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MASONIC CEREMONIES OF THE WEEK.

TWO important ceremonies in which the Craft has taken a leading part have to be chronicled this week. The first of these was the presentation to the authorities of St. Albans Abbey of a Masonic Pulpit, which had been subscribed for by English Masons generally. Advantage was taken of the day appointed for the Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hertfordshire, which assembled under the banner of the Halsey Lodge, No. 1479, at the Town Hall, St. Albans, on Monday last, and after the regular business of Provincial Grand Lodge had been transacted, a procession was formed, and the brethren proceeded to the Abbey, where a full choral service was performed. The clergymen who took part in the proceedings were the Rev. W. Lawrance, M.A., the Rector; the Rev. P. Deedes, M.A., Prov. Grand Chaplain; the Rev. C. C. Ewbank, M.A., Prov. Grand Chaplain; and the Rev. L. Deedes, M.A., Past Prov. Grand Chaplain. The Pulpit was formally presented, on behalf of the Masonic body, by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., after which a capital sermon was preached by the Rev. W. Oswell Thompson, M.A., Grand Chaplain.

The second event to which we desire to call attention was the ceremonial of laying the Memorial Stone of the York Institute of Art, Science and Literature, by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England. This took place on Wednesday, when a Special Grand Lodge was held at the Guildhall, while the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of North and East Yorkshire attended at the Assembly Rooms. The good citizens of York entered most heartily into the spirit that prompted the gathering, and the arrangements made left nothing to be desired. There was a very large number of Freemasons present, the brethren having ably responded to the desire the Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Zetland, had expressed, that the members of his Province should support him on the occasion. The procession was formed soon after ten o'clock, and was joined by the representatives of Grand Lodge en route. The ceremony was conducted with every regard to Masonic custom, and then the brethren returned to Grand Lodge and Prov. Grand Lodge, which were respectively closed. The Lord Mayor of York afterwards entertained a select party at the Mansion House.

AN EAR OF CORN NEAR A FALL OF WATER.

SOMETIMES strange dreams are born of accidents. The title indicated above is suggestive to all who have pursued and appreciated the mysteries of the Science, and it is pregnant of ideas, which it may be well to ponder, in this "dull" season of the year, when active work is more or less relaxed in favour of what may be termed the lighter duties of the Craft. Travelling along, not many days ago, with an old and valued brother, when the skies were cloudless, and the country redolent of a thousand odours of the flowers that blossomed among the new-mown hay, we came across an ear or two of wheat. Full in the bloom they

were and heavy, and speculation rose as to the promise of the harvest which is yet to come. Our brother fastened the ears in his "button hole," as gladsome as though a maiden had gathered him a bouquet, and we conversed of scenes in "ye olden time"—for we are both bordering on the sere and yellow leaf—in which we had participated, when youth gave colour to the cheek, and care had graved no furrows on the brow. On through the meadowy fields where cowslips wavered, and daisies peeped their yellow jealousies, half in anger, half in coquetry, amid the nodding crowd, where the modest clover slept until the after-math, and Nature breathed with that sublime rest of which the poets sing, we sauntered in the midst of a congenial interchange of thought and reminiscence which all men love after the absence of many years. Recalled were many memories spent in the dignified quietude of Lodge, when work was being done, and the sublime mysteries which only Masons know were in the course of active operation. Back again upon the recollection came wafted the beauteous recollections of the days when the "predominant" light first dawned upon the vision, and the sacred histories were traced upon the chequered floor. All this in fancy, but still to congenial hearts most pleasant and exhilarating. "As iron sharpeneth iron, so doth the countenance of man his friend." The old proverb has its significance, which only true friends know, and who such friends as Masons? But to the moral of the story. In the course of our perambulations, when the sun shone at its meridian, and all nature wore the livery of summer, we came across a brook, o'er whose pellucid stream a rude bridge was cast, and in the transit of it our brother chanced to lose an ear of corn. Quoth he, "I have lost mine ear of corn beside a fall of water!" What memories it recalled, what thoughts engendered! Is there any need to sermonise? The significance of the text to Masons is apparent. But there are other aspirations as the outcome of such an incident, simple as it might appear. The sowing of the seed may bring home to us the birth of that Masonic light which has brought such blessing to mankind; and the fall of water which the Great Architect of the Universe has caused to flow must blend in the unique plan of fructifying the earth and covering it with plenteous gladness. Applied in an abstract sense, the ripening of brotherly love, relief and truth, is only by the dew which is cast upon it by the tenets which the Craft begets; and over the united whole there shines the halo of a great and beneficent Creator. The incident is not without its moral. Old friends meet after a severance of many years—sweet memories are revived by the refreshing rains of retained and retaining affection. The seeds of fraternal unity, sown years ago, but long forgotten, are seen again in the full growth of re-united friendship, whilst the showers of memory fall, unexpectedly and welcome, upon a harvest of nearly unremembered things. How glibly we conversed upon recounted pleasures from the simple fact of that ear of corn being inadvertently dropped beside the fall of water! It reminded us of scenes so full of wholesome pleasure in the long, long time ago, when the heartstrings knew none of the worry and toil which come to all men of mature age. There were dreams of moments so sublime when, at the feet of our Gamaliels, we sat and learnt the lessons of our Masonic faith. How gigantic we thought they were in the Art, and think so still. How grateful

for the knowledge they instilled into our untutored minds, and how revered stand the portraits of their venerable visages before us. Could we but see them now as they appeared so many years ago, how much more might they teach us? But time has fled, and we have made less use of it than we should have done. We regret it now, and we are sermonising again. Off at a tangent to the sequestered lawn where our summer banquet was held, where we first made the acquaintance of those who have since been the joy and solace of our lives. How bright were the beams of that morning sun, and how the glad birds warbled a welcome to that merry party, as the horses pranced along the flower-bespattered lanes towards the glen! The ears of corn were ripening then in a tenfold sense. Between gaps in the luxuriant foliage on every side the smiling corn sang forth its golden sonnets to enraptured ears, and hearts beat happily in tune to the universal harmony. Hard by, the rippling brooklet murmured forth its "God speed" to our way, and along the by-ways of the country side all was liquid and pellucid peace. No dangling dandies there, nor maudlin maidens; but all in the hey-day of substantial pleasure bent. Our banquet was spread upon the emerald sward, and in the full tide of contentment digestion waited on good appetite. 'Tis libel on our "social club" that gregarious instincts hold their sway, for did not the merry dance go round, and pastimes innocent prevail? The trees could never whisper over a more loving group than at our summer banquet, nor could birds chant merrier over more gladsome music. The ears of corn were never seen to dance more blithely than did our sisters in that mellow sunset; nor ever did the rivulet make happier music than was the rippling laughter through those woods. But even the reverie of the dreamer must have its close. Suffice, methinks, that in this brief adventure such pleasant thoughts must have their birth and end. It was a gleesome episode, at all events, and our friend's recovery of his ear of corn from that clear stream has awakened a crowd of happy thoughts. It reminds us of pleasant and instructive hours spent in the pursuit of the noblest and most unselfish science the world has ever seen, inasmuch as it embraces the widest and grandest scope of human benevolence and love; and with it must ever be blended a universal domain of brotherhood unequalled in the conception of man. That ears of corn may spring from the grains sown in fruitful places, well watered by the drippings of that fraternal kindness which knows no bounds amongst us, is the wish of every true and good member of the Craft. Nor can it be otherwise. The very nature and essence of the Craft are, that the germs of good fellowship and charity shall spread even as the fields produce their ever-increasing yields of fruit; and as the softening rains of heaven are needed for their maturity, so is the dew of kindly feeling and brotherly love necessary for the existence of a system in which human kindness and a divine benevolence are held in an indissoluble union.

## PRECEDENCE AND REWARDS.

[COMMUNICATED.]

IT would not be wise to keep up an irritating discussion after the cause that provoked it has ceased. If the question of precedence stood alone, after the *amende honorable* of the Most Worshipful Grand Master further reference to the matter might be deemed questionable, if not indiscreet. But it does not stand alone; issues have been raised and reflections stimulated which the members of the Craft would do well to ponder over. There has been looseness in government, and indifference on the part of the brethren. Without going into minor details as to the general powers possessed by the Grand Master, it is quite clear that for many years there has been concurrent action on the part of the Grand Master and Grand Lodge in reference to certain matters of procedure. At one time one authority has exercised that right, at another the other, and both without the least question being raised as to the power or discretion of either. Custom makes the unwritten law, and it must be admitted that the Grand Master had reason to believe that he was acting within his right, and was convinced of the prudence of the step, when he ventured to make certain alterations with regard to precedence; and probably his act would have gone unchallenged,

as others had gone before, had it not been for the agitation set up by the aggrieved few. It is astonishing what a few disappointed men can do; instances are witnessed daily, and the recent action with regard to the precedence question adds one more to the number. The opposition has succeeded in obtaining the withdrawal of the obnoxious Order, but there the matter ends. Nothing has been settled, and the Grand Master, out of respect to opinions strongly expressed, and in his desire for peace and harmony, has retreated from a position which he believed he had a right to assume. That right still remains a debateable matter, and unless now determined, may one day again arise and give trouble. Now is the time to settle the question—to define the prerogatives of the Grand Master and to place Grand Lodge on a sure footing. Were that done there could be no difficulty in the future, and as the temper of the brethren is now calm, they might approach the subject in that generous spirit so well exemplified by the Grand Master. Large discretionary powers must always accompany great responsibilities, and it would only be right that the occupant of the ruling chair of the Craft should be invested with dignity and honours. It is equally just that he should not be made the sport of circumstances, and that he should be called upon to undo an act which was urged upon him by those who ought to be well-informed on all matters relating to the general body. The Grand Master has withdrawn, at the request of the discontented; he has not said he exceeded his powers. He may not repeat the experiment, but he has set an example of caution that may be followed by his successors; that is if Grand Lodge happens to be as indifferent in the time to come as it has been in the past. To avoid such a contingency the powers of the Grand Master and Grand Lodge ought to be at once defined. It stands to reason that the G. Master cannot be placed in a worse position than the Master of a Lodge. The latter has full power over the appointment of his Officers, leaving the right of election of certain working Officers of the Lodge in the hands of the brethren. That is a wise provision, and works well. The W.M. cannot alter precedence of office or the persons after they have been appointed, but he can and does determine who his Officers shall be. Custom provides the order of succession, but the W.M. can insist upon the survival of the fittest. This authority, although possessed, is rarely exercised, and yet it is greater than that used by the Grand Master in the recent instance of precedence. In one case the assumed right of reversion is postponed, and it may be destroyed; in the other a few Officers suffer slightly in dignity. Broadly speaking, Grand Lodge should determine fundamental principles, and the Grand Master, as chief of the executive, should be endowed with every dignity and power short of that of autocrat. He should rule like a constitutional monarch among a free people; his privileges should be many and dignified; but the source of all power should come from the body whose representatives form Grand Lodge, and who alone can make laws.

In practice there is a difference in the appointment of Officers between the Grand Master and the Master of a Lodge. The Grand Master must necessarily rely upon those surrounding him for advice as to fitness. He seldom attends Grand Lodge, and cannot, if he would, discover for himself who from merit are worthy of honour. He must depend upon others, and thus a door is open to cliqueism, which at times prefers friendship to merit. In Lodges generally this evil is avoided to a large extent. The Worshipful Master springs from the ranks; he passes through grades of office; he knows the duties of each because he has discharged them, and none is better fitted than himself to select his Officers. In Provincial Grand Lodges the question assumes another character, and one not pleasant to contemplate. There money is too often the test of merit, and brethren are appointed to office who are sometimes even ignorant of the forms of the Lodge, and not unfrequently destitute of the spirit of the Craft. They take superior rank over the honest and able but poor brother, and many a P.M. is driven into scorn and indifference because the true spirit of Masonry is defiled to his dishonour. Many members join more than one Lodge for the sole purpose of being appointed Prov. Grand Officers, they are, as a rule, strangers to the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, but a few wire-pullers prepare the way and ambition is gratified. There are serious objections to the loose way of appointing Provincial Grand Officers. There is at least the danger that unworthy and

incompetent men may be selected, and it is certain that men whose connection with the Province is close, and whose claims should be paramount, are passed over to please new comers who happen to be blessed with money and friends at court. It would be difficult to cure this evil by law. No rules that could be framed would meet every contingency, and it would not be wise to make too many laws. They are valuable as guides to general principles; they are fetters in their application where the heart plays so large a part, and where liberty, equality and fraternity are watchwords. It is not laws then that are wanted, but a nobler conception of the spirit of Freemasonry. Less selfishness and more sacrifice, a greater honouring of principles and less regard for outward show are needed. There is plenty of scope for ambition apart from the unhealthy craving after office outside of the immediate sphere in which many brethren move, and a love of charity and fair play ought to suggest retirement rather than forwardness. Each centre has its own aspirants to office, and these have first claim to precedence; if they work, theirs should be the reward, and should not be given to those who migrate for a well understood, though not altogether honourable purpose, however rich and able they may be. Money qualification and the pretensions that are set up in consequence are the bane of Freemasonry; they are hostile to its genius, fatal to its spirit. They set up barriers, breed discontent, and sour the minds of the disappointed, and grieve the heart of the just. Living principles become dry bones, and nothing but decay can follow. There is something in the Craft nobler even than the Charities, precious jewels as they are. The Institutions which dot the outskirts of the metropolis are the outward visible signs to the brethren and to the world of some of the results of Freemasonry. They are grand in their motives and in their results. They are matchless as monuments of generosity, and yet they are as nothing to the hidden inward spirit which gives life and stability to the Craft. All else pales before the lessons taught in Lodge, inculcated in the traditions and enforced in the ceremonies. For those who realise the grand truths of the Order the best reward is the strength they gain in consequence of their knowledge and faithfulness. They are not the clamourers for office, not the slaves of a selfish ambition, not the idolaters of money. Nevertheless, they are worthy of all honour; they are the salt of the Craft, the high priests of a grand creed, the living embodiment of the true life of Freemasonry. They could not cry aloud for praise, they would scorn to purchase it if they could, but they richly deserve to be honoured for the faith that is in them. They are few in number, perhaps; too few unfortunately. They leaven the mass, nevertheless, and the object of all brethren should be to increase their ranks. The task would be easy were the tenets of Freemasonry better understood by those who hold them, and were they carried out in spirit and in truth when they are realised. The age of shoddy has affected the Craft, but it has not destroyed it, for it is founded on too sure a basis. Its influence for good is lessened, owing to the narrow views that prevail; growth is retarded, and strife is too frequently provoked. What is wanted is a higher regard for the precepts of the Craft, for the precedents that abound in the ceremonies, and all else would follow.

The Quarterly Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, held on Saturday last, was not so largely attended as it was anticipated would be the case; this, however, may be attributed to the fact that during the morning a very heavy thunderstorm passed over the metropolis, which for a time brought business matter almost to a standstill. Brother Lieutenant-Colonel Creaton Past Grand Treasurer occupied the chair, and there were also present Bros. the Rev. A. Woodford, Webb, Dubois, Binckes, H. Massey, Lovegrove, Grey, Rucker, Hammerton, Smith, Stevens, Matier, Saunders, Bowyer, Allen, Johnson, Dehane, and F. R. W. Hedges Secretary. After the minutes of last Quarterly Court had been read and confirmed, eight vacancies were declared for the October Election, for which it appears there are now thirty-two candidates. The next business was in connection with the proposed purchase of land adjoining the Institution, and to consider the following report of General Committee:—

"The General Committee reports to the Quarterly General Court that, in consequence of an intimation conveyed to the House Committee from the owner of the freehold land adjacent to the Institution

—that he was about to offer for sale nine acres, or thereabouts, bounding two sides of its grounds, and that the lowest sum he would take for the whole, which he declined to divide, was at the rate of £1000 per acre—Col. Creaton, with the concurrence of his colleagues, had obtained from him a promise that such land should not be sold until the views and opinion of the General Court as to the advisability of acquiring the property for the Institution could be obtained.

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

Bro. Hedges also read for information the following resolution passed at the last meeting of the General Committee:—

That the House Committee be authorised to obtain a report from Messrs. Clutton as to the value of Mr. Noel Whiting's land at Battersea, and the manner in which a portion of it could be disposed of, and submit the same to the General Court.

In reference to this he stated that Bro. Clutton had informed the House Committee that he could not be prepared with the report in time for that day's meeting. Col. Creaton, before entering on the discussion of the business now coming before the brethren, believed it would perhaps clear the air a little bit if he said a few words. It must not be thought that the owner of this land was forcing it upon the Institution; it was quite the contrary. When the Institution purchased half an acre of land some time ago, Mr. Whiting promised him (Col. Creaton) that whenever the land was for disposal he would give the Institution the first refusal. That had been done. Both he and the House Committee thought it would be a very improper act on their part if they decided the matter without bringing it first before the Quarterly Court. That was the position of affairs. He had seen Mr. Whiting more than once as to the price, and he had stated that what he required was £4,000 an acre; but in the event of the Institution purchasing it he would give £900 to the Institution. Bro. Letchworth thought before the matter was gone into they had better be in order, by moving that the report of the General Committee be received. After discussion Bro. Saunders moved, "That it is inexpedient to accept the offer of Mr. Noel Whiting." This was seconded by Bro. James Stevens, and carried unanimously. At the request of Bro. Col. Creaton, Bro. Hedges read a letter from Bro. Belton, land surveyor, Norfolk-street, fully bearing out the statements of Bros. Saunders and Stevens with regard to the value of the land; and, on the motion of Bro. Letchworth, duly seconded, a letter was ordered to be written to Bro. Belton, thanking him for his trouble and kindness in the matter. A vote of thanks to Col. Creaton for presiding closed the proceedings.

In reference to this question the *Evening News* states "that land in the best situation in the neighbourhood has been fetching only £2,100, £2,200, and £2,300, and it was very properly suggested, that if the land is worth £4,000 an acre, that on which the Institution stands had better be sold, and the School taken to a site where more reasonable prices rule; in which case, instead of having 230 girls in the School, there might be 250 or more."

The Quarterly Court of the Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Monday, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. George Plucknett P.G.D., Treasurer of the Institution, in the chair. Amongst those present were:—Bros. Colonel J. Creaton, A. M. Broadley, C. F. Matier, S. J. Parkhouse, L. Ruf, G. Bolton, G. Bolton jun., J. J. Murray, B. Baker, A. E. Gladwell, D. M. Dewar, J. Moon, B. Lemere, F. Adlard, H. Massey, F. Davison, T. Cubitt, C. J. Perceval, H. Venn, H. Dicketts, D. Rolls, H. Smith, S. B. Wilson, C. H. Webb, R. W. Stewart, H. S. Goodall, A. Torkington, and F. Binckes. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the last Quarterly Court, vacancies were declared in the School for 20 boys, who will be elected in October next, out of a list of 64 candidates. On the motion of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D., Vice-President of the Institution, the following resolutions were unanimously agreed to:—

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.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUFFOLK.

THE annual meeting of the several Lodges in the Province of Suffolk was held at Ipswich on Friday. It is now some years since the Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Ipswich, and the four local Lodges gave to the brethren of the Province a very hearty fraternal greeting, and several members of the Craft honoured the event by displaying flags and bunting in the principal thoroughfares of the town. The Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, under the Presidency of the Provincial Grand Master (Bro. Lord Waveney). There was a large number of officers and brethren present. The Lodge was opened in due form by the Provincial G.M., assisted by the V.W. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G. Chaplain of England D.P.G.M. The Report of the Committee of General Purposes was received and adopted, except so far as related to the Charities, the Committees' recommendations being substituted by a resolution that £10 10s be given to each of the three Masonic Charities—the Boys' School, the Girls' School, and the Benevolent Fund. The representatives of the various Lodges presented their reports, all of which were of a very satisfactory character. The P.G.M. said he had great pleasure in recognizing the great services that had been rendered to the Masonic Charities by Bro. A. J. Grimwade, Secretary to the Suffolk Masonic Charity Association, by specially appointing and investing him as P.G. Senior Warden. At the investiture of the appointed officers immediately afterwards, Bro. Grimwade vacated the chair and assumed the rank of a Past Officer. The following Officers were then appointed and invested:—

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| Bro. J. M. Canova   | - | - | G. Senior Warden    |
| B. P. Grimsey       | - | - | G. Junior Warden    |
| Rev. R. C. M. Rouse | - | - | } G. Chaplains      |
| Rev. P. L. Cautley  | - | - |                     |
| W. P. Cooper        | - | - | G. Registrar        |
| N. Tracy            | - | - | G. Secretary        |
| B. Gall             | - | - | G. Senior Deacon    |
| J. Napier           | - | - | G. Junior Deacon    |
| R. Garrard          | - | - | G. Sup. of Works    |
| W. Clarke P.G.P.    | - | - | G. D. of C.         |
| C. Emmerson         | - | - | G. Assist. D. of C. |
| W. Mackney          | - | - | G. Sword Bearer     |
| G. A. Hardacre      | - | - | G. Organist         |
| C. H. Wood          | - | - | G. Pursuivant       |
| V. D. Colchester    | - | - | } G. Stewards       |
| J. M. Franks        | - | - |                     |
| E. Sparke           | - | - |                     |

On the motion of Bro. W. Boby, seconded by Bro. W. Clarke, Bro. E. P. Yonell was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and invested. The R.W.P.G.M. Lord Waveney expressed the great pleasure he felt at the satisfactory reports that had been made by the various Lodges, and said he observed that the same feeling ran through all, *i.e.*, a feeling of independence—a desire to make the most of what their powers might be. He had been very much struck with the remarks of several of the brethren, who said with very proper and justifiable pride that though they were but a small Lodge, they were pleased to report that they were in a good position. The brethren then formed in procession and marched to the Tower Church to attend divine service. As the Prov. Grand Master and Prov. Grand Officers entered the Church the Organist played the National Anthem. The prayers were intoned by the Rev. J. R. Turnock, the first lesson was read by the Rev. Dr. Sedgwick, Past Grand Chaplain of England, and the second lesson by the Rev. A. Tighe Gregory P.P.G. Chap. The Anthem was taken from Psalm cxliii, "Behold how good and joyful a thing it is, brethren, to dwell together in unity," (Clark Whitfield). By permission of the Rev. J. B. Turnock special hymns were sung. The sermon was preached by the V.W. Brother Rev. P. L. Cautley, vicar of Southwold, Prov. Grand Chaplain, who took for his text the words, "That they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that Thou hast sent me,"—John xvii. 21. It was not necessary, the preacher said, to point out the advantages, the strength of union. No great work had ever been done in this world without it, and it was this lack of union that was so much to be deplored amongst Christians at the present time. When they saw the divisions that existed between man and man, and between man and God, could they, under the circumstances, be surprised at the agnosticism which was becoming so prevalent in the world. Brethren were working and fighting against each other, instead of fighting against sin. Divisions amongst brethren, however, could not destroy the unity of a family. There could be no union without order, and without full and free submission to the individual will and opinion of properly constituted authorities. The Freemasons displayed in outward form and ritual the spirit of their principles—the great spirit of common brotherhood, and while they recognised the fact that distinctions amongst men were highly necessary for the preservation of due subordination, and the reward of merit, they never forgot the fact that they were all brethren, and that the lowest was entitled to their regard equally with the highest, and that the time would come when all distinctions, except those of goodness and virtue, would cease, and death, the great leveller of all, would reduce them to the same status. These principles of brotherhood, love, rectitude, and virtue were not held merely theoretically by Masons, but were practically acted upon amongst them; and it was an interesting fact that from their Masonic Schools it was not known that one single lad had been brought before a magistrate as a delinquent, or that any girl had lost that most precious flower in her maiden wreath—her purity. The principle of Masonry was love, and God was love. He believed, as a handmaid for Christianity, there was a great future for Masonry. In conclusion, the Prov. Grand Chaplain said, as accepted Masons, they could not part without discharging one pleasure and duty of their calling. He pleaded on behalf of a charity which was not local, but which in its large-heartedness had

proved itself Provincial. He pleaded for the Ipswich Nurses' Home. How many poor and afflicted ones had been blessed by this institution of love it was impossible to say. Out of 270 families supplied this year with nurses, 151 were cases of poverty in which nurses were provided without charge by the Institution, and in cases of necessity not only was the nurse provided gratuitously, but the patient's needs were also provided for by the Home. The offertory, at the conclusion of the service, amounted to £7 16s 9d. After service, the brethren re-formed in procession, and marched back to the Masonic Hall, where the Lodge business was resumed. Bro. Grimwade P.P.G.S.W. read the report of the Charity Association, which stated that the past year had been distinguished in a very marked degree by a greater liberality on the part of brethren in the Provincial Masonic Lodges, and also by most successful results in securing the election of their candidates. The Prov. Grand Master said he was glad to observe the great increase of energy and zeal that had been shown in this Province in the collection of money for Charitable purposes, and he thought this year he might say they had done largely and well. Their needs were great, but he was sure to the extent of their power they had been provided for. Bro. Roby P.P.G.S.W. laid before the Lodge a scheme for increasing the number of Life Governors of the Masonic Charities, and expressed the hope that the proposal would be very largely adopted in the Province. The Provincial Grand Master spoke in favour of the scheme, which he thought must commend itself to them all. Before proceeding further there was one matter to which he wished more particularly to allude. At an early part of the proceedings he remarked that he should find an opportunity before the close of signifying—though perhaps not in a way that was usual in this Lodge, but was customary in Masonry at large—the sense he entertained of the gratuitous and excellent and energetic services rendered by Bro. Grimwade, whom he had promoted to what might be called brevet rank, as Senior G. Warden in this Province. They were doubtless acquainted with the nature of brevet rank in military service—it conferred a distinction upon an individual who was honoured by the confidence of his Sovereign, without conferring upon him any special obligation or duty. He felt also that some reference should be made to the valuable services rendered by Bro. Pain, of the Bury Lodge, on the occasion of the lamented death of their late Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Lucia, which came upon them quite unexpectedly when the natural and appointed leaders of the Lodge were absent, and he thought his name should be associated in honour with that of Bro. Grimwade. His services on the melancholy occasion referred to gave him a claim to their consideration, and he recommended his name to them to be remembered as that of a good and sterling Brother. He also wished to bring before the Lodge the name of Bro. Long. A very short time had elapsed after he had received, at Lowestoft, notice of the loss they had sustained by the death of Bro. Lucia, when on the spot, almost as though he arose out of the sea, quite as unexpectedly and quite as welcome, appeared their Bro. Long, who was acquainted with the work of organisation, and assisted him materially in the discharge of the duties of the Lodge. The two brethren he had last mentioned were well entitled to the good graces of the Lodge. Bro. Casley having announced the amount of the offertory at the Tower Church, the Provincial Grand Master, with the sanction of the Lodge, ordered that it should be paid over to the Vicar, who it was understood would hand it to the Committee of the Ipswich Nurses' Home. The Provincial Grand Master said they had within the last twelve months to regret the loss of three prominent members of the Craft. One who had been withdrawn from them was for many years a useful and noble member of the profession to which he belonged; he alluded to their Bro. Freeman. They next lost their Bro. Lucia, and no person was in a position to speak more distinctly of the qualities and qualifications of the Prov. Grand Secretary than he who had the honour of guiding the Province; from the confidential relationship in which they stood no one could appreciate his qualities more than the Prov. Grand Master. He was very sensible of the merits of Brother Lucia, and personally, as he was sure did also every member of the Province, he mourned his loss. Then, again, an old and experienced Mason had been taken away from them in the person of Bro. Strathern, of the Halesworth Lodge. Many years ago, when he first made his acquaintance he was struck with the excellent manner in which he conducted his Lodge, and he found that he had brought from that country which his name suggested those habits of regularity and forethought; both in regard to the Craft and to civil life, which distinguished those who came from beyond the Tweed. The three names he had mentioned would, he was sure, long continue to be honoured amongst them. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn, said he was only echoing the feelings of every single brother in that Grand Lodge when he said they most heartily endorsed all that had been so kindly and so eloquently put before them by the Grand Master, and they shared in the regret which he had expressed in so touching a manner at the death of those brethren. They left names behind them which it would be a long time before the Masons of Suffolk, would forget. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master spoke upon the spread of Mark Masonry in the Province, and denying that there was any rivalry between the two, expressed the hope that for many years to come Mark Masonry and Craft Masonry would work side by side. Bro. Tracy P.G.S. read a letter, which had been received from Mrs. Lucia, the widow of the late P.G.S., expressing her heartfelt thanks for the letter of condolence and sympathy sent to her on the death of her husband. A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. J. R. Turnock for his kindness in granting the use of St. Mary-le-Tower Church, and before closing the Lodge the P.G.M. expressed the hope that they as brethren might go on in the same spirit as had been shown that day, and he hoped and trusted, under the favour of the Great Architect of the Universe, with the same and equal results. They could only water and plant—the increase came not from them, but from a higher source. The last terrible years had sorely afflicted the district from which they mainly drew their resources, but they now felt that the time was come when compensation would be given

to them, that they would reap the reward of their toil. In the meantime it behoved them to exercise that active Charity which bound up wounds and helped the weaker brethren. More he had not to say, except that he was, year after year, more and more indebted for the conscious strength which he felt to the support of those over whom he had the honour to preside. The Lodge was then closed in the usual form.

The banquet was held at the Masonic Hall in the evening, under the presidency of the Prov. Grand Master Lord Waveney, who was supported by the Deputy Grand Master Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn Past Grand Chaplain of England, Bro. the Rev. Dr. Sedgwick, and the Provincial Grand Officers. Bro. Holder, of the Butter Market, was the caterer. The tables were artistically laid, and the menu was admirably served. After dinner the Prov. Grand Master proposed the Queen. Song, "God Save the Queen," Bro. D. D. Steele. The Prov. Grand Master next proposed, the Grand Master of England H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. They all knew what a deep interest his Royal Highness took in Masonry, and how well he discharged the duties devolving upon him. Song, Masonic version, "God bless the Prince of Wales," Bro. George Abbott. The Prov. Grand Master proposed the Pro Grand Master Lord Carnarvon, Dep. Grand Master, and the Grand Officers Past and Present. Bro. the Rev. Dr. Sedgwick P.G. Chaplain, in response, said he need not say how heartily he felt Lord Carnarvon was the right man in the right place, and he might say the same of Lord Lathom—he did not think two better officers could have been chosen. He was quite convinced that the Grand Officers did their best to promote the interests of the Craft. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn D.P.G.M. also responded, and said he was sure they were all as pleased as he was to see their Provincial Grand Master, whom they all loved and esteemed, and revered in every position in life, amongst them in restored health and strength. There were few more popular Provincial Grand Masters in England than their own. When his name was mentioned it was always received as it should be, but he wanted them to look at Lord Waveney that night from another point of view. They knew what joy and rejoicing there was in a family when a member of that family came of age. He had just been told that Lord Waveney came of age that night as Provincial Grand Master of Suffolk. Now they knew when a young man came of age they looked forward and prognosticated many years of life and happiness before him, and he was sure he was only saying what they all felt when he said that from the bottom of his heart every single soul in the room wished that that would be fulfilled. He gave them with all the honour they could put into it "The health of the Prov. Grand Master of Suffolk, Lord Waveney." Glee "The Red Cross Knight," Bros. Abbott, Steele, and Brockbank. The Prov. Grand Master, in response, said he had passed a considerable part of his time before he had the honour and the great privilege and pleasure of being associated with this Province, but he could safely say he had learnt more in the 21 years he had acted as P.G.M. than he had learnt in the 38 years previously. In the year 1829 it was the fashion at Cambridge for undergraduates to become Freemasons, and in that year he became a Mason with them. If they deducted 29 from 83 they would see what a very long period that left, and as long as he had health and strength they would both be employed as far as they could be in the service of the Craft. He thanked them for the agreeable surprise they had given him in celebrating his coming of age, and in the second place he thanked them for the reception they had given him, and for the honour they had done him that day. He only wished the trouble was greater on his part, in order that he might show how earnestly he desired to serve them. Song—"Within those sacred bowers"—Bro. Brockbank. The Prov. Grand Master proposed the health of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master Bro. C. J. Martyn. His activity and energy in the cause of Masonry were well-known, and if it were possible for any one to realise the fable of the bird that was at two places at the same time, his impression was that they would find it in the person of their Deputy Prov. Grand Master. Wherever he went he left his mark, but he passed so rapidly that they would wonder where the bird was gone. But more than that he was a bird of good omen. Year after year he found that his name was always received with the same kindly feeling and the same enthusiasm, and he now asked them to drink to the health of the D.P.G.M. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, who was well-known throughout all the Lodges in England. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, in response, expressed the great pleasure he had always experienced in working under Lord Waveney, and said he had never for one single moment had the slightest cause to regret holding office, because he had been so well supported and backed up by the Provincial Grand Master and his brethren and friends of the Province of Suffolk. Wherever he went he always found the same cordial hearty welcome, and whatever he said was taken in good part. Having acknowledged the great assistance he had received from the Prov. Grand Secretary, and expressed the wish that he could more often come amongst them, the D.P.G.M. said so far as he was able they would find him ready and willing to carry out his obligation. Song, "The Pilgrim of Love," Bro. Abbott. Bro. Boby proposed the Charities. Bro. Binckes and Bro. Terry responded. Duet, "Sound the loud trumpet," Bros. Steele and Brockbank. The Provincial Grand Master thanked the brethren of the four Ipswich Lodges for the hospitable reception given to the Provincial Grand Lodge, and the Deputy Grand Master proposed the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge past and present, coupled with the names of Bro. Canova, of the Southwold Lodge, and Bro. Grimsey, of the British Union. Bro. Canova having replied, Bro. Grimsey said it had been a great satisfaction to him to receive the high honour conferred upon him by the Prov. G. Master, and he hoped the badge of office would pass from him unsullied in any possible way. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, who had now assumed the chair, Lord Waveney being obliged to leave, proposed the health of the Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. Tracy, and spoke of the valuable assistance he rendered to the Province when they were suddenly deprived of the services of their late lamented Brother Lucia. They had paid

their tribute of affection for their departed friend, and he now asked them to drink the health of his most worthy successor. Bro. Tracy P.G.S. responded. He expressed his sense of the loss the Province had sustained by the death of Brother Lucia, whom he had known for many years, and with whom he was associated as the founder of St. Edmund's Lodge. He did not wish to make any promises, because he knew they were very easily made and often fulfilled with great difficulty. They had already shown two of the great virtues of Masonry—faith and hope, and he now asked them to exercise that other virtue, charity—in dealing with his performances. He should try thoroughly to do his duty without fear or favour, and he trusted when the time came when he should be called upon to leave the office, there would be as great an earnest of good feeling amongst them as there was now on his entering upon it. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master proposed the W. Masters of the Lodges in the Province. Bros. G. Abbott (St. Luke's), A. Raphael (Prince of Wales), and Ardleigh (Stour Valley) responded. Song—"Three merry men"—Bro. Alexander. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master proposed the health of Bro. W. Clarke, Prov. Grand D.C., and said it was a great advantage to any Lodge to have so efficient a Director of Ceremonies. Brother W. Clarke, in response, alluded to the proposal for the erection of a new Temple in which to hold Grand Lodge meetings, and also to the question of the Revision of the Book of Constitutions. He hoped this matter would be very carefully watched, and that the brethren would hesitate before they attempted to alter any of the grand fundamental principles which had actuated and guided Grand Lodges in the past. The Visiting Brethren brought the toast list to a close, the other items on the musical programme being—Song, "Hybrias the Cretan," Bro. Brockbank; and glee, "Mynheer van Dunk," Bros. Abbott, Steele, and Brockbank.—*East Anglian Daily Times.*

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE members of this Provincial Grand Lodge assembled at the Town Hall, St. Albans, on Monday, the 16th inst., under the presidency of their Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Thomas Frederick Halsey, M.P. The proceedings on this occasion were rendered especially interesting as opportunity had been taken to unveil the pulpit which has been erected by the Freemasons of England as their contribution towards the work of restoration which has now been going on for some years at the Abbey of St. Albans. The erection of the pulpit was entrusted to Bro. Christopher Miskin, the W.M. of Lodge 1479, who has also carried on the work of restoration in this venerable pile, and who, by the care and attention he has displayed, has given every satisfaction to the authorities.

The business of the day commenced with the reading of the minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge held on the 13th July 1882, which were unanimously confirmed. On calling the roll of the Provincial Grand Officers responses were made by Bros. Dr. F. H. Wilson Iles Deputy Provincial Grand Master, J. E. Cussans, W. H. Hobson, Revs. Lewis Deedes and C. C. Ewbank, F. Sumner Knyvett P.G.S., R. B. Croft, J. E. Dawson, W. E. Gompertz, J. S. Taylor, James Terry (Sec. R.M.B.I.) George F. Cook, John Fisher, E. R. P. Francis, T. Woodman, Frank Hall, &c., &c. The whole of the Lodges of the Province were represented. The choice of a Provincial Grand Treasurer resulted in the re-election of Bro. F. Sumner Knyvett, and the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year were invested as follow:—

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| Bro. F. H. Wilson Iles, M.D., 404 | ... | D.P.G. Master         |
| I. N. Edwards 1479                | ... | G. Senior Warden      |
| Edward Swain, M.D., 449           | ... | G. Junior Warden      |
| Rev. C. C. Ewbank 449             | ... | } G. Chaplains        |
| Rev. Philip Deedes 1479           | ... |                       |
| F. Sumner Knyvett 404             | ... | G. Treasurer          |
| Edward Taylor 409                 | ... | G. Registrar          |
| John E. Dawson 404                | ... | G. Secretary          |
| Christopher Miskin 1479           | ... | G. Senior Deacon      |
| J. T. Rowe 504                    | ... | G. Junior Deacon      |
| W. R. Dixon 869                   | ... | G. Supt. of Works     |
| James Terry 1580                  | ... | G. D. of Cer.         |
| C. W. Allen 1385                  | ... | G. Assist. D. of C.   |
| C. K. Killick 1580                | ... | G. Sword Bearer       |
| George Gaffe 1479                 | ... | G. Organist           |
| George Young 1757                 | ... | G. Pursuivant         |
| John Noyes 1327                   | ... | G. Assist. Pursuivant |
| G. C. Barnes 1479                 | ... | } G. Stewards         |
| L. J. Myers 1479                  | ... |                       |
| J. B. Nichol 1479                 | ... |                       |
| H. Slade 1479                     | ... |                       |
| W. Wells 1479                     | ... |                       |
| A. E. Ekins 1479                  | ... |                       |
| Thomas Wright 503                 | ... | } G. Tylers           |
| Charles Thomas 1580               | ... |                       |

The report of the Committee appointed to consider the subject of Charity Organisation was presented, and the rules, as printed and circulated, were adopted. The report of the Board of Finance showed that Provincial Grand Lodge had an amount invested in Consols of £89 17s 1d, and that there was a balance in hands of the Treasurer of £60 3s 4d, giving a total of £150 0s 5d. On the motion of Bro. T. S. Carter P.P.G.J.W. P.M. and Sec. Hertford Lodge, No. 403, the sum of twenty guineas was voted from the funds of Prov. Grand Lodge to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the amount to be placed on the list of W. Bro. R. B. Croft. Bro. Jas. Terry Prov. G.D.C. P.M. King Harold Lodge, No. 1327, moved, "That the sum of ten pounds be voted to the Halsey Lodge towards defraying the expenses of entertaining Provincial Grand Lodge," this was also carried unanimously. Bro. F. H. Wilson Iles Deputy Provincial

Grand Master proposed, that the sum of ten guineas be voted from the funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge to the St. Albans Hospital. This received the sanction of those present, and then it was agreed that a further sum of £15 should be invested in Consols; and that the publication of the Provincial Calendar be continued. The Committee reported that since the last meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge the M.W. Grand Master had granted a warrant, dated 30th October 1882, for the Earl of Clarendon Lodge, No. 1981, to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Watford; and that the new Lodge was duly consecrated on the 13th December 1882, by the R.W. Bro. Thomas F. Halsey, M.P., Provincial Grand Master for Hertfordshire; W. Bro. F. H. Wilson Iles, M.D., Deputy Provincial Grand Master, being installed as the first Master by the Very W. Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary.

A procession was then formed by Brother Terry, Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, assisted by Bros. G. F. Cooke and Charles Allen, and the brethren proceeded to St. Albans Abbey, where a full Choral Service was celebrated by the Rector and the Provincial Grand Chaplains. The first lesson was read by the Rev. Brother Ewbank, and the second by the Rev. L. Deedes. After the Anthem—Blessed be Thou—preparations were made for unveiling the pulpit, the erection of which has been carried out by Brother C. Miskin, W.M. of Lodge 1479, from drawings prepared by Mr. J. O. Scott, Architect. The design of the work is of the Decorated Order, each panel being divided by a mullion, and having elaborate tracery with carved crockets. The plinth, bases, shafts, caps, and impost are all of polished Derbyshire marble; the pulpit itself being wrought out of Tisbury stone with marble shafts, and having canopied niches at each angle for the reception of figures. The cornice and the steps are also of polished Derbyshire marble, with a massive brass hand-rail. The entire cost of the pulpit will be over £600, towards which upwards of £500 has already been received. The Provincial Grand Master in making the presentation said:—It is now my duty, on behalf of the Freemasons of England, to offer for the acceptance of the authorities of this Cathedral a pulpit, which has been subscribed for by all ranks of Freemasons, from our Grand Master the Prince of Wales downwards. I will now ask you, acting on behalf of the Cathedral authorities, to accept this pulpit, in the name of the Craft, with the earnest prayer that from it may be poured forth for many generations a living stream, warning the backsliding, cheering the despondent and repenting, offering hope and salvation to sinners; and that, as the water flowed from the rock at the bidding of Moses, so from this pulpit may the word of life flow from generation to generation. The Rector, the Rev. W. J. Lawrance, M.A., said that, in the name of the authorities of the Cathedral, he accepted the pulpit, at the hands of Bro. Halsey, with thanks.

The sermon was preached by the Rev. W. O. Thompson, who took for his text "To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light."—Acts xxvi. 18. The collection after the sermon amounted to £31 12s 8½d, which amount is to be appropriated towards building a new boys' school in the Abbey parish. The brethren then returned in procession to the Town Hall, where the business of Prov. Grand Lodge was resumed, and after a few general remarks upon the work which had just been completed, was closed in regular form.

The service of the banquet was entrusted to Bro. W. Marks, of the "Peahen," who well sustained the reputation of his hostelry. The Provincial Grand Master, on rising to propose the first toast, said it was always well received in assemblies of Freemasons—"The Queen and the Craft." In speaking to the toast of the Most Worshipful Grand Master the Prince of Wales, Bro. Halsey said he and the Provincial Grand Officers had had hopes that his Royal Highness would have been present that day, inasmuch as the Grand Master was one of the first to respond to the appeal when it was proposed to raise this fund; those present, however, were aware that the Grand Master had to attend a Masonic meeting at York this week, and to which City he had proceeded on that day; it was therefore impossible for him to be with them at St. Albans. He thought they might congratulate themselves on the advance which the Craft had made since H.R.H. had presided over them, and trusted that the Prince might long be spared to rule over the Craft. If any assurance were wanting of the interest he took in the Order, and the attention he paid to its business, it would be found in the graceful manner in which an alteration which was not quite popular with the Craft had recently been rescinded. With the next toast, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Chairman associated the Health of the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past. It had been hoped that both the Earl of Carnarvon and Lord Lathom would have been there that evening. Had they been present it would have been necessary to propose these toasts separately, but as they had each expressed their great regret at being unable to attend he thought the toasts might be incorporated; he thought these Officers were right men in the right places. Any one who saw Lord Carnarvon preside at the Special Grand Lodge held recently in London could but be assured of his ability; while in Lord Lathom all felt they had an efficient worker. They all knew what careful selections the Grand Master made; none were appointed to office but such as would justify H.R.H.'s choice. They had with them that day two of the Grand Officers of the year, Bros. Edgar Bowyer and Thompson. They also had with them Bro. Havers, a Past Grand Junior Warden of England, one whose name was a household word in Freemasonry. In that Province it was unnecessary for him to say anything of their respective merits. As a Grand Chaplain of England, Brother Thompson would with credit uphold the honour of the Craft. Brother Edgar Bowyer was the founder of a Lodge, which, though the last, was by no means the least of the Lodges in the Province of Hertfordshire. He was a very active Mason, and had liberally supported the Masonic Institutions. It was some time since they had been privileged to drink a toast in honour of the Grand Officers present. He would call on Rev. Bro.

Thompson G. Chaplain. Brother Thompson in a very lengthy speech replied, but as readers of the Masonic journals are well acquainted with the bearings of the several points he touched upon, we feel there is no necessity to reproduce his remarks. We may, however, add that a general feeling was prevalent that our reverend brother had left something untold; consequently, Brother John Havers, in response to a pretty general call, supplemented Brother Thompson's remarks. Brother Havers said, after an absence of five years from Grand Lodge, the welcome which had greeted his re-appearance had touched him deeply. For six or seven-and-twenty years he had enjoyed the confidence, and had been an adviser of the M.W. Grand Masters for the time being, and had spoken freely on matters coming before Grand Lodge. During a long illness, however, he thought that while he had served the brethren honestly he had not made sufficient allowance for the opinions of others, and that he had trodden rather too heavily upon the corns of some people. Yet, even now, if he saw any corns that wanted treading on in the interests of the Craft, he should doubtless be tempted to tread on them. He thought they were most fortunate in possessing such brethren as they did for their rulers. For himself he thanked them, and wished to add that he had not seen the proceedings of any Provincial Grand Lodge conducted with more regularity than those of that day. The manner in which Bro. Terry, the Provincial Grand D.C., had performed his work was beyond praise. He congratulated the brethren upon having such a Provincial Grand Master, and he congratulated the Provincial Grand Master upon having such an influential body of Masons to rule over. If he (Bro. Havers) could at any time render them any service he should be happy to do so. Bro. Dr. Iles Deputy Prov. G.M. proposed the health of the R.W. Grand Master. He was sure that it was only necessary for him to name the toast he was entrusted with to secure for it the attention and cordial reception it deserved. He reminded their Provincial Grand Master that he had now entered on the tenth year of his office as ruler of the Province, and assured him that each year made him more popular, and more firmly cemented him in the hearts of the brethren. In connection with the Prov. Grand Master's remarks upon the beneficial influence of the Prince of Wales upon the Craft in general, Bro. Iles drew a parallel as to the influence the Prov. Grand Master had exercised in the Province of Herts. When he was appointed to the office there were eight Lodges, now there were twelve; these were carrying out Masonry as all could wish. The youngest of these Lodges was represented almost to a man on that occasion. Bro. Halsey, in reply, had again most cordially to thank his Deputy Prov. Grand Master for the manner in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for the very kind manner in which they had received it. He thought that the first ten years of his occupying his position could not have a more fitting completion than the ceremony in which they had that day participated at the grand old Minster; it augured well for the future of Freemasonry in the Province. He had an idea that when a person undertook an office it was his duty to endeavour to carry it out to the best of his ability. He had done that. He must now say—though perhaps it would come best with the next toast, but he could not resist the temptation of saying it at once—that a great deal of the success which had attended his tenure of office was due to the assistance he had received from his Grand Officers; especially from Bro. Iles, first in his capacity of Provincial Grand Secretary, and in the second half of his term as Deputy Prov. Grand Master. It was a matter of great rejoicing to know the Lodges were increasing, and that the old Lodges were improving; this he himself could testify. He had other duties to perform, which prevented his attending so many private Lodges as he could wish; but any shortcomings of his in that respect were amply made up for by Bros. Dr. Iles and Dawson; he could say, with truth, that they were in theory what they ought to be—the eyes and ears of the Provincial Grand Master. He congratulated the Province on its prosperity, and trusted that should he be called on to preside over it for another ten years, they might find themselves in a still higher position than at present. Before he sat down, he felt it due to Bro. De Keyser to say something in recognition of the part he had taken in the work of restoration at the Cathedral. Before this work was inaugurated, Brother De Keyser's zeal for the cause was well known; the arduous work he had undertaken, and the way in which he had carried it out, deserved the highest recognition at the hands of the brethren; he hoped that, with their assistance, the deficit that had been referred to in Lodge would be made up. All knew—all at least who attended Provincial Grand Lodge—must be aware how much depended upon having an efficient Director of Ceremonies; how much they owed in this respect to Brother Terry was fully recognised. He should be wrong also if he omitted to thank the Halsey Lodge for the way in which they had conducted the proceedings of the day. It was a great undertaking for a private Lodge to entertain Provincial Grand Lodge, especially so on such an occasion as that of the present. After several further remarks, the Provincial Grand Master gave the toast, which was most heartily received. Bro. Dr. Iles returned his sincere thanks for the very hearty manner in which the Prov. Grand Master had proposed the toast, and the cordial manner in which it had been received by the brethren. The Past Prov. Grand Officers had shown that they were worthy of their honours, and he was satisfied that the Officers the Prov. Grand Master had chosen that day would also justify his choice, and become ornaments to the Provincial Grand Lodge. He thanked the Prov. Grand Master for the way in which he had referred to him personally. During the past year, from illness in his house, and other causes, he had not been able to go about as much as usual, but from the little he had been able to do in that respect he could testify to the improvement in the Lodges. He hoped that this year he should be able to visit the more distant parts of the Province. He knew the brethren were doing excellent work; he might refer more especially to the Halsey Lodge, under whose banner they were that day assembled. Dr. Wilson Iles concluded by saying that, as long as he had health and strength, and the Provincial Grand Master was pleased to

repose in him the same confidence he did now, he should be most happy to do his best for the welfare of the Province. The other toasts given were the R.W. Provincial Grand Masters of other Provinces; The Visitors, for whom Brother Freeman, of the Himalaya Lodge, Calcutta, replied; the Worshipful Masters of other Lodges in the Province, coupled with the name of Brother Miskin; and shortly afterwards the Tyler gave the parting toast. A selection of music was given under the direction of Brother George Gaffe, Provincial Grand Organist, who was assisted by Bros. H. J. Dutton, Selwyn Graham, Charles Beckett, and W. H. Brereton. The Visitors, of whom there was a large contingent present, were much indebted to Brother John Parrott, Secretary of the entertaining Lodge, for the way in which he looked after their comforts. Brother Parrott was here, there, and everywhere, throughout the day; he at all times kept a watchful eye on his attendants, that the brethren present should have no cause for complaint. Our esteemed brother must be congratulated on the success he achieved.

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## PRICKING A WINDBAG.

*To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I yield to no one in my love of liberty and fair play. You have gone even to the border of license in the case of "C. J. Perceval P.M. 1607 and V.P. of the Three Institutions," whose freedom in the use of condemnation it would be difficult to exceed. You see, Sir, I have given our brother his full title, because it shows he is full of honours, and if not always wise, is at least generous in heart. Bro. Perceval, like most men with a grievance, is very fond of imputing motives to those who do not see eye to eye with him. He regards them with jaundiced vision, and never for a moment considers that any one can be right but himself. Were it not that actions speak louder than words, Bro. Perceval would be looked upon as a most obnoxious person; as it is, he is justly estimated to be a good-meaning, though rash and somewhat eccentric individual—a "Sir Oracle," who is jealous of any dog barking but his own.

I propose to show where Bro. Perceval's indiscretion and wordy violence would lead him, and leave it to your readers to judge for themselves. In your issue of the 16th ult., Bro. Perceval declares that the Grand Registrar, his "reputed successor," and the Grand Director of Ceremonies deliberately spun out the time of Grand Lodge at its recent sitting in order to prevent him from bringing on a motion relative to the revision of the rules. He adds that the Pro Grand Master, acting for the M.W.G.M., prolonged his summing up until the time-limit—ten o'clock—was reached, and so deterred Bro. Perceval from introducing his motion, which of course would have been regarded as new matter. Not only is obstruction clearly charged in this statement, but it involves the serious imputation of conspiracy against three Grand Officers, and the implication at least that the Pro Grand Master ignored, if he did not wink, at the offence. Such an imputation is not only a sarcasm on the theory of Charity, the brightest jewel in the crown of Freemasonry, but it involves issues of a momentous character. If such conditions be possible in one case, they may be repeated, and unless the whole thing is a joke, or the result of a heated imagination, then Bro. Perceval has no other alternative than to carry the matter further;—to formulate a charge of conspiracy, and bring it forward before Grand Lodge. On him rests the onus of proof. If he succeeds, so much the worse for the Order; if he fails, I can imagine no worse punishment than reflection would bring to a naturally warm-hearted but reckless and impulsive man.

Bro. Perceval again vents his temper in your issue of the 7th inst. In this instance it is the Executive that come within the lash of his wrath. I presume that, like Corporations, the Board of General Purposes has neither a soul to be damned nor a body to be kicked, hence the whole are immolated on the wrathful pile of Bro. Perceval's indignation. He complains that although the papers of recommendations of the Board of General Purposes were dated 31st May, and the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge was held on 6th June, no notice was given on the latter occasion of the forthcoming Special Communication held on the 29th ult. He assumes that the Board on 6th June had determined to hold a special meeting of Grand Lodge on the 29th, an inference by no means clear. But supposing they had so agreed, the worst that could be said of them is that they were lacking in courtesy. Upon the face of the facts there is no justification for the imputation that they were actuated by sinister motives. Whatever intimation might have been given on the 6th June must have been supplemented by a formal notice afterwards. But Brother Perceval goes further, and brings four other charges against the Board of General Purposes. He says they called the Special Communication when the London Lodges were in recess; just after the Boys' Festival; on a Friday—"the day when business men have to despatch their Australian and American mails;" and lastly, oh ye Gods, "just an hour and a half before the mail closes, except by payment of extra postage." This puerile outburst is almost laughable. Were not the London Lodges in recess on the 6th June, and therefore the regular Quarterly Communication ought not to have been held? This conclusion follows Brother Perceval's reasoning. There are other festivals besides the Boys' which Provincial brethren attend, and how would it be possible to so arrange a meeting as to meet every condition?

The thing is absurd, and to charge a body of men with a "set purpose of stifling and avoiding a discussion" on such grounds as those advanced seems to me to be as rash as it is unjust. Then, imagine the Board of General Purposes having their eyes on the Australian and American mails, and fixing such a day and such an hour for the Special Communication when the brethren were likely to be engaged in making up their foreign bags. It would be interesting to know how many brethren entitled to attend Grand Lodge have such close business connections with America and the Colonies as to render it necessary for them to attend to their own private business instead of performing their Masonic duties. What astute men the Board of General Purposes must be, or rather I should say how fertile is the brain of Bro. Perceval when engaged in denouncing his brother Masons. Upon such grounds as the foregoing charges are founded which, if true, would brand the offenders as unworthy the respect of honourable men. Again, I say, if Bro. Perceval is in earnest he must carry his accusations further; put them into shape, and test the judgment of Grand Lodge.

Bro. Perceval is gratified for once. He is satisfied with the Most Worshipful Grand Master's message on the 7th inst., when he withdrew the obnoxious order of precedence; but there were a few drops in the cup. The action of the Grand Master was anticipated by "more than half the brethren," says Bro. Perceval. Now, how does he know? Has he the power of divination? Perhaps he is in a charitable mood, and is willing to believe that half the Masonic body at least are not fools, who are ready to share the conviction with him that the Grand Master has the Craft at heart and would not force his own views against those expressed by the brethren generally. No one ever supposed he would. It is not at all certain, however, that the Grand Master has not the right he exercised, and the only way to determine the matter is by friendly counsel in Grand Lodge, and not by risking speculations and abusing those who happen to have an opinion of their own.

I shall not attempt to go through the vexed question of the Revision of the Rules. I believe in the theory of a small committee for such a purpose. There have been several mistakes no doubt. The Board of General Purposes began wrong in secretly initiating the work. I do not accuse them of any improper motive; I believe they thought they were taking the wiser course. Experience has proved that a Frankenstein has been raised that cannot easily be laid. Bro. Perceval, of course, is full of condemnation. I do not know whether his views have been consistent throughout, but he now desires to see a Committee of the purple and the blue in order to compass the mass of suggestions that has been made and to reduce the whole into shape for the acceptance of Grand Lodge. Probably that would be the better course to pursue, but where, according to Bro. Perceval, are there twelve honest men to be found? He has condemned the Board of General Purposes, and yet he would select six of their number for this delicate work. The other six are to be chosen by Grand Lodge. I confess I should not like the task of selection; I should not know what to do about Bro. Perceval to begin with. There is no doubt about his honour, but I have serious scruples about his temper and judgment. I have given some specimens of both, here is an instance of inconsistency. He complains of the paucity of attendance at the Special Communication, and says the time was fixed so as to preclude a large number of members from attending, and yet he would hand over to twelve men work he considers two hundred were not able to perform. He condemns the haste with which the latter number dealt with 184 clauses, and grumbles because more brethren were not present. If confusion reigned among two hundred what would have been the condition of things if 700 had been present? Perhaps Bro. Perceval will solve the problem. He is a "bit sarcastic like" over the Press, but he forgets that the CHRONICLE at least has dealt with the Revised Book of Constitutions in a most exhaustive manner, and at present has nothing further to add. It therefore has no cause for concealment or of slurring over anything. When what it has proposed has been considered, and the whole mass of suggestions has been reduced to a positive and final shape, then the CHRONICLE no doubt will have something to say of approval or condemnation; at the present, both Bro. Perceval and myself have reason to be thankful that we can air our opinions so freely in its columns. The same motive that permits so much liberty in our cases will, I am convinced, guide the Editor in dealing with all matters that relate to the well-being of the Craft.

Yours fraternally,

18th July 1883.

WATCHMAN.

The meetings of the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1602, have been suspended until Tuesday, 25th September next; on and after which date they will be held at the "Queen's Head" Tavern, Essex-road, N. near the Packington-street Post Office.

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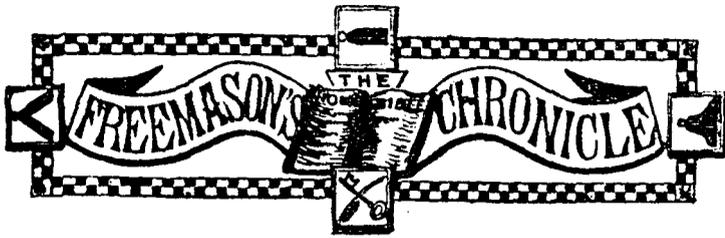
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## MARK MASONRY.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF DORSET.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Thursday, the 12th inst., at the Masonic Hall, in the Isle of Portland, under the Banner of Portland Mark Lodge, No. 133. Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at 1.30 by the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Mark Master the Rev. W. Mortimer Heath, M.A., assisted by W. Bro. E. N. Howard, Mayor of Weymouth, Deputy Provincial Grand Mark Master, and the Provincial Grand Officers. After the roll of Officers and Lodges had been called over the minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge were read and confirmed, and the ordinary business of the Mark Province was transacted. The Treasurer's accounts were received and adopted. The Provincial Grand Master addressed the Lodge on the state and prospects of the Province, and congratulated the brethren on the steady progress which Mark Masonry was making in the Province of Dorset. A vote of thanks was passed to W. Bro. W. D. Dugdale, the Treasurer, who was now vacating that office and not eligible for re-election, in consequence of appointment to other Provincial office. A vote of thanks was also passed to the Provincial Grand Registrar of Marks, Bro. W. B. Morgan, and attention was called to the efficient manner in which the Register of the Province had been kept. Bro. S. A. Vickery was elected Treasurer. The Provincial Grand Master then appointed and invested the following brethren as Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—

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| Bro. R. N. Howard W.M. 133 | ... | ... | D. Prov. Grand Master  |
| W. D. Dugdale W.M. 132     | ... | ... | G. Senior Warden       |
| J. A. Shemen P.M. 126      | ... | ... | G. Junior Warden       |
| T. Ratcliffe 133           | ... | ... | G.M.O.                 |
| R. G. Long 99              | ... | ... | G.S.O.                 |
| H. J. Sydenham 132         | ... | ... | G.J.O.                 |
| Rev. J. F. Chanter 121     | ... | ... | G. Chaplain            |
| J. H. Bowen 133            | ... | ... | G. Secretary           |
| G. A. Vickery 133          | ... | ... | G. Treasurer           |
| W. B. Morgan 126           | ... | ... | G. Registrar           |
| A. Maclean 133             | ... | ... | G. Senior Deacon       |
| C. J. Dring 126            | ... | ... | G. Junior Deacon       |
| F. Wheatley 132            | ... | ... | G. Supt. Works         |
| R. Cox 133                 | ... | ... | G. Dir. of Cers.       |
| J. Ford 126                | ... | ... | G. Assist. D. of Cers. |
| W. J. Nosworthy 133        | ... | ... | G. Organist            |
| G. H. Wallis               | ... | ... | G. Sword Bearer        |
| J. Eveleigh 133            | ... | ... | G. Standard Bearer     |
| W. R. Jeffery 133          | ... | ... | G. Inner Guard         |
| J. Clarke 133              | ... | ... | } G. Stewards          |
| R. C. Greenwood 126        | ... | ... |                        |
| D. Haylett                 | ... | ... | G. Tyler               |

After the closing of the Provincial Grand Lodge the annual banquet was held on the Lodge premises, at which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured. It had been intended to have conveyed the brethren, in the interval between Lodge and banquet, for a marine excursion in a steamboat round the Shambles and Bill of Portland, but the inclemency of the weather prevented that part of the day's programme from being carried out.

### BEVERLAC LODGE, No. 281.

THE installation meeting of the above Lodge was held at the Assembly Rooms, Norwood, Beverley, on Monday, the 9th inst. In the unavoidable absence, through illness, of the W.M. (Bro. B. E. Naylor) W. Bro. A. P. Wilson P.M. P.P.G. Supt. of Works North and East Yorkshire presided, supported by the following officers and brethren:—Bros. J. R. Ansdell W.M. Humber Lodge 182 as S.W., Eli Bryan (W.M. elect) J.W., C. Goulding M.O., T. Dixon S.O., Sydney Smith J.O., Geo. S. Highmoor Chap., T. Marshall P.G.J.G. Treasurer, F. W. Adams Secretary, M. M. Westerby S.D., Jos. Hind J.D., F. Hewson I.G., H. Adams, J. Sugdon, J. Sharp, G. H. Knight, W. Richardson. Visitors—W. Bro. Geo. Wilson P.M. 182, Bros. Jas. Scott Wilson M.O. 291, R. Pexton 182, and J. R. Shearsmith 12. The usual preliminary Lodge business having been taken, Bro. Peter Hancock J.D. Samaritan Lodge 368 was balloted for and unanimously accepted, and arrangements were made for advancing him to the degree of a M.M.M. at a Lodge of Emergency to be called at an early date. Bro. A. P. Wilson then vacated the chair, and presented Bro. Eli Bryan as W.M. for the ensuing year to the Installing Master, W. Bro. Geo. Wilson, a brother whose working was done in that careful and satisfactory manner which has on more than one occasion been so highly appreciated and warmly spoken of. The newly installed Master having been inducted into the chair of A., and duly saluted, appointed and invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. B. E. Naylor I.P.M., C. Goulding S.W., T. Dixon J.W., S. Smith M.O., M. M. Westerby S.O., J. Hind J.O., Rev. H. Adams Chaplain, T. Marshall P.M. Treasurer, F. W. Adams Secretary, John Sugdon

Reg. of Marks, R. Allan S.D., F. Hewson J.D., W. Richardson I.G., G. H. Knight Steward, J. Westoby Tyler. A vote of thanks to the Installing Master, ending with a motion that Bro. Geo. Wilson should be made an honorary member of the Lodge, was moved by the W.M., seconded by P.M. A. P. Wilson, and unanimously carried. The W.M. then proceeded to close his Lodge in due form, and the parting address was given in the most perfect manner by a Visitor, Bro. Pexton M.O. 182. The brethren subsequently sat down to a *récherche* repast, served in the adjoining room, after which the usual Loyal and Mark Masonic toasts were given and responded to. Bros. A. P. Wilson and Marshall replied on behalf of the Prov. Grand Officers Present and Past, and the former then proposed the W.M., and subsequently the I.P.M., to both of which the newly installed W.M. responded in terse but aptly chosen and effective terms, and as regarded the latter toast, regretting that the I.P.M. himself (Bro. Naylor) was unable to be present, but trusting that the G.A.O.T.U. would soon enable that brother to throw off his present indisposition and regain the best of health, in which case he had no doubt the Lodge could guarantee the I.P.M.'s presence during the ensuing year. The "Retiring Officers," "Newly Installed Officers," and the "Installing Master," were each proposed from the chair, and suitably responded to by Bros. G. S. Highmore, Harry Adams, and George Wilson respectively. Bro. A. P. Wilson P.M. was then toasted, and afterwards followed "The Visitors," responded to by Bro. J. Scott Wilson 291, Pexton 182, and Shearsmith 12. The "Treasurer" and "Secretary," both of which toasts, proposed by Bros. Hind and Dixon, were well received and suitably replied to by Bros. T. Marshall and F. W. Adams. The harmony of the evening was well sustained by Bros. Ansdell, Goulding, M. M. Westerby, Knight, Shearsmith, and A. P. Wilson, and a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close with the Tyler's toast.

### HIGH CROSS LODGE, No. 284.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Seven Sisters' Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, on Wednesday, the 13th July, and was well attended. Amongst those present were Bros. H. V. Clements W.M., W. J. Meek P.M. and W. Beasley P.M., E. G. Lewis S.W. and W.M. elect, Major Pemrose Dunbar J.W., J. D. Birkin S.O., Percy Gilling J.O., the Rev. C. H. Roberts Chaplain, A. Little Treasurer, W. Farquharson Secretary, F. Wheelhouse J.D., E. Holt I.G., John Black, J. Webb; and J. Very Tyler. Amongst hon' members and Visitors present were the Very Worshipful Bros. C. F. Matier P.G.W., D. M. Dewar P.G.M.O. and Grand Assistant Secretary, James Stevens P.G.J.O. and P. Prov. Grand Secretary Middlesex and Surrey, Thomas Poore P.G.I.G., W. G. Brighton Past Provincial G.S.W. and Provincial Grand Secretary Middlesex and Surrey, Captain Henry Stephens Provincial G.J.O., and J. K. Pitt Prov. G.A.D.C.; also Worshipful Brothers T. J. Cusworth P.M. 236, G. Powell No. 1, C. J. Eveniss 22, R. Leaman Old Kent, S. Smither 199, and others who omitted to sign the attendance book. The minutes of the preceding Lodge meeting having been confirmed, ballots were taken for Bro. A. Fowler, of Craft Lodge 754, and Charles Handley, of No. 475, which were clear, and Bro. Handley, being in attendance, was advanced in due form, the ceremony being most ably carried out by the Worshipful Master and his Officers. Bro. Thomas Poore, as Installing Master, in his usual admirable style of working, installed Bro. E. G. Lewis into the chair of K.S. The Officers for the ensuing year were appointed in the following order, viz.:—Bros. Major Dunbar S.W., J. D. Birkin J.W., A. G. Fidler M.O., Percy Gilling S.O., C. H. Roberts J.O. and Pro Chaplain, A. Little Treasurer, W. Dance Registrar, W. Farquharson Secretary, T. Wheelhouse S.D., E. Holt J.D., J. Webb I.G., Hall M.C., Handley Steward, J. Very Tyler. A very handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to the retiring W.M. The Auditors' Report, being satisfactory, was received and adopted, and after some routine business had been transacted, the Lodge was closed. A banquet was provided in liberal style by "mine host" of the "Seven Sisters," and after the cloth had been cleared, toast and song followed in quiet succession. For the Officers of Grand Lodge, Bro. Matier returned thanks, eulogising the work of the Past Grand Masters of the Order, and the continuance thereof by the Present Grand Master, Lord Henniker, and his Officers. He congratulated the W.M. on being surrounded by Masons who had literally made their "Mark" in Masonry, and concluded a telling speech by suggesting to the W.M. that if he liked the then present sample of G.L. Officers, he might at some future time "invite the bulk." The remaining toasts were briefly given, and as briefly responded to. The excellent programme of music, evidently the result of great care and attention on the part of the Rev. C. H. Roberts, the Chaplain of the Lodge, and his musical friends, was carried throughout, and gave great satisfaction. The entire proceedings quite justified the remarks of Bro. Meek P.M., that for so young a Lodge its progress had been remarkable, and its prospects most encouraging. We congratulate our worthy Bro. Clements on the success of his year of office, and our equally worthy Bro. Lewis on the assurances given for future support.

The Province of Leicester and Rutland appeared to great advantage at the recent Festival of the Boys' School, when its representative, Bro. Captain J. G. F. Richardson, a member of the Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1560, brought up £405. The Province was represented at the Festival of the Benevolent Institution in February, when it contributed £36 15s. The contributions of the year shew a total equal £1 each from every registered Mason in the Province, a most gratifying result for any district to achieve.

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

THE meeting of Craftsmen to take part in the laying of the Memorial Stone of the York Institute of Art, Science, and Literature, may certainly be designated the Masonic event of the week, if not of the year. Fair weather prevailed, and brilliant decorations enlivened the course traversed by those who participated in the ceremonial of the day. The good citizens of York, with characteristic loyalty, took advantage of this visit of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and, the more effectually to testify their appreciation of his courtesy, inaugurated a general holiday for the occasion. In consequence of other pressing engagements, the Most Worshipful Grand Master was compelled to leave York early in the afternoon, and the meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge was therefore called for 10 o'clock, while the Special Grand Lodge was arranged to be opened at 10.15. This was accordingly done, at the Guildhall, by the Grand Master, who was supported by the following Officers of Grand Lodge:—Lord Milltown Grand Senior Warden, J. D. Allcroft Grand Treasurer, Æneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., G. Registrar, Sir Albert Woods (Garter) Grand Director of Ceremonies, Revs. H. G. Morse and W. O. Thompson Grand Chaplains, T. W. Tew and R. Gooding Grand Senior Deacons, F. Green and T. H. Devonshire Grand Junior Deacons, Lieut.-Colonel J. Peters Grand Sword Bearer, T. D. Bolton Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies, R. H. Thrupp Grand Assistant Director of Ceremonies, Lieut.-Colonel A. C. F. Gough and E. Bowyer Grand Standard Bearer, W. G. Cusins Grand Organist, and W. Stephens Assist. G. Pursuivant. The Prov. Grand Lodge of North and East Yorkshire was opened at the Assembly Rooms, Blake Street, and was presided over by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Brother Dr. Pearson Bell. After the circular convening the meeting had been read, Dr. Bell accounted for the absence of Lord Zetland by explaining that the M.W. the Grand Master had desired that the Prov. Grand Master should attend him at the Grand Lodge. He directed attention to the interesting event they were assembled to take part in, and referred briefly to other occasions when the Masons of York had been honoured with Royal and distinguished Visitors. A procession was then formed and the brethren proceeded to the site of the projected building in the following order:—

Band of Music.

Two Tylers, with drawn Swords.

Visiting Brethren.

Lodges in North and East Yorkshire, according to their numbers, Juniors walking first.

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Agricola 1991, York            | Camalodunum 660, Malton        |
| Ferrum 1848, Middlesborough    | Royal 648, Filey               |
| Leopold 1760, Scarborough      | St. Cuthbert 630 Howden        |
| Haudyside 1618, Saltburn       | North York 602, Middlesborough |
| Eboracum 1611, York            | St. Germain 566, Selby         |
| De la Pole 1605, Hull          | Zetland 561, Guisbrough        |
| Alexandra 1511, Hornsea        | Cleveland 543, Stokesley       |
| Falcon 1416, Thirsk            | Lion 312, Whitby               |
| Anchor 1337, Northallerton     | Constitutional 294, Beverley   |
| Denison 1248, Scarborough      | Minerva 250, Hull              |
| Marwood 1244, Redcar           | York 236, York                 |
| Sykes 1040, Driffield          | Old Globe 200, Scarborough     |
| Kingston 1010, Hull            | Lennox 123, Richmond           |
| Londesborough 734, Bridlington | Humber 57, Hull.               |

Provincial Grand Officers of other Provinces

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE

Provincial Grand Tyler

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| Prov. Grand Steward | } Banner of Provincial Grand Lodge | { | Prov. Grand Steward                                     |
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|                     |                                    |   | Provincial Grand Assistant Pursuivant                   |
|                     |                                    |   | Past Provincial Grand Pursuivants                       |
|                     |                                    |   | Provincial Grand Pursuivant                             |
|                     |                                    |   | Past Provincial Grand Organists                         |
|                     |                                    |   | Provincial Grand Organist                               |
|                     |                                    |   | Past Provincial Grand Sword Bearers                     |
|                     |                                    |   | Past Provincial Grand Assistant Directors of Ceremonies |
|                     |                                    |   | Provincial Grand Assistant Director of Ceremonies       |
|                     |                                    |   | Past Provincial Grand Directors of Ceremonies           |
|                     |                                    |   | Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies                 |
|                     |                                    |   | Past Provincial Grand Superintendents of Works          |
|                     |                                    |   | Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works                |
|                     |                                    |   | Past Provincial Grand Deacons                           |
|                     |                                    |   | The Provincial Grand Deacons                            |
|                     |                                    |   | Provincial Grand Secretary                              |
|                     |                                    |   | Past Provincial Grand Registrars                        |
|                     |                                    |   | Provincial Grand Registrar                              |
|                     |                                    |   | Provincial Grand Treasurer                              |
|                     |                                    |   | Past Provincial Grand Chaplains                         |
|                     |                                    |   | The Provincial Grand Chaplains                          |
|                     |                                    |   | Past Provincial Grand Wardens                           |
|                     |                                    |   | The Provincial Grand Wardens                            |
|                     |                                    |   | The Deputy Provincial Grand Master                      |

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| Prov. Grand Steward | } Banner of the Provincial Grand Master | { | Prov. Grand Steward |
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The R.W. Provincial Grand Master

Two Provincial Grand Stewards

GRAND LODGE.

The Architect (Bro. W. G. Penty) with the Plans

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| Grand Steward | { | Cornucopia with Corn,  | } Grand Steward |
|               |   | Borne by the Master of the Lion Lodge.   |                 |
|               |   | Two Ewers with Wine and Oil,<br>Borne by the Masters of the Constitutional and Minerva Lodges. |                 |

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| Assistant Grand Pursuivant   | Grand Pursuivant  | Assistant Grand Secretary  | Grand Organist.   |
| Trowel, borne by a Past Master of the York Lodge                                   | Mallet, borne by a Past Master of the Eboracum Lodge                                      | Past Grand Standard Bearer   | Past Grand Sword Bearer   |
| Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies  | Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies  | Past Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies                             | Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies   |
| Grand Director of Ceremonies   | Grand Superintendent of Works bearing a Plate with the Inscription for the Memorial Stone | Past Grand Deacons   | Grand Secretary for German Correspondence                                       |
| Grand Secretary, with the Book of Constitutions                                    | President of the Board of General Purposes  | Past Grand Registrars  | Grand Registrar, bearing the Great Seal   |
| Grand Treasurer, bearing a Phial containing the Coins to be deposited in the Stone | Past Grand Chaplains  | Past Grand Wardens   | Past Provincial Grand Masters   |
| Provincial Grand Masters   | Visitors of Distinction   | The Corinthian Light, borne by the Master of the Eboracum Lodge.     | The Column of the Junior Grand Warden, borne by the Master of the York Lodge    |
| The Junior Grand Warden, with the Plumb Rule                                       | Grand Steward { with the Banner of the Grand Lodge } Grand Steward                        | The Doric Light, borne by the Master of the Old Globe Lodge          | The Column of the Senior Grand Warden, borne by the Master of the Lennox Lodge. |
| The Senior Grand Warden with the Level.  | Junior Grand Deacons.   | Grand Steward { bearing the Sacred Law on a Cushion. } Grand Steward | The Ionic Light, borne by the Master of the Humber Lodge.                       |

THE M.W. PRO GRAND MASTER.

The Grand Standard Banner, with the Banner of the Most Worshipful Grand Master  
The Grand Sword Bearer.

THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER.

Senior Grand Deacons.

Two Grand Stewards.

Grand Tyler.

On arriving at the entrance of the temporary erection prepared for the ceremony, the brethren opened out, and the Grand Lodge procession entered the building; the members of Grand Lodge were followed by the large body of Provincial Grand Officers present and past who attended on their Provincial Grand Master. The Grand Master was received by the very Rev. Bro. the Dean of York Past Grand Chaplain, President of the Institution, and his Committee, who conducted him to the dais. Bro. J. Sykes Rymer P.M., Sheriff of York, then addressed the Grand Master, and requested his Royal Highness to lay the Memorial Stone of the Institute. In lending his influence to a new Institute for the cultivation of science, art, and literature in that city His Royal Highness was, the Committee thought, doing that which would greatly assist in the promotion of the welfare of the country. All present were pleased to know that the country had in past times occupied a high position among nations; and with the blessing of the G.A.O.T.U. upon such institutions as that in whose interest they were met, the future of the nation would be made more glorious than it had been in the past. Many of the Prince's Royal ancestors had taken part in imposing ceremonies within the walls of that ancient city, but none had had more pleasant recollections than would attend that in which His Royal Highness was taking part on that occasion. York, in the past, had been second to no other portion of the kingdom in its loyalty to the Throne; and as Sheriff of the City he was pleased to say that the loyal feeling now possessed by it would outshine that which had distinguished it in the past. The Grand Master then proceeded with the ceremony. Men and brethren, he said, assembled to behold this ceremony, be it known unto you that we, being lawful Masons, true and faithful to the laws of our country, are engaged by solemn obligations to erect handsome buildings to be serviceable to the brethren, and to fear God, the Great Architect of the Universe. We have among us, concealed from the eyes of all men, secrets which may not be revealed, and which no man has discovered. But these secrets are lawful and honourable, and not repugnant to the laws of God or man. They have been entrusted in peace and honour to Masons of ancient times; and, having been faithfully transmitted to us, it is our duty to convey them unimpaired to the latest posterity. Unless our Craft were good and our calling honourable, we should not have lasted for so many centuries, nor should we have had so many illustrious brothers in our Order, ready to promote our laws and further our interests. We are here assembled, in the presence of you all, to erect this building to the honour and glory of the Most High, and which we pray God may prosper as it seems good to Him. As the first duty of Masons, in any undertaking, is to invoke the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe on their work, I call upon you to unite with our Grand Chaplain in an address to the Throne of grace. The upper stone of granite was then carefully raised and the

lower stone properly adjusted. The Grand Chaplain (the Rev. H. G. Morse) invoked the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe upon the undertaking of the day. A Masonic Anthem was then sung, after which Captain N. G. Phillips, who acted as Grand Secretary, read the inscription on the memorial stone; and the Grand Treasurer, Bro. J. D. Allcroft, deposited in the lower stone a phial containing coins. The acting Grand Secretary also fixed a brass plate, with an inscription relating to the ceremony, over the aperture. Cement was then spread over the upper face of the lower stone, and was adjusted with a trowel by the Grand Master. At a signal from the architect, Bro. W. Penty, the upper stone was lowered, with three distinct stops. Thereupon the Grand Master proved with plumb and rule, with level and with square, the true position of the stone, receiving the implements from the Junior Grand Warden, Colonel the Right Hon. F. L. Stanley, the Grand Senior Warden, the Earl of Milltown, and the Deputy Grand Master. The cornucopia and the golden ewers of wine and oil were next handed to the Grand Master, who strewed the corn and poured the wine and oil over the stone, with the usual Masonic declarations of Plenty, Joy, and Peace. The G. Master then examined the plans of the building, and presented them to the architect, whom he enjoined to proceed without loss of time to the completion of the work, the plans of which were now entrusted to him. The next feature in the day's proceedings was of an especially interesting character; this was the presentation of purses towards the Building Fund by a number of elegantly attired children, who we trust may for many years have occasion to remember with feelings of pride the share they took in the ceremony of this auspicious day. The Lord Mayor of York, Bro. Alderman Thomas Varey, then, in the name of the citizens, addressed the Prince. He respectfully tendered his thanks for His Royal Highness's condescension in associating himself with them on that occasion, and for laying the memorial stone of the Art and Science Institute. The visit of the heir-apparent had been looked forward to with the most pleasurable anticipation by the citizens, both collectively and individually; he begged to tender to H.R.H. an expression of their loyal and devoted affection. The Prince of Wales, in replying, said: My Lord Mayor of York and Brethren, I feel gratified at your kind words. I can assure you that it has been with great pleasure that I have laid the memorial stone of your Institute to-day. I am glad to think that I have been able to do so with Masonic honours, and with so large an assemblage of the brethren present. Most sincerely do I hope that this Institute will flourish and be a boon in every way to the inhabitants of this great city. I thank you once more for the kind welcome given me to-day. This completed the ceremony, and the G. Master immediately left the city to fulfil his other engagements. The procession was re-formed, and the brethren returned to their respective places of meeting, when Grand Lodge and Prov. Grand Lodge were soon afterwards closed. The Lord Mayor gave a luncheon at the Guildhall, where about one hundred guests were entertained. The after proceedings were of a brief, but very cordial character, and felicitations were indulged in as to the success which had attended this gathering. We hope to be able to give, next week, a full list of the brethren who were present.

### THE GIRLS' SCHOOL AND THE LAND QUESTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It will, doubtless, be satisfactory to all interested in the continued prosperity of our noble Institution at Wandsworth Common, except, very probably, the owner of "nine acres," that the proposal to accept the modest sum of £4,000 per acre for said land has been unanimously declined by the Quarterly General Court of the Governors and Subscribers, held on Saturday last. What might have resulted from a different decision it is now no longer necessary to consider.

My object in writing is two-fold. First, to congratulate the general body on their refusal to entertain the purchase; and, secondly, to perform an act of justice to those who are members of the House and General Committees. In common with many others I had been led to entertain the opinion that these worthy brethren really desired that the outrageous offer should be accepted, but at the very commencement of the meeting, which was one of the most business-like I have ever attended, it was apparent that such was not the case. Neither individually nor collectively was there any influence exerted to control the expression of opinions offered by the Subscribers. On the contrary, an earnest attention was given to the objections raised to the suggested sale (the question was never one of a proposed purchase), and it was readily acknowledged that the respective Committees could not properly have done other than they did in submitting the matter to the Quarterly Court just as it had come before them. To have kept the general body of Governors and Subscribers in ignorance of the offer made by the owner of the adjacent land would have been a great error on their part, and might probably have led to future complications.

We need not fear the threatened sale to a third party, or the suggested "building in." It is one thing to "offer for sale," and another thing to "find a purchaser," even at a fair value. What it will be to obtain, at this time of depression in land values and over building, a price nearly twice as great as that which a speculative builder would hesitate to give is an operation which, in the course of my professional business, I shall watch with great interest.

Yours truly and fraternally,

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

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The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn filled the President's chair, while Bros. James Brett and Charles Atkins occupied the chairs of their respective offices. The President again announced that letters had been received by the Grand Secretary from petitioners who were relieved at the June meeting, thanking the Lodge for the assistance that was then given to them. It is only lately that this recognition has come into vogue, and we are given to understand this was first adopted by American brethren who had been enabled to get back to their country by the assistance given by the English Lodge of Benevolence. After confirming grants recommended at the June meeting, to the amount of £380, the Lodge proceeded with the new list, which contained 22 cases only, a large diminution when compared with the lists that have been before the Lodge for the last few years. The sums voted to the different cases amounted to a total of £570.

The Annual Festival in aid of the Mark Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund will be held on Wednesday next, the 25th instant, at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham. R.W. Brother Sir Pryce Pryce, Bart., Provincial Grand Master of South Wales, will preside.

A Court dinner of the Patten Makers' Company was held on Thursday, 12th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern. The Master Bro. Capt. J. A. Thornhill, F.R.G.S., Bro. Capt. G. Lambert P.G.S.B., F.S.A., Upper Warden, R. Clout Renter Warden. A sumptuous and *recherché* banquet was provided by Bros. Ritter and Clifford. The table was artistically decorated with the old plate of the Company, also with the dessert service, &c., presented by Bro. G. Lambert. The Loyal toasts were given. Lieut.-Colonel Scrivener responded for the Army, and Major Sewell P.G.S. for the Militia. Alderman Sir T. S. Owden responded for the Lord Mayor and Corporation. Other toasts were the Patten Makers' Company, the Metropolitan Board of Works, and the Master. Bro. G. Lambert, Upper Warden, in proposing the toast of the Liverymen, said, "all the City Companies, from the earliest times, had been foremost in the work of Charity. They had determined the poor should not want; and although they had thrown over their religious Guilds, they had a common religion which taught them to look after the poor and needy. This toast having been responded to, Bro. Brand (Controller), in proposing the Past Masters and Present Wardens, said, Bro. Lambert had spoken of the liberality of the City Companies, but he had not spoken of his liberality to this company. The health of Bro. H. F. Youle (the Clerk) was proposed in eulogistic terms. An excellent selection of music was given, under the direction of Miss Belval, assisted by Miss M. Weaver, Bro. Faulkner Leigh, and Mr. G. Bassett. Among those present were the Mayor of Rochester, Bro. W. Lambert, Bro. Charles Lambert, Major Cornford, Bro. C. W. Thompson, Captain Mends, Bro. H. M. Levy, &c.

### BIRTHS.

RALLING.—On the 6th July, at Winnock Lodge, Colchester, the wife of THOMAS J. RALLING P.M. and Secretary 51, Provincial Grand Secretary Essex, of a son.

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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, 21st JULY.

- 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green  
1276—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)  
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8  
R.A. 1194—Royal Middlesex, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court  
R.A. 1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton  
M.M. 205—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow  
M.M. 251—Tentorden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.  
149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham  
1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Twickenham  
1494—Felix, Clarence Hotel, Teddington  
1556—Addiscombe, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon.  
R.A. 63—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol  
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

## MONDAY, 23rd JULY.

- 22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)  
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)  
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 8.30 (Inst.)  
548—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)  
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)  
48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead  
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)  
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury  
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
R.A. 189—Sincerity, St. George's Hall, East Stonehouse  
R.A. 210—Faith, Bowling Green Hotel, Denon.  
R.A. 331—Loyal Cornubian, Masonic Hall, Truro  
R.A. 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham  
R.A. 1222—Inkerman, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare

## TUESDAY, 24th JULY.

- Audit Committee Girls' School, at 4.  
65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)  
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)  
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
654—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)  
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)  
840—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)  
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)  
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)  
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)  
1441—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road  
1446—Mount Edgcombe, 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)  
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)  
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)  
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)  
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)  
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)  
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 8.30  
24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30 (In)  
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)  
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby  
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax  
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.  
788—Crescent, Island Hotel, Twickenham  
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
R.A. 47—Abbey, George Hotel, Nottingham  
R.A. 94—De Lambton, Freemasons' Hall, Queen Street, Sunderland  
R.A. 103—Peaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol  
R.A. 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover  
R.A. 815—Blair, Town Hall, Hulme, Manchester  
R.A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
M.M. 262—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Canterbury  
K.T. 114—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds

## WEDNESDAY, 25th JULY.

- 15—Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
73—Mount Lebanon, Horse Shoe Inn, Newington Causeway, at 8. (Inst)  
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In)  
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst)  
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)  
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood  
754—High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Page Green, Tottenham  
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)  
898—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar  
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)  
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)  
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)  
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)  
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
1692—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)  
1791—Creston, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)  
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)  
R.A. Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8.30. (Instruction)  
R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)  
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)  
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester  
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton  
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire  
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester

- 290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield  
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds  
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.  
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley  
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop  
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
750—Friendship, Freemason's Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton  
778—Bard of Avon, Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court  
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)  
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk  
1039—St John, George Hotel, Lichfield  
1083—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester  
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby (Instruction)  
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow  
1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester  
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)  
1283—Ryburn, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge  
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire  
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk  
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)  
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
1967—Beacon Court, Ghuznee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent  
R.A. 238—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York  
M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham  
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle  
M.M. 19—Fowke, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester  
M.M. 24—Roberts, Masonic Rooms, Ann Street, Rochester  
K.T. 16—Prudence, Freemasons' Hall, Ipswich

## THURSDAY, 26th JULY.

- General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, 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)  
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)  
704—Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)  
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)  
871—Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford  
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)  
902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30 (Inst)  
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)  
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)  
1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, rear Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction)  
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)  
1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford-street, W.C., at 7.45 (Instruction)  
1673—Lang, on, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)  
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)  
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)  
R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8. (Inst.)  
M.M. 13—Hiram, Greyhound, Richmond  
111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington  
202—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)  
214—Hope and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Brentwood, Essex  
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)  
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hote', Bacup  
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton  
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton  
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal  
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich  
904—Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham  
936—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford  
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford  
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley  
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire  
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)  
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, nr Manchester  
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley  
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)  
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle  
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)  
R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Osborne Street Hull  
R.A. 116—Cana, Swan Hotel, Colne, Lancashire  
R.A. 129—Kendal Castle, 12 Stramondgate, Kendal  
R.A. 266—Naphthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood  
R.A. 292—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
R.A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge  
R.A. 424—De Burghi, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead.  
R.A. 1098—Prince of Wales, Private Rooms, Temple Hall, Tredegar  
R.A. 1395—Weyside, Masonic Hall, Woking  
M.M. 32—Union, Freemason's Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester  
K.T. 8—Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley

## FRIDAY, 27th JULY.

- 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  
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Haumersmith (Instruction)  
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)  
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)  
1154—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)  
1288—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)  
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.  
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbrooke 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—Pthazorean, Portland Hote., London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)  
R.A. 134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street  
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)  
K.T. 74—Harcourt, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond  
453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton  
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Easthorpe, Mirfield  
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne  
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7  
R.A. 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester  
R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster  
R.A. 712—St. James's, Masonic Hall, Rosemary Lane, Louth  
R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool  
K.T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

## SATURDAY, 28th JULY.

- 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham  
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)  
1541—Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct  
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)  
1679—Henry Muggerridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.  
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow  
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.  
1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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## UNITED SERVICE LODGE, No. 1428.

At a meeting of the brethren of this Lodge, held at the Masonic Hall, Commercial-road, Landport, on Friday, 13th inst., for the installation of Bro. Charles Travess as W.M. of the Lodge, there was a large attendance of Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge and brethren from a distance. The Lodge opened at 5:30 p.m., when the following brethren signed the attendance book:—J. Laverty W.M. P.G.A.D.C., C. Travess W.M. elect S.W., G. P. Arnold I.P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C., G. F. Williams Treasurer, C. V. Birch Secretary, W. Miller D.C., James Doidge S.D., E. Boorman J.D., George Sylvester Organist, J. S. Wickens I.G., Otway Cox and W. J. Archer Stewards, James Johns P.P.G.S.B., P.M.'s G. R. Strick, J. A. Elverston, W. Dart, W. Farren; Stockall, Cable, Mares, Robinson, Green, Fraser, Palmer, Atkinson, Griffiths, West, Osborne, Mills, &c. Among the Visitors were Bros. Robert J. Rastrick Prov. Grand Treasurer, G. F. Lancaster P.P.G.D., S. R. Ellis P.P.D.C., Robert H. Croucher W.M. 342, W. M. Outridge W.M. 487, T. D. Askew W.M. 804, W. Brunwin W.M. 903, Thomas H. Williams W.M. 1776, G. S. Grant I.P.M. 1705, W. D. Parkhouse W.M. 1834, Charles Knott P.M. 342, Rev. P. H. Good, M.A., Chaplain 1903, J. Westaway Secretary 1834, James Cottrill, John Grandidier 387, William Yeardey 1705, P. F. Faulkener 1739, and many others. The ceremony of installation was most efficiently performed by Bro. James Johns, to whom a vote of thanks was accorded by the Lodge. The W.M. (Bro. Charles Travess) then appointed and invested the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. J. Laverty I.P.M., J. G. Mason S.W., James Doidge J.W., George F. Williams Treasurer, Charles V. Birch and W. J. Archer Secretaries, George Sylvester S.D., John Jackson J.D., William Wheeler M.C., Edwin Pratt I.G., James Cable and James Mitchell Stewards. The W.M. then presented Brother John Laverty with a Past Master's jewel, bearing a suitable inscription, subscribed for by the members of the Lodge. The brethren, to the number of about 120, then retired to the banquet-room, where a banquet had been prepared under the superintendence of Brother E. S. Main P.P.G.A.D.C. The usual loyal toasts having been given, the W.M. proposed the Provincial Grand Officers, and congratulated himself on having so many distinguished Officers present. Brother Rastrick Prov.G. Tr. responded, and congratulated the Lodge on the numerous attendance, which was larger than he had ever met at any installation ceremony. Brother G. F. Lancaster P.P.G.D. in responding for the past Officers, said he was at the constitution of the Lodge, and had attended each installation meeting in succession; he had watched with keen interest its progress as foreshadowed by the P.G. Master, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., at its first meeting. Bro. S. R. Ellis proposed the Installing Master. Other toasts followed. Several songs were contributed by Bros. G. Sylvester, C. Knott, J. Mitchell, Elverston, and others, Brother Sylvester accompanying on the piano.

## United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.—

The usual weekly meeting of this Lodge of Instruction was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, S.E., on Friday, 13th inst. Bro. G. H. Chapman, who has but very lately been initiated into the Order, occupied, for the first time, the chair of K.S., and very creditably carried out the duties appertaining thereto. Amongst others present were Bros. Sarjeant S.W., Bate J.W., Pooler S.D., Hooper J.D., Johnson I.G., Stevens P.M. Preceptor, Poore Secretary. Lodge worked in the first and second degrees, the ceremony of passing being also rehearsed, and the charge in that degree given by Bro. Bate. The lecture on the second tracing board was given by the Preceptor. Lodge was closed down, and Bro. Sarjeant was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The thanks of the Lodge were voted to Bro. Chapman for his services as W.M., for which that brother responded, thanking the members generally for the instruction he had received, through their instrumentality. Lodge was then closed, and adjourned.

## William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.—

On Friday, 13th inst., at the St. Andrew's Tavern, Baker-street, Manchester-square, W. Present—Bros. T. W. Sedgwick P.M. W.M., Cursons S.W., J. Lee J.W., G. Tribbel S.D., H. Robinson J.D., Hartoyd I.G.; also Bros. Weatherhilt, Parsons, Simpson, G. Coop Preceptor, Halcoate Secretary. The minutes of the previous meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. Lodge was opened in the second, Bro. Weatherhilt having offered himself as candidate for raising, was interrogated and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third, and the ceremony ably rehearsed by that excellent exponent of the ritual Bro. Sedgwick. Lodge was resumed to the second, and the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren, worked the third section of the lecture. Lodge was closed to the first, and Bro. Cursons was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed in ancient form, and adjourned until Friday, at 8 p.m.

Excelsior Lodge of Instruction, No. 1155.—Held at the Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-road, Rotherhithe, S.E., on 17th instant. There were present:—Bros. J. W. Walker W.M., H. Wilson S.W., H. Strickland J.W., W. Topp S.D., R. Dale J.D., J. B. Williams I.G., I. G. Milbourn (J.D. 13) Preceptor; also Bros. W. Williams, Moth, Holdsworth, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Milbourn being the candidate. The questions preparatory to passing having been answered, the Lodge was opened in the second degree,

and Bro. Walker was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, the ceremony being most ably and efficiently rehearsed, in his usual excellent style, by Bro. Topp. The Lodge was then resumed in the first degree, and the first section of the Lecture worked by Bro. Topp, assisted by the brethren. Proposed by Bro. Milbourn, seconded by Bro. Strickland, and carried unanimously, that this Lodge be adjourned until the 25th September. Nothing farther offering for the good of Freemasonry, Lodge was closed in due form.

## Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1425.—This

Lodge met on Monday, the 16th July, at the Fountains Abbey Hotel, 111 Praed-street, Paddington. Present—Bros. G. Coop W.M., R. E. Cursons S.W., W. A. Vincent S.W. 1139 J.W., W. Moore S.D., S. Smout W.M. 1642 J.D., W. H. Chalfont W.M. 1425 I.G., G. Read P.M. 511 Preceptor, H. Dehane W.M. 1543 P.G.S.D. Essex Sec., Morton J. Green Steward, Captain A. Nicols P.M. 1974, 1308, P.D.G.S. of W. Punjab, J. C. Rhind J.D. 1543, C. S. Mote, F. T. C. Keeble, W. Death, S. T. Humphress I.G. 733, T. Tribbel P.M. 1287, C. J. Craig S.D. 1223, H. Robinson, E. F. Ferris, C. R. Wickens S.D. 436, G. Simpson. Lodge was opened in first degree, and the minutes were confirmed. Opened in second and third degrees. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Tribbel P.M. being candidate. Lodge resumed to second degree, and Bro. Read worked the second section, assisted by Bro. Coop. Lodge resumed to first degree, and the first and second sections were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Cursons was unanimously elected W.M. for next Monday. The brethren were then invited to the William Preston Lodge of Instruction, on Friday, 20th inst., to meet the Canadian Volunteers, at present at Wimbledon, who have expressed their wish to attend a Lodge of Instruction in England during their stay. The Lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and adjourned until 23rd inst. at 8 p.m. A brother joined the Benevolent Association, being No. 33 on the list.

Martyn Lodge, No. 1983.—At the Installation of officers on Friday, the 6th inst., Bro. J. M. Canova, the retiring W.M., was presented with a very handsome Past Master's jewel by the brethren of the Lodge. The jewel, which was of 18-carat gold, was a very fine specimen of the goldsmith's art, and bore the following inscription:—"Presented by the Brethren of the Martyn Lodge, 1983, to Bro. John M. Canova, the first W.M. July 6, 1883." Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn D.P.G.M., who spoke in highest terms of Bro. Canova as a man and a Mason, in a graceful speech made the presentation, and acted as Installing Master, inducting the new W.M., Bro. A. E. Smith, into the chair.

## ROYAL ARCH.

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## ERA CHAPTER, No. 1423.

The installation meeting of this Chapter was held at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, on Saturday, the 14th instant. The attendance of members was considerably lessened by the stormy weather which prevailed throughout the day; notwithstanding which, however, the Principals and Officers, with several members, were present in due time. Chapter was opened by Ex-Comps. W. Smeed P.P.G.J. M.E.Z., J. Faulkner H., and H. Higgins P.Z.J., W. J. Baldwin I.P.Z., Jas. Stevens P.Z., T. C. Walls P.Z., W. Hammond P.Z., and E. H. Thiellay P.Z. and Treasurer. The Companions below the chair having been admitted, the minutes of the former Convocation were read and confirmed. Ex Comps. J. Faulkner, D. Haslett, and Dr. J. B. Ryley were severally installed M.E.Z., H. and J. Comp. J. Goodchild was invested S.E., Comp. E. G. Wingate S.N. The investment of P.S. was deferred until next Convocation. Comp. John Gilbert, Janitor, being unavoidably absent, Comp. Lane officiated for him throughout the evening. The installation ceremony was ably rendered by Ex Comp. Smeed, to whom a vote of thanks for his services was recorded. The banquet which followed was presided over by the newly-installed M.E.Z., Ex Comp. Faulkner, who introduced the several toasts very effectively, and the responses were equally brief and to the point. On his health as I.P.Z. being cordially drank, Ex Comp. Baldwin received at the hands of the M.E.Z. a very handsome P.Z.'s jewel, with suitable inscription, recording his good services to the Chapter. The pleasures of the evening were increased by excellent songs and recitations, Comps. Smeed and Walls distinguishing themselves in respect of the former, and Comp. Stevens gratifying the company by the recital of the Masonic poem with which his name has become identified. After a well-spent hour or two the Companions sought their homeward-bound trains, and with hearty good wishes for the continued welfare of the Craft, separated.

The Provincial Grand Chapter of Kent will be held under the presidency of the Grand Superintendent, the Right Hon. Vicount Holmesdale, at the Wesleyan Schools, Dartford, on Wednesday, 1st August. A banquet will afterwards take place at the Bull Hotel, Dartford. Tickets 7s 6d each, to include dessert and attendance.

By Order of the Secretary of State for War, twenty-seven mules, that were purchased for the late Egyptian Campaign, were sold by auction on Monday last, by Mr. Briggs, at the Elephant and Castle Horse Repository, New-Kent-road. These mules, which were large and well-bred, were purchased in the Mediterranean, and sold for a total of 491½ guineas, or an average of over 18 guineas. The best of these animals realised the exceptional price of 26 guineas.

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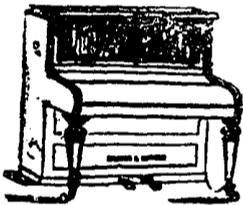
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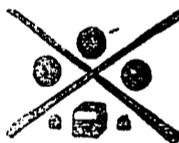
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