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## THE RECENT FESTIVAL OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

EVERY member of the English Craft must be delighted with the manner in which the Ninety-sixth Anniversary Festival of this deservedly popular Institution passed off on Wednesday, the 21st instant, and the success of the preliminary meeting, held the Monday previous, for the purpose of distributing the prizes to the pupils to whom they had been adjudged. A great result had been achieved at Bro. Terry's Festival in February, and a greater still at Bro. Binckes's in June of last year; and, as it rarely happens that all three Institutions score well in succession, it was felt by many that the announcement of Subscriptions and Donations which it would devolve on Bro. Hedges to make, might very possibly, and even probably, show a considerable falling off from the splendid totals announced on the occasions referred to by his brother Secretaries. Happily, this anticipation was not realised, and the proceeds of our latest Charity Celebration exceed £13,000, which, all things considered, must be set down as eminently satisfactory. This, at all events, was the opinion of Lord Brooke, the Chairman of the day, who openly expressed the pleasure he had experienced when the result was made known; the Stewards and their friends who were present, by heartily acclaiming the remarks of the President, made it clear that they also were satisfied with the Subscription List to which their efforts had so largely contributed; Bro. Hedges said little, but his countenance betokened the feelings which actuated him, while the rest of the Craft must have read the announcement the day after the Festival with almost precisely the same sense of gratification. The School is popular, because its work is done so admirably, and gifts are seldom grudged when it is known they will be appropriated to some useful purpose.

We have found it to be almost invariably the case that each of our Masonic Festivals is characterised by some special feature of its own, which distinguishes it from the rest of these festive celebrations, and in the present instance this distinctive feature will be found in the very complimentary remarks of Lady Burdett-Coutts, when she so kindly distributed the prizes the Monday preceding the Anniversary. It is unnecessary to remind our readers of the prominent part taken by the Baroness in whatever is calculated to promote the happiness and prosperity of mankind, but it may be useful to point out that one result of her numerous philanthropical labours is an intimate acquaintance with the working of philanthropical institutions such as few can point to; and praise, therefore, from her, is praise indeed. As a philanthropist it was natural that she should take an interest in a School supported almost entirely by the voluntary efforts of kindly-disposed people. It was equally natural that, as the daughter of one Mason and the wife of another, she should exhibit a special degree of interest in a Masonic Charity. But the additional interest which Lady Burdett-Coutts evinced on this occasion can only be accounted for by the successful working of an Institution which was then, beyond what may be justly ascribed to these two circumstances, for the first time brought within the scope of her personal experience. Hence, when in the passage quoted by Lord Brooke from her letter to Bro. Hedges, we find her writing,—“I am glad to have again

an opportunity of thanking the Committee for the personal pleasure of Monday, which will not be effaced readily from my memory. I saw the signs of a very important and useful national work which you are carrying out at the Masonic Girls' School,”—we cannot help feeling that the annually-recurring labours of the brethren in support of this School are productive of permanent good, not only to the young people who are more immediately concerned, but likewise to society at large, of which they constitute only an infinitesimal part. Remarks equally complimentary of the Girls' Institution may have been made by others, but they will not have the same authority with the public as those uttered by this beneficent lady, whose experience of institutions of this kind is so immeasurably beyond that of other people generally. Equally worthy of appreciation are the words of thanks she offered in the School, for, when addressing the Committee in particular, she said, “We therefore congratulate and thank you for the blessings you are conferring on the country through the girls you are sustaining.” We all know the duties of the Committee are of a very responsible character, and it must be a pleasure to all of us to learn, from a lady so well qualified to speak, that the Committee worthily acquit them in the fulfilment of their trust.

The presence of Lady Burdett-Coutts at the prize distribution, the leading part she took in the proceedings, and the important testimony she voluntarily offered to the efficiency of the Institution, constitute, in our opinion, the distinguishing feature of the Girls' School Festival for the current year. But in our anxiety to show that the interest taken in the Charity by this philanthropical lady is very warmly appreciated, we must not lose sight of the kindly zeal exhibited by the Chairman, or the arduous endeavours so successfully made by the Stewards and Bro. Hedges, to ensure a liberal measure of support for the School during the current year. Lord Brooke won his spurs as a Masonic Festival Chairman in capital style. It was a pleasure to hear him speak so heartily, and what he said was so very much to the point that we shall not be surprised to hear of other attempts being made to secure his services in a like capacity at some future celebration. He had his reward in this respect, that his Province loyally and generously supported him. We knew, of course, that Essex would do its best, but we were not quite prepared for so liberal a contribution after the £400 it raised for Bro. Terry in February, and in face of the losses caused by the earthquake. To Essex, therefore, as to its Provincial Grand Master, Lord Brooke, the Chairman of the day, we offer our hearty congratulations on the result of the Festival. To the Board of Stewards generally are likewise due the thanks of all English Freemasons. London, with 117 Stewards, raised over £6,300, and the Provinces £6,737, there being no less than eighteen three-figure lists included in the former amount, while twenty-eight out of our forty-one Provinces lent a helping hand in raising the latter. Of the London Lodges which distinguished themselves we may mention No. 1962, which raised £264 12s, Bro. A. McDowall being its representative; No. 1790, which, per Bro. H. M. Hobbs, sent up £221, and No. 1671, for which Bro. H. Warden was Steward, handed in £200. The Abbey Lodge No. 2,030, by the hands of its esteemed W.M., Bro. W. Burdett-Coutts, made a grand beginning by giving in a list of £157 5s, and this

though it was consecrated only a few months since. Comp. J. Derby Allcroft, Past Grand Treasurer, as Steward for the Aldersgate Chapter, No. 1,657, raised £131 5s, while Comp. H. B. Marshall, Grand Treasurer—though his name figures among the Middlesex Stewards—may be mentioned here as contributing 100 guineas in his character of representative of Chapter No. 1,777. As to the provinces, Essex appropriately headed the list with £1,000, West Yorkshire being next with £900. Kent raised over £561; Gloucestershire, £417 18s, since increased to £429 9s; East Lancashire, £365; Derbyshire, £356; Middlesex, £354; West Lancashire, £316; Hants and Isle of Wight, £295; South Wales West, £262 10s; Suffolk, within a few shillings of £248; and Sussex, £237. Among individual Provincial Stewards the credit of having raised the largest amount belongs to Bro. Rev. J. Marsden, who, as representing the Western Division of South Wales, took up £262 10s.

We have mentioned that Bro. Hodges is entitled to our heartiest congratulations at the success which attended this Festival, but we should not be doing him justice if we closed these few remarks without bearing testimony to his unremitting exertions to insure this success. He enters into the spirit of his duties most thoroughly, and spares himself neither time nor trouble when he sees or thinks he sees a way of doing some service, be it never so small, to the Institution with which he has now been associated for close on six years. He has done well in this instance, and we sincerely trust we may never have a less successful result to chronicle on his account.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

WE look forward with pleasure to the publication of the Annual Report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The Committee of Management invariably have a good account to render of their proceedings, and though there are people who will contrive to find some fault with the arrangements or expenditure, we are satisfied the bulk of the brethren will be as gratified with the present, as with preceding records. Our attention is called in the opening paragraph to the result of the Festival in February last, when, by the exertions of the Chairman and his Board of Stewards, the goodly sum of £14,665 13s was raised for the service of the Institution. This, as is pointed out, is the largest amount ever realised at a Festival of this Institution, and fully justifies the sense of satisfaction to which the Committee have felt it their duty to give expression. It would have been well enough had previous successes been only equalled; it is pre-eminently gratifying to know they have been surpassed.

The feelings with which the paragraph that follows must have been received are doubtless of a somewhat mixed character. The knowledge that the Institution was rich enough to support 332 old men and women, and render comfortable their declining years, must have given pleasure to everybody, but the fact of there being still so many applicants on the lists for admission into the Institution will no doubt give rise to a certain feeling of despondency that, no matter how successful are the efforts made to help those of our old folks who are too aged and too poor to help themselves, there seem to be almost always at least twice or thrice as many candidates as there are vacancies to be filled. The Committee did what they could conscientiously to grapple with the difficulty, and at their meeting immediately preceding the Festival had resolved on increasing the number of Female Annuitants by ten. When the Anniversary was found to have been so productive they went still further, and recommended that five Male and five Female Annuitants should be elected, and the Governors and Subscribers to whom the proposal was submitted unhesitatingly acquiesced in it. But even after this additional provision had been made, there still remained fourteen old men and fifty-four old women whose recognised claims to assistance must be deferred for at least another twelve months, and even longer in the case of those to whom the ordeal of the ballot may again prove unfavourable. This may very properly be described as a "lamentable fact."

As regards the rest of the Report, we may dismiss it more briefly. It was wise to caution the friends of the Institution against relaxing their efforts. Charities of this kind are only kept on their legs by dint of extraordinary

efforts, again and again renewed. Even the biggest Festival return on record must be exhausted sooner or later, especially where, as in this case, there are more people to provide for. The paragraph about the economical administration of the funds of the Institution was very wisely interposed. Early in the present year some one, with more leisure at his disposal than he could conveniently manage, expressed his belief—casually no doubt, and for want of something better to do—that the cost of management was excessive; but he did not succeed in impressing this belief on other people, and the only result was that poor Bro. John Mason, the Collector, woke up one fine morning very much as a man does after a severe attack of nightmare, and found his services to the Institution were being extravagantly remunerated—that is, in the opinion of this self-constituted critic. However, the present statement of account discloses a liberal, and therefore a wise and truly economical, expenditure, but no extravagance, and there is every reason to believe that the hope expressed later on by the Committee about the same confidence being reposed in them in the future as in the past will be realised.

Having noticed the salient features in the Report itself, we must now turn to the statements of account annexed, that of the Male Fund claiming priority of attention. The balance remaining from the previous year amounted to £3,246 15s 3d, and the receipts to £10,313 11s 7d, making a total debit of £13,560 6s 10d. As the expenditure only reached £10,114 14s 1d, the balance to be carried forward to the new account is £3,445 12s 9d, or, in round figures, about £200 more at the close of the account than at the beginning. The principal items of receipt are,—£800 from Grand Lodge, £100 from Grand Chapter, £7,020 7s 5d in respect of Donations and Subscriptions from Lodges, Chapters and Individuals, and £1,117 15s 8d in respect of Dividends on Government Stock, together with a sum of £1,250 "Cash withdrawn from Call," this being an item of account only. The principal Disbursements are £6,440 on account of the Annuitants, £679 14s 9d Salaries, Commission, and Messenger; £141 18s 5d for Repairs, Painting, &c.; £185 17s 10d Printing and Stationery; £196 15s 5d Postages, &c. and expenses of Election; £1,033 15s purchase of Stock, and £1,000 "Placed at Call," also an item of account only. To state the case briefly there was spent in Annuities £6,440; in the purchase of Stock £1,033 15s; at Call £1,000; and for all the other heads of Service together, £1,670 19s 1d.

The Widows' Fund discloses the following figures:—Balance from previous year, £3,110 6s 3d; receipts—including £800 from Grand Lodge, £50 from Grand Chapter, £7,855 12s 3d in respect of Donations and Subscriptions, and Dividends £725 10s, with £750 cash withdrawn from call—together amount to £10,199 5s 7d, giving a total debit of £13,310 5s 7d. The disbursements reach £9,329 2s 11d, so that the balance remaining to be carried forward to the new account is £3,981 3s, or in round figures, £870 more than it was at the close of the old one. The principal heads of expenditure are the same as in the Male Fund, the items being for annuities £5,629; for office salaries, commission, and messenger, £683 13s; for repairs, painting, &c., £141 18s 5d; stationery, printing, &c., £185 17s 10d; postages, &c., and expenses of election, £201 19s 5d; purchase of stock, £1,033 15s; placed at call, £1,000; or, as under the Male Fund, annuities, £5,629; stock, £1,033 15s; at call, £1,000; and for all other heads of service put together, £1,666 7s 11d. The Sustentation of Building Fund Account is of little importance, but the small balance remaining in hand of £73 6s 7d, added to the balances on the Male and Female Funds, helps to swell the general balance for the whole Institution to £7,500 2s 4d. As regards the income derived from permanent sources, it amounted for the year to £3,623 5s 9d, of which £1,600 was derived from Grand Lodge, £150 from Grand Chapter, and £1,873 5s 9d from dividends on Government Stock.

Having considered briefly, yet we trust sufficiently, both the Report and the figures which are annexed to it, we shall take the liberty of drawing attention to one point in connection with the former which has probably presented itself to the mind of every brother who has had occasion, as we have, to watch the progress of the Institution during the last few years. We allude to what the Committee have rightly enough described in this and previous Reports as a "lamentable fact," namely, that in spite of all that has been done of late to meet the demands made upon the resources of the Institution, there is almost invariably a great excess of candidates over vacancies. Bro. Lacey, in

consequence of the very generous response made in February last to the appeals of Bro. Terry and the Board of Stewards, gracefully withdrew the motion of which he had given notice for a revision of certain of the regulations which affect the candidates, and, as a matter of course, those of them who ultimately succeed in getting elected as annuitants. But the difficulty with which he was desirous of coping will have to be met some time, if not next year or the year after. It is out of all reason to suppose the Craft will be able to satisfy always the constantly increasing applications that are made for assistance from the two Benevolent Funds. There were, at the beginning of last year, 332 annuitants; there are now 352: and already on the list of applicants, there are for election on the Female Fund nearly twice as many as the Governors and Subscribers elected only a fortnight since. Two questions arise, and must be grappled with. In the first place, how is it that, with such large periodical increases in the number of annuitants, the number of candidates so far from exhibiting any appreciable diminution, goes on increasing by periodical, if not by regular, leaps and bounds? The other is, what degree of increase in the number of annuitants must be reached before the Committee will have the courage to cry, Halt? It is clear, as we have said already, that they cannot go on proposing further additions from time to time to the present number. It is equally clear that the Craft have already taken upon themselves—in respect of this Institution alone, to say nothing of the two Schools—a very serious amount of responsibility, which it will tax all their energy and resources for many a long year to meet. Far be it from us to say or do anything which may have in the remotest degree the effect of arresting the flow of that charity which is the quintessence of Freemasonry. Far be it also from us to suggest that among the candidates are to be found a class of people for whose benefit the Institution was not founded. But every one must be struck with the indisputable fact we have stated, that the number of candidates goes on steadily increasing as the number of annuitants on each Fund is increased. These two increases, that of the annuitants and that of the candidates, ought not to stand to each other in relation of cause and effect, but it looks very much as if they did so stand; and what we are now anxious to learn is, to what point do the Committee consider they may carry their policy of extension, so that thenceforward there may be a reduction in the number of candidates in conformity with the laws which, in cases of this description, usually determine the relation between cause and effect. We shall gladly offer every facility in our power for the discussion of this very serious question.

## POPE LEO'S ENCYCLICAL LETTER AGAINST FREEMASONS.

FROM THE KEYSTONE.

**D**URING the pontificate of the late Pope Pius IX., Freemasons occasionally amused themselves by discussing the question, whether he was a Freemason; but we have not heard this "soft impeachment" brought against the present Roman Pontiff, Leo XIII. We never believed that Pius IX. was a Mason, and we are even more confident that Leo XIII. (will he pardon us?) is a *profane*, so that we must say to him, and to all others like him, in the language of Virgil, *Procul este, profani!* "Avaunt, ye profane!"

On the 20th day of April 1884, in the seventh year of his pontificate, Leo XIII. issued his Encyclical Letter to "all venerable Patriarchs, Primate, Archbishops and Bishops in the Catholic world, who have grace and communion with the Apostolic See." It is a formidable document in length, and in length only. It would fill six solid columns of the *Keystone*. It must have fatigued the pontifical mind, and wearied the secretarial hand that prepared it. It opens with the following recital concerning previous Encyclicals, that missed their mark, and then it deliberately misses it again:

The Roman Pontiffs, our predecessors, watching constantly over the safety of the Christian people, early recognized this capital enemy, rushing forth out of the darkness of hidden conspiracy, and, anticipating the future in their mind, gave the alarm to princes and people, that they should not be caught by deception and fraud.

Clement XII. first signaled the danger in 1738, and Benedict XIV. renewed and continued his Constitution. Pius VII. followed

them both; and Leo XII., by the Apostolic Constitution, *quo graviora*, recapitulating the acts and decrees of the above Pontiffs about the matter, validated and confirmed them for ever. In the same way spoke Pius VIII., Gregory XVI. and very often Pius IX.

These previous anathemas all failed, notwithstanding many Roman Catholic temporal potentates reinforced them with their personal influence and aid:

Many princes and rulers of States agreed with the Popes, and either denounced Masonry to the Apostolic See, or by appropriate laws condemned it as a bad thing, in Holland, Austria, Switzerland, Spain, Bavaria, Savoy and parts of Italy.

How was it (in Leo's opinion) that this great combination, this giant conspiracy, failed? Freemasons have no Encyclical Letters to hurl back at their adversary, they are beneath playing a game of spitball. While the present Pope vainly endeavours to conceal the true reason of the failure of the deliberate efforts of so many of his predecessors in the alleged chair of St. Peter, supported as they were by the active aid of divers subservient Kings and Emperors, he says:

Their paternal care did not always and everywhere succeed, either because of the simulation and shrewdness of the Masons themselves, or through the inconsiderate levity of others, whose duty required of them strict attention. Hence, in a century and a half, the sect of Masons grew beyond expectation; and, creeping audaciously and deceitfully among the various classes of the people, it grew to be so powerful that now it seems the only dominating power in the States.

He herein recognizes the total failure of the Roman tactics, and unintentionally pays a high tribute to our ever-widening Fraternity, which, as he says, "grew beyond expectation."

But what are the crimes against mankind, or morality, or religion, alleged against Freemasons by the present Lion of the Vatican, or "prisoner of the Vatican," which? No crimes whatever against *mankind*, or *morality*, or *religion*, but only against "Holy Mother Church," and the Roman Pontiff! That is to say, the charge is made (but not proven, for it cannot be proven), that Freemasonry is inimical to a particular form of religion, to wit, the Roman Catholic. Freemasons are charged with the desire "to destroy the Church established by God." Now, every one knows, and in America we have just been so instructed afresh, by that able Jesuit, Monsignor Capel, that the Pope teaches that there is, and can be, but *one* Church—the Papal, and that *all others* are corrupt, degraded, false and destroying. But Leo, at the same time, asserts that his Church stands in no danger from Freemasonry:

It has indeed come to this, that we have serious fear, not for the Church, which has a foundation too firm for men to subvert it, but for those States in which this society is so powerful, or other societies of a like kind, and which show themselves to be servants and companions of Masonry.

It is for the State he fears, then, not for the Church! What Jesuitry! Why has he not the manliness to tell the truth, and shame the devil, if indeed Freemasons represent the devil? A few years ago Gladstone, in a notable pamphlet, exhibited the Roman Pontiff in his true colours as a *friend* of the State. Not a bit of it! He knows no one but *himself*. The Church, all States, and the world itself, exist for him, or ought so to exist. But this is not written among the Masonic Landmarks, and hence Freemasonry is anathematized. Nothing will satisfy this Lion's maw but the world!

Yet his Popeship is betrayed into a fatal admission when he says:—"It is true, Freemasons generally admit the existence of God!" Yes, these vile men, whose deliberate purpose is to destroy society, to wreck States, to abolish the Church, that is the Pope's Church, these believe in God, pray to Him, and practise the three cardinal virtues of Faith, Hope, and Charity!

Again, Freemasonry itself is bad, very bad, as bad as it can be; but there are many individual members who are excellent men (he must mean you, Brother reader, and perhaps us). Hear the Thirteenth Leo:—

What we have said, or will say, must be understood of Masonry in general, and of all like societies, not of the individual members of the same. In their number there may be not a few who, though they are wrong in giving their names to these societies, yet neither are guilty of their crimes, nor aware of the final goal which they strive to reach.

There may be hope for even the Roman Pontiff. He does not lack all charity. He admits, well, altogether too much for the force of his own argument.

But what other crimes are alleged against Freemasons? We cite a few:

The sect of Masons is established against law and honesty.

It desires to overthrow all the religious and social orders introduced by Christianity.

It does not allow any teacher to be believed on his official authority.

The sect of Masons aims, unanimously and steadfastly, at the possession of the education of children.

It is the real, supreme aim of the Freemasons, to persecute, with untamed hatred, Christianity, and they will never rest until they see cast to the ground all religious institutions established by the Pope.

What a congeries of misstatements! The truth is Pope Leo XIII. is no more inimical to Freemasonry and Freemasons, than he is to every religious body outside of the pale of his own particular church; but he dare not *now* use the language to the latter that he does to the former. Time was when his predecessors pursued, to the stake, the predecessors of Christians of other names, while now, since the invention of printing, the diffusion of knowledge, and the spread of civilization, he dare only fulminate paper bullets against the Fraternity of Freemasons. The leopard has not changed his spots, but, like the white elephant, is only whitewashed. Trust him not. He has the will to destroy all his fancied adversaries, had he the power he would.

But enough. Let us hasten to the end of this Encyclical Letter. Leo says:—

We, by our authority, ratify and confirm all things which the Roman Pontiffs, our predecessors, have ordered to check the purposes and stop the efforts of the Masonic sect, and all those which they established to keep off or withdraw the faithful from such societies.

It may seem to some that Masons never impose anything openly contrary to faith or to morals, but as the scope and nature is essentially bad in these sects, it is not allowed to give one's name to them or to help them in any way.

And then, in conclusion, he thus invokes the blessing of the saints:

Let us invoke for this purpose the mediation of Mary, the Virgin Mother of God, that against the impious sects in which one sees clearly revived the contumacious pride, the untamed perfidy, the simulating shrewdness of Satan, she may show her power, she who triumphed over him since the first conception.

Let us pray also St. Michael, the prince of the angelic army, conqueror of the infernal enemy; St. Joseph, spouse of the Most Sainly Virgin, heavenly and wholesome patron of the Catholic Church; the great Apostles, Peter and Paul, propagators and defenders of the Christian faith. Through their patronage, and the perseverance of common prayers, let us hope that God will condescend to piously help human society, threatened by so many dangers.

What will be the effect of this Encyclical Letter? We can reply only for English-speaking countries; in these it will give Freemasonry a "boom" which will certainly result in swelling the numbers of the applicants for its mysteries. It is reprinted, in full, in all the leading daily newspapers, and almost every reader, whether Roman Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, or belonging to what other denomination he may, will recognize the falsity of its facts, and the vanity of its aim. Leo XIII. has fired a blank cartridge.

It should be distinctly understood, that while Freemasonry is entirely unsectarian, its religion, if religion we call it, being only that in which all religious men agree, we cannot but recognize the fact, that the Popes of Rome have repeatedly, and unjustly, made Freemasonry their target, and hence we may, and must, speak of the papacy as we would of no other religious power, exposing its errors so far as they relate to ourselves. Its professed aim is to subvert Freemasonry. This repeated efforts have demonstrated it cannot do. The least we can do, in reply, is to expose the falsity of its assertions, and reassert the purity, the nobility and the morality of our time-honoured Craft.

By issuing his present Encyclical Letter against all Freemasons, Leo XIII. has fairly exposed himself to just criticism. We would not bandy epithets with him, but we would characterize him as the would-be despot of the world. The more power he loses, the more he desires to have. It may be, it has even been so whispered, that America will ultimately be his home. We trust not. He is always and everywhere only *dynamite*. Happy is that country which is most remote from him, and just and honoured is that people whom he regards as his enemy.

**HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT.**—Sores, wounds, ulcerations, and other diseases affecting the skin, are amendable by this cooling and healing unguent. It has called forth the loudest praise from persons who have suffered for years from bad legs, abscesses, and chronic ulcers, after every hope of cure has long passed away. None but those who have experienced the soothing effects of this Ointment can form an idea of the comfort it bestows, by restraining inflammation and allaying pain. Whenever this Ointment has been once used, it has established its own worth and has again been eagerly sought for, as the easiest and safest remedy for all ulcerous complaints. In neuralgia, rheumatism, and gout the same application, properly used, gives wonderful relief.

## QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 4th June 1884, at 6 for 7 p.m.

1. The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 5th March for confirmation.
2. The Minutes of the Special Grand Lodge of the 24th April for confirmation.
3. The Minutes of the Grand Festival of the 30th April for confirmation.
4. The Minutes of the Special Grand Lodge, at Peterborough, of the 7th May for confirmation.
5. Election of Members of the Board of General Purposes.
6. Election of Members of the Colonial Board.
7. Election of a Grand Lodge Auditor.
8. Election of Members for the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons.  
(For list of names of the Brethren nominated for the several Boards and Committees see below).
9. Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz:—

The Widow of a Brother of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 298, Rochdale ... ..	£50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the St. John's Lodge, No. 90, London ... ..	100	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 298, Rochdale ... ..	75	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Royal Athelstan Lodge, No. 19, London ... ..	75	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Lodge of Unanimity and Sincerity, No. 261, Taunton ... ..	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Surrey Lodge, No. 416, Reigate ... ..	75	0	0
A Brother of the Portland Lodge, No. 1037, Portland ...	50	0	0
A Brother of the Sutherland Lodge, No. 451, Burslem ...	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Victoria Lodge, No. 1056, London ... ..	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Phoenix Lodge, No. 257, Portsmouth ... ..	50	0	0
A Brother of the Fowey Lodge, No. 977, Fowey ...	75	0	0
A Brother of the Athol Lodge, No. 74, Birmingham ...	100	0	0
A Brother of the Beadon Lodge, No. 619, Dulwich ...	100	0	0
A Brother of the St. Matthew's Lodge, No. 1447, Barton-on-Humber ... ..	150	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Westbourne Lodge, No. 733, London ... ..	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the St. Peter's Lodge, No. 481, Newcastle-on-Tyne ... ..	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the St. Thomas Lodge, No. 142, London ... ..	50	0	0
A Brother of the Stuart Lodge, No. 1632, London ...	75	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the All Souls Lodge, No. 170, Weymouth ... ..	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Granite Lodge, No. 1328, London ... ..	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Royal Kensington Lodge, No. 1627, London ... ..	150	0	0
A Brother of the West Smithfield Lodge, No. 1623, London	50	0	0

### 10. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board of General Purposes beg to submit a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts, at the Meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 16th day of May instant, shewing a Balance in the Bank of England of £5,830 10s 1d; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £100, and for Servants' Wages £100; and Balance of Annual Allowance for Library £17 1s 2d.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON,  
President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.  
20th May 1884.

At the Meeting of the Board held on Tuesday, the 20th of May, after the ordinary business had been disposed of, the following resolution was passed, viz:—

The Board have heard with great regret that Brother Sir John Monckton has signified his wish not to be re-appointed President for the ensuing year. While tendering to him their best thanks for the able and efficient manner he has presided over them during the past year, and for his unflinching courtesy to all the Members, the Board desire to express their high appreciation of the distinguished services Brother Sir John Monckton has rendered to the Craft during the ten years he has occupied the Chair, and particularly of the zeal and ability he has dis-



played in conducting the many arduous and important duties which during his period of office have been undertaken and successfully discharged by the Board and its various Committees.

(Signed) RALPH CLUTTON,  
Vice President.

11. The Annual Report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, dated the 16th May 1884, will be laid before Grand Lodge.

12. Appeal of Brother Thomas D. Marston, of the Lodge of Hope and Perseverance, No. 782, Lahore, against a ruling of the District Grand Master of the Punjab, relative to the election of a joining member of that Lodge by acclamation.

N.B.—The papers relating to this appeal will be in the Grand Secretary's office till the meeting of Grand Lodge, and open for the inspection of the Brethren during office hours.

13. NOTICES OF MOTION:—

(1) By Brother CHARLES FREDERICK HOGARD, P.M. No. 205.

To add to Rule 19, of the Book of Constitutions.

“Election of Grand Treasurer.

“If more than one Brother is nominated the names shall be printed in a list, a copy of which shall be delivered to each member present at the Grand Lodge. The balloting lists having been delivered to the members of Grand Lodge are to be collected by the Scrutineers appointed for that purpose, and are not to be signed. In order to carry out the above law, eight Scrutineers are to be elected at the General Committee previous to the Grand Lodge in March, and eight other Scrutineers are to be nominated by the Grand Master or presiding Officer at that Grand Lodge. The Scrutineers are to collect the lists from the Brethren to whom they have been delivered, and shall solemnly pledge themselves to make a correct report under their hands of the result of the ballot. They shall then retire and, having ascertained the numbers for the respective candidates, shall present the report in Grand Lodge. But if their report be not ready by the time the Grand Lodge is about to be closed, the Grand Master or the presiding Officer shall, after closing the Grand Lodge, receive the report in his private room, and in such case a copy thereof, verified by the Grand Secretary, shall be immediately posted up in the Grand Secretary's office, and remain during one week for the information of the Craft.”

(2) By V.W. Brother Lieut.-Col. JOHN CREATON Past Grand Treasurer:

“That the sum of £70 be voted from the funds of the Board of General Purposes; that the same be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, to provide the residents of the Institution at Croydon with coals during the winter months.”

List of Brethren nominated for the Board of General Purposes:—

MASTERS.

WILLIAM BOHM . . . . .	92
WILLIAM BRISTOW . . . . .	2041
THOMAS W. C. BUSH . . . . .	1728
RICHARD DONNE HANCOCK . . . . .	136
SAMUEL HILL . . . . .	21
FREDERICK T. C. KEEBLE . . . . .	1426
THOMAS HASTINGS MILLER . . . . .	1964
HUGH HEUGH RIACH . . . . .	1118
LEOPOLD G. GORDON ROBBINS . . . . .	10
THOMAS C. WALLS . . . . .	1503

PAST MASTERS.

CHARLES BELTON . . . . .	777
HENRY BISHOP . . . . .	66
RALPH CLUTTON . . . . .	143
ALBERT ESCOTT . . . . .	1593
GIOVANNI P. FESTA . . . . .	1900
GERARD FORD . . . . .	271
CHARLES HAMMERTON . . . . .	1339
NATHAN BRYANT HEADON . . . . .	1426
WILLIAM GEORGE LEMON . . . . .	1601
JOHN LAWRENCE MATHER . . . . .	1471
ALFRED MEADOWS, M.D. . . . .	4
JAMES STEVENS . . . . .	1216
FRANCIS J. STOHWASSER . . . . .	569
EDWARD F. STORR . . . . .	22
JAMES WILLING JUN. . . . .	1507

List of Brethren nominated for the Colonial Board:—

JAMES BRETT . . . . .	No.	177
FREDERIC W. COLFS . . . . .	”	1150
GEORGE HALDANE (Lieut.-Col.) . . . . .	”	1615
JOHN ANDREW MAITLAND . . . . .	”	92
EDWARD GARNET MAN . . . . .	”	143
CHARLES R. RIVINGTON . . . . .	”	2
WILLIAM STEPHENS . . . . .	”	1489

List of Brethren nominated for the Committee of Manage-

ment for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons:—

BUSH, THOMAS W. C. . . . .	P.M.	1728
COTTEBRUNE, CHARLES A. . . . .	”	1257
DAIRY, CHARLES . . . . .	”	141
GOODALL, WILLIAM H. . . . .	”	1567
MCPHERSON, HENRY . . . . .	”	890
MOORE, GEORGE L. . . . .	”	169
MURLIS, WILLIAM J. . . . .	”	1642
TATE, ROBERT PERRY . . . . .	”	860
TATTERSHALL, ALFRED H. . . . .	”	140
WILLING, JAMES JUN. . . . .	”	1507

List of Lodges for which Warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge:—

- No. 2036.—The Waitohi Lodge, Picton, Marlborough, New Zealand.
- 2037.—The Prinsep Lodge, Howrah, Bengal.
- 2038.—The Portcullis Lodge, Langport, Somersetshire.
- 2039.—The Londonderry Lodge, Sunderland.
- 2040.—The Warde Lodge, Westerham, Kent.
- 2041.—The West Kent Volunteer Lodge, Wilmington, Kent.
- 2042.—The Apollo Lodge, Liverpool.
- 2043.—The Kendrick Lodge, Reading, Berks.
- 2044.—The Seymour Lodge, Seymour, Victoria.
- 2045.—The Wharton Lodge, Willesden, Middlesex.
- 2046.—The Robinson Lodge, Maidstone, Kent.
- 2047.—The Beckenham Lodge, Beckenham, Kent.
- 2048.—The Henry Levander Lodge, Harrow Station, Middlesex.

N.B.—The Revised Edition of the Book of Constitutions (1884) may be obtained at the Grand Secretary's Office, in 8vo and 32mo, price 1s 6d a copy, bound in cloth.

The “Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book” for 1884 can be had at the Grand Secretary's Office, Freemasons' Hall, London, price 2s, bound in roan.

Earl of Carnarvon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1642.—

On Monday evening last, a number of members of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge of Instruction and friends met at Ladbroke Hall, the occasion being the presentation to Bro. Davis, Preceptor of the Lodge, of a testimonial in consideration of his long and valued services. The presentation was preceded by a dinner, which having been done justice to, the usual and patriotic toasts were given and responded to. The Chairman, Bro. F. C. Frye, W.M. 1642, then proceeded in eulogistic terms to state that Bro. Davis, after his indefatigable exertions in connection with the Lodge, had been deemed by the brethren worthy of some substantial mark of their approval. A committee was formed, and a subscription started, with the result that 58 members of the Lodge had subscribed; this included nearly every member of the Lodge of Instruction. In presenting to him, in the name of the Lodge, a handsome piano, by Broadwood, he need not mention the pleasure it afforded him. He only hoped he would not stay at home to practise music instead of attending Lodge meetings in future. Bro. Parkhouse, Treasurer, could not but add words of praise in favour of Bro. Davis, who had performed the duties of Preceptor to the Lodge of Instruction so satisfactorily during the past six years. He was pleased to mention that no member outside the Lodge had subscribed to the testimonial, which he hoped would also be useful to the juvenile Davises. Bro. Davis, in returning thanks, felt that the kindly feeling of the brethren more than repaid his services. His career as a Mason (9 years) had been comparatively short, but he had always felt it a pleasure to be of use to other brethren, who, perhaps, had not so many opportunities of studying the Craft as he had had. It was gratifying to himself and others that the work was got through in such a kindly manner. The Instruction Lodge could command seven Masters, all of whom were perfect in working. He did not think any Lodge could boast of better workers. In thanking them for their handsome testimonial, he begged to assure them it would not by any means tend to lessen his attendance at the Lodge. He still hoped to be with them many years. A vote of thanks to the Treasurer, Bro. Parkhouse, and Secretary, Bro. Smout, was responded to by the respective brethren. The Committee was responded for by Bros. Rogers, Bartle, Gillingham, Webster, and Wood, all of whom spoke in eulogistic terms of Bro. Davis's excellent services. The health of the Chairman of the evening was proposed by Bro. Murlis, who mentioned that he was not only a good Mason, but greatly interested in the Masonic Charities; the toast was suitably acknowledged. The concluding toast was the Visitors, responded to by Bros. Wakeham (of Kensington Lodge) and Westcott (of Star Cross, Devonshire). The proceedings of the evening were enlivened considerably by some excellent songs and recitations by the brethren, with accompaniments on the presentation piano, the inscription on which is as follows:—

“Presented to Bro. G. Davis P.M., by the Members of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge of Instruction, as a mark of esteem, and in appreciation of his valuable services as Preceptor for a period of six years.”

Among those present were:—Bros. Murlis P.M. Secretary 1642, S. H. Parkhouse P.M. Treasurer, E. M. Lander P.M., J. S. Atkins P.M. P.P.G.R. South Wales, Gillingham W.M. Gooch, Webster S.W. Unity, Chapman S.W. Urban, J. Bartle S.W. 1642, Woodmason J.W. 1642, Buckland S.D. 1642, Wood J.W. 1642, Rubenstein, French, Taylor, Wadham, Rogers, Tomlinson, S. Elborn P.M. 511, Hutton, &c. The Vice chair was taken by Bro. S. Smout I.P.M. 1642, Secretary of the Lodge of Instruction.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON LODGE,  
No. 2033.

CONSIDERING the heavy demands made on our space last week, by the Girls' Festival and its accompanying Prize Distribution two days previously, we feel sure that our readers will acquit us of intentional neglect in holding over till now the particulars of the consecration of this new and promising Lodge. The ceremony itself was a great success. There was a strong gathering of brethren of rank and influence in the Craft, and it is impossible to deny that with so experienced a Mason as Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, for its first W. Master, the Lodge enters on its career under exceptionally favourable auspices, while none can wish it a more prosperous future than ourselves. There is, however, one point to which we are desirous of referring, namely, that the University of London Lodge must, in the very nature of things, be somewhat of a class Lodge, and we venture very respectfully to suggest that the establishment of Lodges of this description is hardly in accordance with the received idea as to the universality of Masonry. It will, of course, be said there are Military Lodges; there are the Lodges particularly associated with the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge; there is the Kaiser-i-Hind for Anglo-Indians, and others that might be enumerated, which, seeing their members are elected from particular sets, are, to all intents and purposes class Lodges, though when they were established no alarm was raised about the universality of Masonry being endangered. This perhaps, may be explained. Military Lodges are a necessity of our military organisation, while the Oxford and Cambridge University Lodges, composed in each case of graduates and undergraduates, could hardly be said to have any justification at all for their existence, if they were not confined to men of these Universities. But though the University of London Lodge will be composed in like manner of London graduates and undergraduates, there is no corporate body in the case of the London University as there is at Oxford and Cambridge. In London the men are all scattered about; in Oxford and Cambridge they are concentrated in one neighbourhood. Consequently we are brought face to face with the possibility that the University of London Lodge will be composed chiefly, if not entirely, of men living in different parts of London and its suburbs, or even in the country, who would probably experience no difficulty in securing election into the Lodges in their respective neighbourhoods, but who think it necessary to go further afield in seeking admission into Masonry, so that they may associate in the Lodge only with men of their own social standing. But with all due deference to the authorities, this kind of exclusiveness is contrary to the spirit of Freemasonry. We see no objection to a Military Lodge; indeed, it is only in a Lodge attached to their regiment or corps that our military men connected with it could practise the rites of Masonry, but there is no such apology to be offered for constituting Lodges which shall be open only to men of a particular grade or class of society. The great object of Freemasonry is to bring together men of all ranks and degrees, but if we encourage this kind of class Lodge, we shall have our English Craft in time made up of a number of exclusive sets of men, who will readily enough associate with each other, if they happen to be of the same social standing, but not otherwise. Distinctions of rank exist outside the Lodge, but not in it, and, in order that we may preserve as far as possible the original idea that Freemasonry provides a common bond of union for men of all classes, we would have our authorities discourage as much as possible the establishment of Lodges confined exclusively to any particular grade. Having satisfied our conscience in this respect, we will return to the event of the day, Wednesday, the 14th May.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, the Pro Grand Master, had kindly undertaken the duties of Consecrating Officer, and he had for his assistants the Right Hon. the Earl of Milltown G.S.W. as Senior Warden, Sir Francis Burdett Prov. Grand Master Middlesex as Junior Warden, while the Rev. C. W. Arnold, M.A., Past Grand Chaplain, officiated as Chaplain. In the enforced absence, through illness, of Colonel Shadwell Clerke, Grand Secretary, who had promised to instal the first Master, Bro. Thomas Fenn Past Grand Deacon opened the Lodge, the Temple being placed at the disposal of the brethren for the purposes of the meeting, and then the arrival of the Pro Grand Master was announced. Lord Carnarvon at once took the chair, and in his opening address said the

brethren had been summoned to consecrate and constitute this Lodge. The warrant had been obtained from the Grand Master, and he had the greatest satisfaction in undertaking the duties of Consecrating Officer. Of the character and prospects of the Lodge he would say nothing. Those who will take the first duties are perhaps the best representatives of its merits. They had his best wishes for its future welfare. It would be composed of members of the London University, who were not only eminent Masons, but eminent in all the walks of life they had made their own. He felt its success was assured. The ceremony was then commenced, with the usual formalities. The oration was given by the Rev. C. W. Arnold, who spoke as follows:—

BRETHREN,—I fear that in my oration to-day I shall but travel over well-trodden ground, for after so much has lately been said of the origin, history and principles of Freemasonry I can scarcely be expected to produce anything new. I would ask you then, Brethren, to bear with me for a few minutes whilst I endeavour to say what may be appropriate on this occasion, when we have met together to dedicate a new Lodge under the most distinguished patronage, and with the happiest auspices—a Lodge which is to be especially devoted to members of the University of London. Masonry has increased in a marvellous manner during the past few years, and when we see the highest and noblest in the land, and men of the greatest intellectual powers, pressing into its ranks, it is natural for us to ask the question, "What is it which makes Freemasonry so attractive?" It cannot be charity alone, although we Masons maintain such magnificent charitable institutions that any man may well be proud of supporting them, for charity might just as well be practised without our rites and without our clothing. It cannot be morality, however beautiful the system is which is found in our Masonic charges, for all that we teach may be found in the Sacred Volume, and might easily be studied without Freemasonry. It cannot be only the pleasure of the social meetings which take place after our Lodges are closed, for social intercourse of the pleasantest kind may easily be enjoyed without Masonic work. All these combined no doubt offer some considerable inducements for men to join Freemasonry, but there must be something *beyond*, something *higher* than mere brotherly love and relief, great principles though they are,—yes, there must be something far deeper than this, which recommends Freemasonry to men of intellectual culture. If brotherly love and relief are all that Freemasonry contains, what is the object of *guarding it so completely by signs, tokens, and words*, so that only those lawfully initiated into its mysteries may become acquainted with them? Freemasonry is but a casket which contains a priceless jewel, and that jewel is *Truth*; and all our rites and ceremonies, our signs and passwords have been designed for the purpose of guarding this precious jewel and handing it down from age to age in all its purity and integrity. Just as in Grecian mythology Prometheus is said to have brought down fire from Heaven as a gift to man hidden in a hollow reed, so, concealed in our rites and mysteries, Divine Truth has been passed on from generation to generation, and we have the highest authority for the use of pass-words as a safeguard of our truths, even that of the Almighty Architect Himself, who, when he revealed Himself to Moses in the burning bush, gave him a pass-word as a voucher for the truth of His message to the children of Israel. There seems to be little doubt that in very early ages, when guilds of Masons were first established, they were formed to preserve a Speculative as well as an Operative knowledge, and through many centuries these were handed down together to successive generations; but Operative Masonry received its death-blow at the dissolution of the Monasteries in the middle of the 16th century, whilst Speculative Masonry lingered on and was well nigh extinguished, until at the beginning of the 18th century it was revived, and gradually passed into that beautiful ritual which we practise to-day. It is Speculative Masonry which has preserved for us those precious truths of which I spoke. In every age of the world we find man as his intellectual faculties have become developed seeking after *Truth*. "What is Truth?" was the question of the Roman Pilate on his judgment seat. "What is Truth?" was the object of research to Pythagoras and Socrates and Plato and all the well-known philosophers of old. But what they sought for as something lost, something unknown, Freemasonry was quietly handing down from age to age. It teaches us the great truths of the existence of one God, the Maker and Creator of all things, and the common Father of all mankind; it teaches us that we all, as children of this one common Father, are Brethren; it assures us of the immortality of the soul, and tells us of a time when we shall be summoned to the Grand Lodge above, where the world's Great Architect lives and reigns for evermore. He sets before us in the three Degrees a beautiful allegory of the life of man from childhood even to old age. It reminds us how we came into this world poor and penniless; under the fostering care of T.G.A.O.T.U. we have passed through the dangers of childhood and arrived at man's estate; we pass on by regular steps across the chequered flooring of the world, learning lessons as we go, looking up from nature to nature's God; in the third degree still more knowledge is given to us as we behold the emblems of immortality around us, and the bright star above whose light pierces even through the darkness of the tomb. Thus in each step of Masonry fresh truths are revealed and the best instruction given, how man must live on earth, how die, how rest in heaven, when he shall have ascended to those immortal mansions whence all goodness emanates. Still further, Masonry is the handmaid of religion, directing us to the volume of the Sacred Law to guide our actions and govern our faith. And as man is weak and liable to err, so does Freemasonry give him help along the path of life, so that every instrument he handles in his work may remind him of some moral duty. Thus, Brethren, I say Masonry is worthy of the noblest intellect of man, for the more we study it the more treasures do we discover in it, and the deeper do its lessons sink

into our heart. I do not wonder then, Brethren, that you who belong to the University of London (which differs from the older Universities in that it is only an Examining Body) should seek in a Masonic Lodge a bond of union which may draw you more closely together, for in your Lodge work you will find food for the highest intellect, and after work is over you will enjoy the happiest social intercourse, all irritating topics of conversation being banished, so that whatever may be your creed, whatever your political views, angry discussion will be hushed and peace and harmony must prevail. And when I look at the names of those who are to rule and govern this new Lodge, I feel sure that their duties will be performed with the utmost proficiency, so that the brethren will have "forcibly impressed upon them the dignity and high importance of Freemasonry," and the loyalty which is due to God, our country, and our Queen, and that our noble ceremonies will be so worked as to leave a lasting impression on every initiate, for, believe me, the first impression of Freemasonry is everything; if a candidate sees and hears careless work and irreverent behaviour in the Lodge, is it likely that he can be seriously impressed with the truths conveyed in our ritual? In conclusion, may the favour of the Most High rest upon this Lodge. May it be a centre of love and harmony, of hospitality and truth. May each member be, as it were, a perfect and well-cemented stone, built into the Temple of the Most High. And may the object of all our work be "Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace, goodwill to men."

The ceremony was then continued, and completed with that regard to detail so characteristic of the work undertaken by the Pro Grand Master. Bro. Frank Richardson acted throughout as Director of the Ceremonies, and it goes almost without saying that the arrangements were perfect.

The Pro Grand Master said he greatly regretted that it was not in his power to close the evening with them after performing the ceremony. He had hoped to have had that pleasure, but engagements prevented. He could not leave, however, without offering hearty good wishes for the future welfare of the Lodge. When he considered who composed it, he was confident it would be successful. It had his sincerest wishes, and he trusted that a long career of honour and usefulness was before it. The chair was now taken by Bro. Thomas Fenn P.G.D., who conducted the installation ceremony. Bro. Philbrick invested the following as Officers: R.W. Bro. Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor of London, R. N. Fowler M.A. M.P. G.J.W. W.M. No. 1 S.W., Bro. Alfred Meadows, M.D., P.M. No. 4 J.W., Bro. Sir Farrer Herschell, B.A., Q.C., M.P., Solicitor-General P.M. 1310 acting I.P.M., William G. Lemon LL.B P.M. 165 Treas., William J. Spratling B.Sc. W.M. 1924 Sec., W. R. McConnell B.A. 1610 S.D., A. E. Sansom M.D. 1494 J.D., John Curnow M.D. 121 I.G., Augustus C. Maybry D.Sc. W.M. 1293 D.C., and Frank E. Lemon LL.B 859 Steward. The Installing Master delivered the customary addresses, and propositions for joining and initiation were handed in. The W.M. then asked the brethren to concur in tendering their cordial thanks to the Earl of Carnarvon, the Earl of Milltown, and other distinguished brethren who had assisted them, and he had the further pleasure of asking them to elect those brethren as honorary members. This was seconded by Bro. Ralph Gooding, and carried unanimously. The Earl of Milltown having acknowledged the compliment, Lodge was closed. The banquet was presided over by Bro. Philbrick. In proposing the health of the Queen, the Worshipful Master said it was peculiarly appropriate that the first toast of a new Lodge should be to render homage to the first lady in the land. This having been loyally honoured, the Worshipful Master gave the Most Worshipful Grand Master, remarking that his Royal Highness, amidst all his duties took a deep interest in the Craft. In proposing the health of the M.W. the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the Earl of Lathom, and the other Grand Officers, the Worshipful Master said they had not only been honoured by the presence and active assistance of the Pro Grand Master, but by a galaxy of Officers any Lodge might be proud to welcome. Without arrogating to themselves any special claims, they felt it was a privilege to have so many distinguished Grand Officers with them on that occasion. They had with them many whom, since he first saw the light of Masonry, he had been taught to look up to. He need mention only the names of Bros. Sir F. Bardett, J. Havers, and Sir J. B. Monckton. The position these brethren occupied went far to show that the hold they had upon the Craft was great and well deserved. Sir F. Bardett responded. The health of the Consecrating Officer the Earl of Carnarvon, and the health, the better health, of his esteemed and respected friend Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke G.S. was the next toast given by the W.M. He would couple with it the name of Bro. Fenn, who came forward in a time of difficulty to supply Col. Clerke's place. To Bro. Arnold, for the part he took they should be ever grateful; and to Bro. Fenn, they were greatly indebted for the beautiful rendering of the ceremony. Bro. the Rev. C. W. Arnold returned thanks. He had accepted the invitation, not only because he would with pleasure have to assist in bringing a new Lodge into existence, but because his old friend Bro. Philbrick was to preside. Bro. Fenn said on the previous evening he had received an intimation from Col. Clerke that he should be unable to attend, and he willingly undertook the duties. Bro. Havers also replied, he wished the Lodge well through the infantile troubles inseparable from early life. Since his return to his dear friends he had taken no part that was more hopeful of Masonry in the future than the constitution of this Lodge. He wished it from the bottom of his heart all success, and concluding by proposing the health of the Worshipful Master. He had watched Bro. Philbrick's career in public life, as well as in Masonry, and it was with peculiar gratification that he had seen him appointed to the important office he now occupied. He carried great weight in Grand Lodge; this gave promise of the most thorough obedience to his ruling. The Worshipful Master said, by an accident he found himself in the position of W.M. The Lord

Mayor should have been the first Master, but imperative claims of duty had prevented it. For himself, he would say that he would greatly have preferred to see the Senior Warden occupying his position. The University of London inherited a great name, and such place as it occupied in public estimation had been honourably earned. They could not boast of Theology, but in the school of medicine and the faculties of law and of science they were strong; he claimed that they were the first to extend the privilege of University training to the other sex. That Lodge would afford an opportunity for all to meet on neutral ground. They had yet to win their spurs as Masous, and no spurs were worth winning which were not secured by sheer hard work. The health of the Visitors was next on the list; without Visitors a Masonic Lodge was incomplete. In it many an old touch of friendship had been revived. Around him he saw many Visitors who were distinguished in their various walks of life, amongst others the W.M. of the recommending Lodge, and Bros. Pope and Clarke, who on many occasions had been awkward opponents, but who on that evening might be trusted not to disturb the harmony of the meeting. Bros. Samuel Pope Q.C., and Clarke Q.C. responded, and then Bro. Whitmore added a few words. The other toasts were the Sister University Lodges and the Officers; and shortly afterwards the Tyler closed the proceedings.

Amongst those who attended we may mention General J. S. Brownrigg, K.C.B., P.G.M. Surrey, J. Havers P.G.W., Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G.C., Baron de Ferrières, M.P., G.S.D., Letchworth G.J.D., Sir Albert Woods G.D.C., Griffiths Smith A.G.D.C., Sir John B. Monckton, J. A. Rucker, F. Green, H. C. Levander P.G. Secretary Middlesex; J. S. Peirce, T. H. Devonshire, Dr. Gooding, and R. F. Gould Past Grand Deacons, Magnus Ohren Past Grand Assistant Director of Ceremonies, J. Nunn P.G.S.B., Rev. J. H. Gray P.G.C. Camb., Edward Clarke, Q.C., M.P., Dr. Mickley, R. Clowes P.G.S.W. Essex, H. B. Archer, Lieut.-Colonel Haldane, W. S. Gover, John Young, W. G. Lemon, W. W. Aldridge, F. E. Pockock, Barrow Emanuel, Richard Eve, E. J. Emanuel, R. S. Archbold, Hilton, Samuel Mullens, W. R. McConnell, S. Pope, Q.C., R. Luck, Charles Tyler, W. Adam, J. Spratling, G. Browne, W. Smithett, Dr. Sansom, J. Watson, T. Ralling P.G. Secretary Essex, Dr. Pinter G.L. Hungary, F. E. Lemon, J. A. P. Ingoldby, Alfred Cooper, E. Owen, Robins, Maybury, Fooks, LL.B.; Dr. Coffin, Matthews, A. Gibbings, Dr. Curnow, Lansdown, Wakley, W. W. Morgan, W. Lake P.P.G.R. Cornwall, Tagart, Montennis, Knyvett P.G.S., Whitmore, G. P. Festa, E. H. Thiellay, Dr. Meadows, &c.

#### THE COLOURED FRATERNITY.

It is not without a great deal of interest we have watched the progress of the man of colour in our Fraternity of Freemasonry. Much has been said, and much has been written upon this subject, more especially in the States of Massachusetts and Ohio, and not a little in New York. That the coloured man as a class will at some future day become regular by some process we have no doubt, but as we have written before, and on more than one occasion, it is within the power of a few of the Officers of their Grand Body to hasten the day by the manner we have heretofore pointed out, and without a seeming disturbing of events, save it would require the stepping down of those holding Grand Office and coming under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Masons as all other brethren who are regular must.

But the honour of the Grand Officers of the coloured Fraternity, whenever it shall occur, will be greater than that ever held by any other Grand Officers of their class that have ever lived; for they will reap the plaudits and blessings of their own people at least for having ended an otherwise essential division between the races as to Freemasonry, and the outcome will be greater than on the surface may appear.

And what is that mode? Let the Grand Officers of the negroes favour the assembling of those coloured people who are in this City and are regular, let them petition for a dispensation for a Lodge, proceed to initiate those coloured Masons who are worthy until enough have been made regular for them to apply for another dispensation, and so on. In one year the result would be manifest. What would follow? In quick succession their Chapters, Commanderies and Scottish Rite Bodies would in like manner be regular. What further? One of the greatest schools of thought for the negro of union of sentiment between the races, of breaking down the race barrier, of educational advancement and the elevation of the coloured people, would ensue.

There are Lodges of coloured brethren in some of the States of this Union hailing under the regular Grand Lodges of White Masons. Why should there not be in New York? It would be a capital opportunity on the part of the coloured people to weed out the unworthy who are in their ranks, for the unworthy and cantankerous get in every Association, and some of the White Masons are blacker than their coloured brethren.

Who will win honours for the great community of coloured Masons in this regard? Is it not feasible, is it not judicious and expedient?

We hope to have further to say as to colour in Masonry, and also as to the connection of negroes with the higher branches of the great Brotherhood.—*Hebrew Leader.*

An interesting episode occurred at the Installation Meeting of the Honour and Generosity Lodge, No. 165, on Tuesday last. Bro. F. Adlard was present, and opportunity was taken to offer a special toast in his honour, this being the fiftieth anniversary of the day in which he was installed W.M. of this Lodge. Bro. C. Belton, who proposed the toast, referred to Bro. Adlard's long association with Freemasonry, and expressed his gratification at seeing him present on this occasion.

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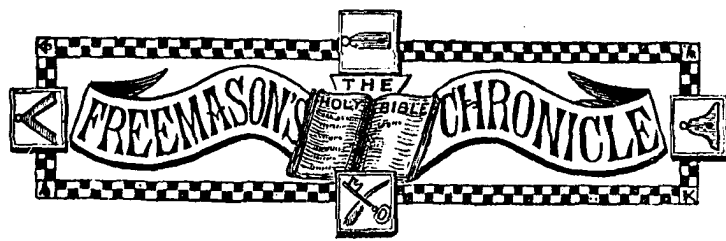
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### PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF SURREY.

THE members of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Surrey assembled at the Masonic Hall, Woking Station, on Monday last, the 26th instant, at four o'clock, when there were present the Very Excellent Companion General J. S. Brownrigg, C.B., Grand Superintendent; Rev. C. W. Arnold P.G.H., Henry J. P. Dumas P.G.J., Charles Greenwood Past G. Dir. of Cers. G. Chapter England Prov. Grand Scribe E., Edwin Frost P.G. Registrar, H. Leigh Bennett P.G.N., J. R. Boor P.P.G.R., W. Askham P.G.D.C., Charles T. Tyler P.P.G.S.N., E. Baber P.G. Sword Bearer, S. P. Catterson 452 P.Z. 79 Z. 548, T. Cawley Eager P.Z. 1395, Mark Tanner, M.D., P.Z. Yarborough 811; Charles Greenwood jun. J. 410, James H. Hawkins Z. elect 65, Major Godson Godson 1149, W. W. Morgan, John Hooke 463, G. D. Lister Z. 410, Frederick Flood Z. 1149, Thomas Wood H. 1149, Joseph State 452, B. Hicklin J. 1149, Arthur H. Bowles J. 1395, Thomas Wakley jun. H. 1395, James E. Barton Z. 1395, L. G. Dundas H. 370, S. G. Kirchoffer P.Z. 1395, A. F. Onslow P.S. 1395, C. Gibbs 1395, G. Tickner 1395, George Payne H. 1564, J. H. Parker Wilson, J. H. S. Craigie 1395, Harry W. Charrington 1395, Stamper W. Lambert 1556, Byron H. Ridge 463, H. J. Strong, M.D., P.G.J. 452, S. Taylor 21 Canada, George Yaxley H. 463, C. T. Speight Prov. Grand Janitor, &c. &c. Prior to the meeting of Prov. Grand Chapter, the Companions of the Weyside Chapter, No. 1395, held a meeting, when a ballot was taken for Bro. Charles M. Hogg, St. Margaret's Lodge, 1872, who was proposed by Comp. Gibbs, seconded by Comp. Tyler. The result was in favour of the candidate, who will be exalted at a future meeting. The Companions having completed their own business, now prepared to receive the members of the Province. Provincial Grand Chapter was formally opened by the Provincial Grand Superintendent, when the roll of Chapters was called, and it is gratifying to be able to state that all the nine which constitute the Province were represented. The minutes of last meeting of Provincial Grand Chapter, held at Kingston, on the 9th June last year, were read and confirmed. The Report of the Finance and Audit Committee showed a balance due to the Treasurer, but this to a certain extent seems to have been anticipated. It was therefore suggested that the time had now arrived when it would be desirable that a small charge should be made, and that each subscribing member to Chapters in the Province be called on to contribute. This suggestion seemed to be in accord with the views of all present; the only objection raised being that the amount named was scarcely sufficient to meet the requirements of the case. General Brownrigg expressed himself much gratified at the ready response, but explained that any arrangement that might be come to must be brought forward at the next regular meeting of Grand Chapter. The result was that notice was given in due form. Those present, however, so fully entered into the general desire to free themselves from liability that a clearance of the debt was almost effected ere the Companions separated. Comp. G. Price was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and his past services were gracefully commented on by the Prov. Grand Superintendent, who then briefly addressed the Companions. After expressing himself intensely gratified with the excellent attendance, he said he now approached a

duty that always gave him some amount of concern. It was well known to those present that he had only a very few collars practically at his disposal. When he joined the Province it could boast of but three Chapters, now they had nine on the roll. Amongst so many deserving aspirants he found it very difficult to make a selection. He thought he had exercised a very wise discretion, year by year, in re-appointing Comp. Arnold as Second Principal. Comp. Arnold was so earnest in all he did, and withal so assiduous, that the reliance he placed on his services freed him (General Brownrigg) from a vast amount of anxiety. Comp. Arnold, however, thought with him, that honour should be conferred on another Companion who, he might say, had been equally zealous. He referred to Comp. Greenwood. He had thereupon decided that he would this year appoint him as Second Principal; meanwhile he was assured he should still have the advantage of the services of Comp. Arnold. The Officers were then appointed and invested as follows:—

Comp. Charles Greenwood P.G.D.C.	Prov. G.H.
Dr. Brodie ... ..	Prov. G.J.
Charles Greenwood jun. ...	Prov. G. Scribe E.
Edwin Frost ... ..	Prov. G. Scribe N.
E. Baber ... ..	Prov. G. Pr. Sojourner.
G. D. Lister ... ..	Prov. G. 1st A. Sojourner.
J. E. Barton, M.D. ... ..	Prov. G. 2nd A. Sojourner.
Stamper W. Lambert ... ..	Prov. G. Registrar.
Col. L. G. Dundas ... ..	Prov. G. Sword Bearer.
Frederick Flood ... ..	Prov. G. Standard Bearer.
J. Piller ... ..	Prov. G. Dir. of Cers.
George Payne ... ..	Prov. G. Asst. Dir. of Cers.
J. H. Parker Wilson ... ..	Prov. G. Organist.
C. T. Speight ... ..	Prov. G. Janitor.

General Brownrigg made allusion to the death of the Duke of Albany. Her Most Gracious Majesty and the Duchess of Albany, although almost overwhelmed with grief at the loss they had sustained, appreciated the sympathy displayed by all classes throughout the nation. He did not think it, however, necessary to keep open the sad remembrance by suggesting any special address of condolence from the members of his Province. After alluding to one or two other matters, the Grand Superintendent expressed his regret that this being the day fixed for the dinner of the Officers of the Regiment to which he belonged he must, of necessity, leave them at an early hour, and concluded by again thanking the Companions for attending in such goodly numbers. Provincial Grand Chapter was then closed. A capital cold collation was served by the Companions of the Weyside Chapter, who must be congratulated on the possession of most comfortable quarters wherein to hold their meetings. Comp. Arnold presided, and on the removal of the cloth the toasts customary to these occasions were done full justice to.

### JOPPA CHAPTER, No. 188.

THE regular Convocation was held on the 25th instant, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, City. Comps. L. Lazarus Z., A. A. Henochsberg H., W. A. Littaur P.Z. J., J. Lazarus P.Z. Treasurer, M. J. Emanuel P.Z. S.E., J. Da Silva S.N., J. W. Dewsnap P.S., P.Z.'s S. M. Lazarus, H. M. Levy, H. P. Isaac. Visitors—Bros. Spiegel 1339, J. Faulkner M.E.Z. 1423, H. J. Henochsberg 1665. The Chapter was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Bros. Myers, Genese, Jewell, and Munday, who had been previously balloted for, and unanimously accepted, were duly exalted into Royal Arch Masonry, the working of the M.E.Z., Principals, and Officers being perfect. The election of Principals for the ensuing year next took place; Comps. Henochsberg M.E.Z., Littaur P.Z. H., Da Silva J., J. Lazarus P.Z. Treasurer, Emanuel P.Z. S.E., Phillips S.N., Dewsnap P.S., Goddard Janitor. Comp. Isaac I.P.Z. proposed, and H. M. Levy seconded, that the sum of two guineas be given from the funds of the Chapter to form a nucleus to present the worthy First Principal with a testimonial on his retiring, for the able and faithful discharge of his duties in the chair for the second time; and in token of the respect in which he is held by the Companions. A letter of condolence was proposed to be sent to the family of the late Comp. Albert P.Z. The resignation of two Companions was accepted, with regret. The Chapter was then closed until November. The company then adjourned to the Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, where a very excellent supper was supplied by Brother Liebmann, that gave great satisfaction. Among the toasts given were those of the Exaltees,—Companions Myers, Genese, and Jewell. Comp. Lazarus P.Z. proposed the health of the M.E.Z., paying a deserved compliment to Comp. Lazarus for his excellent working and able presidency. This was suitably responded to. The toasts of the M.E.Z. elect, the P.Z.'s, and Visitors met with a cordial greeting.

### WILLIAM PRESTON CHAPTER, No. 766.

THE installation meeting of this popular Chapter was held on the 22nd instant, at the Cannon-street Hotel, Cannon-street. Companions Pilditch Z., Miller H., Smart J., Garrod P.Z. Treasurer, Worrell P.Z. S.E., Wilkinson P.S.; P.Z.'s G. Newman and Dr. Kempster. Visitors—Companions Spooner P.Z. 22, Hudson P.Z. 1507, Cumming 1403, Brander 1305, H. M. Levy P.Z. 188. The Chapter was opened and the minutes were confirmed. The Report of the Auditors was read and adopted. Ballots were taken for the admission of Bros. W. Jaques, Royal Savoy Lodge, and G. L. Kennedy, 1420, who were afterwards exalted into Royal Arch Masonry by Companion Garrod, who, by the courtesy of the M.E.Z., officiated, and performed the work with great ability. The other Principals and Officers were likewise perfect in their working. The installation of Principals was the next business. Comp. Miller was installed Z., Smart H., and Radford J., Comp. Garrod performing the ceremonies. The newly-installed Z. invested the following as Officers:—Pilditch I.P.Z., Garrod Treas., Worrell S.E., Wilkinson S.N., Brookes

P.S., Reinhardt Janitor. A very elegant jewel was presented to the retiring Z, for the able and efficient manner in which he had conducted the duties of the chair during his year of office. Comp. Pilditch in suitable terms returned thanks for the gift. The Chapter was then closed until October. Later on, the company sat down to a very excellent banquet. On the removal of the cloth, the M.E.Z., who genially presided, proposed the Loyal and R.A. toasts. In speaking of the Exaltees, the M.E.Z. said the two Companions who had joined that evening doubtless would prove a credit to the Chapter. Personally he knew their qualifications, and hoped in the course of time they might occupy prominent positions in the Royal Arch. Comp. Jaques, in reply, expressed himself deeply impressed with the ceremony, and appreciated the zeal displayed by the Companion who rendered it. It would ever be his aim to work in this exalted degree. Comp. Kennedy followed; he also made some very pertinent remarks. Comp. Pilditch said it was a pleasing duty for him to rise to propose a toast, one that devolved on him today for the first time—the health of the M.E.Z. Comp. Miller is one who will undoubtedly be a credit to the Chapter. He has hitherto filled each office with honour to himself and satisfaction to his Companions. What he has done in the past he will continue to do in the future, and with confidence they might predict an enjoyable year of office. The M.E.Z. in reply thanked Comp. Pilditch for his kind expressions. To fill the chair of so important a Chapter as this had been the aim of his life. He hoped to do the duties to their satisfaction, and trusted at the expiration of his year of office to have the same kind feeling shown to him. The toast of the Visitors was next honoured, and each of those present responded; all paying a just compliment to Comp. Garrod P.Z. for his excellent working, and to the M.E.Z. for his able presidency. In speaking to the toast of the P.Z.'s, Comp. Miller stated Comp. Worrell was the first Z. in the Chapter; they also had Comps. Garrod and Dr. Kempster, now Comp. Pilditch joined; all had fulfilled their duties well, and were well known for their working; this was a guarantee any assistance he might require from them would be readily given. He asked for the toast a hearty reception. Comp. Pilditch I.P.Z., in a very able speech, responded; his heart was with the Chapter; if he had not done all the duties required of him, he had a very good helpmate in Comp. Garrod. He thanked them for the elegant jewel. Comp. Kempster followed; he said the Chapter felt honoured by Comp. Garrod receiving grand honours. Comp. Garrod said he felt a pride in the fact of having been selected for Grand Office. He was one of the Founders of the William Preston Chapter; his services were always at their command. The H. and J. were next complimented; both these Companions were able to fulfil any duties required of them. Comp. Smart responded for this toast, and Comp. Wilkinson for the Officers. Companions Nettleship, Pilditch and Hudson contributed to the harmony of the meeting. The Janitor's toast closed the proceedings.

We are gratified to learn that a Chapter of Improvement is about to be established at Richmond. This will supply a long felt want, as there is no other within six miles. The opening meeting will take place at the Greyhound Hotel, on Friday, 6th June. Comp. D. Haslett P.Z. will be the Preceptor, and under his instruction we feel sure there will be nothing wanting to ensure success for the project.

At the North London Chapter of Improvement on Thursday evening, 29th May, Companion Edmonds filled the chair of Z, Sheffield H., Radcliffe J., Knight S.N., Shaw P.S. This Chapter continues to command good attendances.

The following Festival Meetings have been held at Freemasons' Tavern during the week, ending 24th May:—

Monday, 26th—Grenadier Guards, Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge, De Grey and Ripon Lodge; Tuesday, 27th—82nd Regiment, 34th Regiment, 30th Regiment, Iron, Hardware, and Metal Trades, Herefordshire Society, Tuscan Lodge, St. James's Union Chapter; Wednesday, 28th—Smeatonian Society, Lodge of Antiquity, Evening Star Lodge; Thursday, 29th—Royal General Theatrical Fund, 62nd Regiment, 19th Regiment, 9th Regiment, Caledonian Society; Friday, 30th—60th Rifles.

## REVIEWS.

All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, Belvidere Works, Hermes Hill, Pentonville, London, N.

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*Hudson's Language of Flowers Calendar.* 1884. Davies and Davies, Lithographers, Mediaval Press, 71 and 73, St. Mary Axe, E.C.

Mr. W. Hudson, whose Depositories, Offices, and Show and Sale Rooms are situated in Wilton-road, and in close proximity to the Victoria Station, Pimlico, has published one of the neatest little pocket calendars which has been brought under our notice, its chief recommendation being that it is out of the common run of such publications. Great care has been taken in the compilation and arrangement of the contents; and, so far as our acquaintance with this language extends, the meanings ascribed to the different flowers appear to be correct. The arrangement is alphabetical, and in the case of the better known flora some appropriate lines from Wordsworth or other poet are quoted. The style in which the Calendar is printed and published is highly creditable to Messrs. Davies and Davies.

## ROYAL ALFRED LODGE, No. 780.

A MEETING of this Lodge was held on Friday, 23rd inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew, under the presidency of Bro. J. J. Gunner the W.M. He was supported by Bro. W. D. Becket S.W., F. Botley J.W., W. Hilton P.M. Secretary, C. E. Botley S.D., C. Maton J.D., T. J. Arnold I.G., James Tarling D.C., and the following Past Masters:—G. A. Littlewood, B. E. Blasby, Walter Goss, C. F. May, W. Gardiner, H. Potter, &c. During the meeting the ballot was brought into requisition on behalf of Bro. Herbert Ingles Davis, who was regularly admitted as a joining member of the Lodge. Bros. Walter Alfred Hancock, Edwin Winter, and John Brooks were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The most important event of the day was the election of a Treasurer in place of the late Bro Gomm, whose recent decease has been the subject of the greatest regret, not only among the members of this Lodge, but also among all who knew him. The choice of the brethren fell upon Bro. B. E. Blasby, who was accordingly invested by the W.M. We do not think the members of the Royal Alfred could have made a better selection than they have done. Bro. Blasby is well-known to all of them as one who has the interests of Freemasonry at heart. He is a zealous supporter of the Charities, and in many other ways is well suited for the office to which he has been appointed, and to which, no doubt, he will add lustre. After the transaction of some other items of business, the Lodge was closed and the brethren repaired to the banquet hall, where an enjoyable evening was spent. At the conclusion of the banquet, the W.M. gave the usual toasts. In proposing the first, he remarked that wherever the British Empire extended, the name of Her Majesty the Queen was justly revered and honoured. Recent bereavements had caused her much distress, but her trouble must have been greatly lessened when she saw the amount of sympathy felt for her by her subjects. Speaking of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the W.M. was glad to see that the Grand Master had at last sought that repose he so well deserved. The Prince of Wales was one who had an immense amount of responsibility, and had to work very hard in discharge of the duties he took on himself to fulfil. In no cause was he more energetic than in the cause of charity; in this respect he followed the example set by his Royal Mother, and was invariably to be found in the foremost rank in all good works. He had conferred additional lustre on the Masonic Order by again agreeing to act as its Grand Master, which position it was to be hoped he would long retain. Bro. Gunner next proposed the toast of the Grand Officers. Those at the head of affairs had a great amount of work to perform, which work they had hitherto carried out to the entire satisfaction of the Craft. The recent appointments in Grand Lodge were very popular, as evidenced by the applause which greeted the several brethren when they were formally invested. In no case was this more apparent than with the Lord Mayor of London, whose elevation to the office of Grand Warden called forth an additional round of applause. Bro. Blasby next assumed the gavel. It had been entrusted to him in order that he might propose the toast of the evening—the health of the W.M. From the time that Bro. Gunner had been initiated he had worked hard to attain the position he now occupied. He had worked that evening, and indeed always, in a most creditable manner, and had shown great efficiency in the work of Freemasonry which he had been called to carry out. Much of his success was due to the care with which he had always worked up for the various positions he had been appointed to, while not a little of it was owing to his punctual attendance at the Lodge of Instruction. As W.M. he had carried out the duties in a most satisfactory manner, and they could but hope that he might long continue among them to give the Lodge the benefit of his experience. Bro. Gunner was very much obliged to Bro. Blasby and to the brethren for the way in which the mention of his name had been received. He was really proud to occupy the position he did in the Royal Alfred Lodge; to see himself so well supported by Past Masters and others as he was then was an additional pleasure. He most sincerely wished the Royal Alfred Lodge and its members success and prosperity. If the brethren held together and worked together they would not only retain for the Lodge that grand reputation it had so long enjoyed, but they would also add additional lustre to it. The toast of the Past Masters followed. Before referring to those who were then present the W.M. would like to say a few words of one who had been taken from among them—Bro. Gomm. Their dear old Brother and Past Master, respected by all who knew him, had been summoned to the Grand Lodge above. Although no longer with them in person, it would be many years before he would be forgotten by the brethren. Bro. Gunner said he had taken upon himself, as W.M. of the Lodge, to have a wreath prepared, to be placed on Bro. Gomm's coffin; as a last token of respect from the Royal Alfred Lodge; he did not know whether this would meet the approval of the members generally, but he felt it was nothing more than they ought to have done for one who had served them so faithfully as Bro. Gomm had done. (We need hardly say that the approval of the brethren was unanimous. It was the general opinion that the W.M. had acted most judiciously). The W.M. concluded the proposition of the toast by a reference to the several Past Masters then present, and wished them all hearty good health. Each in turn responded, all expressing the pleasure they felt in advancing the welfare of the Lodge, and promising to do all in their power to further its interests. The health of the Visitors was next given, and to this toast each of the guests replied. The newly-elected Treasurer and the Secretary were then honoured, the reception given the former showing the popularity of his appointment. He assumed the office with great regret, on account of the cause which rendered it vacant. The death of Bro. Gomm caused a vacancy in the Lodge which it would be all but impossible to fill. He had pleasure in undertaking the duties attached to the office, and felt that the example set him by its late holder would be an excellent one for him to follow. Bro. Hilton P.M. and Sec. referred to the time, now 17 or 18 years back, when he and Bro. Gomm had been initiated together in the Lodge. They had worked side by side ever since, until the death of Bro.

Gomm had put an end to their companionship. The loss of so dear a friend was a severe one to him, and one which he could but feel acutely. He hoped he might be able to work with Bro. Blashy in the same friendly spirit as he had worked with their past Treasurer. He had little doubt but that he should do so, and trusted their united efforts might prove beneficial to the Lodge. The toast of the Officers was next given; this having been acknowledged, the W.M. proposed a special one in favour of Bro. Tarling, whose long and faithful discharge of the duties of Steward called for some special recognition. The W.M. spoke in the kindest terms of Bro. Tarling, and his sentiments met with a hearty response from the brethren, one and all of whom appeared to fully appreciate the way in which the D. of C., attended to their comforts. A reply from Bro. Tarling brought the proceedings to an end, and the Tyler's toast having been given, the brethren separated. Among the visitors present were Bros. Hodges P.P.S.G.W. Berks and Bucks, Taylor P.M. 511 1767, Forrest 355 1993, Tongue S.D. 534, Houghton S.W. 1768 2032, Hales 1624, Johnson P.M. 865 946, Page Organist 1326, Green 1137, Edwards J.W. 1662, Sugg P.M. 452.

#### SIR HUGH MYDDELTON LODGE, No. 1602.

A MEETING of the above Banner Lodge was held on Friday, the 23rd inst., at the Old Cock Tavern, Highbury. Present—Bros. Poulton W.M., Greenfield S.W., Allison J.W., Hollidge Treasurer, Osborn Secretary, Payne S.D., Larter J.D., Heyse I.G., Thomas Tyler, Wright Organist, Dettmer D.C., Homan W.S., Smith A.W.S., P.Ms. Weston, Norris, and Osborn; Bros. Dearing, Dresden, Garner, and numerous brethren. Visitors—Rohrs P.M. 946, Wohlgenuth P.M. 946, Kew P.M. 179, Horst P.M. 15, Terry P.M. 228 P.G.S.W. Hunts, Western W.M. elect 1693, Forge W.M. 619, Ford S.W. 1803, B. W. Ford J.D. 1803, Ditton J.D. 1567, Dickey Secretary 1744, Sillis S.D. 1744, Woodman S.W. 1950, Osborn I.G. 1897, James S.W. 795, Horner 1494, Baynes 1897, Probert 340, Martin 382, and others. The Lodge presented an interesting sight with the handsome banners of the P.M.'s and Master elect ranged in order. The minutes of the Lodge having been read and audit approved, P.M. Weston, as acting W.M., performed the ceremony of raising Bro. Small to the third degree, in his usual well-known impressive manner. The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with, Bro. Weston P.M. acting as the Installing Master, with the assistance of Bro. Osborn P.M., who delivered one of the charges. The work was absolutely faultless, and so well rendered as to call forth universal praise from the Visitors. The W.M. appointed Bros. Allison S.W., Payne J.W., Larter S.D. Bro. Hollidge having resigned the office of Treasurer, held by him for three years, to which P.M. Weston had been elected, was appointed Junior Deacon, he being desirous to have a working collar. The rest of the Officers consequently remain as before. Lodge being closed in ancient form, the brethren partook of a sumptuous banquet provided by Bro. Baker. The usual toasts were given by the W.M., who, in returning thanks for his health, which was proposed in flattering terms by Bro. Poulton I.P.M., alluded to the fact that he was the first initiate of the Lodge who had attained the proud position of its W.M., and to the good feeling that had existed from the first between the brethren of the Lodge and himself. He also told the brethren that as he was, so to speak, the new bridge, they must not forget the eminent services rendered by the Past Masters as the old bridges to Freemasonry. The W.M. presented I.P.M. Poulton with a valuable jewel, voted by the members, and in so doing expressed a sincere wish that he would long be spared to the Lodge. Bro. Terry having made a stirring speech in favour of the Old People, and interesting addresses having been given by the Visitors, some of whom spoke of the W.M. as an old and respected friend of many years' standing, the brethren separated, one and all expressing great satisfaction with the whole of the proceedings. Before leaving the table the W.M. was presented with an exquisite and costly bouquet for his lady. The musical arrangements were under the direction of our excellent Bro. Wright. Vocalists—Miss Coyte Turner and Miss Amelia Wright; Bros. Probert and Payne.

#### EWELL LODGE, No. 1851.

THE brethren of this Lodge assembled on Saturday last, at the Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 3.30 o'clock precisely, when the W.M., Brother George Moss, opened his Lodge, assisted by his Officers and the following Visitors:—W. S. Dankley S.W. 1777, J. G. Albert 43, G. Hards 1694, Charles Coombes 1694, W. H. Wingfield J.W. 1360, W. R. Marston P.M. 55, T. Youens 1287, W. Pendick W.M. 1321, M. Hoggs P.M. 63, G. Lambert P.M. 720, L. Mills Past Master 49, C. Pinnock 1658, W. W. Morgan W.M. 211. After the minutes of last regular meeting had been read and confirmed, the Report of the Audit Committee was submitted and passed. The Worshipful Master elect Bro. G. J. Dankley P.P.G. Organist Middlesex was then presented, and regularly installed by the retiring Master, who rendered the ceremony most efficiently. The following brethren were appointed Officers:—Bros. Parker S.W., Davies J.W., Baber Treasurer, Saul Secretary, Sibley S.D., Rush J.D., Room D.C., Youens I.G., O'Connell Organist, Dupree W.S., Wedgwood Assistant W.S., Walkeley Tyler. After the usual addresses and routine work, Lodge was closed, and the brethren repaired to the banquet room, where a capital repast was provided by host Bond. The after-dinner speeches were brief but to the purpose, the W.M. displaying those genial qualities that are so characteristic with him, and expressing the intense gratification it afforded him at reaching his present elevated position in the Craft. The services of the retiring Master received full recognition, and the evening was enlivened by some excellent singing, the W.M., by request, favouring the meeting with his popular organophonic selection.

**Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.**—A regular meeting took place at the Masonic Hall, Reading, on Wednesday, the 14th inst. Present—Bros. W. W. Ridley W.M., R. Dowsett I.P.M., J. H. Hawkes S.W., R. C. Prickett J.W., Stransom Treasurer, Ivey P.M. Secretary, W. Ravenscroft S.D., H. Creed J.D., T. J. Pulley P.M. D.C., Hickie Org., Cordrey I.G., J. Greenaway Assistant Sec., Hemmings Tyler; Past Masters Bros. Harley, W. Ferguson, and J. T. Brown; Bros. Rhind, Slaughter, Egginton, James, E. W. Ridley, Kemp, W. Margrett, Bennett, F. Brown. Visitor, Bro. J. F. Tarrant, Southern Star, 1158. After formal opening of the Lodge, the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. F. Brown and R. Kemp, candidates for passing to the second degree, gave satisfactory proof of their proficiency, and were entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second. Bros. Brown and Kemp were readmitted, and passed to the degree of F.C. The whole of the ceremony was correctly performed by the W.M. The Lodge was resumed in the first degree, when the ballot was taken for two joining members, proving clear in each case. A notice of motion, by P.M. Margrett, was discussed in his absence, and resulted in another notice of motion, by P.M. Hurlley, offering to the Lodge of Union an increased rent for the hall, on condition that an extended lease be granted. A notice of motion was given, by Bro. Richard Dowsett I.P.M., "that the sum of ten guineas from the funds of the Lodge be voted to the R.M.I.B., and that the same be added to the list of the W.M. who will represent the Lodge at the forthcoming Festival of the Institution." After the usual ceremonies the Lodge was closed according to ancient form and adjourned.

**Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.**—On Thursday, 29th inst., at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, Bros. Smith W.M., Thomas S.W., Catt J.W., Speight P.M. Secretary, Penrose S.D., Banks J.D., Ingram I.G.; also Bros. Good P.M., Greener, &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Brother Penrose candidate. Lodge was then called off; on resuming the chair was taken by Bro. Speight P.M., who rehearsed the ceremony of raising. Lodge was resumed, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Brother Smith for the able manner in which he rehearsed the ceremony of initiation.

**Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.**—A meeting was held on Monday, 26th inst., at Bro. Baker's, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N. Bros. Jones W.M., Crosbie S.W., Western J.W., Collingridge Secretary, Trewinnard Preceptor; P.M.'s Hall, Osborn, Kidder, Cusworth. Lodge was opened, and minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge opened in second degree, and the ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Bro. Cusworth acting as candidate. The W.M. was saluted in the various degrees, and invested his Officers. Bro. Jones gave the addresses in a very efficient manner. Bro. Talfour, 228, was elected a member. Lodge closed and adjourned till Monday, 9th June, when Bro. Crosbie will take the chair.

The annual meeting of the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey will take place at Kingston-on-Thames, on Monday, the 16th June.

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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, 31st MAY.

House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3  
108—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)  
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)  
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)  
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8  
1462—Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel Penistone  
1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent  
R.A. 175—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan.

## MONDAY, 2nd JUNE.

1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road  
R.A. 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square  
37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors  
61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax  
113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston.  
110—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven  
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham  
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield  
156—Harmony, Hyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth  
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover  
236—York, Masonic Hall, York  
251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple  
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley  
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen  
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors  
403—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth  
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields  
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham  
478—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford  
482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wreham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire  
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead  
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport  
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne  
850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire  
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield  
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire  
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester  
1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster  
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire  
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks  
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham  
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds  
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.  
1284—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax  
1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool  
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington  
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford  
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea  
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales  
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle  
1798—Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester  
R.A. 106—Sun, Royal Beacon Hotel, Exmouth  
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley  
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury  
R.A. 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells  
M.M. 2—Phoenix, 110 High Street, Portsmouth  
R.C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

## TUESDAY, 3rd JUNE.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4  
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)  
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
141—Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park Station, at 8. (Instruction)  
171—Amity, Ship Hotel, Greenwich  
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)  
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)  
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
880—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)  
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)  
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)  
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)  
1383—Friends in Council, 33 Golden-square  
1446—Mount Edgcombe, 19 Jernyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)  
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7, (Instruction)  
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)  
1540—Chancer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)  
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Queen's Head, Essex Road, N., at 8. (In)  
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)  
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)  
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)  
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30,  
R.A.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)  
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)  
70—St. John, Hyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth  
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.  
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.  
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham  
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness  
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.  
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)  
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.  
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley  
364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.  
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick  
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.  
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.  
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield  
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.  
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.  
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire  
949—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard  
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.  
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston  
995—Furness, Masonic Hall, Ulverston.

1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.  
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.  
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley  
1241—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.  
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.  
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex  
1473—Bootle, 148 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6 (Instruction)  
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.  
1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields  
R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
R.A. 903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, Gosport  
R.A. 1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham  
M.M. 11—Joppa, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead  
M.M. 115—Bedford, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
M.M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

## WEDNESDAY, 4th JUNE.

Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall  
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)  
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
186—Industry, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, at 7. (Instruction)  
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)  
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)  
913—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)  
861—Finsbury, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
883—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)  
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)  
1278—Burdett Coutts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, E., at 8. (Inst.)  
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (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, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)  
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)  
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruot)  
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. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Rogant-st., at 8 (Instruction)  
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)  
74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham  
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott, Lancashire  
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike  
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham  
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale  
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol  
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton  
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds  
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne  
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester  
471—Sithurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport Monmouthshire  
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk  
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)  
645—Humphrey Cheham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.  
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)  
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.  
838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston  
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract  
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)  
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton  
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull  
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)  
1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent  
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby  
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon  
1107—Cornwallis, Lullingstone Castle Hotel, Swanley  
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick  
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich  
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester  
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street  
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea  
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan  
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire  
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Inst.)  
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester  
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull  
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)  
1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore.  
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, The Brook, Liverpool  
1692—Hervey, George Hotel, Hayes  
1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth  
R.A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton  
R.A. 369—Limestone Rock, Swan and Royal Hotel, Clitheroe  
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness  
M.M. 56—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden

## THURSDAY, 5th JUNE.

27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)  
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)  
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)  
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)  
742—Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace, Sydenham  
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)  
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)  
1155—Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-road  
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)  
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)  
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)  
1539—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)  
1614—Covent Garden, Cranbourne, 1 Up. St. Martin's Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)  
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)  
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 8. (Instruction)  
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)  
1741—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)  
R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
R.A. 1716—All Saints, Vestry Hall, Fairfield Road, Bow  
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8.30 (Inst.)  
M.M. 244—Trinity College, 13 Mandeville-place, W.  
21—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.  
31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury  
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire  
203—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury  
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry  
265—Naphthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood  
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn  
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield  
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden  
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds



- 284—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks  
 295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield  
 300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne  
 309—Harmony, Red Lion, Farnham  
 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooner-street, Manchester.  
 337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth  
 341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye  
 344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire  
 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.  
 446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.  
 509—Teas, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.  
 536—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth  
 637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.  
 659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth  
 782—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby  
 913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead  
 974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford  
 976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset
- 1088—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge  
 1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.  
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Eiland  
 1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire  
 1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire  
 1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire  
 1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster  
 1379—Marquess of Ripon, Masonic Hall, Darlington  
 1384—Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes  
 1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich  
 1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley  
 1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley  
 1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire  
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath  
 1807—Loyal Wye, Buiith, Breconshire  
 1829—Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham
- R.A. 187—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol  
 R.A. 384—St. John, Bulls Head Inn, Eolton  
 R.A. 429—Thanet, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate  
 R.A. 581—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Ardwick, Openshaw, Man  
 R.A. 759—Bridgewater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire  
 R.A. 998—Welchpool, Board Room, Railway Station, Welchpool  
 R.A. 1235—Phoenix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton  
 M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

## FRIDAY, 6th JUNE.

- Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.  
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
 25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.  
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruc.)  
 706—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich  
 786—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In  
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)  
 934—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)  
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)  
 1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1275—Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich  
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)  
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road  
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1716—All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar  
 1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road,  
 S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley  
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
- R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell  
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)  
 R.A. 95—Eastern Star Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.  
 R.A. 259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, King Street, St. James's  
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
- 44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester  
 81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.  
 219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.  
 242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.  
 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds  
 401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn  
 404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford  
 442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough  
 453—Chigwell, Loughton Tavern, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)  
 480—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme  
 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.  
 539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.  
 652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth  
 837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon  
 998—Welchpool Railway, Station, Welchpool
- 1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill  
 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal  
 1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy  
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1528—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.  
 1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.  
 1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.  
 1648—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.  
 1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth  
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7  
 R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham  
 R.A. 1466—Hova Villa, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

## SATURDAY, 7th JUNE.

- General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4  
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 165 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)  
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8  
 R.A. 173—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
- 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham  
 308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood  
 1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent  
 1362—Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Redhill  
 1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester  
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## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 27th inst., at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street. Present—Bros. Dyson W.M., Sainte S.W., Walker (Secretary) J.W., Weil S.D., Steed I.G.; also Bros. Maidwell, Webb, A. Mitchell, Haynes. Lodge having been opened in due form and the minutes read, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. A. Mitchell candidate. It was proposed and seconded that a vote of thanks should be recorded on the minutes for the admirable manner in which Bro. Dyson fulfilled the duties of W.M. for the first time. This was carried unanimously. Bro. Sainte was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting. It was proposed and seconded that this meeting be adjourned till Tuesday, 10th June, in consequence of the Whitsuntide holidays. This also was carried. This being the meeting night of the Second Prosperity Charity Association, the brethren proceeded to ballot for a Ten Guinea Governorship, which resulted in favour of Bro. Charles Holland, J.W. Strawberry-hill Lodge, No. 946.

**Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.**—The weekly meeting was held on Saturday, at Bro. Langdale's, the Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road. Bros. Cross W.M., Turner S.W., Giller J.W., and a fair attendance of members. After the reading and confirming of the minutes, the first section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Cohen, the Preceptor. The rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation followed, Bro. Richardson candidate; then the ceremony of passing, Bro. Fenner candidate. Both ceremonies were rehearsed in a very careful manner by the W.M. Lodge was closed to the first, and Bro. Turner was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. A. W. Turner, P.M. 1693, will rehearse the ceremony of installation this (Saturday) evening, when he hopes to have a numerous attendance of the brethren. Lodge opens at eight punctually.

**Beadon Lodge, No. 619.**—A meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, 21st inst., at the Greyhound Hotel, Dulwich. After opening the Lodge, Bro. Forge the W.M. raised, in a most impressive manner, Bros. Hayden of the William Preston Lodge, and Ferguson of John Carpenter Lodge, to the third degree. After the closing of the Lodge the members and visitors sat down to a neatly-served dinner. Among the visitors were Bros. Hawkins P.M. 1693, Hayden, Ferguson, Western W.M. elect 1693, Woodman S.W. 1950, Rhodes 1524, Gurney, Dale, Collings Organist 1693, and Townley 201. During the evening songs, &c., were given by Bros. Townley, Woodman, Hawkins, Ferguson. The meeting was a very successful one, the genial presidency of Bro. Forge adding to the enjoyment of all.

**Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, No. 861.**—Held at the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., on 28th May. Bros. Pitt W.M., Legg S.W., Byott J.W., Gieseke S.D., Pinder Preceptor, Serjeant I.G., Millington Secretary, A. Clark Treasurer, and Batchelor, Lodge opened in due form, and minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. Batchelor answered the questions leading to the third degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Batchelor candidate. Lodge was closed in the second degree. Bro. Serjeant was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed.

**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—On Tuesday last, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Present:—Bros. Wardell W.M., Baker S.W., Smyth J.W., T. Clark S.D., Watkinson I.G., F. Carr Sec., Jenkins J.D. Past Master Bro. Brasted Acting Preceptor; Bros. Forss, Catling, Marsh, Christian. After preliminaries, the ceremony of the second degree was rehearsed, Bro. Catling candidate, Bro. Wardell rehearsed the ceremony of installation, placing Bro. Marsh in the chair of King Solomon. This brother invested the officers. Bro. Wardell gave the addresses in a most perfect manner. Bro. Christian worked the first section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Baker was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

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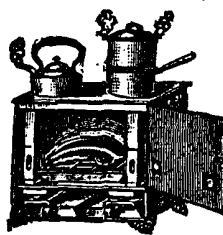
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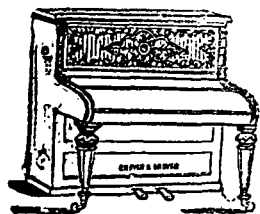
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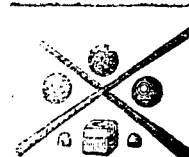
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