloud by day, and the pillar of fire by night. They have kept us in the straight pathway which leads to true Masonic light and knowledge.

It would be a most interesting study to mark the many memorable epochs, and to acquaint ourselves with the many notable events in the long history of the Grand Lodge, and thus to follow its growth from infancy to maturity, but my limited time forbids me to do more than glance at one or two more promising episodes.

The Grand Lodge had its period of gloom, and for a time felt the bitter blast, and breathed the noxious vapour of madness, fanaticism and folly; but, as a laden atmosphere is purified by a violent thunder-storm, so, after its era of persecution, did our Grand Lodge, upheld and defended by its noble band of officers and members, who would not bend to the behests of illegally exercised authority, henceforth shine with renewed lustre and revived splendour. "The eyes of the Lord were open upon this House day and night, upon the place whereof He had said He would put His name there." The Ark of the Covenant had gained its resting place, and there was thereafter to be found no Uzzah to lay his unhallowed hands upon its sacred form.

There is one event in the history of the Grand Lodge which, to us as Pennsylvania Masons of the present generation, appears strange.

In the year 1780 the Grand Lodge took into consideration the propriety and necessity of appointing a Grand Master over all the Grand Lodges formed or to be formed in these United States, and after it was so resolved, that Brother who was "First in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen," was by this Grand Lodge unanimously elected Grand Master of Masons throughout the United States.

The concurrence in this movement by the several Grand Lodges of the United States was most strenuously urged by our Grand Lodge, and very persuasive arguments were used for the purpose of bringing about united action. In after years different and better counsels prevailed, for we find that, in answer to similar propositions from other Grand Lodges this Grand Lodge declared it to be inexpedient and impracticable to establish a Supreme Superintending Grand Lodge in the United States. It was, however, the sense of our Grand Lodge that a more intimate union should be formed, and a permanent intercourse established between the several Grand Lodges.

All of these projects were finally abandoned, and never, so far as I am aware, was the subject again brought forward.

Our present system of Grand Representatives between the several Grand Bodies in the United States and elsewhere, is probably the result of the impression made by these early propositions.

As is well known to the Masonic student, Ancient Masonry consisted of four degrees, and every lawfully warranted Lodge possessed and, if its ability and numbers justified, exercised the power of conferring the Royal Arch Degree. There were then no intermediate degrees, and the Royal Arch was exclusively under the control of the Grand Lodge.

In the year 1795, the Grand Lodge authorized the formation of a Grand Royal Arch Chapter under its own immediate government. The officers of the Grand Lodge were *ex officio* the officers of the Grand Chapter, and all working Chapters were held under the authority of a regular subsisting warrant granted by the Grand Lodge.

Thus matters remained for many years until Capitular Masonry in this State was conformed to the system as it existed in other jurisdictions.

I have not the time to enter into the details of the growth of the Grand Lodge, nor the opportunity to illustrate the paths trodden by our progenitors, and pointed out by them for our guidance, and whereby this Grand Lodge has attained its present high commanding position.

"There were giants in those days," and when they began the edifice of Freemasonry in this Commonwealth, they laid deep its foundations among the sub-strata of the ancient landmarks and Masonic tradition, and then united the superstructure with the cement of Prudence, Fortitude, Temperance and Justice, and upheld it by the columns of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth; thus enabling it to withstand the tempests of modern innovations and puerile novelties, which ever threaten to undermine the solid principles of this Ancient and Honourable Institution.

The Pennsylvanian Mason of to-day meeting his brethren of the Grand Lodge in this building, cannot realise the wonderful advance made by the Fraternity in this jurisdiction during the past century and a-half.

Between the Tun Tavern, of Water-street, where, in a modest hired upper room, the first Grand Lodge was held in this city and Province, and the present edifice—the most magnificent dedicated to the uses of Freemasonry ever erected—there is a wide distinction; but it is a contrast far more eloquent than that afforded by the mere lapse of time, or the increased prosperity of the Craft.

The contemplation of the several steps by which this architectural summit has been reached, shows that the seed sown by our Masonic forefathers fell on good ground, and yielded "sixty and one hundred-fold;" that the germs of Faith, of Hope and of Charity, planted by them, brought forth their fruit in due season.

A comparative view of the one Lodge, with its handful of Brothers, and confined to one spot in the Colony, and the three hundred and eighty thriving Lodges, with their thirty-five thousand Masons scattered through this great Commonwealth, from the River Delaware to Lake Erie, exhibits something vastly more significant than a mere contrasting of unrhetoical figures. It presents a scene more charming to the senses than that depicted by a confused mass of commonplace statistics.

It represents a compact body of free-born men under the tongue of good report, "fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners."

At this memorial service, designing to perpetuate the memory of our growth and prosperity in a spirit of justifiable self-congratulation, may we not point to our humble beginning, our past illustrious history, and our present exalted position, and, recognising in all this the munificence of the Giver of every good and perfect gift, reverentially exclaim, as it was said of the patriarch of old, "What hath God wrought?" "How goodly are thy tents, O Jacob, and thy tabernacles, O Israel!"

And, standing, as we are, on the threshold of another epoch, may we not resolve to forget not the past, to wisely improve the present, and "go forth to meet the shadowy future without fear, and with a manly heart?"

Wherefore, then, as a Grand Lodge, do we look back with complacency upon our historic past, congratulate ourselves upon our successful present, and confidently indulge the hope of a glorious future.

The answer is to be derived from the fact that our Order is founded upon the eternal and immutable truths of Equality and Fraternity; that the great unwritten language and laws and traditions and teachings of Freemasonry have been kept by this Grand Lodge as pure and as sacred as the fires tended by the vestal virgins; that while principalities and powers and earthly dynasties are subject to dissensions, disintegration and decay; the white-winged Dove of Peace hovers over our battlements, and our walls are resonant with the sweet songs of Harmony, and the joyful chants of Unity, which, "like as the dew of Hermon fall upon the hill of Zion."

The answer is to be further found in the fact that this Grand Lodge is panoplied in the armour of the Ancient Landmarks, and with these there is "no variability, neither shadow of turning;" that it has ever maintained, as with a Divine faith, the absolute sovereignty and supremacy of itself in all matters within its own territorial jurisdiction; and that in determining questions of Masonic law there is nothing higher or more authoritative than its decrees, save only the Ancient Landmarks, Usages and Customs of the Order.

The answer is to be still further found in its unshaken conviction that the spirit of novelty, of unrest, of progress falsely so-called, has no foundation in the true Masonic character; in the firm belief that in Masonry whatever is ancient is true, and whatever is modern is false, and that the introduction of innovations into the body of Masonry is as fall of peril to the stability of the Order as the introduction of the Trojan horse was to the city of Priam.

Finally, it is to be found in the long-established system by which the Grand Officers of this Grand Lodge are chosen, and the prevailing spirit which binds them together.

By an unwritten law of the Grand Lodge a brother who aspires to govern as Grand Master must first serve his terms of apprenticeship in the minor elective Grand Offices. He attains his high position through earned promotion, and not by intrigue and indulgence. The other elective Grand Officers serving as advisers to the Grand Master in the government of the Craft, and partaking in his responsibility as they ascend into the place of dignity and power, are in like manner served "by those who in their turn shall follow them." As a Past Grand Master, his influence is still felt as a member of one or more of the leading standing committees, which tend so strongly to shape the policy of the Grand Lodge. Thus we have at all times around the Grand East a body of diligent, faithful and experienced brethren, who guard well the portals of Freemasonry, and suffer the Grand Lodge to come under no evil imputation.

These are some of the characteristics of this Grand Lodge. Upon us have devolved the duty and responsibility of preserving its laws. Let its word be "as a lantern unto our feet, and a light unto our paths."

In a few more decades this Grand Lodge will be celebrating the two hundredth anniversary of its foundation. It is scarcely possible that any now within the sound of my voice will be here to assist in that ceremony. Those who will then be participants will have received their Masonic light from us. Let it arise and shine for the never-fading glory of pure and ancient Masonry, which may always find its sure resting place within the precincts of this, the parent Grand Lodge of America.

O venerable Mother of us all, "rich with the spoils of time."

"The Lord bless thee and keep thee!

"The Lord make His face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee!

"The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace."

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.

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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"THE SAME USAGES AND CUSTOMS."

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—At the risk of being considered pertinacious in "sticking to a favourite fad," as my attempt to secure a logical deduction and result from the very expressive clause in our present Book of Constitutions—relating to Masonic working—has been characterised by my good friend your contemporary, in a recent leaderette, I am constrained to make further endeavour to ascertain what is meant by the clause which has been substituted in the proposed revision.

The respective clauses are as follow:—

EXISTING REGULATION.

"All lodges are particularly bound to observe the same usages and customs; every deviation, therefore, from the established mode of working is highly improper, and cannot be justified or countenanced. In order to preserve this uniformity, and to cultivate a good understanding among free-masons, some members of every lodge should be deputed to visit other lodges as often as may be convenient."

REVISED REGULATION.

"The master and wardens of a lodge are enjoined to visit other lodges as often as they conveniently can, in order that the same usages and customs may be observed throughout the craft, and a good understanding cultivated among freemasons."

At the Special Grand Lodge held on the 30th ult., for the consideration of the proposed revision, when discussion was reprehended, and hasty decisions invited with a view to attain at one sitting, if possible, a result which, to be at all, or even nearly, perfect, demanded cool and matured deliberation, and the adjournments necessary for that purpose, I proposed the re-instatement of the existing regulation, as an amendment, so far victoriously as to be defeated by not more than five votes. This evidences the fact that very many more Freemasons are of my way of thinking, as to unity of working, than my opponents care to admit.

But I was defeated, and, as is only right, and until the decision then arrived at is reversed, respectfully bow to the majority. For the present at all events I must, as will all good and loyal Masons, observe the "same usages and customs" in Masonic working. It will be so easy to do this when we learn what are the "same usages and customs observed throughout the Craft." Probably the direction given to us will be supplemented by information as to the authority to whom we should apply for instruction! At present I know of none in particular, and in a general way to adopt some of the "usages and customs" of, say, Lodges in the West of England, and some others of, say, Lodges in the North, and reconcile them with the "usages and customs" of the Metropolis, would be to render "confusion worse confounded," and instead of cultivating "a good understanding among Freemasons" would almost necessitate the establishment of a fourth Masonic charity for the reception of Masonic lunatics.

Where are we drifting? The abandonment of the old regulation that "every deviation from the established mode of working is highly improper and cannot be justified or countenanced" means, if any-

thing, that it is no longer necessary to conform to any particular mode, and that any form or ritual may be adopted at the will or caprice of any individual, "none daring to make him afraid." And again, what is the "established" mode, and when and by whom was it established? These are questions worth serious consideration. When they are answered as they should be by those who appear to direct in what manner the work of Freemasonry should be practised, without explanation of what "usages and customs" are enjoined for observance throughout the Craft, I may cease to pursue a subject which I am free to confess does not cease to pursue me.

But I fear that inability to give satisfactory replies will necessitate further communications from,

Yours very truly and fraternally,

JAMES STEVENS P.M. 1216, P.Z. &c.

Clapham, 9th July 1883.

MORE LAND AND THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—This seems to be a time of speculation in connection with our Institution. There is the Preparatory School Special Building scheme, the re-building of the Temple at Freemasons' Hall, recently destroyed by fire, and now the land question crops up at Wandsworth. I heartily approve of the movement with regard to the Boys; the rebuilding of the Temple is imperative. Care should be taken in the latter case that haste does not interfere with completeness. Now that an opportunity is afforded, all that human skill and Masonic devotion can accomplish should be taxed to the utmost to make the dwelling place of Grand Lodge, the centre and heart of Freemasonry, worthy of the noble Institution. If caution were ever necessary it is in the matter that is set down to come before the Quarterly Court to be held to-day relative to the land adjoining the Girls' School. It comprises nine acres, for which the very modest sum of £4,000 per acre is asked. I am not acquainted with the value of land in this particular spot, but I should say that the sum asked is grossly extravagant, and could only have been demanded under peculiar circumstances, the chief of which is that at least a portion of the said land is a desirable acquisition, if not an imperative necessity, to the existing School. The owner has taken in the whole case, and, with itching palm, seeks to make a market out of conditions that he himself has helped to create. No doubt part of this ground would have been purchased long ago if the School Committee had had a chance before the price of land had been inordinately swelled by the increased demand, owing to the growth of London. The owner, however, kept his counsel and his land, and now that he has made up his mind to sell he imposes the condition that the purchaser must take the whole or none. How far this condition is meant to influence the Committee of the Girls' School I know not, but it is perfectly certain that the whole matter needs the utmost skill and watchfulness. As at present advised I consider £4000 an acre a fancy price, and altogether unwarranted, except under circumstances already alluded to. But supposing the sum to be fair, according to existing conditions, then comes the other question whether the School should become the purchaser and enter into all the risks and entanglements that accompany the disposition of land for building purposes. What are the necessities of the School? Those should be first determined. It may be that some of this land is indispensable; it may be, perhaps, that it is not, but only desirable, and then only if it can be obtained at a moderate and fair rate. If indispensable, then I hold it would be better to wait events and buy only what is wanted, even at an enhanced price. If only desirable, then I should say pocket disappointment, make the best of circumstances, and bid the owner of the land go elsewhere for a customer. It is one thing to buy, and another to sell. Suppose the Committee were to buy the whole of the nine acres at a cost of £36,000, they would in all probability have to sell what they did not want at a reduced price. It is hardly likely that the whole of the nine acres is of equal value; if not it is important to ascertain the relative value of one acre to another. The reverse, of course, may be true; but I fear not, and therefore the Committee must be exceedingly careful before they enter upon a speculation that may be very disastrous. There is another view that must not be lost sight of; suppose they purchase the whole, and have to wait some time before they can resell what they do not require for their own use, how is the interest upon capital to be provided? I do not think it possible that it can accrue from increased price of resold land, for as I have already said the resale will most likely result in loss. If so, what will the cost of the acquired portion amount to? These are questions that might be asked and answered. I earnestly hope that wise counsels will prevail to-day, and that prudence in speech as well as in action, will characterise the proceedings.

Yours fraternally,

WATCHMAN.

SOME IMPORTANT MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—There are several remarks in your paper of the 7th July which require comment. In the first place you say that the general body of Craftsmen have every reason to be satisfied with the result of Special Grand Lodge, on Friday, 29th ult. Certainly the message from His Royal Highness was most gratifying, at the same time not more than half the brethren generally felt sure he would accord; but when you wind up your article with reporting satisfactory progress, inasmuch as 184 clauses have been passed, I must beg to differ in toto. Anything more unsatisfactory than the

manner in which those clauses were scrambled through, could not have been. With the exception of three or four, which were well contested, the whole might have been taken as read for aught that the brethren knew what they were assenting to. Then, again, the absence of any remarks from you or the *Freemason* on vital points, such as the retention or not of the word "alone" in 2nd line clause 4, Revise; the arbitrary clause—No. 54—where it gives power to the *Chairman* of the General Committee—not, mind you, the General Committee—to omit any notice of motion from the list of business to be brought before Grand Lodge. The reporter of your contemporary had the misfortune to lose a large portion of his notes, and yours were evidently in the same boat.

Now, with regard to that little word "alone;" in the "retention" or "rejection" of that word lies the "retention" or "division" of the supreme and inherent power of Grand Lodge. By the rejection of it you create a divided authority, and it does not need a prophet to tell us the fate of a divided house or authority; it was my impression that it was retained, but I am told the contrary was the case. It behoves us as a body, loyal and true to ourselves and our ancient landmarks, to move the non-confirmation of that portion of the minutes when they are brought up for confirmation. With regard to Clause 54, I think Bro. James Stevens moved that, for the Chairman of General Committee, the words Chairman should be left out; but that is another vital point. I care not how good and excellent a brother there may be as Chairman of the General Committee, it is too arbitrary a power to place in his hands. With regard to Clause 4, I wrote to the Grand Secretary on the 8th instant, asking for the information I sought for, but up to the present, the 12th, I have received no reply. It may be as well for the brethren to know that, a large proportion of the shorthand reporter's notes having been lost, there is no record of that portion of the proceedings of Special Grand Lodge extant, and certainly so much will have to be reconsidered; in fact, if the whole were gone through again, with that deliberation and sense of responsibility becoming a body of men engaged in deciding on the most important act possible, viz., framing the laws and regulations which are to govern them, instead of hurrying through, like a lot of school-boys, anxious to get out to play, it would be more worthy of, and more consistent with, the dignity due to the noble Order to which we have the privilege of belonging. In fact, a Committee should be formed outside of the Board of General Purposes, part taken from London and part from the Provinces, to decide upon the merits of the work done by the Revise Committee. These brethren should be selected with care and judgment as to fitness for that particular work, and they should be paid for it; as, indeed, it could not possibly be properly done under a week of four hours per day.

The proposed purchase of extra land for the Girls' School is another matter requiring great care and judgment to deal with. The extortionate price put upon the land by the owner should be rejected without a doubt. I wrote to a friend of mine, a Brother Mason, who is an auctioneer and estate agent in the locality, and asked him to go and look at the place, and give me his candid opinion. This he has done, as follows:—He does not hesitate to express his opinion as to the greed of the owner, and the extravagance of his demand. He (my friend) has taken the trouble to obtain the opinion of other practical men in the same profession as himself in the locality, and will bring them with him on Saturday. He says there is no doubt as to the advantages its possession would bring to the Institution, but you can buy gold too dear. The freeholder evidently thinks to alarm the Committee with the threat of building operations, but no builder would have to do with the estate at even £3,000 per annum. There are many who would probably treat for the land at £2,500, and for one triangular piece I would rather our Committee should give after the rate of £5,000 per acre than not have it. He also expects to be prepared with details of the sale of plenty of property in the neighbourhood, in a better position, at a far less price. I trust that the brethren will muster in their strength on Saturday, and resist any attempt that may be made to squander the money which has been given for a very different purpose.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

C. J. PERCEVAL P.M. 1607.

P.S.—In answer to my inquiry, it appears that Clause 4, page 2, of the Revised Constitutions was carried, as printed, at the Special Grand Lodge on the 29th ult.

MORE CHARITY NEEDED.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Under the heading "Our Eighteenth Volume" you last week inserted a very modest note. You are silent as to your own work in particular, and mass it with that done by Masonic journals generally. As one indebted to the *CHRONICLE* for much instructive and interesting information, I venture, with your permission, to urge your claims to the consideration of the Craft generally. I am not restrained by the modesty that comes of ownership or self-interest, and therefore can claim to speak boldly, and I trust effectively. Your journal, while it wisely restrains the license, encourages the liberty of free men. No one who has a grievance—real or fancied—is denied a hearing, provided that the writer keeps to the subject and deals with it in a fair, manly and Masonic spirit. I do not imply by this that no other organ or body does the same. I have no desire to raise the *CHRONICLE* in the estimation of the brethren at the cost of any other paper; but I think I may confidently affirm that there is no other journal that discharges its functions with a higher regard to all the essentials that make an organ of a class so welcome and useful than yours does. As you truly observe, those who do not find time to read the literature of Freemasonry sustain a loss. That is true in many senses. Grand as is the genius of the Craft, sublime as are the ceremonies, there is much left of a commoner order to learn and practise. Take

the genius, inspiration, and origin of Freemasonry. How few there are who understand them, how small is the interest taken in them. This is accounted for in no small measure by the lack of libraries, by the cost of procuring necessary information, and by the solid character of the study. I can quite understand a profound knowledge of the Craft is not to be expected among the many, and only the few have the time and inclination to work out for themselves the grandeur of the philosophy of the Order, and to solve the subtleties of meaning and of history that crowd the ceremonies. There are few, however, who could not digest a lighter food, and it is just this food that journals like the CHRONICLE afford. It is a register of current events; it gives a digest of work done, and records the economic policy of the Institution. In addition, the CHRONICLE popularises abstruse works, picks out their salient features, and presents them in a form easily understood. It gives extracts from other publications—native and foreign—analyzes reports that are sometimes long, involved and weary, and gives a free platform to every brother. I need not particularise other features, and think I have fairly summarised them. I ask the brethren to try and realise all the labour and expense that the work done by the CHRONICLE involves. When they have done that, I ask them further if a little more charity is not needed in the way of appreciation and support? It should be remembered that a Masonic journal cannot go outside of the Craft for help; even if it could, it would not be prudent to do so. I believe there are what are termed general newspapers that do report Lodge meetings and otherwise deal with Masonic subjects, but whether they have the requisite sanction or not I do not pretend to say. My experience leads me to the conclusion that they have not; and even if they had the practice, ought not to be encouraged. The authorised journals devoted exclusively to the Craft cannot enter into competition with them in general news, and mongrel papers ought not to be permitted to deal with matters that are essentially the property of special journals. The clear duty, as I take it, is for Masons to support their own papers. The result would be a mutual gain, the cultivation of valuable knowledge and the development of a purer and a nobler spirit. I want to see more earnestness in the Craft, less ignorance and selfishness, and a higher regard for the essence of things. These ends can only be obtained by widening the sources of information, by protecting and supporting those sources when they are provided. While pleading for the Masonic press, I am also pleading for the whole body, and where the object is mutual and ennobling, I cannot be wrong in demanding a little charity in the direction I have pointed out.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

I.P.M.

NORFOLK AND "OUR BOYS."

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—An old aphorism has it that "comparisons are odious," not odorous, Mr. Editor, as Mrs. Malaprop would have it. Doubtless they are offensive when spitefully instituted, but I can imagine nothing more beneficial when comparisons are made to wake up dormant charity, and to stimulate brethren to become worthy of themselves and the institutions to which they belong. Now, Sir, looking at the list of subscriptions for the Boys' School, the analysis of which has engaged so much of your time and attention; I find Norfolk ranks last but one, with the paltry sum of £26 5s, and this, too, in the face of a special appeal, which has worked such wonderful results in most other Provinces. How is this? I know some of the Norfolk brethren; I have visited their Lodges; and, judging from my reception, from the spirit that seemed to prevail, I certainly was not prepared for such a small outcome of large pretensions. I am not in possession of facts with regard to what they have done on other occasions, and for other branches of the charitable work of the Order: perhaps they have done so much in the immediate past that they can now rest on their oars. I trust that it is so, and would gladly believe it. I have heard of individual cases in which a noble spirit of generosity has been displayed; but these relate to those who are closely associated with them, and would have the claims of friendship to back them. What seems strange to me is, that a county like Norfolk—with its traditions, with its number of Lodges, with a personal friend of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England as Provincial Grand Master—should be so far behind other Provinces in responding to a special appeal made to them. I do not wish to judge harshly, but the position of Norfolk is so anomalous, so opposed to the just expectations I had formed, that I deem it my duty to call attention to what appears to me to be a great failure of Masonic spirit, the first essential of which is Charity. Suffolk, the adjoining Province, is rather higher than midway on the list; even Essex far outstrips Norfolk. It is true that Cambridge does not appear to figure at all, and, so far, Norfolk has the advantage; but speaking of the many good men I know belonging to the Craft, their position certainly does not correspond with the pretensions of a few who, I fear, have ruled too long. With all the good qualities of the Norfolk brethren, I noticed in some particulars they were more given to the observance of the letter than of the spirit of Freemasonry. The letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life. Possibly this fault I have pointed out may account for what appears to be a lack of interest. The observance of forms may be carried too far, red-tapeism leads to coldness and indifference, and possibly that is the condition of the Lodges in some parts of the Province. Whatever may be the cause, I am certain I shall be doing good service if I can succeed in stirring up the brethren in Norfolk. Why, Sir, the Lodges in Norwich alone ought to have redeemed the Province from its humiliating position. I believe they would have done so if they had been properly appealed to. The Lodges in the city are numerous, and contain some wealthy men, who are not regarded as stingy in other relations of life. A knowledge of this fact makes me wonder

the more, and induces me to strive to awaken a better spirit than seems to find exercise at present. I know it exists, and if properly worked will act with no uncertain result.

Yours fraternally,

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A meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday last, Brother A. F. Godson presiding. There were also present the following brethren: Raynham W. Stewart, Dr. Ramsay, D. Crombie, J. L. Mather, A. Williams, J. B. Sorrell, C. F. Matier, J. M. P. Montagu, W. H. Saunders, Frederick Adlard, George Cooper, H. Goodall, G. P. Festa, George Skeggs, A. M. Broadley, and E. C. Massey. When the minutes of the General Committee of the 2nd June, and those of the House Committee of 29th June, had been read, Bro. Raynham Stewart, referring to a recommendation of the House Committee, gave notice of the following motion to be brought forward at the Quarterly Court:—

That in accordance with the recommendation of the House Committee the sum of 190 guineas be handed to Miss Elizabeth Hall, now in the 20th year of her office as Matron, and in consideration of her valuable services during the outbreak of scarlet fever in the School last year.

Brother Binckes asked, and obtained sanction for the investment of an additional £2,000 in India four per cents. on account of the Building Fund. There were eleven petitions considered, of which two were deferred for further information—nine names being added to the list of candidates. There are now sixty-four candidates, and twenty vacancies to be filled at next election. An application was submitted from the mother of E. G. W. Taylor, a pupil about to leave the School, and Bro. Montagu, who attended from the Council of the 33°, said that it was proposed, in accordance with the desire of the boy himself, who was desirous of adopting his late father's business, to place him for a term of three years with Bro. Sugg's firm, gas engineers, and the Council of the 33° had made a grant of £60, to be paid in three annual instalments. That, however, would do little more than pay Bro. Sugg (who provided his employes with a good dinner daily at one shilling per head) for the lad's expenses under this head, and as the mother would have to provide him with clothes, and other necessaries, the Council deputed him to ask the Committee if they would supplement the Council's grant, as the power of the relatives to render further assistance was now exhausted. On the motion of Bro. Matier it was resolved to grant a sum of £40, to be handed to the Supreme Council, to be disposed of as might be arranged between Bro. Montagu and Bro. Binckes.

A grant of £20 was made towards procuring an outfit for Keddell (another boy leaving the School) who was going to sea.

Three other former pupils, whose employers had sent favourable reports of their conduct, received grants of £5 each.

The question of electing an additional Trustee was deferred.

Bro. Binckes reported that the amount announced by the Stewards of the recent Festival now amounted to £23,050.

The following notices of motion were then given by Bro. Raynham Stewart:—

That, having regard to the unprecedented success of the recent Festival, which involved unusual and excessive labour, the sum of £250 be handed to the Secretary, Bro. Binckes, who has now completed twenty-two years' service.

That in consequence of the largely increased office duties, the Secretary do receive a salary of £125 per annum in addition to his present salary for the years 1883 and 1884, and the Clerk a salary of £25 in addition to his salary for the same years; to be paid out of the interest on the capital stock invested on behalf of the "Special Preparatory Building Fund."

The Installation Meeting of the High Cross Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 284, was held at the "Seven Sisters'" Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, on Wednesday last, when a large gathering of Grand Officers and other brethren attended. Bro. H. V. Clements retired from the position of W.M., and Bro. E. G. Lewis was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. A full report of this interesting meeting will appear in our next.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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CLAREMONT LODGE, No. 1861.

ONE of those clear bright summer afternoons, when the sun is not too glaring, and soft fleecy clouds fleck the skies, modulating the temperature into a refreshing coolness, tempted a goodly number of visitors from town, and from the country side also, to pay a visit to the quaint little village of Esher on Monday afternoon, to witness the installation of Bro. F. W. T. Goddard into the chair of the Claremont Lodge. The name in itself is significant, and it is unnecessary to remind our readers of the days when the Queen of the exiled Louis Philippe resided here, and received within her magnificent demesne the representative of those illustrious Frenchmen who are just now engrossing the attention of political students everywhere. For the present Claremont Park is the home of our distinguished brother the youngest son of her Majesty, and it is only to be noted that the presence of the Duke and Duchess of Albany has restored to the secluded and picturesque locality of Esher and Claremont more than all the vivacity and importance it enjoyed when the regal palace was tenanted by the ill-starred, but we venture to think esteemed, representative of the Imperial nobility of France. But we have not here to deal with politics. All institutions in the world except Freemasonry know the meaning of *Sic transit gloria mundi*. The accession to the chair of K.S. of the fourth Worshipful Master of this young, but exceedingly compact working Lodge, was an event of sufficient interest to stir up a considerable amount of pleasurable excitement among the brethren of the Province of Surrey, and the muster, though not so numerous as we have met on some other occasions, was nevertheless satisfactory, and what was wanting in point of numbers was made up for in *bonhomie* and heartiness of spirit. A cluster of brethren from town assembled on the Waterloo platform shortly before three o'clock, and left by the train, in which special accommodation was provided for them, picking up a few brethren at Surbiton, whilst others followed by a later train. The drive along by the downs, with Sandown racecourse on the one side and a stretch of beautifully-wooded country lying beyond the common, was most refreshing after the oppressive heat of the City, and was thoroughly enjoyed. Soon after four o'clock the Lodge was opened in the School Room, Park-road, the interior of the building having been adapted to the purpose by a suitable adornment of flags, &c., whilst the handsome silk banners presented by the present and former Masters of the Lodge showed to advantage beside the dais. The retiring W.M. Bro. F. A. Manning presided, supported by Bros. F. W. T. Goddard S.W. and W.M. elect, B. Williams J.W., T. Vincent P.M. Prov. G.S.B. Treasurer, H. E. Frances P.M. Prov. D.C. Secretary, T. Snowden S.D., S. Ward J.D., J. M. Barstone I.G.; Martin Sharp, A. Fisher, F. Woodin, W. Woodin, V. W. Morfitt, E. Pincott, T. Rucker, T. Bowler Tyler, and others. The visitors included Bros. W. H. Boswell P.M. 1686, W. T. Buck P.M. 1702, Dr. J. Best (Cripplegate Lodge), J. Tickle P.M. 1702 P.P.G.R., Charles M. Ohren W.M. 452, J. Rhodes 463 Prov. Grand Organist, F. McAlpin P.M. 229, A. J. Dickinson P.M. 452, Dr. W. Porcheron 12, W. Crossley 1702, Thomas Charlton 1702, E. Stockdale 1702, F. Tyler 1702, W. Willan 452, W. J. Russell S.D. 194, W. G. Hunter 412, H. T. Brown 27, &c. Business having been inaugurated with the customary ancient rites, and the report of the Audit Committee (which was very satisfactory) received, Brother Goddard was presented as the W.M. elect, and having assented in the usual form to the responsibilities of the office, a Board of Installed Masters was duly constituted, and the ceremony of installation was impressively performed by Brother Manning P.M. On the re-admission of the brethren, the newly-installed Worshipful Master was proclaimed and saluted in the various degrees, the processional music being admirably rendered by Bro. Rhodes Prov. Grand Organist, and Bro. H. E. Frances P.M. acting as Director of Ceremonies. In handing the warrant to the new Master, the Installing Officer observed that it had not passed through the hands of many distinguished Masons, the Lodge being only a little over three years old; but he had no doubt whatever that it would pass through the hands of Brother Goddard as unsullied as he now received it. The first of the charges was delivered by the Immediate Past Master, and that to the Wardens by Brother Vincent P.M., the third being rendered in eloquent manner by Bro. H. E. Frances. At the close of the rite, the newly-installed Master invested his Officers for the year, as follow:—Bros. F. A. Manning I.P.M., Benjamin Williams S.W., T. Snowden J.W., Thomas Vincent P.M. Treasurer, H. E. Frances P.M. Secretary, S. Ward S.D., J. M. Barstone J.D., A. Fisher I.G., T. Rucker W.S., and Thomas Bowler Tyler. In bestowing the collars, the W.M. addressed a few words to each Officer in explanation of his duties. After the investiture the W.M., addressing his Immediate Past Master, said it was his privilege, on behalf of the whole of the brethren, to present to him a jewel, as a mark of their high appreciation of the services he had rendered to the Lodge during his year of office, and of the interest he had manifested in the welfare of the Lodge. Accompanying the gift was a beautifully illuminated address in blue and gold, and enclosed in a massive gilt frame, the work having been executed by Bro. H. E. Frances P.M. The text was as follows:—

CLAREMONT LODGE, No. 1861.

This testimonial, with the jewel of the Lodge, was presented to
Bro. F. A. MANNING P.M.,

to mark the appreciation of the brethren of the efficient services he has rendered in founding the Lodge, and filling the office of Worshipful Master; and as a token of the esteem in which he is held by them.

9th July 1883.

In accepting the gifts, Bro. Manning said he thanked the brethren heartily for the very kind words which the W.M. had addressed to him in presenting him with the jewel of the Lodge. That jewel would be regarded as the memento of a very happy year of office amongst

them. He thanked them also most heartily for the kind expressions with which they had accompanied the jewel, in the form of this testimonial. They had indeed appreciated his efforts in connection with the Lodge most highly—a great deal more so than he himself thought deserving. He did not, however, thank them the less on that account. He concluded by once more gratefully acknowledging the expressions of their cordial goodwill towards him. The Worshipful Master then asked the acceptance by the Lodge of a banner, bearing the name of the Lodge and his armorial bearings, genially observing that he did not know he possessed any such heraldic distinction until Bro. Frances told him. Bro. Vincent, in accepting the gift, observed that the Claremont was a banner Lodge, and as each W.M. seceded from the chair, he set an example which Bro. Goddard had just imitated. They might hope in time to see the walls of the Lodge resplendent numerous banners of the kind. He was sure the Claremont Lodge would always be looked upon by the founders, and those brethren who had the happiness of being initiated in it, as a Lodge deserving of their appreciation. If it only progressed as it had done since its formation, it would become one of the foremost in the Province of Surrey. It was on account of this Lodge that the Provincial Grand Master presented him with the purple, and he hoped the Claremont Lodge would always continue to hold the position it had gained in the estimation of Provincial Grand Lodge. The Secretary said he had been desired by the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. General Studholme Brownrigg, K.C.B., and the Dep. Prov. Grand Master, the Rev. C. W. Arnold, to express their regret at not being able to attend this meeting. After a few other matters of business, Lodge was closed in form, and the brethren then proceeded on a saunter round the pretty village, visiting the quaint old church, and the more modern structure on the hill, not forgetting the cosy looking hostelry, the Bear, the courteous proprietors of which pointed out the natural curiosities with which the hall is adorned, and otherwise entertained their guests. The perambulation of the village was much enjoyed, and at half-past six the brethren returned with sharpened appetites to the school room, where a sumptuous banquet awaited them. After dinner the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. In responding for the Provincial Grand Officers of Surrey, Bro. Vincent remarked that the Provinces vied with each other in promoting the interests of the Craft. When they considered that at the last Festival for the Boys' School the sum of nearly £23,000 was collected, it was a matter which made them proud of belonging to Freemasonry. They could point to every Charity in the outside world, and say, though men did not know what Masonry was, and perhaps never would know, yet Masonry did this—in the six months past it had collected £23,000 for one of its Institutions, £14,000 for another, and probably £10,000 or £11,000 for the third. If that was not a matter of which Masons might be proud, he did not know what was. He could only say he never regretted having become a Mason; his only regret was that he had not done so earlier. If they continued to uphold the Craft in the manner he had indicated, people outside, who thought they had secrets which were meaningless and of no good, would be compelled to admit that in promulgating the principles of Charity and Brotherly Love Freemasonry set an example worthy of emulation by all other institutions in the universe. The Immediate Past Master then assumed the gavel, for the purpose of proposing the toast of the day, in doing which he referred to the admirable manner in which their newly-installed Worshipful Master had discharged his duties in the minor offices through which he had passed; he was sure the brethren would endorse all that he might be disposed to say in Bro. Goddard's praise. There was no brother in this or any other Lodge who had more zealously performed his duties, or evinced more active interest in promoting the welfare of the Craft in general, and of this Lodge in particular. With one or two exceptions he had been present at all the meetings since the Lodge was founded, and had done his duty well. The toast was cordially received, and the Worshipful Master, in responding, thanked the brethren most heartily for the kind manner in which they had accepted the mention of his name. It had been his endeavour to do his duty thoroughly, and if he had acquitted himself to their satisfaction their approbation was his best reward. He then proposed the Visitors, to whom he extended the heartiest welcome, and associated the name of Bro. C. Ohren with the toast. Bro. Ohren, in a few happily-chosen sentences, thanked the W.M. for the cordiality and abundance of the welcome he had offered to the Visitors. He had been much pleased and interested with the working in the Lodge, which he thought could not be excelled, and he might be permitted to say that the Claremont was a Lodge of emulation, the perfection of whose working was only equalled by the abundance of its hospitality. Bro. Frances then sent round the charity box, which he afterwards duly submitted to sale by auction, the incident provoking a considerable amount of good-humoured fun. The contents of the box were at length bought by a brother, who, after some "spirited bidding," enjoyed the privilege of adding a little to the bargain in aid of the Charities. The health of the Past Masters came next, and in proposing the toast the W.M. observed that the Lodge was vastly indebted to them, and especially to Bro. Vincent, who had been their Treasurer from the outset, and had admirably discharged the duties of that office. Bro. Collins was another able Past Master, but unfortunately he was not with them that night. They were under great obligations to their I.P.M. Bro. Manning, and all appreciated the way in which he carried out the duties of the chair last year. Personally, he was much obliged to Bro. Manning for his kindness in undertaking the installation ceremony that day, and for the able way in which he had carried it out. Bro. T. Vincent, who was heartily received, thanked the brethren for the kind way in which his health, in association with the toast of the Past Masters, had been drunk. The office he held as Treasurer was a pleasant one, and, as its first Master, he would be ungrateful indeed if he did not do all he could to enhance the best interests of the Claremont Lodge. The I.P.M. also briefly, but suitably, responded. The Worshipful Master then proposed the health of the Secretary and Treasurer, the toast being cordially received. In response Bro. Frances observed

that on some future occasion he would make a speech in reply to the toast of his health, "should time permit." But as the hours were advancing, he would now content himself with thanking them most heartily for the kind manner in which they had received the toast. Other toasts followed; eventually the Tyler closed the proceedings in a befitting manner.

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The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution met on the 11th instant, at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bro. Raynham W. Stewart in the chair, Bros. J. Newton, John Bulmer, W. J. Murlis, C. A. Cottebrune, James Brett, W. H. Goodall, T. W. C. Bush, Charles Atkins, Henry Moore, R. P. Tate, C. J. Perceval, J. H. Sillitoe, G. L. Moore, and E. B. Harding. The deaths were reported of two annuitants—one male and one female. A vote of thanks to the House Committee of the Boys' School was passed, on the motion of Bro. Murlis, for allowing the Boys' Band to attend at Croydon at the recent visit of the Stewards to the Institution. The report of the Finance Committee was submitted, showing the following balances in favour of the various funds—Male Fund £1,359 6s 4d, Widows' Fund £1,604 14s 3d, and Sustentation Fund £59 16s 4d. A letter was read from the Grand Secretary, enclosing a letter from a former annuitant, addressed to the Grand Master, praying for his Royal Highness's influence with the Committee to get the annuity restored, and which appeal had been forwarded to the Grand Secretary. The Chairman explained that the brother, whose letter was before them, had, upon being convicted and imprisoned for a month for pawning Masonic jewels, which were entrusted to him as Tyler of a Lodge, been erased from the list of annuitants, and that there were other matters against him besides, in the face of large benefits received by him and his family from Grand Lodge and the Masonic Institutions. Under these circumstances, the Committee declined to re-open the question. The Secretary said with regard to a Steward who was reported for not paying in £40 he had collected, that he had been in communication with that brother's Province, and there was a well-grounded expectation that the money would be paid forthwith. Three petitions (one brother and two widows) were considered and approved.

On and after Monday, the 16th inst., the future meetings of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507, will be held at the old quarters, "The Moorgate," 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C. A cordial welcome is given at all times to visitors.

The fourteenth Annual Fete in aid of the Metropolitan and City Police Orphanage was held on the 5th inst., at the Crystal Palace, over 35,000 visitors being present. The admirable arrangements were under the direction of Chief Superintendent Vernon, in the absence of Brother Superintendent T. Butt, who, in consequence of an accident, was unable to be present. The attractions of the Palace were duly appreciated, and 200 children of the Orphanage were regaled with a substantial dinner and dessert, free tickets being provided for all the amusements. The chief attraction was the athletic sports, where thousands watched the contests. Brothers Sherlock and Fisher were the judges, Bro. Cutbush handicapper, and Bro. Giles starter. Mrs. Howard Vincent presented the prizes. The men were addressed in a very pertinent speech by Bro. Howard Vincent, whose remarks were supplemented by Bro. Sir John Bennett. Thirteen bands of the various divisions, including the City of London, discoursed sweet melody. Among those present were Bro. Lieut. Colonel Labalmondiere, Bros. Superintendents Hamblin, Draper, Green, Lucas, Worrells, Brennan, Harriss, Digby, &c.

DANCING.—To Those Who Have Never Learnt to Dance.—Bro. and Mrs. JACQUES WYNNMANN receive daily, and undertake to teach ladies and gentlemen, who have never had the slightest previous knowledge or instruction, to go through every fashionable ball-dance in a few easy lessons. Private lessons any hour. Morning and evening classes.

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By the help of a friend,
Who assistance did lend,
I succeeded an entrance to gain,
Was received in the West,
By command from the East,
But not without feeling some pain.
Here my conscience was taught,
With a moral quite fraught,
With sentiments holy and true;
Then onward I travelled,
To see it unravelled,
What Hiram intended to do.
Very soon to the East
I made known my request,
And "light" by command did attend,
When, lo! I perceived,
In due form revealed;
A Master, and Brother, and Friend.
Thus far I have stated,
And simply related,
What happened when I was made free,
But I've "passed" since then,
And was "raised" up again,
To a sublime and ancient degree.
Then onward I marched,
That I might be "Arch'd."
And to find out those treasures long lost;
When, behold a bright flame,
From the midst of which came
A voice which my ears did accost.
Through the "vails" I then went,
And succeeded at length
The "Sanctum Sanctorum" to find;
By the "Signet" I gained,
And quickly obtained,
Employment which suited my mind.
In the depths I then wrought,
And most carefully sought,
For treasures so long hidden there;
And by labour and toil,
I discovered rich spoil,
Which was kept by the craft with due care.
Having thus far arrived,
I further contrived,
Among valiant Knights to appear;
And as Pilgrim and Knight,
I stood ready to fight,
No recreant foe did I fear.
For the widow distressed
There's a word in my breast,
For the helpless and orphan I feel;
And my sword I could draw,
To maintain the pure law,
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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's-inn-fields, London, on MONDAY, the 16th day of July 1883, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution.

To elect a Trustee of the General Fund in the room of Bro. John Wordsworth, V. Patron, deceased. To receive the recommendation from the General Committee for the adoption of a list of Sixty-four Candidates, from which Twenty Boys shall be elected at the Quarterly General Court, to be held at Freemasons' Tavern, on Monday, 15th of October next.

To consider the following Notices of Motion by W. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, (P.G.D.) V. President:—

1. That having regard to the unprecedented success of the recent Festival, which involved unusual and excessive labour, and in appreciation of the result after 22 years' service, the sum of £250 be awarded to the Secretary, Bro. F. Binckes.
2. That in accordance with the recommendation of the House Committee, the sum of £105 be awarded to Miss Elizabeth Hall, now in the 20th year of her office as Matron, in consideration of her valuable services generally and during periods of sickness, especially in the outbreak of scarlatina last year.

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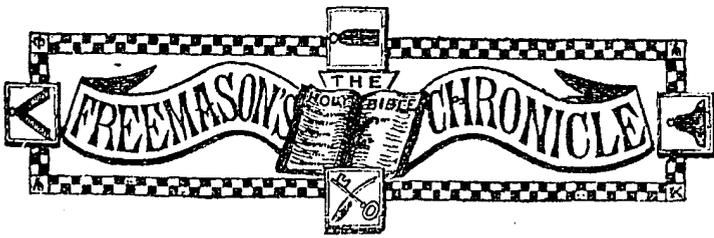
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LODGE HISTORIES.

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LODGE OF RELIEF, No. 42.

(Continued from page 11.)

On the 10th of March 1803 the brethren were again occupied with the revision of their Bye-Laws, seventeen in number, when it is noted by Bro. Evans that the Prov. G. Secretary seems to have had a finger in the pie. The word "Society" is altered to "Lodge," and the prefix "R.W.M." is changed to "W.M." in addition to several other amendments. It seems, however, that though these corrections were accepted by the Lodge, the members continued to use the term R.W.M. until December 1815, while instead of having two elections of W.M. in the year, that an annual election by ballot should take place, provided for by this same revision, does not appear to have been generally adopted until December 1820. The amount of subscriptions and fees provided for by the Bye-Laws at the time were:—

"At the monthly meetings, Members present, 1/6 each, and absent members, 6d. each. At the half-yearly meetings, every member present 1/- to the Fund, and 4/- for his expenses, and every absent member 1/6 to the Fund, and 1/6 towards the expenses.

"Initiation Fees, £4 10s. The Joining Fee remained the same, viz. 10/6 and the registering fee.

On the 24 June, 1807, Bro. Samuel Clough was chosen *perpetual Secretary*, for which services 'he is to be free from paying any expenses in the Lodge.'

"On the 9th June, 1808, it was agreed to Patronize a Play and Farce, on the ensuing Monday, to be performed by Bro. Goldfinch's Company of Comedians then in Bury and performing in the old assembly room at the 'Hare and Hounds.'

In December 1808, Bro. James Hamer, who had had the misfortune to lose a "one pound note," received some practical sympathy from the brethren, who, in consideration of his said loss, and for "past services to the Lodge," presented him with the sum of two guineas.

The next entry we shall call attention to is one under date 23rd November 1809:—

"Bror. Robert Haworth died and was interred the Sunday follow-

ing, when the Ancient Lodge from Bury Bridge attended and several Brethren from Middleton who joined us in a Procession under the direction of Joseph Heap. The procession was preceded by a Band of Music."

It appears that this Bro. Robert Haworth was W.M. in 1784, and we gather from a mallet still in the possession of the Lodge that he laid the corner stone of the first building in Union Square.

On the 2nd March 1820, "a brother was allowed to borrow £2 from the Lodge fund, he having lost a cow; previous to this date it was usual to give brethren the above sum whenever they had the misfortune to lose a cow."

On the 24th June 1821, "It was unanimously the opinion of the members present that John Coop be suspended for a certain time that is in consequence of his insanity and not again admitted until the opinion of the members should think him a sensible man."

The first record of an almoner being appointed occurs under date 9th December 1824, when Bro. Hamer was appointed to that office. This practice it appears is still continued, but at the present time in connection with the other Lodges in the town.

On the 28th of February 1826, a letter of congratulation was forwarded to Bro. John Crossley, of Scaitcliffe, Rochdale, recording the unanimous approbation of the brethren on his being appointed Prov. Grand Master for the county.

In the year 1828 some little jealousy seems to have arisen, as we find in an entry under date 23rd October that "it was decided that the W.M. should leave off Odd Fellowship."

On the 15th July, 1830. "This being the day of the Funeral of King George IV., Lodge was duly opened and closed, 35 brethren being present;" in the accounts for this day we find:—

In the year 1810 some laxity evidently prevailed, which the members exercised themselves to amend. On the 22nd March of this year three brethren were fined threepence each for leaving the room without having first obtained the permission of the "R.W.M.," while on the 19th April a brother was "expelled" for six months, after receiving a severe reprimand, for "a flagrant violation of the most sacred part of Masonry." Again, on the 27th December of the same year, S— F— was expelled this society for dishonest and scandalous behaviour, while two others were expelled for non-attendance.

An entry under date 4th July 1811 states that several brethren "passed the chair," and the compiler, in a footnote, explains that this ceremony of "passing the chair" was performed in order to qualify for the Royal Arch Degree. Reference is also made to an emergency meeting held on the 2nd March 1831, when the work to be done was described as "passing the chair and taking the Mark, Ark and Link." On the 13th August 1818 the W.M. Bro. James Kershaw, in addition to his regular fine, was penalised to the tune of 1s for withholding the Master's jewel and for non-attendance.

"By 40 crape rosettes, 10/
" Mr. Selkirk 10/6
" Crape and ribbon 3/6."

On the 26th May, 1831. The Color Standard of the Lodge was altered from George IV. to William IV., cost of alteration 1/-.

On the coronation day of King William IV., 33 members of the Lodge, with three visitors, took part in a procession. The Cash Accounts, in reference to this occasion, have an entry "By music 20/-." While on this question of music we may notice another entry: "By one-half the Band, 21s.; Singers at St. John's Chapel 2/6." What would our musical brethren of the present day say to this modest remuneration?

On the 25th March 1832 the monthly subscriptions were reduced from 1/6 to 1/-, and the subscriptions at the half-yearly meetings from 5/- to 4/6; at the same time the fee for initiation was reduced from £4 10s to £4, the fee for joining members being 13/. On the 2nd May 1833 the celebration of the Centenary of the Lodge came under consideration. It was agreed

"1. That the Half-yearly Meeting on 21 June, be postponed until the 3 July, the Centenary of the Lodge.

"2. That all old members of the Lodge be invited to dinner on the occasion.

"3. That the members of the Lodge Nos. 150 and 333, be also invited to dinner, on the understanding, that each visitor together with our Members, each pay 3/6.

"4. That Bros. James Warburton, Francis Mather, John Smith, J. Kay, Thomas Hill, William Howarth, James Leech, Robert Parks, and William Hughes, form a committee of management."

In due course, on the 3rd July 1833, the brethren celebrated their Centenary. The members of Lodges Nos. 150 and 343 (now No. 128 'Prince Edwin,' Bury, and No. 266, 'Naphtali,' Heywood) were invited to take part in Divine Service at the Parish Church, for which a dispensation had been obtained from the Grand Secretary, which dispensation is fully set out by Bro. Evans. Then follows a list of the brethren who visited on the occasion, with the numbers of their respective Lodges, and some explanatory notes as to the position these Lodges now hold on the roll of G.L. From the minutes we gather—

"The Lodge was opened in proper form and with solemn prayer at 1 o'clock, the Brethren then proceeded to Church, when Divine Service was performed by Bro. the Revd. Birkett Dawson, of Bradshaw, P. Prov. Grand Chaplain, E. Division, Lanc.; after service the brethren returned to the Lodge room and dined, then closed the Lodge at 7 o'clock, the remainder of the evening passed with the greatest conviviality, and the parties returned to their respective homes at 11 o'clock.

"From the cash book we get the expenses of the above Meeting as under:—

'Sociable' to fetch and take back Bro. the Revd. Birkett Dawson, including toll bars and glass to driver	0 14 2
Organ Blower	0 1 0
Musicians (the Bury Old Band)	3 0 0

Ringers and Apparitor	0 12 0
Sundries	3 3 3
Expenses	17 16 6
	£25 6 11"

The remaining portion of this chapter is devoted to matters of detail attendant on this celebration, while amongst other features of interest will be found copies of the several documents, the Hymus sung, and the lists of toasts and songs given.

We may note here, however, that to Bros. William Hughes and John Brierley (grandfather of the present W.M.) was entrusted the direction of the proceedings.

The next entry we shall take leave to quote is interesting:—

"On 10th September, 1835, two Brethren were appointed to enquire into the cause of Bro. Magrove's mysterious disappearance, (Bro. Magrove was out of employment on the 11th February, and £2 was granted him by the Lodge.) The two Brethren appointed made two journeys to Manchester to enquire after him, and also advertised for him, but evidently with no result, as on the 4th February, 1836, Mrs. Magrove was allowed his funeral money, on the understanding, that if he should at any time be traced, the money was to be refunded."

On the 24th June 1836 the Lodge took part in laying the foundation stone of Hardy's Gate Bridge, as an entry in the cash accounts give 21/- as the amount paid to musicians attending this procession.

It is gratifying to note the readiness the members of this Lodge at all times displayed to take their share in public Mason duties. In evidence of this we quote:—

"On the 27th August 1836, £5 was sent towards the repairs to the Royal Freemasons School for Girls.

"On the 27th December, 1836, £3 was sent as a subscription towards the Memorial intended to be presented to H.R.H. The Duke of Sussex, M.W.G.M.

"On the 23rd March, 1837, £3 was allowed Bro. James Pilkington, towards defraying the expenses incurred by his unjust imprisonment, and a deputation was appointed to wait on Prince Edwin and Naphtali Lodges, Nos. 150 and 333, to see if they would contribute towards the same.

"On the 28th June, 1837, a dispensation having been obtained, the Brethren of the Lodge, together with three visitors from Manchester, formed in Masonic clothing and joined the authorities of the Town in a procession and proclaimed Queen Victoria the First, Queen of England. A cold collation was afterwards served to the brethren. On the 28th June, 1838, the brethren also joined the authorities of the Town in a procession, this being the coronation day of Queen Victoria.

"On the 19th September, 1838, a deputation of seven brethren attended the Prov. Meeting held at Ladyman's Hotel, Manchester, to settle the dispute with reference to some expenses incurred at the last Provincial Meeting held in Bury, when it was agreed that three Provincial Officers and three of our Brethren should retire and arbitrate the question. The arbitrators being unable to agree, Bro. Stephen Blair was called in as umpire, who, after hearing the arguments, gave his decision in our favour, and ordered the Prov. G. Treasurer to refund to us the £7, the amount in dispute.

"On the 28th March, 1839, the Lodge went into mourning for 6 months, in consequence of the death of the Earl of Zetland, M.W.G.M.

"On the 23rd December, 1839, after the Installation of the W.M., the Lodge having obtained a dispensation, joined in a procession and took part in the opening of the Bury New Market. At this meeting it was also decided to allow the Secretary an honorarium of 20s. a year for his services."

(To be continued.)

ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.

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PROV. GRAND LODGE OF LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

THE annual meeting of this Grand Chapter and Lodge was held on Monday, the 9th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester, at three o'clock in the afternoon. Present—Bros. R. N. Hutchinson Prov. Grand Master, J. Gibb Smith Deputy Provincial Grand Master, G. P. Brockbank Past Deputy Prov. Grand Master, J. Chadwick Prov. G. Secretary, C. S. Lane Prov. G. Sword Bearer, W. J. Thomson, Prov. Grand Standard Bearer, R. Young Prov. Grand Marshal, Thomas G. Thorborn Prov. Deputy Grand Marshal, W. Nicholl Prov. G. Guarder; also Bros. Beavan, Ashworth, Heap, Cumberland, Jefferis, Murray, Kerr. Prov. Grand Chapter of H.R.M. opened in form, at 3.20, when the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Letters were read from the Provincial Grand Junior Warden, who was absent in Denmark, and other Prov. Grand Officers, excusing themselves for non-attendance on various grounds. After a successful ballot, Bros. John Whitfield Edwards, Joseph Cunliffe, and James Wilson were duly admitted to the degree of H.R.M., and afterwards duly promoted to R.S.Y.C.S. by their several characteristics. The lectures in the degree of H.R.M. were rendered by Bros. Smith and Young, Bro. Thorburn acting as Mareschal with his accustomed ability. Bro. Brockbank officiated in the lecture in the R.S.Y.C. At the election of Treasurer, the unanimous choice of the brethren fell upon Bro. G. P. Brockbank, Past Deputy Prov. Grand Master. The following brethren were appointed to the offices placed against their respective names:—

Bro. J. F. Hoffgaard	G. Senior Warden
J. S. Cumberland	G. Junior Warden

John Chadwick	G. Secretary
Rev. C. H. Knowlly	} G. Chaplains
Rev. A. B. Beavan	
W. J. Thomson	G. Sword Bearer
Riginald Young	G. Standard Bearer
T. C. Thorborn	G. Marischal
W. Jaffray	G. Dep. Marischal
J. Mc D. Barlow	G. Examiner
W. Nicholl	G. Conductor
J. D. Murray	G. Guarder
Dr. Bentley	G. Organist
R. Heap jun.	} G. Stewards
J. M. Kerr	

It was agreed that the next meeting of Prov. G. Lodge should be held on Saturday the 3rd November next. The Almoner collected the sum of 20s 9d in the charity box. The Chapter and Lodge was closed in harmony at 5.30, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

ANTIEN AND PRIMITIVE RITE OF MASONRY.

MONDAY, the 2nd inst., was a red-letter day for this body in Scotland, for besides the always attractive ceremonial of a Masonic installation, the Grand Master General of the Order, with many of the Grand Officers, attended, with the view of giving eclat to the establishment of this the highest grade of the Rite which, under the Constitutions, can be chartered as a subordinate body—the grant of a Charter for a Grand Mystic Temple Council-General for Scotland, having all the powers of a National Grand Lodge, and with the right of supervision over all Chapters, Senates, Councils, and Mystic Temples under charter from the Antient and Primitive Rite of Masonry in Scotland. This had long been desired by the members of the Rite in Glasgow and other important cities as the fitting culmination of the enterprise and energy which characterised the working of the Rite in this country; and it was with no small amount of pride and satisfaction that the brethren assembled to witness the placing of the cope stone on the edifice which they had erected with so much labour and skill. The ceremony of consecrating the Grand Mystic Temple for Scotland took place in St. Mark's Hall, used by one of the Glasgow Chapters as their usual place of assembly, and but for its limited capacity, tested on this occasion to the uttermost, it would be difficult to find a neater or more compact little hall. Decorated with the banners and emblems of various ancient degrees, and notably the Great Banner of the Sovereign Sanctuary, the hall presented a very striking appearance; and on the Most Ill. Grand Master General ascending the throne, supported by a goodly array of the Grand Officers, the effect produced by the mass of vestments and jewels was a sight not easily to be forgotten. The ceremony, attentively followed by the brethren present, was carefully and impressively performed, and elicited many expressions of approval from brethren who for the first time witnessed it. The Grand Master of Light elect, Right Ill. Bro. Clyde Duncan, and the Grand Officers of the Grand Mystic Temple of Scotland, having been duly installed, the Most Ill. Grand Master General proceeded to give a very interesting lecture on the high grades, and their true position in the Masonic system. That the lecturer succeeded in keeping his audience interested was testified by the frequent bursts of applause which greeted him during its delivery, and at its close a hearty vote of thanks was unanimously accorded. The newly-installed Grand Master of Light then closed the first session of the Grand Mystic Temple in ample form. Subsequently, and at the request of the Saint Andrew's Grand Council No. VI., the Most Ill. Grand Master General received and consecrated Ill. Bro. D. C. Whyte 32, member of the A. and A. Rite, in the degree of P.P. S.M.G.W., 30, 90, A.P. The Grand Master and the Grand Officers were afterwards entertained at a banquet, given in honour of the occasion by the Scottish members, at M'Gregor's Hotel, St. Vincent-street—Right Ill. Bro. Clyde Duncan in the chair, and Bro. A. Holmes, 32, Croupier. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts having been proposed and duly honoured, some interesting speeches were delivered relating to the progress of the Rite in this and other countries, its relation to the Craft, the three Grand Lodges, the Masonic Charities, and cognate matters, the speakers being the Most Ill. G.M. General Bro. Yarker, the Right Ills. Grand Expert General Bro. Dr. Davies, Grand Inspector-General Bro. C. M. Wilson, the Grand Chancellor-General Bro. Joseph Hawkins, the Grand Treasurer-General Bro. J. H. Southwood, and the Grand Secretary-General Bro. James Hill, the Very Ill. Grand Analyst Bro. Colin Mackenzie, to whom in a great measure the successful position of the rite in Glasgow may be attributed; the Very Ill. Grand Conductor of the Grand Mystic Temple Bro. Robert Morrison, also an ardent supporter. Many other brethren, some contributing musically, and others by recitations, added to the enjoyment of the gathering. The repast provided was excellent in quality, abundant in quantity, and admirably served. It speaks well for the future of the Rite that so many brethren cheerfully undertook the journey from London, Manchester, Liverpool, Dublin, and Limerick to be present on this interesting occasion, clearly showing that their hearts were interested in the work, and testifying beyond a doubt that the professions of brotherly regard and good feeling are not the phrases some would have us believe. To the honour of Freemasonry, be it said, that works of charity, benevolence, and fraternal friendship over find active, nay, enthusiastic supporters in its ranks, and whether the occasion requires money, interest, or personal support, no sooner is the want indicated than it is readily and ungrudgingly supplied.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 14th JULY.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
 1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
 1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1636—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
 R.A. 1423—Era, The Albany, Twickenham
 M.M. 234—Brixton, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
 303—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
 1929—Mozart, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon

MONDAY, 16th JULY.

Quarterly General Court, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
 255—Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey
 518—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1623—West Smithfield, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-street, E.C., at 8 (Inst.)
 1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
 1910—Shadwell Clerko, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
 R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
 61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
 77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
 236—York, Masonic Hall, York
 261—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
 302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
 307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
 331—Phoenix Public Room Truro
 359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge
 403—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
 424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
 467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
 613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 931—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield.
 1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
 1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
 1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
 1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
 1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
 1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
 1973—Saxe and Selo, Essenden Hotel, Belvedere
 R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
 R.A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
 R.A. 248—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, Bolton Street, Brixham
 R.A. 731—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Duffield
 R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
 R.A. 951—St. Aubyn, Ebrington Masonic Hall, Granby Street, Devonport
 R.A. 995—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
 M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
 K.T.—Edmund Plantagenet, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury
 K.T.—Prince of Peace, Bull Hotel, Preston
 K.T. 39—Fearnley, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury

TUESDAY, 17th JULY.

Board of General Purposes, 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)
 73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
 111—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 704—Camden, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 900—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)
 1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
 1310—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)
 1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge
 1448—Mount Edgcumbe, 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)
 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In)
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
 1919—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30
 R.A. 890—Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
 M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Barnley
 213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 243—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
 403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford
 418—Mentoria, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
 452—Frederick of Unity, Freemason's Hall, 105 High Street, Croydon
 667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
 897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
 980—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
 986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
 1006—Tregulow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall
 1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
 1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire

1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex
 1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
 1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6 (Instruction)
 1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
 1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
 1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
 1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugley
 R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
 R.A. 829—High Cross, Bull Inn, Dartford
 R.A. 970—St. Anne's, Masonic Hall, East Looc, Cornwall
 R.A. 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
 M.M.—York, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York
 M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate

WEDNESDAY, 18th JULY.

General Committee Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6
 15—Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 73—Mount Lebanon, Horse Shoe Inn, Newington Causeway, at 8. (Inst)
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 223—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In)
 538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst)
 619—Beadon, Greyhound, Dulwich
 700—Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
 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)
 865—Dalhousie, Town Hall, Hounslow
 1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Gleggall Road, Cubitt Town
 1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
 1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1638—Brownrigg, Swan Hotel, Kingston on Thames
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1731—Cholmeley, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill
 1791—Creton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
 R.A.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
 R.A. 192—Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
 M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Town Hall, Shoreditch
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
 86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
 121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
 125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
 178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan
 200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough
 253—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
 277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
 325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
 342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
 387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
 580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
 581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
 591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
 633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
 795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead
 816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
 962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
 1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
 1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
 1036—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
 1161—De Grey and Ripon, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
 1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
 1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
 1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton
 1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruct.)
 1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
 1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe
 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
 1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
 1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
 1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
 1692—Hervoy, George Hotel, Hayes
 R.A. 76—Economy, Masonic Hall, Parchment Street, Winchester
 R.A. 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
 R.A. 323—Charity, Florist Hotel, Stockport
 R.A. 344—Beauty, Bull's Head, Radcliffe
 R.A. 371—Nicholson, Freemasons' Hall, Eaglefield Street, Maryford
 R.A. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
 R.A. 539—Vernon, Dragon Hotel, High Street, Walsall
 R.A. 580—Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
 R.A. 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Arms Hotel, Glossop
 R.A. 731—Truth, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby
 R.A. 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth
 R.A. 1323—Talbot, Mackworth Hotel, Swansea
 R.A. 1350—Fennor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 1375—Architect, Didsbury Hotel, Didsbury
 M.M. 135—Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Clayport-street, Alwicks

THURSDAY, 19th JULY.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 436—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 701—Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
 751—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)
 1153—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
 1155—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
 1227—Upton, Spotted Dog, Upton
 1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction)
 1278—Burdett Courts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park
 1320—Blackheath, Green Man, Blackheath
 1321—Emblematic, Horns Tavern, Kennington
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
 1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford-street, W.C., at 7.45 (Instruction)
 1623—West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1673—Langton, Manston House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)

- 1963—Duke of Albany, Masonic Hall, Shaftesbury Park, Lavender Hill
 R.A. 63—St. Mary, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
 R.A. 752—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8. (Inst.)
 M.M. 7—Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
 M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8.30 (Inst.)
- 56—Howard, High-street, Arundels
 98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
 116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
 215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
 275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
 337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
 343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
 344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
 346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
 367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
 369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
 456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
 600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
 636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
 659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth
 1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
 1032—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1298—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
 1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
 1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
 1576—Dec, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
 1872—St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton
 R.A. 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 R.A. 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 283—Wisdom, Swan Inn, Haslingden
 R.A. 327—St. John's, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
 R.A. 339—Regularity, Crown Hotel, King Street, Penrith
 R.A. 516—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Longton, Staffordshire
 R.A. 913—Pattison, Lord Ralston Tavern, Plumstead
 R.A. 1324—Okcover, Mar Hotel, Ripley, Derby
 M.M.—Canynges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol

FRIDAY, 20th JULY.

- House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4
 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—Ranc'agh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 975—Rose of Denmark, Greyhound, Richmond
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
 1118—University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1153—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 R.A. 65—Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules 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)
- 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
 453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
 516—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
 541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
 652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
 993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulmo
 1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
 1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
 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. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
 R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
 M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.C.—Talbot, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

SATURDAY, 21st JULY.

- 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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LODGE OF PROSPERITY, No. 65.

THE Summer Festival and Ladies' Day of this flourishing Lodge took place on Tuesday, the 10th inst. The several Masters for the time being, in conjunction with energetic Committees, have for some years past striven most zealously to make these annual gatherings enjoyable. In turn, various places have been selected; amongst these we may mention the Crystal Palace, the Alexandra Palace, and the Star and Garter at Richmond; on other occasions the facilities offered by a trip in the "Maria Wood" for a day's enjoyment have been put to the test, in each case with eminently

satisfactory result. In fact, so proverbially has it become recognised that a summer outing with the brethren of Prosperity is to be the very essence of comfort and enjoyment, that with pity we contemplate even the thought of any unlucky wight of a Master who should break the run of this uninterrupted course of success. The present W.M., Bro. George Schadler, brings to bear on his labours a knowledge of the traditions of his Lodge; he is an earnest worker, and has secured for himself the confidence and esteem of the members. On this occasion the Oatlands Park Hotel, Walton-on-Thames, was the spot selected. This establishment, which is admirably suited for gatherings of this nature, is most charmingly situated, while the facilities offered by its manager leave nothing to be desired. Bro. Schadler was well supported by his Wardens—Bros. C. J. Rich and J. H. Hawkins—while the I.P.M. Bro. Roberts, and Past Masters Goodwin (Treasurer), G. T. Brown (Secretary), Cornwall, Leins, Chicken, Daniel, Arnold, Gregory S.D., Walker jun. J.D., Dyson I.G., Bourne M.C., Haller, &c., &c., ably acted as a Committee to ensure the success of the meeting. On arriving at Walton, carriages were provided to convey the brethren and their ladies to the hotel. This is large and commodious—the building was originally a palace of the late Duke of York. The dining hall was artistically decorated with a profusion of flowers. 133 guests sat down to a very excellent dinner and dessert, provided by Mr. Dindemann; music enlivening the proceedings, and after the company had enjoyed the good things supplied, which we may state here gave every satisfaction, the wines and viands being of first rate quality, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft. Bro. Roberts I.P.M. next rose; as being the Immediate Past Master he had great pleasure in proposing the health of the W.M. and the Committee, who had brought them to this charming place. Under Bro. Schadler's presidency he was sure all had enjoyed a very happy day; he would couple with the toast the names of Mrs. Schadler and Master Schadler. After a most cordial reception had been given to the proposition of Bro. Roberts, the W.M. rose to reply. He thought it was pretty generally understood that they were assembled together to enjoy themselves; this he flattered himself they had done. He had no desire to indulge in a lengthy speech; he thought such a course would mar their enjoyment; but he tendered to Bro. Roberts his sincere thanks for the kind way in which he had proposed the toast, and to the ladies and brethren for the enthusiastic manner in which they had received it. In speaking to what he described as the toast of the day, "The Ladies," the W.M. said every married Mason of their party felt it his duty to do all he could to make the occasion a happy one for the ladies who had honoured them with their company. There were seventy ladies present; the largest number the brethren of Prosperity Lodge had ever had the pleasure of entertaining. He was sure the gentlemen present would do full honour to the toast. Bro. Haller ably responded, and then the W. Master paid a compliment to the Visitors, for whom Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. 188 replied; in the name of the Visitors, congratulating the W.M. on the success which had attended the gathering, and the unqualified success of the arrangements, which had so conducted to the enjoyment of the party. The gathering on board the "Maria Wood" was one to be remembered with satisfaction, but this meeting, thanks to the W.M. and Committee, eclipsed all former efforts. He trusted these gatherings would be continued for many years, and by each succeeding Master. Shortly afterwards the ladies and brethren adjourned to the grotto, and listened with attention to the guide, who gave a very interesting account of its antiquity. Dancing was then engaged in by most of those present, and, surrounded by the lovely scenery, each happy couple thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Bro. C. T. Speight efficiently acted as Toast Master. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. Marflet P.M. 217, C. Hollands 946, W. H. Wallington P.M. 860, D. Moss 1275, Haines J.W. 27, R. J. Pottle, T. Brown, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—At Brother Langdale's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., on Saturday last, a most enjoyable evening was spent by the members of the above Lodge, who wished to express their appreciation of the valuable services rendered by Bro. A. W. Fenner, P.M. 1227, on his retirement from the office of Secretary, which position he has occupied so ably for a number of years. Bro. Percy Preceptor presided, and Bro. Powell occupied the Vice-President's chair. The Chairman, in a few well chosen words, presented to Bro. Fenner a handsomely-framed testimonial, signed by a number of the brethren, together with a purse of sovereigns, and expressed the gratification it afforded him on the present occasion to present this small token of respect and esteem to so worthy a brother, who, by the assiduous manner in which he at all times worked for the benefit of the Lodge and Fraternity, had won the approbation of all with whom he had been associated. Bro. Fenner, in reply, sincerely thanked the brethren for this mark of their favour; he assured them that, although business required more of his time than usual, he should still have the interest of the Percy Lodge at heart, and attend as often as he possibly could. The toasts of the Treasurer and Secretary were respectively given, as also that of the Past Masters and present W.M. of the Kingsland Lodge (which may be described as an offshoot of the Percy Lodge of Instruction). Responses were made by Bros. Killick, Trewinnard and Hall. In the course of the evening some capital songs were rendered by Bros. Snook, Killick, Weeden, Rhodes, Hickman and Hirst. The meetings of the Percy Lodge of Instruction are now adjourned to the first Saturday in September.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.—The usual meeting of this Lodge of instruction, was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, S.W., on Friday 6th July. Brother A. Jones occupied the chair for the first time, and most ably conducted the proceedings of the evening, rendering

the ceremony of initiation in a manner which would have reflected credit on any Past Master of the Order. The W.M. was supported by Bros. Chapman S.W., Phillips J.W., Richardson S.D., Sarjeant J.D., Johnson I.G., James Stevens P.M. and Preceptor, Poore Sec.; also Bate, Stokes and others. After the confirmation of previous minutes, and the working of the introductory section of the first lecture, Brother Stokes acted as candidate, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, in perfect manner, and impressively. The fourth section was then worked, and Lodge called off. All present joined in entry drill, by the frequent practice of which the members of this Lodge of instruction have gained confidence when entering their regular Lodges. Lodge was called on, and a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Jones for his services as W.M. having been recorded, Brother Chapman was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the Lodge was closed in harmony.

William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.—

On Friday, 6th inst., at the St. Andrew's Tavern, Baker-street, Manchester-square, W. Present—F. Smith W.M., T. W. Sedgwick S.W., R. D. Smith J.W., G. Tribbel S.D., H. Robinson J.D., M. J. Green I.G., G. Coop Preceptor; also Bros. Carsons, Parsons, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. worked the seventh section, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Carsons, having offered himself as candidate for passing, was interrogated and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony in a very able manner. Lodge was closed in the second degree, and Bro. Sedgwick P.M. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Attention having been called to the desirability of having one Lodge of Instruction open during the summer months in the neighbourhood, it was unanimously decided to request the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE to intimate that the attendance of brethren is cordially invited. Lodge was then closed in due form, and adjourned until Friday.

ST. GEORGE'S LODGE, No. 1723.

THE ordinary meeting was held on Wednesday, 27th ult., at the Commercial Hotel, Bolton, at five o'clock in the evening. Present—Bros. Rob. Latham W.M., John Barrett S.W., E. G. Harwood J.W., N. Nicholson P.M. Secretary, E. Cosgrove S.D., Thos. Tong J.D., J. W. Taylor P. Prov. G.O. Dir. of Cers., Thomas Smith Org., W. E. Bardsley I.G., Derham and Naylor Stewards, J. W. Roiley Tyler; P.M.'s Brockbank P. Prov. S.G. Steward of Scotland, Thomas Morris, Blaiu, Richardson, J. H. Greenhalgh, Court; also Bros. Arden, Morris jun., Goulburn, Fogg, Bolton, Hughes, and several visiting brethren. Lodge proceeded forthwith to the third degree, when Bro. James Fogg was raised to the degree of M.M. by Bro. Nathaniel Nicholson P.M. and Secretary, who also explained the working tools of the degree. Lodge was closed to the second degree, when Bro. J. B. Bolton, who had previously passed a satisfactory examination as to his proficiency as an E.A., was introduced and passed to the degree of Fellow Craft by the Worshipful Master, and the working tools of the degree were explained by the Senior Warden. Lodge then closed to the first degree, when Messrs. Robert Gowancock, Joel Settle, and D. M. Whewell were balloted for and approved. Messrs. Settle and Whewell, who were in attendance, having signed the customary declaration and paid the necessary fees, were initiated as Entered Apprentice Masons, the former by Bro. Latham and the latter by Bro. Nicholson (brother-in-law of the initiate), the working tools of the degree being explained by the Junior Warden, and the usual Charge delivered by the oldest member of the Lodge, Bro. Brockbank, Grand Steward of Scotland. The Charity Medal of the Order was presented to the Worshipful Master on the occasion of his completing his qualification as a Life Governor to two of the Institutions, a similar compliment having been paid at the previous meeting to Brother James Heywood a P.M. of the Lodge. Lodge closed in harmony at eight a.m.

MARK MASONRY.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF MIDDLESEX AND SURREY.

THIS Provincial Grand Lodge held its summer meeting at the Star and Garter Hotel, Richmond, on Saturday, the 7th instant, the Right Worshipful Brother Col. Sir Francis Bardett, Bart., Provincial Grand Master, presiding. The attendance of Grand Officers and brethren was not quite so numerous as on former occasions, probably owing to the many other attractions for outdoor enjoyment which the day afforded. Apologies for absence were numerous, for each and all of which, however, most sufficient reasons were given. Amongst those present were the Very Worshipful Bros. Frederic Davison Deputy Provincial Grand Master, R. Clutton Prov. G.S.W., C. Hammerton Treasurer, E. Florence Registrar, W. G. Brighton Secretary, Driver Superintendent of Works, H. Faija A.D.C., and G. J. Dankley Organist, Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge. Of the Past Provincial Grand Officers there were also present Very Worshipful Bros. James Stevens P.G.O. and Past Provincial Grand Secretary, G. Ward Verry P.G.S. P.G.S.B., J. W. M. Piggott P.P.G.R., S. W. Lambert P.P.G.S.D., D. M. Dewar P.P.J.O., F. Lawrence P.P.J.O., and J. M. Klenck P.P.G. Sec. P.P.G.R. The several Lodges of the Province and Visitors were represented by Bros. D. P. Cama 13, J. Clarke 173, H. J. Lardner P.M. 223, L. P. Catterson J.O. 234, G. Hollington P.M. 173, J. Boulton S.W. 173, — Smith jun. 254, H. Stephens W.M. 199, W. H. Wallington P.M. 860, C. J.

Smith D.C. 1423, H. V. Clements W.M. 284, W. Christian W.M. 251, M. Gentry 251, C. F. Hogard S.W. 315, W. F. Nettleship S.W. 139, J. Walmsley S.W. 139, J. Piggott W.M. 3, Humphries M.O. 176, J. G. Burroughs 144, W. Beasley P.M. 197. The following brethren were included in the list of apologists:—Rev. C. De Crespigny Provincial Grand Chaplain, S. Maude, B. Lewis, Inglis, Wallack, C. Kipling, T. C. Walls, C. Belton, W. H. Goodall, C. H. R. Harrison, A. T. Hall, Murchison, F. Richardson, J. Healy, J. W. Sanders, J. W. Minns, W. Poore, J. A. Braisher, Baron de Ferrieres, C. W. Randolph, Mitchell, H. Lovegrove, and Rev. W. S. Moses P.P.G.C. The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at 5.30, and the minutes of the previous Provincial Grand Mark Lodge meeting, held at Teddington on the 26th July 1882, were confirmed. The roll of Lodges, numbering twenty-five, was then called, and save in four instances were found to be represented by brethren present. The Warrant of re-appointment of the Right Worshipful Brother Sir Francis Bardett, Bart., as Provincial Grand Master having been read, the Officers for the ensuing year were appointed, and those present invested in the following order, viz. :—

Bro. Davison	D. Prov. Grand Master
F. Nettleship	G. Senior Warden
T. C. Walls	G. Junior Warden
Rev. J. Maude	} G. Chaplains
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J. Proffitt	G. Sword Bearer
J. W. Sanders	G. Standard Bearer
G. F. Smith	G. Organist
H. K. Clisby	G. Inner Guard
D. P. Cama	} G. Stewards
W. A. Humphries	
G. J. Hoare	} G. Tyler
John Gilbert	

The Committee for General Purposes appointed and elected were the R.W. Prov. G. Master, the V.W. Prov. Dep. G.M., the Grand Wardens, Treasurer, Registrar and Secretary, and Bros. J. M. Klenck, S. W. Lambert, R. Clutton, and H. Faija.

The Treasurer's account was presented by the Auditors, and the balance in favour of the Grand Lodge being found satisfactory, it was resolved, on the proposition of the Prov. G. Sec., that the sum of seven guineas should be transferred to the Benevolent Fund.

The Banner of the Provincial Grand Lodge, voted at the previous meeting, was placed in its proper position, and was much admired by the brethren generally for its elegance and appropriate device. There being no further business before the Grand Lodge it was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, the Provincial Grand Master presiding. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and, in most instances, briefly responded to, the extreme heat of the evening, and an atmosphere which presaged a coming storm, disposing the company to an avoidance of great exertion, and favouring rather a saunter through the grounds and on the balconies than a continued sitting. At an early hour the brethren separated, much gratified with the pleasurable re-union the annual meeting of their Provincial Grand Lodge had afforded them.

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Straightforward, kind, and true—
I tell you, Brother Jonathan,
That you're a Briton too.

I know your heart's an honest heart,
I read your mind and will,
A greyhound, ever on the start,
To run for honour still.
And shrewd to scheme a likely plan,
And stout to see it done,
I tell you, Brother Jonathan,
That you and I are one.

"God save the Queen" delights you still,
And "British Grenadiers,"
The good old strains your heartstrings thrill,
And catch you by the ears.
And we, O hate us, if you can,
For we are proud of you—
We like you, Brother Jonathan,
And "Yankée Doodle" too.

What more, I touch not holier things,
A loftier strain to win,
Nor glance at prophets, priests, and kings,
Of heavenly kith or kin.
As friend with friend, and man with man,
O let our hearts be thus,
A David's love to Jonathan,
Be Jonathan's to us.

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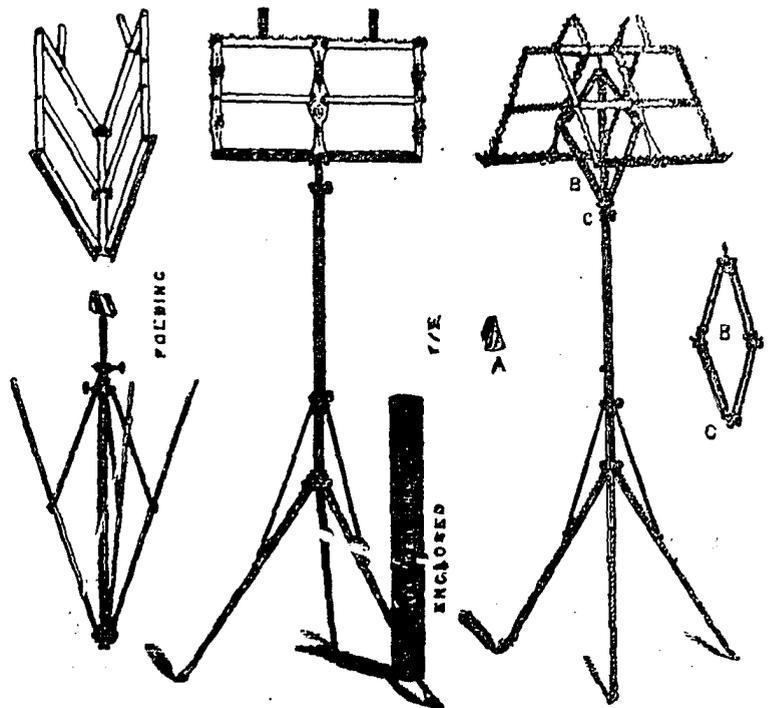
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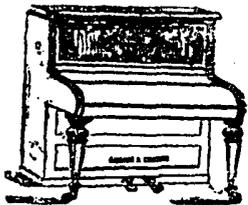
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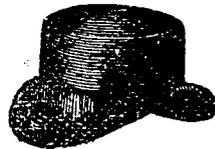
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