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THE APPROACHING FESTIVAL OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE very success which has attended the two Festivals of the Masonic Charitable Institutions held during the current year affords cause for increased anxiety as to what may be the result of the one that is yet to take place—the Festival in aid of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which is to be held on Wednesday, the 24th of June next, at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham. The Freemasons of England have been most liberal in the support they have this year given to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; and we do not for one moment doubt there is any less desire to stand nobly by the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, in its turn. We do not question the desire to do equally well, nor do we care to entertain the idea that the desire cannot be as readily carried out as was the case with the other two Institutions, yet it is reasonable to suppose there is a limit to the means, if not the will, of the Masons of England. How long or short a time we shall have to wait for practical demonstration of this surmise we cannot of course say, all we can hope is, that it may not be soon, indeed that it may be postponed indefinitely; but at the same time we fear, even for the immediate future. The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys stands in many respects in an unenviable position among the Charitable Institutions of English Freemasonry. Its Annual Festival is always the last of the three, and falls too at a time when a very large majority of the Lodges are closed for the summer recess. The brethren who undertake the duties of Steward on its behalf have often to make their appeals at the same time as others in the Lodges are canvassing for the Benevolent Institution or the Girls' School, otherwise they find their turn does not come until the Lodge is closed for the summer, thus shutting them out from all participation in the benefits which are usually supposed to be associated with the banquet table as a field of operation in securing promises of support and assistance. Not only is this the case, but the closing of the Lodge months before the holding of the Festival, often deprives a Steward of all chance of personally soliciting the co-operation of his fellow members, and we all know the value of personal interviews in such matters. Coming last of the three, and at a time when Masonry is, so to speak, slumbering, the Festival of the Boys' School must then be naturally shorn of many of the benefits which are associated with activity and its consequent enthusiasm, but it is not only in this respect that it compares somewhat unfavourably with the other Institutions. The Girls' School is its senior in the matter of age, and for this reason is supposed in some quarters to have a prior claim on the Order, but there is a far stronger feeling which works for the benefit of the Girls' School as compared with that of the Boys—the sympathy which always surrounds the weaker sex; the feeling that girls are so much more helpless than boys to battle with the world, when calamity or misfortune has deprived them of their natural protectors, or the means of securing a fair start in life. This opinion that boys are better able to rough it, to fight their own way in the world, and to help themselves far more than girls can do, is a very old one, and it must be admitted its influence is strong in regulating the amount of support given to distinct Institutions, founded

for the relief and support of the opposite sexes. Then again the Benevolent Institution undoubtedly receives at the present time more sympathy than the Boys' School, and it is not perhaps strange that such should be the case; Englishmen are proverbially respectful to old age. It appears to be part of an Englishman's nature to show respect to those in the decline of life, and more particularly so when misfortune accompanies the old age of those of one's own class. The Girls on the one hand, and the Aged on the other, it must then be admitted, receive more sympathy than is accorded to the Boys'. Should this be the case? Are the boys better able to take care of themselves than the girls, or are they less deserving of support than the aged? The only answer it is consistent for the Craft to give is, to afford assistance to the Institution which provides for the Boys equal to that given to the other two during the current year, thereby demonstrating to the world at large that in the eyes of Freemasons at least, all are equally deserving of support. We could give many and strong reasons why the Boys' School should receive the first attention, but we refrain from doing so because we think that the best appeal we can at present make is that all should be treated alike, feeling that if the Boys' Festival is as great a success this year as the two which have preceded it have been, there will be no cause for regret, much less grumbling. We must, however, point to one feature which should specially enlist support for the Boys—they will be the men of the future; it is on them will depend the maintenance in years to come, not only of the Charitable Institutions of Freemasonry, but of the Order itself. We should therefore render all the aid possible to those lads who from causes beyond their own control are compelled to look for aid outside their own family circle, as it is only by giving them the means of earning that we can reasonably expect them to subscribe.

As a charitable Institution, pure and simple, the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys presents all that can be required by the most exacting. It has done good work in the past, is doing good work now, and, above all, is making preparation to do even more in the future. As regards the past, we can look back on eighty-seven years working of the Institution, and may reasonably feel proud of what has been done under its auspices. Since its foundation SIXTEEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SEVEN sons of Freemasons have received its benefits, while at the present time two hundred and fifteen are being clothed, fed and educated in the buildings at Wood Green. Who shall estimate the amount of benefit to the world generally, and to the recipients particularly, which has resulted from the assistance rendered by the Institution to these 1657 lads? Is it too much to say that the world at large has been benefited by the Institution? We think not, for however small a proportion of the total number of helpless children these 1657 may be, it is but fair to suppose that their removal from the paths of ignorance and want to the ranks of knowledge and comfort must have had some beneficial results. It can at least be said the Institution has in the past brought, and now brings up, the lads in such a manner, educating them with such care, and training them with such efficiency, as to fit them for any position they may be called upon to fill, and all this has been and is now being done by the liberality of the Freemasons of England. At the present time, as we have already said, there are two hundred and fifteen lads on the establishment at Wood Green, of whom nine are admitted by virtue of purchased

permanent presentations. Our readers know sufficient of the world to be aware that the care of these two hundred and fifteen lads is no light undertaking, and will not be surprised when we say that the lowest amount which will suffice to meet the establishment expenses is between £9,000 and £10,000 per annum, the whole of which sum, exclusive of some £700 per annum permanent income, has to be raised by the voluntary donations of the Craft; while as regards the future even larger totals are contemplated, nay, demanded, if the Craft is desirous of keeping up its reputation, or is not disposed to turn back from work to which it has already put its hand. Within a short time the Masons of England will have to face a special claim in connection with this Institution, which they cannot in fairness ignore or lightly pass over even as easily as they might have agreed to reduce the number of lads now in the Institution, had necessity compelled them to do so. For some time past extra efforts have been made to increase the accommodation of the Institution, and so successful have these efforts been that an addition—in the form of a Preparatory School—is now in course of erection, and it is expected it will be so far finished during the next few months as to allow the Committee to recommend the election of a proportion of the number of Boys for whom the additional accommodation is provided not later than at the Quarterly Court in October next. This addition, be it remembered, has been provided on the demand of the Craft. In providing the funds necessary for its erection liability does not cease! It is no use unless its accommodation can be made available, and that can only be done at an expense of some £1000 or £1200 a year. Here, then, is an additional tax on the benevolent for the future, and we cannot believe it will be disregarded, although the present aspect of affairs in connection with the Festival leads us to wonder where the extra amount is this year coming from.

The number of Stewards who are working for this year's Festival is exceptionally small, and although the Chairman of the day, the Most Hon. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., and the brethren of the Province of Derbyshire, of which he is the Master, are working hard to ensure success, their sphere of operations is comparatively small. Derbyshire possesses one or two fine Lodges, but can hardly lay claim to anything like premier rank in point of numbers. Therefore, it cannot be expected the total it will be able to send up will be exceptionally large. No doubt for the number of Masons it embraces, and the number of Lodges which work under the rule of the respected chairman, its total will favourably compare with others, but more than that would seem to be needed this year for our Boys. At the present time the Board of Stewards contains the names of two hundred and forty seven only—a number which compares unfavourably with the past, and that too at a time when, as we have already pointed out, larger totals are needed. It therefore behoves every Steward to do his utmost during the next few weeks, not only on behalf of his individual list, but also in the way of inducing other brethren to undertake the work and assume the responsibilities of Steward.

The Festival of the Boys' School presents such a change from those of the other Charities that we often wonder the Institution does not receive additional support on that basis alone. It is the only one which ladies are admitted to take an equal share in, and if they will excuse us for saying so, they have not shown that they appreciate the distinction. Where are the Lady Stewards, who should vie with each other in proving how they can work in the cause of charity? Very many of the ladies who attend the Annual Festival of the Boys' School could do something in support of the Institution, and taken as a whole they might materially lessen the anxiety of those who have the management of the Funds. Would it be possible for them to take the Preparatory School under their special care? Ladies would be far more capable of managing lads of such tender age as its inmates will be than are members of the sterner sex, and they would then have something to refer to year by year, which would be a graceful acknowledgment of the pleasure most of them receive when attending the annual gatherings in connection with the Boys' School. In closing our remarks, we must again urge our readers to do what lies in their power on behalf of the coming Festival in aid of the Boys' School, and in doing so we confidently assure them, that while others may be equally deserving, there is none which has stronger claims, or which is more entitled to receive encouragement, than the Royal

Masonic Institution for Boys, for the future of which we wish every success.

The distribution of prizes and annual entertainment of the Stewards will take place at the School at Wood Green on Saturday, the 20th June, under the presidency of the Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor of London, Bro. Alderman Fowler, M.P., P.G. Warden. A favourable opportunity will then be afforded for an inspection of the School and its inmates by any brethren who may desire to become better acquainted with the internal arrangements, and if there are any of our readers who are wavering in their decision to support this deserving Institution a visit of inspection on that occasion would immediately settle the question with them. We are convinced they could not do better.

MASONIC RIGHTS.

EVERY Craftsman knows that he is entitled to certain rights and benefits, by reason of his becoming a Mason. Very likely, however, he would find it difficult to name these rights, and to classify them according to their true import. We propose, therefore, in this paper to consider the question, what are some of the inherent rights of a Mason?

1. First of all, there is the right of membership in a Lodge. When a candidate has received the third degree in a regular body of Masons, he is justly entitled to membership therein. The fact that he has been initiated, passed and raised, by a Lodge, gives him a claim for membership in that Lodge. This right to membership is now generally conceded. There are localities, however, where it is still held that conferring the degrees does not carry with it any claim to membership, and that a clear ballot after raising is required to admit the candidate to Lodge membership. This doctrine finds but few defenders in these days. It does not accord with the equities involved in the case.

2. A Master Mason in good and regular standing has the right of meeting with his own Lodge whenever and for whatever cause it may be convened. There is no barring out of a member from any Lodge communication. It makes no difference what the business to be considered is, or what may be the peculiar conditions under which a Lodge is called together, every member has a right to be present,—a right to sit with his Brethren whenever the Lodge to which they alike belong is open.

3. Every member has a right to participate in the transaction of the business of his Lodge—a right to vote and to hold office. In one sense there is perfect equality among Masons. The vote of one Brother counts the same as another, and all are alike privileged to seek the places of honour and preferment. Whatever rules and restrictions may be accepted, and whatever distinctions may be accorded, the great primal law which governs in the Lodge is that of equality. Each member has precisely the same rights as every other—no more and no less.

4. Membership in a Lodge carries with it the right to vote on the reception of all applicants, and by the casting of an adverse secret ballot, to bar the entrance of any undesired candidate. This is an inherent, absolute right, of which no member can be dispossessed so long as he remains in good standing in his Lodge. Its importance can hardly be over-estimated. It means in this country, where the rule of a unanimous ballot prevails, that each member of a Lodge is privileged to keep out any applicant whom he chooses. And it is his right to exercise this adverse power without being known in the transaction, for under the Masonic system it is not intended that a Brother should suffer by his opposition to an applicant. Thus the secrecy of the ballot is carefully provided for, and it is held to be a Masonic offence to reveal how another has voted, or to make known one's own vote. To maintain the right of casting a free ballot for or against any candidate, it is essential that ample safeguards should be thrown around the ballot to ensure its absolute secrecy. It ought never to be taken in such a manner as to allow one member to observe the vote of another. In balloting on applications, the best method is for the Secretary to slowly call the roll of the Lodge, the members going one by one to the box placed in the centre of the room, and there depositing their votes without being exposed to the scrutiny of each other, or of any of the officers of the Lodge. Then let all conversation as to the manner of voting be pro-

hibited; and if an adverse ballot is cast, let it be considered an un-Masonic act to attempt to fix the responsibility for such a vote upon any member or members of the Lodge. Under such conditions the right of exercising a secret ballot will stand for its real worth, and will accord with what the Fathers intended by the provision made fundamental in the Masonic system.

5. A member of a Lodge in good standing is entitled to a diploma, certifying to his connection with the Craft, and also, if desired, to a dimit, setting forth his honourable retirement from the body with which he has been associated. Concerning the first-named right under this head, there is no difference of opinion, but there is not quite the same agreement on the second point. And yet, we think the one right is the natural outgrowth of the other. If a member may claim a certificate of membership, may he not also claim a clearance certificate when he chooses to resign that membership? Practically, a dimit is only the certified acceptance of a Brother's resignation. But the right of resignation does not exist, say some. It is only a qualified privilege—something that may be asked, and which the Lodge may grant or refuse in its discretion. The Old Regulations, 1722, did indeed declare that no Brother should withdraw without a dispensation; but ten years later this restriction was struck out and withdrawal was made easy. Now, both in England and in this country, it is generally held that a Mason in good standing, free from all charges, has the right to withdraw from his Lodge and to receive a certificate, or dimit, to the effect that his membership has honourably terminated by his own request.

6. Every affiliated Mason has the "right to visit." The old rule on this subject is as follows: "Every Mason in good standing, having membership in a lawful Lodge, has a right to visit any other Lodge, wherever it may be, as may suit his pleasure or convenience." This right rests on the supposed identity and homogeneousness of the Masonic Institution. In theory, Freemasonry is of one quality everywhere. It is one great family, Lodges being only certain divisions made for the sake of convenience. In this view, membership in a Masonic Lodge is taken to mean membership in the Fraternity, and a Brother may expect a cordial welcome whenever he presents himself in any place where Masons are congregated. He has the right to visit in any jurisdiction, and he has the ability to make himself known in any assembly of the Craft. But under the modern expression of Freemasonry, the right to visit has become considerably abridged, and it can now be regarded only as a conditional right. Some Lodges transact business in private session, and receive no visitors on such occasions; other Lodges are occasionally obliged to decline to receive the visiting Brother, and so too much must not be claimed in the exercise of this prerogative. It must also be kept in mind that the "right to visit" may be set aside by the exercise of another right, which belongs to every Brother, when sitting with his own Lodge, viz., the "right of objection."

7. Any member of a Lodge has the right to keep out an unwelcome visitor. It has long been held that the harmony of a Lodge ought not to be impaired by admitting a Brother as visitor, when objection is made against his admission by a member present at the time of the proposed visit. This right of objection is in no sense a landmark, however, but only a provision that has properly come into force under the modern administration of the Craft. The right to object to an unwelcome visitor is now generally recognised, and though it is within the power of the Master of a Lodge to overrule such an objection, he would probably not do so except on rare occasions, where there were special considerations to influence such action.

8. Lodge membership carries with it the right of Masonic burial. The right to be buried with the ceremonies of the Craft is one that, under certain restrictions, belongs to every affiliated Mason. In discussing this right, it should be borne in mind that the Old Constitutions do not declare any law on the subject. Masonic burial was probably observed sometimes in the case of prominent or zealous Craftsmen, but not until 1754 was there any official regulation bearing upon such a matter. Preston put the rule into words generally accepted as defining the law governing in the case of Masonic burials. He states the law in this wise: "No Mason can be buried with the ceremonies of the Craft, unless it be by his special request, communicated to the Master of the Lodge of which he died a member,—

foreigners and sojourners excepted,—and he must have been advanced to the third degree." From this last restriction, there could be no exception. A personal request for a Masonic burial, then and now, was requisite to the calling out of a Lodge to enact a solemn ceremony and to commit the remains of a departed Brother to earth. It was—it is—the right of every affiliated Mason to prefer such a request, and the obligation rests upon a Lodge and its Master to see the request complied with.

9. Every worthy Mason in need has a right to claim assistance from his Brethren. He may not demand a specific amount of money, nor help at specified times, as if a contract had been entered into between himself and his Lodge, or the Fraternity at large, to this effect. The Masonic Institution was not organized as a beneficial society. It does not administer help according to any formal demands laid upon it; but it does pledge itself to care for and aid distressed Brethren, and they have a claim upon its bounty. A worthy Brother on whom rests any burden of sorrow or need has the right to appeal for help to his Lodge, or to members of the Craft. If his case is one that will bear examination—that presents good grounds for sympathy and help—he may expect to be aided according to what is his need, and according to what is the ability of those Brethren to whom he properly makes appeal. It is the glory of Masonry that it endows its members with this right, and that it acknowledges and responds to its exercise whenever and wherever put forth.

These are but some of the *rights* that belong to Masonic membership; there are others, less direct, perhaps, but hardly less important. The thoughtful and intelligent Craftsman will appreciate what thus comes to him of privilege by his connection with the Order, and he will not need to be reminded of the fact that to all Masonic rights and benefits there are corresponding duties.

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WOMEN AS MASONS.

[COMMUNICATED.]

THE part taken by Brother Horace Brooks Marshall, C.C., D.L., in works of philanthropy and benevolence, in the Craft as well as out of it, has become so proverbial, and has been so frequently commented upon, that to make further reference to it seems almost like an attempt to gild refined gold. But sometimes one is tempted to stray a little out of the beaten track when any special feature appears deserving of especial comment; and such an occasion came to my notice a few days since, when the memorial stones of a new Institute in connection with the Theatrical Mission were laid, on the site of the intended structure, in Henrietta-street, Covent Garden. It is taken for granted that ladies shall not be permitted to participate in the mysteries and privileges of Speculative Masonry, but that they may, and do most usefully, figure as Operative Masons we have frequent and abundant illustration. Aiding in the beneficent work of endeavouring to promote the movement for the spiritual and temporal welfare of theatrical employés of every grade—and we have before us the astounding fact that there are no fewer than twenty-eight thousand men, women and children engaged in the profession in London!—the Countess of Aberdeen, the Lady Mayoress, Mrs. Bond-Cabbell and Mrs. Horace Brooks Marshall gracefully participated in a ceremony which was brimful of interest and animation throughout. At the conclusion of the business, when the perfect ashlar rested securely on their pedestals, and the strain upon the lewis was eased, it was only natural that hearty cheers should be given for the ladies who had given such proof of their excellent handiwork, and had entitled themselves to such further marks of favour. Upon Bro. Marshall fell the pleasant duty of acknowledging the cordial vote of thanks which had so ungrudgingly been accorded, and he rose to the occasion like a trout will rise to a May fly. His acknowledgment was terse and pithy, and would not probably extend over more than half-a-dozen lines in the ordinary column of a newspaper. But it contained matter enough for a homily, if one had the inclination and ability to pen one, which may well be taken to heart by the Craft in general. With a vein of quiet humour he referred to his wife as having that day played the part of an "operative Mason," in allusion, of course, to the laying of the memorial stone, and followed up the little *feu jesprit* by

adding that she had had "considerable experience with the trowel." Upon the ears of an audience that was composed almost entirely of non-Masons the remark fell merely as a little piece of pleasantry, but to some who were present, and who have watched Bro. Marshall's career in Freemasonry, there was a twofold significance in the remark. It would be difficult to enumerate all the works of a similar nature which our Past Grand Treasurer and Mrs. Marshall have performed in aid of benevolent and philanthropic institutions, both in connection with the Craft of which he is so distinguished an ornament, and outside its pale as well; but we know enough to endorse most fully the sentiments that their "experience with the trowel" has been of the most extensive and useful kind, in the laying of foundation stones upon which are to be raised superstructures that shall be perfect in their parts, and honourable to the builders. But the little speech in reply to the vote of thanks did not end in sentiment merely,—Bro. Marshall does not do things by halves. After expressing his heartiest sympathy with the object of the mission, and raising a ripple of pleasant laughter by alluding to his estimable wife as an "operative Mason," there came the practical exemplification of that charity which is so distinguishing a characteristic of a Freemason's heart, and sympathy was backed up with a substantial gift of one hundred pounds towards the building fund. This, given on behalf of Mrs. Marshall towards so laudable an object fully entitled her to a Past Master's—or Past Mistress's degree—in operative Masonry, and is only another example of the happy blending of practical sympathy with practical help which we have so often seen practised of late. There was something eminently Masonic in the manner in which the whole matter was put before the audience, and so gracefully was the speech delivered that it made the gift of especial value. The thought aroused by this episode in the career of our Past Grand Treasurer is that although the gentler sex are of necessity excluded from the inner life of speculative Masonry, yet they can make themselves most useful in the operative part of a work which their husbands and relatives are called upon to perform. By kindly encouragement and co-operation in deeds of philanthropy and benevolence many a brother has been stimulated to activities that might otherwise have lain dormant; and I draw this unique and charming little picture of "mutual help and support" which came under my observation on Saturday last, as a means of suggesting to other ladies attached to the ranks of Freemasonry how they may well play their part in the social system by aiding, in kindly and gentle manner, those who are engaged in works of benevolence and charity. In that sense woman appears in her proper sphere, and let us hope there are many who, emulating the excellent example of the wife of Bro. Marshall, are doing good work in the cause of charity, and thus making themselves more extensively useful to their fellow-creatures. On the following Tuesday, Brother and Mrs. Marshall were following up their accustomed avocation at Brixton, when the foundation-stone was laid of the new School-room, dormitories and other buildings in connection with the Brixton Orphanage for Fatherless Girls, which took place in the presence of a large concourse of sympathising spectators. Although the events to which we refer are outside the pale of the Craft, we think allusion to them in our columns is by no means inappropriate, inasmuch as they testify to the Catholicity of the chief actors in them, and point a moral which should adorn the tale of doing good in whatever shape the opportunity may be presented. When the ceremony of laying the foundation-stone, "in the name of the Great Architect of the Universe," was completed, the response was an audible "So mote it be," significantly indicating the Masonic composition of the male portion of the audience; and we could not fail to recognise amongst the many ladies present the wives and sisters of well-known members of the Craft, who had thrown in their lot with those who were "doing good" in a manner thoroughly consonant and in harmony with the truest principles of Freemasonry. The feeding, clothing, and educating of a couple of hundred poor orphan girls is a gigantic undertaking for one individual to undertake, although there may be prospects of plenty of support behind; and the utmost credit is due to Mr. and Mrs. Montague for their self-denying and humane exertions in behalf of a peculiarly helpless and deserving class. It is not a Masonic Institution, pure and simple, but the principle is the same, and if we are not mistaken the chief promoter is not unknown in the

ranks of the Fraternity. Anyhow, there was a very strong Masonic tinge upon the whole of the interesting proceedings, and Bro. Marshall, in his address to those assembled was eminently in keeping with the spirit of the Craft in which he has so distinguished himself. As a "working Mason," he spoke of the value of such Institutions as these, whose object was to care for the helpless and the indigent, and referring generally to the subject of charity he unhesitatingly pronounced his "horror and detestation" of allowing any buildings that were erected for religious or philanthropic purposes being in debt. He pointed out that "the silver and gold is the Lord's," and observed that he could prove in a minute that there was plenty of money in the treasury of the Great Architect of the Universe at the present moment. With pardonable pride he referred to the privilege he had enjoyed only a few days before, as Treasurer of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, situated not far from the spot on which he then stood—at Battersea Rise—when he received as a free will offering of the brethren of Freemasonry the magnificent sum of £14,187 11s 7d, an amount exceeding the annual requirements of that charity, and gathered from the brethren without any effort, certainly without any appeal to the outside public. "Now," said he, "if the Masonic fraternity, which labours at the present time under the direct excommunication of, and assailed by the fiercest anathemas from the head of the Church of Rome, could flourish—and it does flourish, particularly in respect of its Charities—if it can flourish under the direct antagonism of a certain section of the Christian Church, surely an Institution like this, which has the direct sanction and support of every Christian denomination, with scarcely an exception, ought to flourish still more." And then, after expressing the joy it afforded him in taking part in this labour of love. Bro. Marshall wound up in his accustomed munificent style by contributing a couple of hundred pounds to the fund required for the new enterprise. Such acts as these are most cheering to all whose hearts are touched with the tenets and principles of our Craft, and it is a part of Masonry in which women may exercise their enormous powers of usefulness and expend their peculiarly potent sympathies. I congratulate our Past Grand Treasurer upon several additions during the last week or two to the "silver trowels" with which he and his estimable wife have had so much "experience," every one of which is a jewel of far greater price than any that could be bestowed upon him for "valuable services rendered" in the ordinary acceptation of the term, inasmuch as it denotes the beginning of good work the influence of which is widely spread over a great and truly beneficent cause.

Obituary.

BRO. C. W. THOMPSON.

WE regret to record the death of Bro. C. W. Thompson, the Officer for letting vacant City lands, which occurred at his residence, Clock House, Catford Bridge, on Monday morning. His death was by no means sudden or unexpected, for during the past two or three years Bro. Thompson has been suffering greatly from illness, yet he fulfilled the duties of his office with skill and energy until within a few days of his death. Since his appointment in 1871 Bro. Thompson had gradually won his way in civic and other circles by the able and intelligent conduct of his duties, by the untiring energy which he displayed in all matters in which he was interested, and perhaps more than all, by the unvarying affability by which he was characterised. In works of charity and benevolence Bro. Thompson always played a leading part. His connection with the Dramatic Fund and other institutions having a similar object, will be long remembered and valued. By his death the City has lost a hard-working and conscientious officer, Freemasonry a prominent member, and the officers of the Corporation a valued friend. Brother Thompson was a member of the Court of the Loriners, Pattenmakers, and Fanmakers' Companies, and a liveryman of the Upholders' Company. He had served the office of Master of the Pattenmakers' Company, and was next in rotation for that dignity in the Fanmakers' Company. In Freemasonry he was equally distinguished. He was a founder of the Ravensbourne Lodge, a founder and Past Master of the Maybury Lodge, and a member of the Emulation Chapter. He was 42 years of age, and leaves two daughters and one son. The funeral took place on Thursday last, at Lewisham cemetery.—*City Press*.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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NEW CONCORD LODGE, No. 813.

THE closing of the session in connection with this sound and prosperous Lodge was marked by a very gratifying incident, on the evening of the 21st inst., when substantial recognition was made of the valuable services rendered for many years by Bro. R. R. Harper, as Past Master and Secretary. The meeting took place at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, where there was a numerous attendance of brethren and visitors. The W.M., Bro. Alfred J. Potter, was supported by Bros. C. Weeden S.W., A. Perl J.W., Rev. C. Stevens Chaplain, R. R. Harper P.M. and Secretary, F. Perl D.C., J. J. Pilley I.G.; P.M.'s T. Bartlett, T. J. Cusworth, Sampson George, and L. C. Haslip, C. T. Speight Tyler, and many other brethren. The Visitors included Bros. Walter George P.M. 101, R. Pierpoint W.M. 177, Arthur Grace 177, F. A. Tinkley 1772, H. H. Whale 172, and others. After the transaction of some routine business, the W.M. called upon Bro. T. Bartlett, as the senior Past Master of the Lodge, and Treasurer of the testimonial fund, to make the presentation, which had been unanimously subscribed for, to Bro. Harper. In doing this Bro. Bartlett said he esteemed it a great honour and privilege to have been entrusted with the pleasant duty, inasmuch as Bro. Harper's connection with the New Concord Lodge was through his introduction. He had always made himself a useful member, from his initiation to the present time, and was ever ready to fill the office of any absent brother. Soon after his initiation he became permanent Steward of the Lodge, and he then passed through all the offices leading up to S.W., with credit to himself and satisfaction to the Lodge. By an arrangement with the then Master and himself, Bro. Harper filled the S.W. chair two years, until in 1879 he was elected to the chair, the duties of which he discharged in admirable and efficient manner. In that year he was also the custodian of the Lodge books, which, from circumstances which need not be reverted to, had become somewhat disorganised. Through his zeal and assiduity, assisted by Bro. Haslip, he made the books so that they could be understood and followed by his successor, Bro. S. George; and they all admitted that he performed a very difficult task most admirably. At the expiration of his term of office as Master, the Lodge elected him as Secretary, the duties of which post he had faithfully and zealously discharged up to the present time. That the brethren were satisfied with his efforts in that direction could be vouched for by the proceedings of that evening. At a meeting a short time ago, an opinion was expressed that such valuable services as Bro. Harper had rendered to the Lodge should be somewhat substantially acknowledged, and the suggestion was most readily and unanimously responded to. The result had been the purchase of a handsome Secretary's jewel or locket, together with a massive gold Albert chain. In case, in the selection of which Bro. Harper's choice had been consulted. He had very much pleasure in presenting the testimonial, in the name of the Lodge, and hoped the recipient might live many years to wear it, and to enjoy the esteem in which he was now held by the brethren generally. It was but a slight token of their appreciation of his services of Secretary during the past six years; but he hoped whoever might come into possession of it in the future would always be reminded of the motives which had prompted the gift. He then read the inscription on the reverse side of the jewel, as follows:—

Presented to
BRO. R. R. HARPER, P.M. and Secretary,
by the brethren of the
NEW CONCORD LODGE, No. 813,
In appreciation of his valuable services, and as a token of their
esteem and regard.
21st May 1885.

Accompanying the gift was an address, engraved on vellum, and beautifully illuminated in gold and colours, the whole being surmounted by a capital portrait of Bro. Harper. The address was enclosed in a neat frame and glazed, and the text ran as follows:—

This Testimonial,
Together with a gold chain and jewel, was
Presented to
BRO. R. R. HARPER, P.M. and Secretary,
By the brethren of the
NEW CONCORD LODGE, No. 813,
In appreciation of his valuable services, and as a mark
of their sincere regard and esteem,
21st May 1885.

[Signed by the present and past Masters, the Officers and many of the brethren].

The applause which followed the presentation having subsided, Bro. Bartlett proceeded to say that as there was a surplus of the fund remaining in hand, it was thought that no better or more graceful use could be made of it than by asking Bro. Harper to accept, for his wife, the present of a diamond ring, and concluded by expressing the hope that Mrs. Harper also might live long to share in the good feeling and kindly wishes which had been expressed towards her husband. Bro. Harper, who was evidently moved by the profuse expressions of regard which were showered upon him from all sides, said he was sure the brethren would pardon him if he failed adequately to express in words the feelings of gratitude within him for the kindness they had shown him. He asked them, therefore, to take the will for the deed; and as these splendid tokens had been given for services he had rendered to the Lodge he hoped not one of the brethren would regret having subscribed to them. He should endeavour in the future, as he had done in the past, all he possibly could to promote and sustain the interests of the New Concord Lodge. To him this was simply a labour of love; in fact he admired

the New Concord Lodge and all its surroundings. What he did he did freely and willingly, and purely for the benefit of the Lodge. Perhaps he might have displeased one or two members at various times, but they must take the will for the deed; it was all done for their good. He again thanked the brethren for their handsome gifts, and resumed his seat amidst loud applause. On the motion of Bro. A. Perl J.W., seconded by Bro. Mustoe, a vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to the Committee, Treasurer and Secretary of the Harper Testimonial Fund, for the efficient manner in which they had carried out their duties. P.M.'s T. Bartlett and S. George briefly acknowledged the compliment paid them and their coadjutors. A grant of £10 from the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge was made to a distressed brother; after which Bro. F. Perl S.D. said he had heard with deep regret, on entering the Lodge-room, of the death of Mrs. Speight, the wife of their respected Tyler. They had been associated with Bro. Speight many years, and they could not do less than testify their respect for him and their sincere sorrow at his bereavement, after forty-six years of happy married life. He therefore moved that the regret of the brethren be recorded on the minutes, and that the Secretary be requested to send a letter of condolence to Bro. Speight. In seconding the proposition Bro. Bartlett P.M. observed that Bro. Speight had been Tyler of this Lodge ever since its formation, twenty-five years ago. He was deservedly respected by all with whom he came in contact, and it was only due that the condolence of the brethren should be duly expressed. The motion was carried unanimously. At the conclusion of the business the brethren and visitors repaired to the Throne-room, where an elegant banquet was served, under the personal superintendence of Bro. Marchant. The prefatory toasts having been duly honoured, the health of the W.M. was proposed in complimentary terms by Bro. Bartlett P.M. and suitably acknowledged. For the Visitors Bro. R. Pierpoint, in responding, said he was a very old visitor to the New Concord Lodge. He remembered the brethren when they held their meetings at the Rosemary Branch, at Hoxton, and he had always received from them the greatest kindness and hospitality. The W.M. being a personal friend of his it gave him the utmost pleasure to be present this evening, and to witness the presentation of a testimonial to another very old friend. If ever a man deserved the name of "a brother Mason" it was Brother Harper; beneath his waistcoat was the true throb of a Mason's heart. He had received from Bro. Harper the greatest kindness, and he knew the brethren of the Lodge had also, Masonically. But he could speak of him outside Masonic circles, for he was brought in contact with Bro. Harper in business matters connected with the railway system, and he knew that after leaving the festive board he would be puzzling his brain, trying to adopt and improve appliances for the safety of the British public. Sooner or later he ventured to predict Bro. Harper would make his mark as a practical mechanical electrician. He had now an instrument under his charge which was calculated to reduce to a minimum the liability to accident to the British public, and for that alone he deserved thanks. He had always found Bro. Harper a true Mason, and it gave him the utmost pleasure to be present that evening and to see how the brethren appreciated him in the Lodge. He hoped he might live many years to wear the chain and jewel which had been presented to him, and felt sure it would be gratifying to take home to his wife that little token which was included in the testimonial, to show that she also was not forgotten amidst the expressions of recognition of the services her husband had rendered to the new Concord Lodge. Bros. Tinley, Whale, and Grace also responded, the latter observing that it had given him great pleasure to witness the presentation to his old and valued friend. Bro. W. George followed, in the same direction, and thanked the brethren for the right royal welcome they had extended to the Visitors. In responding for the Past Masters Bro. Bartlett referred to Bro. Harper as one of his children in the Lodge, and said that fact gave additional pleasure to him in making the presentation. During his six years secretaryship he had completely resuscitated the Lodge, and brought it back to its original new Concord form, which it had somewhat lost when he took office. Bro. Cusworth, in the course of his reply, said although a young Lodge comparatively, of only 25 years' standing, the New Concord was Vice-President of the three Masonic Institutions, which could not be said even of some older Lodges. As regarded the Charities, they had a Lodge Benevolent Fund, which was always at the disposal of the W.M. and the brethren. He hoped Bro. Potter would have a pleasant and happy year of office; he saw no reason why he should not, as he was supported by efficient and able Officers. Bro. Harper also responded, and in the course of his remarks said that from the Benevolent Fund they had recently confirmed a grant of £20 to the widow of a deceased brother, and to-night they had granted £10 to a distressed member of the Lodge. Still, they had a fund in the bank amounting to over £100, and he believed there was no other Lodge of 25 years' standing that had given so much to the Masonic Charities. Bro. S. George, in his reply, said nothing would be wanting on his part and that of the other Past Masters to forward the interests of the Lodge. If any Officer or brother anxious for office required assistance at any time, he had only to mention the matter to any of the Past Masters, who would advise him to the best of their ability, and make him fit for any office to which he might aspire. The utmost harmony and concord prevailed in the Lodge, and every member seemed to have its interest really at heart, which was most gratifying. Bro. Haslip also briefly responded, and the W.M. then proposed the Treasurer and Secretary, in doing which he regretted the absence of Bro. Stilwell P.M. through indisposition. The toast having been acknowledged, the Officers of the Lodge was proposed, and severally responded to, the list being brought to a fitting close by the Tyler's toast. The proceedings were interspersed by some excellent songs, and an unusually harmonious and agreeable evening was passed.

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UNITED LODGE, No. 697.

ON Wednesday, the 27th instant, the V.W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Essex (Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Recorder of Colchester) visited Colchester for the purpose of installing Bro. John T. Bailey as W.M. of this Lodge. There was a large gathering of members of the Lodge and visitors, and the proceedings passed off most successfully. The installation ceremony was performed in the most perfect and impressive manner by the D.P.G.M., and at its close the following were appointed as Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Robert Smith I.P.M., the Rev. Morgan Jones S.W., Gosling P.M. J.W., the Rev. E. H. Crato P.M. P.P.G.C. Chaplain, Richard Clowes P.M. P.P.G.S.W. Treas., Thos. Rix P.M. P.P.G.S.B. Sec., John G. Renshaw S.D., G. Pang Hazell J.D., Thos. Eustace P.M. P.P.G.S.B. D.C., H. J. Skingley Org., A. J. Norman I.G., S. Manson Tyler, H. C. Welch, Ward, Ashdown, and Manley Stewards. At the close of the Lodge business, a letter was read from Bro. Col. H. S. Somerville Burney P.G.D., one of the Founders of the Lodge, presenting to the Lodge a photograph of its first Officers. In the absence of Bro. Colonel Burney, the presentation was made by Bro. the Rev. E. H. Crato, who, in a few well chosen words, spoke of the interest attaching to the photograph, and congratulated the Lodge upon the possession of so interesting a memento. On the motion of Bro. Thos. Eustace P.M., one of the oldest members of the Lodge, seconded by the W.M., a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Colonel Burney for his present. A cordial vote of thanks was also passed to Bro. Fred. A. Philbrick D.P.G.M., Grand Registrar, for his kindness in attending and performing the ceremony of the day. Between 40 and 50 brethren afterwards dined together, at the George Hotel, an excellent repast being provided by the hostess, Mrs. Guiver. The usual Masonic toasts were proposed and drunk, and the *post prandial* proceedings were much enlivened by some vocal music by Bros. C. Osmond, J. J. C. Turner, R. O. Coombs, Rev. W. Morgan Jones, and Masters Barton and Nunn. Among those present in addition to those already mentioned, were Bros. Thos. J. Ralling P.M. 51 P.G. Sec., Lewin P.M. 276 P.P.G.S. of W., Wiseman P.M. 433 P.P.G.A.D.C., Howard Ives W.M. 51 P.P.G. Steward, Osmond P.M. 51 P.P.G.O., Turner P.M. 51 P.P.G.O., Harrison P.M. S.D. 51, Tandy W.M. 1280, Hales W.M. 650, Sanders S.W. 650, Dnnn J.W. 650, Adam Smith W.M. 433, Lord P.M. 433, Hntley W.M. 1024 P.G. Steward, Hanley 51, Reichter 51, Quilter 51, and the following members of 697, Bros. G. A. Eastace P.M. P.P.G.S.B., Mills P.M. P.P.G.P., Ashdown, Howe, Stanley Fitchett, Grant, Jelly, Beaumont, Davis, Page, A. F. Hart, Rixon Ford, Potton, E. J. Hart, Boulton, Stevens, &c., &c.

ROYAL ALFRED LODGE, No. 780.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge, on Friday the 22nd inst., was well attended, both by members and visitors. The W.M., Bro. William D. Becket was supported by his Wardens, Bros. F. and C.E. Botley, and other Officers, with Past Masters Blasby Treasurer, Hilton Secretary, Gardiner, Littlewood, Walter Goss, Potter, and J. J. Gunner I.P.M. The business, other than that of the usual character, consisted of the raising of Bro. J. Fay to the degree of M.M. The ceremony was performed in excellent style by the W.M. A capital banquet followed, and at its conclusion the usual toast list was done justice to. The name of Bro. H. G. Buss was associated with the toast of the Grand Officers. In reply, the esteemed Assistant Grand Secretary referred to his long association with the Royal Alfred Lodge, in which he had filled the office of Secretary for a period of twelve or fourteen years. It was very gratifying to him to again attend the Lodge and see it prospering as of old. All appeared to be working harmoniously together, and he trusted the same spirit might always continue. Bro. Gunner proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, the toast he considered the principal one of the evening. He spoke of the ability displayed by Bro. Becket in the work of the Lodge, more particularly referring to the way in which he had worked the ceremony of raising that day. In replying, the W.M. said he had approached the work of Master with considerable diffidence. He had been a member of the Lodge some eight or nine years, and during that time had only been absent from one of its meetings. He had worked up step by step to the highest in the Lodge, and assured the members he should strive to carry out the duties of the chair to their satisfaction and to the best of his ability. The toast of the Past Masters followed. Bro. Gunner replied. He had experienced great pleasure throughout the period during which he had held the reins of office. Bro. Littlewood followed. He was ever ready to assist the Wor. Master for the time being. Bros. Gardiner, Goss, Blasby and Hilton also replied. The latter said he had the honour of being appointed Secretary of the Lodge on the retirement of Bro. Buss, which position he had held for nearly twenty years. Several other toasts followed, and during the evening some good songs were contributed.

LEWIS LODGE, No. 1185.

THE first meeting, after the usual vacation, was held at the King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, on Saturday, 16th inst. Present—Bros. Powell W.M., Tollis I.P.M., Shipwright S.W., Hildreth J.W., Field S.D., Goodfellow J.D., Richards I.G., Durrant P.M. Treasurer. Lloyd P.M. Secretary, Chatterton Organist, Knight W.S., Sayer P.M. D.C., Church Tyler; also Bros. Row P.M., Harrison P.M., Conolly, Mackney, Stiffen, Murray, Gomm, Nash, Usherwood, Prentice, Greenslade, Buehl, Carter, Humphreys, Smith, Keddell. Visitors—Bros. Rickwood P.M. 192, Williams J.D. 1539, Walsham 55, North 473, Hulet 569, Sexton 1321, Calmady, Richardson 1641. After confirmation of the minutes of meeting held in October last, the W.M. passed Bro. Keddell. The ballot was then taken for Messrs. Osterstock, Hewett, Passmore, and Goldsmith, and proved unanimous. Mr. Passmore was unavoidably absent, but the rest were duly

initiated in an impressive manner by the W.M. Bro. Hildreth, having previously given notice, asked the Lodge to vote him the sum of five guineas on his list as Steward for the Boys' School. This was seconded by Bro. Tollis I.P.M., and carried unanimously. Lodge then adjourned to a banquet, provided by host Greenslade, and served in a manner which reflected great credit upon him. Having such musical talent present no more time than was absolutely necessary was spent by the W.M. in giving the various toasts. Our esteemed Bro. Mackney was in his usual form, and responded most willingly to the numerous calls made upon him; it is quite unnecessary to say that the risible faculties of the brethren were strung to the highest pitch. Bro. Sexton's singing was also thoroughly appreciated, and Bros. Keddell, Smith and Richardson also gave some excellent songs. In giving the Charities, the W.M. congratulated the Lodge upon the fact that all the Institutions would be represented by them this year. He thanked the brethren for so heartily supporting him at the recent Festival for the "Old Folks," when he took up the handsome sum of £150. Bro. Knight raised £80 for the Girls, and he hoped Bro. Hildreth would be equally successful for the Boys. The Worshipful Master advised all the brethren to join Charitable Associations, which were now very general, and attached to most Lodges of Instruction. To one in particular he referred, viz., that attached to the Star Lodge of Instruction, held at the Five Bells, New Cross, to which he felt greatly indebted, as over £100 had been placed on his list from that source. Bro. Hildreth responded for the Charities. The only other toasts calling for special mention were the Initiates and the Visitors. To the former very able responses were received from the newly-made brethren, and Bros. Rickwood, Williams and Richardson responded to the latter, congratulating the W.M. upon the able manner in which he had done his work, and the Lodge generally upon the very harmonious and friendly feeling which prevailed. The Tyler's toast brought to an end a most enjoyable evening.

SIR HUGH MYDDELTON LODGE, No. 1602.

THE annual installation meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held on Friday, the 22nd instant, at the Cock Tavern, High-bury, by dispensation from the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the usual rooms at the Agricultural Hall not being available on this occasion. Bros. J. Greenfield W.M., Poulton I.P.M., Allison S.W., Payne J.W., Weston P.M. Treasurer, Osborn P.M. Secretary, Larter S.D., Heyse I.G., Wright Organist, Homan Steward, Thomas Tyler; also Bros. W. H. Lee P.M., Everitt, Dearing, Hiscock, Dresden, Garner, Brown, Warner, Field, Keogh, Southwell, &c. Amongst the numerous Visitors were Bros. Bird P.M. 1897 and P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, Woodman W.M. 1950 J.W. 1897, Cave 127, Thomas 179, Snook S.D. 1693, Weeden S.W. 813, Wigley W.M. 1348, Martin 382, Brett 1471, Kew P.M. 179, Lee 1897, James I.G. 1441, Forge P.M. 1950 S.W. 1693, Hammond 1471, Wetenhall 201, Hughes 1897, Spiller P.M. 49, Potter 1693, Rennie 1891, Western W.M. 1693, Collings Organist 1693, Bayne Organist 1897, Probert 340. Lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Bros. Everitt and Banks, 1897, were passed to the second degree, after which the chair was taken by Bro. Weston P.M., who in a very efficient manner installed Bro. Edwin Payne W.M. elect. The following were appointed Officers:—Brothers Greenfield I.P.M., Larter S.W., Heyse J.W., Weston P.M. Treasurer, Osborn P.M. Secretary, Homan S.D., Dearing J.D., Brown I.G., Warner D.C., Wright Organist, Garner Steward, Thomas Tyler. The usual addresses were then delivered in an impressive manner by Bros. Weston and Osborn. The newly-installed W.M. commenced his tenure of office by initiating Messrs. Keogh and Southwell, the ceremony being rendered in a style that convinced the brethren that Bro. Payne would prove himself a very able and efficient occupant of the Master's chair. A P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. Greenfield, in recognition of his services during the past year. Several propositions were then received for the next meeting, after which the brethren adjourned to banquet. After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts had been disposed of, Bro. Greenfield I.P.M. proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, and congratulated him on the excellent and impressive manner in which he had performed the ceremony of initiation that evening. He was glad to see five candidates and one joining brother proposed for the next meeting, and predicted a flourishing year for the W.M. Bro. Payne was initiated in that Lodge the same evening as himself, and he was pleased to see him attain the honourable position he now held, and earnestly wished him health and prosperity during his tenure of office. Bro. Payne W.M., in reply, heartily thanked Bro. Greenfield for the flattering terms in which he had spoken of him, and also the brethren for the cordial reception they had accorded the toast of his health. He would use his earnest endeavours to promote the welfare of the Lodge and the comfort and happiness of the brethren. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the I.P.M., Bro. Greenfield, alluded to the efficient manner in which he had conducted the Lodge during the past year, and hoped he might long be spared to assist them with his counsel and advice. Bro. Greenfield I.P.M., in response, after thanking the brethren for the jewel that had been presented to him, and for the hearty manner in which they had received the toast, said that he considered it was the duty of every Mason to practise the precepts that were inculcated in the Lodge. The health of the Initiates was proposed by the W.M., who said he was proud of having initiated two brethren that evening, and trusted they would be Masons in heart as well as in name. He was glad to see such a large number of initiates coming into the Lodge. Bro. Keogh, in reply, thanked the brethren for the hearty reception the initiates had received; he had had the pleasure of being acquainted with the W.M. for the last twenty-five years, and was pleased to be initiated by so old and valued a friend. The W.M. next proposed the Visitors, and said he was delighted to see such a large number present. In the name of the Lodge he gave them a hearty welcome, and trusted they had spent a pleasant even

ing. In response, Bro. Woodman, W.M. 1950, said he appreciated the honour done him by coupling his name with the toast. He had had the privilege of visiting the Lodge frequently during the last few years, and was glad to see the progress that had been made. It had afforded him much pleasure to see the W.M. invest his Officers in so able a manner, and he was sure he would perform his duties to the entire satisfaction of the brethren. In conclusion, he heartily thanked the W.M. for his hospitality, and in the name of the Visitors wished him every success during the coming year. Brother Bird P.M. 1897 also testified to the excellent working and profuse hospitality. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Past Masters, which was responded to by Bros. P.M.'s Weston and Osborn. The toast of the Officers followed, which was suitably responded to. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close, when the brethren separated, after having spent a very enjoyable evening. We must give a meed of praise to Bro. J. Baker, for the excellent manner in which the banquet was served. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Wright Organist, assisted by Miss Edith Phillips, Miss Coyte Turner, Bros. Probert and Bayne. The selection of vocal music rendered gave great satisfaction and deservedly gained applause.

EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

THIS Lodge held its first meeting in the new Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York, on Monday, the 11th inst. The brethren attended in full force, and the Lodge room was comfortably filled. The fittings of the hall were far from completed, but sufficient had been accomplished to give a good idea of what the effect would be when all was finished, and very general satisfaction was expressed at the handsome, comfortable, and well furnished appearance of the place. In the absence of the W.M., Sir F. Milner, Bart., M.P., and the I.P.M., Bro. John Blenkin (through indisposition), Bro. T. B. Whytehead, senior P.M., took the chair. After the usual formalities and successful ballots for a candidate and a joining member, Bro. Whytehead addressed the brethren on the occasion of their meeting for the first time under their own roof. He congratulated them on their efforts having been crowned with success, reviewing the progress of the Lodge since its commencement, and pointing out the result of harmonious working. He said that the spirit evinced by the members of the Lodge was of the true Masonic kind. Not only had they been able to purchase and pay for the handsome building in which they were then assembled, but members of the Lodge had come forward in the most handsome manner and offered to present various articles of furniture. Chairs, pedestals, and other important properties would be presented by individual brethren, and, indeed, no sooner was it known that anything was required for the Lodge than some brother at once came forward and offered to give it. He was proud to be a member of a Lodge containing so many good and true men, and he looked forward to a future both prosperous and happy. After the close of the Lodge the party met at the refreshment table, and passed a most harmonious evening, every one expressing the utmost pleasure at the accommodation experienced in the new building. Amongst those present were Bros. Balmford P.M. as S.W., Brown J.W., Chapman S.D., Dalton J.D., Kay Sec., Lackenby I.G., Stephenson S.; P.M.'s Millington, Padel, Seller, Simpson; Polkinghorne W.M. 1991, Major McGachen P.M. and S.W. 1991, Foster, Abbey, Mills, Ware, Pearson, Storry, Irving, Thorpe, Cooper, Wrigglesworth, Stubbs, Lamb, Tuff, Thackray, White 1991, Kersopp 1991, Take 236, and two visiting brethren from the Lennox Lodge, No. 123, Richmond. A candidate for initiation and a joining member were proposed.

EWELL LODGE No. 1851.

ON Saturday, 23rd inst., this Lodge met at the Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, and was opened by Bro. George Joseph Dunkley (G. S. Graham) Worshipful Master, and Bro. Parker was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year. After the ceremony, the W.M. was presented with a very handsome Past Master's jewel, of 18-carat gold, bearing the following inscription:—

Presented by the Brethren of the
EWELL LODGE, No. 1851,
To BRO. GEORGE JOSEPH DUNKLEY P.P. Grand Org. Mdx.
And fourth Master. 23rd May 1885.

THE THEATRES.

The Strand.—A great authority has declared that every possible combination on the dramatic chess board has been long ago exhausted, and that though we may give our plays new names, we must needs put them through some ancient opening to close in a denouement of no less ancient invention. Will Mr. Sidney Grundy's new comedy "The Silver Shield," so successfully given lately at a Strand *matinée*, disprove this pessimist view? The dialogue is brilliantly written, but not made too prickly with smart things; they seem appropriate to the speaker and the situation, not a mere fireworks show by the author. The play may take its stand, for its literary merit, a rare quality in these days, when the horse-collar school of wit is in the ascendant, but the merit is perhaps in the manner of the story rather than in the story itself. We have our lion raging in the forest of Arden, an animal as fierce and unaccountable as that which made sweet Rosalind tremble and turn pale. Mr. Grundy's lion is green-eyed, and this is the havoc it creates: Alma Blake, a charming actress and charming wife, when the curtain rises, is visiting at the house of Sir Humphrey Chetwynd. She is separated from her devoted husband. The lion of Arden has made Tom read a letter of scornful dismissal to an impertinent admirer, but so worded it that

Tom thinks his wife faithless. She, instead of setting the misunderstanding right, as so clever and sensible a lady should have done, has allowed her husband to depart, and then advertised her own death. Tom, when the curtain rises, is embittered, but now seeks consolation from Lucy Preston, the ward of Sir Humphrey, a fair but illegitimate maiden, who is secretly married to her guardian's son Ned. When the fact of this marriage is intimated to the father, that amiable and genial old gentleman is suddenly transformed into the irascible father of "legitimate" days, and turns the son he adores and the girl he has loved out of doors, because of the misfortune of her birth. Then Sir Humphrey seeks consolation from Alma, and offers her his hand, only to learn that she too is married. Ned Chetwynd and his bride are in London in the second act—he a successful play writer, and engaged on a comedy in which Alma is to take a leading part. Now reappears our lion, with eyes greener than ever. A letter the actress has to read is found by Lucy on her husband's desk; she supposes it is an actual love letter. Here Miss Mary Rorke, as Lucy, showed a degree of emotional power that fairly carried away her audience. Those who have only seen this lady in the charmed circle of the Criterion, where displays of passion and grief are perhaps unknown, would scarcely be prepared for such ability as she displays. The lion has roared to such purpose that Lucy, like Alma, resolves to separate from the spouse she adores. We next find her, after three months, the leading actress at Alma's theatre. This achievement, for a country-bred girl, new to London and unknown to the photographers, surely demands too much strain on our faith. However, we now come to a magnificent scene between the ladies. Lucy charges Alma with the intrigue, and offers to prove the charge by producing the letter; when Alma, with half pity, half contemptuous good humour, shows a copy of the words in the part she is studying. Both ladies are reunited to their "loving husbands, waiting outside." The story, told in the grey air of the morning, seems crude and improbable; but probability is not a stage virtue. Mr. Beauchamp was excellent as the country gentleman, mingling the modern man of the world with a survival of Squire Western. Mr. Groves, as a very "shoppy" theatre manager, played with gusto—perhaps a little too much. Mr. Herbert, as Ned, was a pleasant *jeune première*. Mr. R. Barrington was a dignified Rev. Dr. Dozey; Mr. Arthur Dacre, always refined and earnest in style, suffered from nervousness. To our mind he spoke his words too slowly. The honour of the occasion, however, fell on Miss Amy Roselle. It is long since this charming actress has had a part so worthy her powers. The brilliancy and playful wit of the artist Alma, the tenderness and pride of the insulted wife, were all delicately rendered, and with the touch of a master hand. This lady commands, with equal readiness, tears and laughter. Only less important was the Lucy of Miss Kate Rorke, while Mrs. Leigh Murray was delightful as the fussy, good-natured clergywoman. There were, at the end of the second act, loud calls for the author, but he wisely deferred his acknowledgments till the end of the piece, when he had to appear twice. On the second occasion he was brought on by the tutelary genius of the occasion, Miss Amy Roselle.

The Avenue.—The sparkling comic opera "Les Manteaux Noirs" again sees the footlights at the Avenue, and will, we trust, bring back fortune's favours to the pretty house by the river. It is not long since Mr. Willing first adorned our hoardings with the mysterious triumvirate, suggesting the three avengers from the "Prophète," and we gladly welcome these gay dissemblers once again. Full houses give plenty of laughter and applause to the revival. Though the cast is not so strong—from a musical point of view—as the original one, the story, with its picturesque Spanish setting, and endless complications, has quite enough dramatic force to stand alone. However, Miss Hood deserves unqualified praise for her singing as the heroine, and very pretty she looks in her coquetish peasant dress. Mr. Wulsham plays the hero, Don Louis, with spirit, and the right touch of cavalier gaiety. Mr. Wyatt is at his best as the Grand Chamberlain. The sincerity of his eccentricities have an irresistible charm, and whether he sings or declaims he is delightfully amusing. The piece is well mounted, and the costumes costly and tasteful. Whether comic opera can hold its own for any length of time is now doubtful, but M. Bacalossi's work, by its graceful songs and clever orchestration, well deserves the success its revival promises.

The Royal Arch Masons of Surrey will hold their annual Provincial Grand Chapter at the Masonic Hall, Chertsey, this day (Saturday) at 3.40 in the afternoon. There will be a banquet at five p.m., tickets for which are 12s 6d each. A large attendance of Companions is expected.

Two important Mark meetings will be held in London next week, the one being the summer half yearly communication of the Grand Lodge, and the other the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex and Surrey. The latter will take place on Monday, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, at 5 p.m., and will be followed by a banquet, at 6.30. The communication of Grand Mark Lodge will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, on Tuesday, at 5 p.m., and will also be followed by a banquet, which will be provided in the Venetian Salon, Holborn Restaurant, at 7 o'clock. The Grand Mark Master, the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Kintore, will, it is expected, preside both in Grand Lodge and at the subsequent banquet.

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RIGHT WORSHIPFUL DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

THE SUMMER HALF-YEARLY COMMUNICATION OF THIS
Grand Lodge will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street,
Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Tuesday, the 2nd day of June next, when
and where all Grand Officers (Past and Present), W. Masters, Past Masters,
and Overseers of private Lodges, are hereby summoned to attend, and at
which, by permission, all regularly registered Mark Master Masons may be
present.

Grand Lodge will be opened at Five o'clock p.m.

By command of the M.W. Grand Master,
FREDERICK BINCKES (P.G.J.W.)
Grand Secretary.

A Banquet will be provided in the Venetian Salon, Holborn Restaurant, at
Seven o'clock, at which the Grand Master will preside.

The Tickets will be 15s each, including Wine, if taken before the day of
meeting, and 17s 6d if taken out on that day, and it is requested that every
brother intending to dine will forward his name to the Grand Stewards, care of
the Grand Secretary, not later than Saturday, the 30th of May.

Grand Lodge Office,
8a Red Lion Square, London, W.C.
20th May 1885.

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

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

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER
MASONS of the Province of Middlesex and Surrey will be holden at
the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, on Monday, 1st June 1885,
when all Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers, together with the
Worshipful Masters, Past Masters and Acting Wardens of Lodges in the
Province, are hereby summoned to attend, and all Mark Master Masons are
invited to be present.

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

Brethren to appear in full Masonic Costume of the Mark Degree, and Provin-
cial Grand Officers in the clothing of their respective rank.

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

Wm. G. BRIGHTEN P.M. P.Z. P.P.G.S.W., &c.

Provincial Grand Mark Secretary.

May 1885.

Banquet at 6:30 o'clock. Tickets One Pound each, including Wine.

Brethren intending to be present should notify their intention to the Provin-
cial Grand Mark Secretary on or before the 27th May.

ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.

A MEETING of the ROYAL BRUCE CHAPTER of H.R.M. will
be held at No. 33 Golden Square, London, W., on Saturday, the 4th day
of July 1885, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

A meeting of the PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE of R.S.Y.C.S. of London
and the Metropol tan Counties will be held at the same place, on the same day,
immediately after the conclusion of the ceremony of H.R.M.

The names of Candidates must be delivered, not later than 26th June, to

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON,

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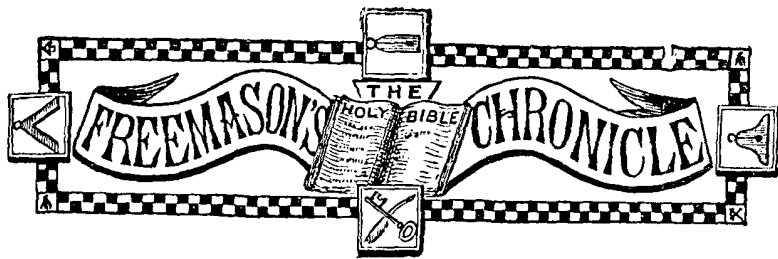
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PROVINCE OF MIDDLESEX.

R.W. COL. SIR FRANCIS BURDETT, BART.
PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

A PROVINCIAL Grand Lodge will be held at the Town Hall, Uxbridge, on Saturday, 6th June, at 3 p.m. precisely.
By command of the Prov. G. Master,
J. F. H. WOODWARD, P.M.
Provincial Grand Secretary (pro tem).



QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 3rd June 1885, at 6 for 7 p.m.

1. The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 4th March for confirmation.
 2. The Minutes of the Grand Festival of the 29th April for confirmation.
 3. Election of Members of the Board of General Purposes.
 4. Election of Members of the Colonial Board.
 5. Election of a Grand Lodge Auditor.
 6. 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.)

7. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz. :-
The Widow of a Brother of the St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 231, London £75 0 0
The Widow of a Brother of the Wellington Lodge, No. 518, Deptford 50 0 0
A Brother of the Social Lodge, No. 93, Norwich 60 0 0
A Brother of the Pattison Lodge, No. 913, Plumstead ... 50 0 0
A Brother of the St. John's Lodge, No. 673, Liverpool ... 50 0 0

8. 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 15th day of May instant, shewing a Balance in the Bank of England of £4,818 0s 11d, and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £100, and for Servants' Wages £100, and Balance of Annual Allowance for Library £11 17s 6d.

(Signed) THOMAS FENN,
President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
19th May 1885.

At the Meeting of the Board held on Tuesday, the 19th of May, after the ordinary business had been disposed of, the following resolution was passed, viz. :-

The Members of the Board unanimously desire to express their sense of the ability and courtesy displayed on all occasions by the Very Worshipful Brother Thomas Fenn, as President of the Board of General Purposes.

(Signed) RALPH CLUTTON,
Vice President.

9. The Annual Report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, dated the 15th May 1885, will be laid before Grand Lodge.

10. Application from a body styling itself the Grand Lodge of South Australia, stating that all the Lodges and almost all the Masons in that Colony had united in forming an independent Grand Lodge, and praying that it may therefore be recognised as such by the Grand Lodge of England.

11. APPEALS :-

- (1) From the Worshipful Master and Brethren of the Victoria Lodge, No. 1831, Ashfield, New South Wales, against a ruling of their District Grand Master, forbidding the discussion in open Lodge of a Resolution proposed by Brother Deacon Junior Warden.
- (2) From a Brother of the Royal Hanover Lodge, No. 1777, Twickenham, against a ruling of the Provincial Grand

Master of Middlesex, sustaining a sentence of exclusion passed by that Lodge on the said Brother.

N.B.—The papers relating to these appeals 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.

12. NOTICES OF MOTION :-

(1) By W. Brother RAYNHAM W. STEWART P.G. Deacon :-

"That One Thousand Pounds (£1,000) be paid from the Fund of General Purposes of this Grand Lodge to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys' Preparatory School Building Fund, towards defraying the cost of Fittings and Furniture for the New Buildings now approaching completion."

(2) By W. Brother RAYNHAM W. STEWART P.G. Deacon :-

"That the sum of £70 be given from the Fund of General Purposes; that the money be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, to supply the inmates of the Institution at Croydon with coals during the winter season."

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

MASTERS.	
FREDERICK WEST	4
Sir BRUCE SETON	6
FREDERICK WILLIAM SMITH	58
HENRY TRUMAN WOOD	99
EDWARD J. ALTMAN	101
STEPHEN RICHARDSON	183
Sir REGINALD HANSON	778
REGINALD ST. AUBYN ROUMIEU	1537
TOM DREW BEAR	1584
THOMAS CHARLES WALLS	1793
EDWARD GARNET MAN	1827
JAMES WILLING-JUN.	1987

PAST MASTERS.	
WILLIAM BRISTOW	G.S.L.
EDMOND K. BAYLEY	1
FREDERIC DAVISON P.G.D.	10
SAMUEL HILL	21
EDWARD F. STORR	22
HENRY BISHOP	66
CHARLES DAIRY	141
RALPH CLUTTON	143
CHARLES FREDERICK HOGARD	205
RICHARD GEORGE BARTON	771
THOMAS HASTINGS MILLER	907
HUGH HUGH RIACH	1118
JAMES STEVENS	1216
FREDERICK T. C. KEEBLE	1426
JOHN LAURENCE MATHER	1471
ALFRED COOPER	1591
THOMAS WILLIAM C. BUSH	1728
WILLIAM A. DAWSON	1768
GIOVANNI P. FESTA	1900
JAMES WENTWORTH T. CHAPMAN	1922
AUGUSTUS WILLIAM STEAD	1997

List of Brethren nominated for the Colonial Board -

CHARLES ROBERT RIVINGTON	2
LEOPOLD G. GORDON ROBBINS	10
JOHN ANDREW MAITLAND	92
JAMES BRETT	177
THOMAS W. WHITMARSH	1150
EDWARD M. ROE	1593
GEORGE HALDANE (Lieut.-Col.)	1615

List of Brethren nominated for the Committee of Management for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons.

HENRY MOORE	73
ALFRED H. TATTERSHALL	140
CHARLES DAIRY	141
CHARLES GEORGE DILLEY	147
GEORGE L. MOORE	169
JAMES WILLING JUN.	177
JOHN E. DAWSON	404
THOMAS MOUNT HUMPHRIES	539
CHARLES A. COTTEBRUNE	733
ROBERT PERRY TATE	860
JAMES BOULTON	1056
ALFRED DURRANT (Captain)	1185
WILLIAM J. MURLIS	1642
THOMAS W. C. BUSH	1728

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

- No. 2090.—The Hammersmith Lodge, Hammersmith, London.
2091.—The Castleberg Lodge, Settle, West Yorkshire.
2092.—The Frontier Lodge, Cathcar, South Africa (E.D.)
2093.—Lodge Star of Rajpootana, Nussarabad, Bombay.
2094.—The Elthorne and Middlesex Lodge, Hounslow, Middlesex.

- 2395.—The Caterham Lodge, Surrey.
 2096.—The George Price Lodge, Croydon, Surrey.
 2097.—The Newcastle Lodge, Newcastle, Natal.
 2098.—The Harlesden Lodge, Harlesden, London.
 2099.—The Ethelbert Lodge, Herne Bay, Kent.
 2100.—The Cama Lodge, Hampton Court, Middlesex.
 2101.—The Bramston Bach Lodge, Godalming, Surrey.

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 1885 is now ready; it can be had at the Grand Secretary's Office, Freemasons' Hall, London, price 2s, bound in roan.

CONSECRATION OF THE GEORGE PRICE LODGE, No. 2096.

ONE of the last matters which are arranged in connection with a new Lodge, and yet one of the most important in regard to its future, is that of its name. Every detail may be settled to a nicety, every arrangement made for the petition to be regularly presented, and reasonable hopes entertained of the ultimate granting of the warrant, without serious thought being given to the naming of the Lodge. When the subject does come on for consideration among the founders, how many divergencies of opinion often arise, and how difficult it becomes to satisfy all the requirements which seem to be needed in connection with the name. For our part we are averse, as a rule, to the naming of Lodges after well known brethren, and we are of opinion that much may be said in opposition to such a course, but on the other hand there is much to be advanced in its favour. The Province of Surrey is particularly strong in this respect, it having several Lodges named in honour of its prominent Masons, notably the Brownrigg, the Arnold, and the Greenwood, and has just added another to its roll, having for its title the name of one of the most distinguished members of its Provincial Grand Lodge. No one will question the policy of the founders in selecting for their title the name of so distinguished a Mason as Bro. George Price, who has been intimately associated with the Masonic work of the district for over thirty years, during a considerable portion of which period he has filled the important post of Provincial Grand Treasurer.

The George Price Lodge was formally consecrated on Wednesday last, at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon. Bro. the Rev. C. W. Arnold P.G.C. Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Surrey acted as consecrating Officer, in the regretted absence of the chief of the Province, Gen. Stndholme Brownrigg, C.B., who was prevented from being present, as he had intended, in consequence of indisposition. Bro. Arnold nominated for his Officers Bro. George Price S.W., Dr. Strong J.W., John G. Horsey officiated as Director of Ceremonies and Charles Greenwood jun. as Linc. Guard. Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and the opening hymn "Hail, Eternal, by whose aid," was sung. In his preliminary address Bro. Arnold said the brethren had met that day to consecrate a Lodge. He understood that the brother who was designated to preside over it had been initiated into Freemasonry at a very early age. He felt sure, from a study of the names of the brethren who were the founders of the Lodge that they would do their best to maintain its efficiency, and to admit only good men and true into the Craft. He hoped the Lodge would become a good and useful one in the Province. The Acting Secretary (Bro. Charles Greenwood P.G. Sw.B. Prov. G. Sec.) having addressed the Consecrating Officer and received directions, the brethren of the new Lodge were arranged in order, and the Warrant was read. Approval of the Officers named in the Warrant having been given, the Chaplain was called upon. Bro. the Rev. G. P. Merrick, the Provincial Grand Chaplain, said that although on such occasions an oration was customary, he felt there was nothing new to say, neither were any lengthened remarks necessary, inasmuch as the precepts and principles of Freemasonry were so frequently being inculcated in the general working of its rites and ceremonies. Moreover, the ritual of the Order was a sermon in itself, and it was only necessary for the brethren to look around them to realise an oration in their Temple, their ritual, and the precepts taught thereby. The Temple of Freemasonry pointed to the Great Architect of the Universe, the ritual to the worship of the soul and its adoration and service to the honour of the Most High, while its precepts point to the love which commends our behaviour to the world generally and to the Brotherhood in particular. Our Order is established on the three pillars of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, and tells of our attitude in relation to the three parts of our being—body, soul, and spirit. Is a sermon wanted with this text always before us? Practise devotion to the Most High, a pure faith, a universal charity, a blameless life. Masons have a noble profession, and should so act that their lives should illustrate their principles, thus letting the world know them as Masons, whose only impulses are Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. The ceremony of consecration and dedication having been completed, Bro. Joseph David Langton was installed as Worshipful Master, and he in due course appointed and invested the following as his Officers:—Hugh Marcus Hobbs S.W., Francis T. Ridpath J.W., Joseph Langton (elected) Treas., J. S. Fraser Sec., Ernest Samuel S.D., M. L. Levey J.D., W. G. Goode I.G., C. Sheppard Tyler. Several propositions from gentlemen seeking initiation and from brethren desiring to join the Lodge were handed in, and the thanks of the Lodge was voted to the Consecrating Officer and those brethren who had assisted him in the ceremony. Honorary membership of the Lodge was conferred on these brethren, and also on the Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor of London and Bro. Ccl. Shadwell H. Clerke G. Sec. Bro. the Rev. C. W. Arnold acknowledged the compliment

which had been conferred by their election as honorary members, and was followed by the Lord Mayor and Bro. Clerke. Lodge was shortly afterwards closed and the brethren proceeded to banquet. At its conclusion, the usual toasts were honoured. The Worshipful Master was pleased the cordial reception of the toast of the Queen and the Craft did not depend on any words of his. It was a sentiment at all times sure of a cordial reception among Englishmen generally, but particularly so among members of the Masonic Order. Speaking to the next toast, the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, the W.M. felt that Freemasons might congratulate themselves on having the Prince of Wales as their ruler. Ever since his election as Grand Master he had seemed determined not to let any long period pass without showing his interest in the business of the Craft. The initiation of his eldest son, Prince Albert Victor, into Freemasonry was a striking illustration of the interest taken in the Order by His Royal Highness, and the brethren might look forward with confidence to the time when the young Prince would fill some high office in the Order. The W.M. concluded by referring to the recent visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales and Prince Albert Victor to Ireland, expressing the pleasure he felt at the success which had attended their tour in the sister Isle, and his gratification that it had passed off without any display of disloyalty to the Royal visitors. The toast of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers was next given. The Worshipful Master spoke of the honour conferred on the Lodge by the presence of the Lord Mayor of London, Past Grand Warden, at its consecration. They were indeed thankful to him for having found time, amidst his thousand and one engagements, to attend their meeting. The W.M. had the honour of belonging to No. 1 Lodge, the one over which the Lord Mayor had presided during the past year; he had there had the opportunity of seeing him in the position of W.M., and witnessing how well he performed the duties of that office. His proficiency in the work enhanced the character of the famous Grand Masters' Lodge, while personally he had endeared himself to each of its members. The George Price Lodge had also the honour of having among its guests several other Officers of Grand Lodge, notably the Rev. C. W. Arnold P.G.C., who had so ably officiated as the Consecrating Officer, Colonel Shadwell Clerke the Grand Secretary, Charles Greenwood P.G. Sw.B., the Provincial Grand Secretary; Bros. Damas, Rucker, Dr. Ralph Gooding, and Bro. A. Lacking. The Lord Mayor was the first to reply. The toast, he said, would also be replied to by one who was a permanent Grand Officer, or permanent so far as any such appointment could be, and to that brother who would so respond—Colonel Shadwell Clerke—he and Masons generally were very deeply indebted. It was undoubtedly true that the brethren owed very much to the Grand Master and other distinguished members of the Order, but to Bro. Colonel Shadwell Clerke they looked, as the right hand man, for advice. They could always depend on getting it. He imagined that the Grand Master, previous to authorising the foundation of this Lodge, had had the advice of Bro. Clerke, and had doubtless acted on it. Speaking for himself, the Lord Mayor warmly thanked the brethren for coupling his name with the toast, and more particularly for having invited him to the Lodge and conferring on him the honour of membership. He knew he was an indifferent Mason, and felt he ought to do more for Freemasonry. When accepting the invitation to be with them that day he had known he should be received with that kindness which was ever displayed under such circumstances. It had afforded him great pleasure to visit the Lodge, which he hoped would flourish. Bro. Shadwell Clerke, Grand Secretary, followed. Being a person of unquestionable modesty, he said, he had felt entirely taken aback in having to respond to the toast properly assigned to the Lord Mayor. His Lordship had been good enough to say very kind things of him, and coming from such a generous hearted brother they were very acceptable. He did not, however, thank his lordship for having brought him to his feet, although he was at all times pleased to say a word on behalf of the Grand Officers who, in their various capacities, well filled the responsible positions given to them. They were brethren who had all done good suit and service to the Order, and the Grand Master, in appointing them, had rewarded merit. It was to them a pleasure to receive the kind and hearty reception they experienced at Masonic meetings, and they appreciated it. He was sure the time would never come when they would not receive it. They always took interest in the purposes of Masonry, and were delighted to find a Lodge started under such favourable auspices as the George Price Lodge. They considered it a most graceful tribute to the worth of a very old member of the Province, and they congratulated him on the honour done him. They also congratulated the Lodge on being presided over by such excellent Officers. With such brethren at the head of affairs it could but prosper. He felt sure it would be a most successful Lodge and a credit to the Province of Surrey. The W.M. next gave the toast of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, General Stndholme Brownrigg, C.B., reading a letter from that brother, regretting his inability to be present owing to a severe cold, and congratulating the Lodge on its having taken so loved and honoured a name as that of Bro. George Price. The W.M. was sure the brethren one and all deeply regretted the absence, and the cause of the absence, of General Brownrigg, but they might congratulate themselves on having his Deputy with them. They thanked Bro. Arnold most sincerely for coming amongst them and performing the ceremony of consecration and installation. The other Provincial Grand Officers they were also delighted to see, and they trusted that during the years the Lodge existed it would never do anything which would cause the Provincial Grand Officers to regret for a moment that the Lodge came into this Province. He hoped rather that they would look back with pleasure to the day when it was brought into existence.

Bro. Arnold in responding, said it was a source of great regret to Gen. Brownrigg that he was not able to be present that day. He was with him at Caterham on Saturday last, which was, unfortunately, a wet day, and the Prov. G. Master was not well at the time.

Gen. Brownrigg was afraid he would not be able to attend this consecration, and had asked him to prepare for taking his place. He was pleased at having the opportunity of performing the ceremony, in which he always took a very great interest. It had given him great pleasure to instal the W.M., and he was certain that the Lodge would become a thoroughly Surrey one. He trusted the brethren would join with the Surrey Masons in all that they did in the Province, and especially in promoting the great Charities, which they all had so dearly at heart. They wanted, if they could, in Surrey to work most heartily for those Charities, so as to meet together and join and bring in their different candidates, because all the brethren must agree that there was nothing so trying to the candidates for the Charities as to be kept in suspense for some time. If they could at once carry in their candidate so much the better. They would excuse him for saying it, but he had the Charities very much at heart, and the brethren would agree with him that it was right to bring the subject before a Lodge at its induction. He had had great pleasure in bringing a new Lodge into the Province, presided over by such a Mason as Bro. Langton, who was a thorough worker, not only in the Lodge of Emulation, but in another Lodge, which had done good work in Masonry. He trusted this Lodge would do the same, and make its mark. He then proposed the health of the W.M., wishing he might have plenty of work. Bro. Langton was deeply grateful to the founders of the George Price Lodge for having selected him as its first W.M. He was very proud of the position, and would do everything in his power to prevent the brethren regretting they had placed him there. He trusted that during his year of office he should have, as Bro. Arnold hoped, plenty of work, and he thought that in proposing eight initiates that evening there was a good prospect of work, both for regular and emergency meetings. With the toast of the Provincial Grand Officers was associated the name of Bro. C. Greenwood, who was sure the Lodge would be a success. He had been for nearly thirty years associated with Bro. George Price, and was glad the brethren had so honoured that Lodge by naming it after him. The W.M. next proposed the health of Bro. George Price, and reminded the brethren of the letter of the Provincial Grand Master, which spoke of the loved name of George Price. That was echoed by every Mason in the Province. Bro. Price had consented to let his name be associated with this Lodge. He (the W.M.) trusted he would never look back with regret to having given that permission, but rather that he might look with a certain amount of pride to the fact. All the brethren would strive to their utmost to make the Lodge one of the first in the Province. Bro. Price thanked the W.M. for the many kind words he had uttered with regard to himself, and the brethren for the very warm manner in which they had received the toast. He considered it a very great honour indeed to have his name associated with the Lodge. When the proposal was made he considered it was a great compliment, and he felt certain the Lodge would be a success. In a meeting of the promoters and founders of the Lodge which he attended, he found them to be brethren well skilled, energetic and determined Masons. He felt assured they were the men to establish a Lodge and to work it successfully. The proceedings of the day had fully justified this view. He trusted the Lodge would promote and strengthen Freemasonry in the Province, and more especially in the good town of Croydon. It was a large town now, with something like 100,000 inhabitants; it was a corporate town, with at least two Lodges—the East Surrey Lodge of Concord and the Addiscombe Lodge. He thought three Lodges would be none too many for a town of such importance. In conclusion he thanked the Provincial Grand Master for his very kind and flattering remarks in the letter which had been read. The W.M. next gave the Officers who had assisted; the beautiful ceremony of consecration could not have been more perfectly performed, and he, and all the brethren, thanked the Consecrating Officer most sincerely for so kindly officiating. They were deeply indebted to the Provincial Grand Chaplain, Brother Merrick, for the duties he had performed, and for his oration. Dr. Strong acknowledged the compliment; so far as the part he was called upon to perform was concerned, it was very slight. It was a long time since he took part in a consecration, and consequently was a little rusty; but should there be another consecration in Surrey he should perform his part better. It had been a great source of pleasure to him to be present, more especially as, with Brother Greenwood, he had been associated in the Grand Lodge of Surrey twenty-five years with Bro. Price. It had always been a matter of congratulation to him that his initiation took place in the hotel in which they were now assembled. He had never regretted it, because it had enabled him to make the friendship of Bros. Greenwood and Price. Brother Saxelby P.M. 463 replied to the toast of his health, proposed in connection with the "Recommending Lodge." He was not now Master of the East Surrey Lodge of Concord, No. 463, but was so at the time the petition came to be signed. When they found the Lodge was to be named after so highly respected a member of the Province there was no hesitation at all with the members in recommending that the petition be signed. They felt it an honour due to him who had held such a high position amongst them for a great number of years. Personally, he knew all the founders of the Lodge; he knew they had Masonry at heart, and desired to do good to Masonry. With such founders, and knowing to some extent the men who would guide the new Lodge, they had very much pleasure in signing the petition. This was a summer Lodge; the East Surrey was a winter one, and there was no reason why brethren wishing to do good to Masonry should not belong to both. The East Surrey desired to do good in the Province, and they thought the establishment of the George Price Lodge was a step in the right direction. In speaking of his Officers the Worshipful Master said the Senior Warden, Bro. Hugh Marcns Hobbs, was known to every one associated in the formation of the Lodge. He had not been very long a Mason but had taken a foremost place as a worker, both in the matter of ritual and on behalf of the Charities. He had already acquired a reputation as Preceptor of a Lodge of Instruction in Croydon. Moreover, Bro. Hobbs possessed the happy knack of being able to

impart instruction. Bro. Ridpath, the J.W., had also distinguished himself as a worker. After the most reference to the qualities of the Treasurer, the W.M. enlorged the capacity for business displayed by the Secretary, while he spoke of the Senior and Junior Deacons as earnest members of the Craft, who would not be found wanting in the proper discharge of their duties. The thanks of the Lodge were due to Bro. Garland, who, although not formally appointed, had ably fulfilled the duties of Steward during the evening. Before offering the toast for the acceptance of the brethren he had pleasure in intimating that Bro. Merritt had consented to act as Immediate Past Master. Bro. Hobbs, in reply, felt he expressed the opinion of his brother Officers when he said they were fully cognizant of the responsibilities of their respective positions. All they could do they would strive to carry out to the advantage of the Lodge. Brother Langton, Treasurer, could add but little. He also assured them he would strive to do the best he could to advance the interests of the George Price Lodge. The Tyler was now summoned, and he gave the concluding toast of the evening. The musical arrangements gave the greatest satisfaction; the singing of Bros. Franklin Clive, J. A. Brown and Henry Taylor being all that could be desired. We append a list of those brethren who were present:—The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor P.M. No. 1, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, Ralph Gooding, M.D., G.D. G.M. Lodge, A. Lucking A.G.P., H. P. Dumas P.G.D., J. A. Ruckor P.G.D., Charles Greenwood P.G. Sword Bearer Prov. Grand Secretary, H. Sadler Grand Tyler, W. D. Merritt P.M. 1000, James S. Fraser, John G. Horsey P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, C. Greenwood jun. P.G. Reg. Surrey, Turle Lee S.W. 1922, H. Massey P.M. 619 and 1928, James Browning, C. H. Woodward P.M. 463 P.G.W. Surrey, George Price P.M. 463 P.G. Treasurer Surrey, R. W. Price P.M. 463, J. R. Hubbard 463, H. Saxelby P.M. 463, H. W. Turner Chaplain 1347, B. Ridge P.M. 413, F. Cambridge 463 Prov. Grand Org. Surrey, T. W. Eastgate I.P.M. 1563, Charles Lacey P.P.G.D. Herts, Rev. G. P. Merrick P.M. 1826, W. H. Lee P.M. 975, John Rhodes P.P.G.O. Surrey, J. Newton P.M. 174, J. F. H. Woodward P.G. Secretary Middlesex, J. Sargeant W.M. 1790, E. Whittaker P.M. 1790, W. W. Morgan I.P.M. 211, W. Foulsham P.P.J.G.W. Northumberland, H. J. Strong, M.D., P.M. 1616, Thomas F. Harvey W.M. 174, C. Wilson 1195, Robert Bover P.M. 1762, Thomas Perrin P.M. 1297, W. Lake P.M. 131, J. H. Garland 1987, Walter Herbert W.M. 463, C. Kingsley 1185, W. Fraser 174, J. A. Brown 1672, F. Clive 1519, F. West P.P.G. Reg. Surrey, C. White 1790, W. P. Brown P.M. 90, R. C. Sudlow W.M. 263, C. E. Ferry P.M. 65, E. H. Taylor P.M. 586, &c.

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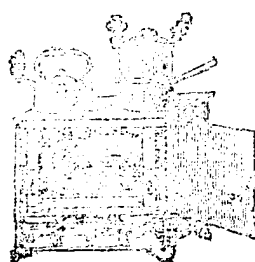
ROYAL MIDDLESEX CHAPTER, No. 1194.

THIS prosperous Chapter met at the Mitre Hotel, Hanpton Court, on Saturday, 23rd inst., when there were present Comps. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. Grand Superintendent Middlesex, T. Keene M.E.Z., A. J. Altman H. M.E.Z. elect, R. Clay Sudlow J., Arthur Taylor P.Z., Charles E. Soppot P.Z. and P.P.G.A.S., H. Bateman P.Z., Geo. Cordwell P.Z.; and other Comps. Amongst the Visitors were Comp. E. J. Altman. The minutes of the previous Convocation were read and confirmed. Bro. Hay W.M. 1627, and two other brethren, were ballotted for and accepted, and were duly received, obligated, and exalted as Royal Arch Masons, the impressive ceremony being ably conducted by Comp. T. Keene. The installation of the three Principals was ably performed by Comp. Keene, assisted by Comps. Taylor and Dodd. Comp. A. J. Altman, M.E.Z. elect, was then presented by the Prov. Grand Superintendent of Middlesex, Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart. The Officers for the ensuing year were duly invested. The M.E.Z. presented a most beautiful P.Z.'s jewel to Comp. Keene, on behalf of the Chapter, on the conclusion of a most successful year of office. The Chapter was duly closed, and the Comps. adjourned to the banquet, when the usual pleasant evening was spent, and the Visitors cordially welcomed.

The usual weekly Convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement was held on Thursday, at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury. Comps. W. Radcliffe M.E.Z., S. George H., J. Carter J., J. E. Sheffield S.E., H. Dehane S.N. The Companions mustered in goodly numbers, and a pleasant evening was spent. Comp. T. C. Edmonds is the Preceptor.

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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, 30th MAY.

House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3
198—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—Fecleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
176—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Simi Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
Provincial Grand Chapter of Surrey, Masonic Hall, St. Anne's Hill Road, Chertsey, at 3.40 p.m.
149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
1762—Wharnciffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1965—Fastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent
R.A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan.
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

MONDAY, 1st JUNE.

Provincial Grand Lodge of M.M.M. of Middlesex and Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, at 5 p.m.
22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
R.A. 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston.
119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
151—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
156—Harmony, Huysho Masonic Temple, Plymouth
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
478—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford
482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
929—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1051—Rowley, Athenaeum, Lancaster
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax
1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
1443—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Acorington
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, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
R.A. 106—Sun, Royal Beacon Hotel, Exmouth
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.A. 557—Valletori, Masonic Hall, Callington, Cornwall
R.A. 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
M.M. 2—Phoenix, 110 High Street, Portsmouth
R.C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 2nd JUNE.

Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 5
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, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
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)
520—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
840—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (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.)
1449—Fins, Liverpool Arms, Cannon Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Artisan, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1341—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1353—Friends in Council, 33 Golden-square
1445—Mount Edgemoor, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Ins.)
1471—Edington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1691—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
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, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)

70—St. John, Huysho Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
153—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
361—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Borwick
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
658—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—Portescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
918—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linstead, Leighton Buzzard
960—Buto, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
995—Furness, Masonic Hall, Ilverston.
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1113—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyno.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6 (Instruction)
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
1993—Wolsley, Masonic Hall, Town Hall Buildings, King Street, Manchester

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, 3rd JUNE.

Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barabury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
133—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
223—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)
533—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Bardett-road, E. (Instruction)
913—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)
1283—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 518 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eyo 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. (Instruct)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction.)
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moirs, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
363—Keystone, Now Inn, Whitworth.
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport Monmouthshire
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Gtossop
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
750—Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
872—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
1055—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
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
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, The Brook, Liverpool
1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
1736—St. John's, St. John's Rooms, King X Street, Halifax
1903—Prince Edward on the Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
R.A. 86—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Prescott
R.A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds
R.A. 320—Integrity, Junction Inn, Mottram
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, 4th JUNE.

10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
117—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
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Ward in St. Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)

- 1155—Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-road
 1158—Southern Star, Phoenix, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
 1178—Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
 1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Botolph Claydon Road, E., 8 (Instruction)
 1308—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (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 9 (In.)
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
 1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
 1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1791—Creton, Wheatshaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, Now 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. (Inst.)
 M.M. 214—Trinity College, 13 Mandeville-place, W.
 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
 31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
 123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
 215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
 266—Naphthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
 269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
 294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
 295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
 300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
 309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
 446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
 509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
 539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
 637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
 792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby
 913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
 971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
 976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset
 1088—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
 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, Toppsham, 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
 1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts. at 8. (Instruction)
 1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
 1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
 1817—St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness
 1829—Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham
 R.A. 187—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
 R.A. 384—St. John, Bulls Head Inn, Bolton
 R.A. 429—Thanet, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
 R.A. 581—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Ardwick, Openshaw, Man
 R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
 R.A. 993—Welchpool, Board Room, Railway Station, Welchpool
 M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Shetfield

FRIDAY, 5th 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)
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
 1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 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)
 1439—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Bulls Pond Road
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ludbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 1716—All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar
 1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
 R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwo
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
 R.A. 95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
 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
 442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
 621—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
 837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
 998—Welchpool Railway, Station, Welchpool
 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
 1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy
 1393—Hammer, 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, Sale-street, Bradford.
 1664—Gostorth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gostorth
 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 Snip Hotel, Brighton

SATURDAY, 6th JUNE.

- General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 195—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1276—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, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
 2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruc.)
 St. John's Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
 R.A. 173—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
 Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex, Town Hall, Uxbridge, at 3 p.m.
 1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
 1362—Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Redhill
 1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
 1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
 1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham

Star Lodge of Instruction, No. 1275.—Notwithstanding that Saturday last was an "off night," and many brethren had gone away for their Whitsuntide holidays, there was a numerous attendance at this popular Lodge of Instruction, and some excellent study was pursued under the direction of the worthy Preceptor, Bro. Andrews. Bro. Tullett was Worshipful Master for the evening, and was supported by Bros. Fiach S.W., Eaton J.W., Harvey S.D., Nightingale J.D., Medcalfe P.M. I.G., Tokely Secretary, Powell Organist, Olding P.M., Waterman P.M., Bear P.M., Good P.M., Captain F. Wilkinson, Amphlett, and many other brethren. Lodge having been opened in the three degrees, was resumed in the second, and Bro. Arlage, the candidate, having answered the questions satisfactorily, was entrusted. The ceremony of raising was then rehearsed, the working of Bro. Tullett, who gave the whole of the traditional history, being much admired. At the conclusion of the ceremony the W.M. was saluted by the brethren in rotation; and the brethren having been called from labour to refreshment, and vice versa, Lodge was closed in form, and the usual harmony followed. Bro. Medcalfe P.M. will act as Worshipful Master this (Saturday) evening, when a goodly muster is expected.

Emblematic Lodge of Instruction, No. 1321.—At a meeting of this Lodge of Instruction, held at the Red Lion, York-street, St. James's-square, on Tuesday, 19th inst., the Fifteen Sections were most ably worked by Bros. Jas. Hemming J.D. 1287 as W.M., J. C. Smith J.W. 1744 as S.W., J. Thom 957 as J.W., assisted by the following, viz., Bros. Kirk 1681, Hunter W.M. 1321, Thom 957, Greenway W.S. 1260, Farwig P.M. 180, Davies 72, J. C. Smith J.W. 1744, Kirkaldy S.W. 1321 Treasurer, Corby J.W. 957, D. Davies 72, Paul D.C. 1287, W. C. Smith J.W. 1563 Preceptor, W. H. Holroyd W.M. 9, Brindley P.M. 1604, Swan P.M. Sec. 1321. At frequent intervals warm expressions of approval greeted the workers, who, with the W.M., conducted their respective sections in the most praiseworthy manner, and afforded intense gratification to those who attended to receive instruction. Amongst those present we noticed Bros. Wetherill W.M. 1681, Fendick I.P.M. 1321, S. Holroyd J.W. 9, Price Treasurer 1321, Gammell 2012, Fort 25, Barrow D.C. 1321, Taylor 1791, Holms 1608, Ashenden 1677, Ludwig 179, Pfeifer 1507, Woolstein 1604, Rayner 1681, Braud 25, Holland 1681, Arduino 1539. A vote of thanks was unanimously ordered to be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Jas. Hemming, and that he be made an honorary member, for the correct and ready way he had asked the questions. Another vote of thanks was also accorded to the brethren who had assisted. The whole working was such as cannot be too warmly praised, and it reflects great credit on the indefatigable Preceptor and others who regularly attend this Lodge of Instruction. A word of praise is due also to Bro. J. Holmes who with his wife always strive their utmost to contribute to the comfort of the brethren.

A warrant has been granted for the Elthorne and Middlesex Lodge, No. 2094, to meet at the Town Hall, Hounslow, Middlesex.

The Dean of Canterbury will write the paper on the Revised Bible, which is to appear in the forthcoming issue of the *Quiver*. It will be remembered that the Dean was a member of the Old Testament Revision Company.

The new serial story which, under the title of "My Namesake Marjorie," will be commenced in *Cassell's Magazine* for June, is from the pen of the author of "Who is Sylvia?" The scene is laid partly in England and partly abroad.

In connection with the coming Handel Festival, the Editor of *The Magazine of Art* has arranged for the publication of an article, by Mr. R. A. M. Stevenson, on "Handel and His Portraits." Its purpose is partly musical and biographical, and partly one of art criticism. It will be illustrated with engravings of the "Chandos Portrait," painted by Thornhill, from the Fitzwilliam Museum; of the fine Grafoni, in the same collection; of Mr. Henry Littleton's famous Roubillac, the "Vanxhall Statue," as it is called; of Zinke's graphic and interesting miniature, now the property of Mr. H. B. Lennard; of the engravings by Schmidt, which Hawkins thought the best likeness of all; and (by permission of Earl Howe) of the full length, painted by Hudson, for Charles Jennens, the librettist of "Messiah," and from the first an ornament of the "Messiah Room" at Gopsall.

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To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It is an "open secret" that at the ensuing Quarterly Communication a question of very grave importance will be submitted to Grand Lodge on an appeal against the exclusion of a member from a private Lodge, and the confirmation of such exclusion by the Right Worshipful Grand Master of the Province in which such Lodge is holden.

With the merits of the case, in so far as the vote of exclusion is concerned, it would be most improper to interfere until after our respected Grand Registrar shall have given his opinion to the members of Grand Lodge assembled. But the "question of grave importance" which will arise out of certain proceedings connected therewith is already known to a large number of Masons; and is, so far, public information, in no wise affecting a matter which is "sub judice," and can therefore be discussed without impropriety.

There has already appeared in the pages of both Masonic journals correspondence which leads up to the question, which not I alone, but many others, desire to have answered, viz., "Can any Masonic authority whatever sanction that which in the ordinary course of legal practice would be deemed libellous, and claim privilege?" The printing and publishing a man's name without his consent, and to his certain prejudice is, without doubt, and notwithstanding the dictum which has been referred to, a libel or slander for which the law of the land provides a remedy. This remedy is more or less forcible according to the nature of circumstances which constitute privilege, and therefore it is most important to ascertain in what manner any and what privilege not given by "lawfully constituted authority" to any individual "peaceable subject" can be claimed by Freemasons as a body. I cannot believe that any privilege is accorded to Freemasons to the exclusion of all other men, or societies of men, nor that the protecting "ægis" of the Masonic Order can be thrown over direct violation of the "laws of the country in which we reside."

In the instance which will come before Grand Lodge (I write advisedly) a brother's name and full Masonic rank has been printed in connection with a motion for exclusion in an ordinary Lodge summons which has circulated beyond the "limits" of the Lodge. The W.M. had been cautioned that such publication would be considered objectionable, and if persisted in would be resented. Whether or not the brother named had committed a Masonic offence meriting exclusion, or capable of explanation, has nothing to do with the present question. He may be "white as snow," or "black as soot," that has yet to be determined; but even if proved the latter in respect of "Masonic live and rule" there is, to my mind, no justification whatever for doing that which, known to the outer world, would most emphatically injure his repute. If a justification or privilege—call it which you please—exists, then let it be known under what rule or regulation of our Constitutions, setting aside, for the present, the "ordinances of the realm," it is expressed. I can find no such thing.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

JAMES STEVENS P.M. P.Z.

Clapham, Whit Monday 1885.

PROPOSED NEW LODGE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—A movement is on foot here for the formation of a "Northern Counties" Lodge, and the promoters would be much obliged to you if you would kindly make it known through your widely-read columns that a meeting to consider the matter would be held on Wednesday, 24th June.

Any brother willing to take part in this meeting is invited to send his name to you, when he will be duly informed of the hour and place.

Yours fraternally,

London, 28th May 1885.

A LANCASHIRE FREEMASON.

Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. has accepted the invitation of the Priory Lodge of Instruction, No. 1000, to deliver his "Lecture on Freemasonry," explanatory of the ritual and ceremonial of the first degree, at the annual meeting of the Lodge, on Friday next, the 5th June, at the Middleton Hotel, Southend, Essex, Bro. F. Dorrel Grayson W.M. of the Mother Lodge will preside. A large gathering of members from surrounding Lodges is expected. Lodge will be opened at 6.30 p.m., and full Craft clothing will be worn.

The following dinners were held at the Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending Saturday, 30th May:—

Tuesday—St. James's Union Chapter. Wednesday—Smeatonian Society of Civil Engineers, Lodge of Antiquity, Bootmakers' Benevolent Institution, Evening Star Lodge. Thursday—St. George's Chapter, Mount Moriah Lodge, Bedford Chapter, Liverpool Victoria Legal Friendly Society.

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PRINCE'S.—At 7.15, NINE POINTS OF THE LAW. At 8.45, PERIL.

EMPIRE.—At 8, LADY OF THE LOCKET.

SAVOY.—At 8.15, THE MIKADO.

CRITERION.—At 8, NAVAL ENGAGEMENTS. At 9, THE CANDIDATE.

ST. JAMES'S.—At 8, A QUIET RUBBER. At 8.45, QUEEN'S SHILLING.

ROYALTY.—At 7.30, HOME RULE. DOCTOR D.

AVENUE.—At 8, MANTEAUX NOIRS.

TOOLE'S.—At 7.20, NAMESAKES. At 8, THE SHUTTLECOCK. At 9.30, THE GREAT TAY-KIN.

STANDARD.—At 8, THE SUNNY SIDE. At 8.45, A WIDOW HUNT.

OPERA COMIQUE.—At 7.45, CHISELLING. At 8.30, OUR BOYS.

COMEDY.—At 7.40, MARY'S HOLIDAY. At 8.15, BAD BOYS.

VAUDEVILLE.—At 8, THE MAN OPPOSITE. At 8.45, OPEN HOUSE.

GLOBE.—At 8, A BAD PENNY. At 9, THE PRIVATE SECRETARY.

COURT.—At 8, TWENTY MINUTES UNDER AN UMBRELLA. At 8.45, THE MAGISTRATE.

IMPERIAL.—At 7.45, BOOTS AT THE SWAN. At 8.30, EAST LYNNE

SURREY.—At 7.30, THE WHITE SLAVE.

GRAND.—At 7.30, THE SHAUGHRAUN.

SADLER'S WELLS.—At 7, THE TICKET-OF-LEAVE MAN. THE FORTY THIEVES.

STANDARD.—At 7.30, THE ROCKET. ROBBING ROY.

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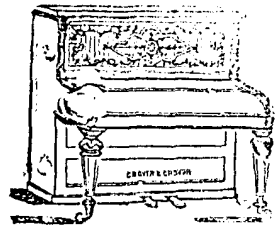
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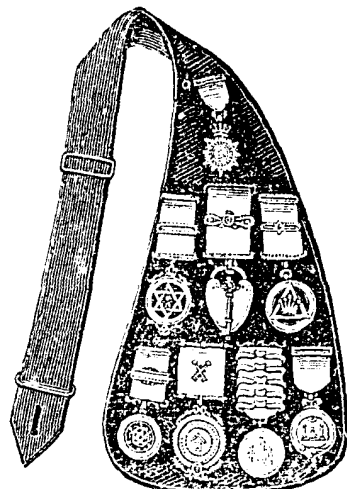
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