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## WAITING FOR THE VERDICT.

THE suspense of the next few days will be to English Freemasons—or those of them who take an interest in the doings of the Charities—very much like that experienced by litigants while “waiting for the verdict.” The Eighty-seventh Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held on Wednesday next, and the question of the time is, “What will be the verdict?” what will be the total of subscriptions announced on that occasion? It is beyond our power to even make an estimate, or to publicly state what our estimate is, for while on the one hand we should fear to understate the amount, and cast discredit on the Board of Stewards; on the other we fear to mention too high a sum, lest we may be grievously disappointed. We have had two such grand successes this year that we hope for a continuance of good fortune, and at the same time tremble lest the successes of the other two Institutions have exhausted the stream of liberality. Certain it is that there is need for a grand total—a total even in advance of the most sanguine expectations; but need is not always followed by proportionate relief, and it frequently happens that the more urgent the requirement the less hearty the response. Let us however hope that this is not to be the case in regard to the Boys’ School, but rather that a magnificent total may be forthcoming to meet the calls to be paid from it.

The Board of Stewards at the present time contains the names of about 270 brethren, officered by some of the most popular members of English Freemasonry, and if the result depends on the energy with which the claims of the Institution have been brought to the notice of Craftsmen, it should be one of the most satisfactory ever known, for as year by year comes round the experience gained by past Stewards is made of service by the Secretary of the Institution in supporting the efforts of the present ones, who, profiting by his advice, are able to fulfil their duties much easier and better than they could without it. There is yet time for any of our readers who may be disposed to increase the number of Stewards or supporters of the Institution, and if the total of their contributions be only a small one, it will none the less be welcome. In the words of Shakespeare, the latest comer may be, “though last, not least in love,” and may prove his devotion to better purpose on some future occasion, but it is not necessary he should wait until then to show he has the love.

As our readers are aware, the Festival will take place at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, under the presidency of the Most Hon. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Derbyshire, the dinner being fixed for five o’clock precisely. Accommodation has been arranged for close on 700 guests, and as the attractions of the Palace—the day of the Festival being one of the Handel Festival days—will be added to the attractions of the Festival itself, we should not be surprised if the accommodation is tested to its fullest extent. The price of the banquet tickets is—for Ladies, 16s; and for Gentlemen, 22s; in each case admission to the Palace being included. We hope it will be our duty next week to record as a most gratifying result the day’s meeting.

## THE EDUCATIONAL BRANCH OF THE MARK BENEVOLENT FUND.

BY the solemn Act of Union between the two Grand Lodges of Free-masons of England in December 1813, it was declared and pronounced that pure Antient Masonry consists of three degrees and no more, viz., those of the Entered Apprentice, the Fellow Craft, and the Master Mason, including the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch.’’ Such are the words with which the Regulations for the Government of the Craft commence, and such is the constitution of Freemasonry at the present time. While, however, “pure Antient Masonry” does not extend beyond the three degrees specially mentioned, there are other Degrees or Orders which are fully recognised as being purely Masonic, if not a part of pure Masonry, and among these none is more popular than the Mark Degree. Within the past few weeks we have had occasion to devote much of our space to reports of the proceedings of Mark Masons, and whether it has been in connection with the Grand Lodge of England and Wales, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex and Surrey, or one or other of the subordinate Lodges, our duty has been to record successes in the past, and brilliant prospects for the future. The Report of the General Board, submitted at the last meeting of the Mark Grand Lodge, states that the number of certificates issued in the half-year ending 31st March last was 809—the largest number as yet granted in a similar period—while the total of registered advancements to the same date was 20,196. With such an organisation as this represents, and bearing in mind that the Mark degree, like the three Craft degrees which must precede it, recognises Charity as one of its grandest principles, it is not to be wondered at that special means are provided for the relief of the aged and distressed within its ranks. The foundation of the Educational Branch of the Mark Benevolent Fund and its progress during the past few years are among the most pleasing episodes in the history of the degree, and if the usefulness of this offshoot is continued in the future to the same extent as it has been in the past, it will always shine as a brilliant jewel in the Order of Mark Masonry, while it will afford such assistance to the distressed within its range as will ensure for it a lasting sense of gratitude.

As is the case with the three Institutions usually associated with English Freemasonry in its broadest sense, a Festival is held each year in aid of this branch of the Mark Benevolent Fund. This year’s anniversary, the seventeenth, is fixed for Wednesday, the 22nd July next, and will be held at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, under the presidency of R.W. Bro. the Lord Egerton of Tatton, Deputy Grand Master, Prov. Grand Mark Master Mason of Cheshire. The prospects for the Festival are most gratifying, and we have little doubt but that the total realised from it will be almost, if not quite, double what has ever been reached before. Already the Board of Stewards nearly approaches twice the number of last year, which year was considerably in excess of its predecessors, while strenuous efforts are being made to enrol the names of other Mark Masons willing to take a hand in the work. Last year the Board of Stewards comprised the names of forty-seven brethren, in addition to the Chairman; this year’s Board, so far, consists of eighty-eight, so that

another half-dozen will be sufficient to score the "double," but then the total will be so close on a three figure list that nothing short of a round hundred will be considered satisfactory. It is ever thus in the cause of Masonic charity; first a list of Stewards is sought for in advance of previous years, and when that is realised, with a good surplus over, nothing short of twice the highest number of the past will do, and when even that appears likely to be accomplished, we want more—and hope to get it, as the cause is a good one and the need great. We have already said the present will be the seventeenth anniversary Festival of the Fund, and a glance at the result of the sixteen which have preceded it will not only be interesting, but will also show what steady, and at the same time rapid, progress has marked the Fund in the past. The first Festival was held in 1869, at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, under the presidency of Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal, at that time M.W. Grand Mark Master Mason. The Board of Stewards, if small, was an influential one, as any of our readers who remember Mark Masonry in those days can testify, but as some from whom support is now asked may not be able to look so far back, we may say that the Chairman of the first Festival was supported by five Stewards, viz., Bros. Fred. Binckes, Thos. Meggy, T. J. Sabine, Thos. Wescombe, and S. Rosenthal, who, together with the Chairman, collected a total of £97 2s 8d. The sixteen years which have passed since then have seen great changes, none greater than those worked by death, which has lain its hand on no less than four out of this original Board of Stewards. While regretting their loss, we can, however, rejoice that we have still among us such energetic Mark brethren as the chairman of that day (Bro. G. R. Portal) and the much respected Grand Secretary of the Degree (Bro. F. Binckes).

We now append a summary of the sixteen Festivals of the past, as fuller details would occupy too much space, and would perhaps be of little interest to the general body of our readers; moreover, any who desire further particulars will be at once supplied on application at the offices of Mark Grand Lodge.

Year.	Chairman.	No. of Stewards.	Amount realised.
			£ s d
1869	Rev. G. R. Portal M.W.G.M.M.M.	5	97 2 8
1870	Earl Percy D.G.M.M.M.	5	53 4 10
1871	J. C. Parkinson J.G.W.	11	85 8 0
1872	Colonel Francis Burdett* Prov. G.M.M.M. Middlesex and Surrey	13	177 0 0
1873	Colonel J. Whitwell	12	141 15 0
1874	Sir Edmund Lechmere, Bart., P.D.G.M.M.M.	12	91 19 0
1875	W. Romaine Callender, M.P., D.G.M.M.M.	17	176 11 0
1876	Lieut.-Gen. J. S. Brownrigg, C.B., J.G.W.	12	96 15 0
1877	Earl of Donoughmore S.G.W.	17	221 9 0
1878	Lord Skelmersdale M.W.G.M.M.M.	25	371 4 0
1879	Lord Arthur Hill P.G.S.W. Sussex	30	537 8 0
1880	Lt.-Col Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. G.M.M.M.	29	550 9 6
1881	Lord Henniker M.W.G.M.M.M.	21	346 17 0
1882	Earl of Kintore D.G.M.M.M.	33	553 11 6
1883	Sir Pryse Pryse, Bart., Prov. G.M.M.M. South Wales	36	710 12 0
1884	Major J. Woodall Woodall, J.P., P.G.M.M.M. N. and E. Yorks	47	832 19 0

With such results as have attended the sixteen Festivals above referred to, to guide us, we may confidently expect to hear a sum of £1600 at least announced at the Festival in July next, but as we have already said it is hoped the Board of Stewards may ultimately reach the number of one hundred, and it is also hoped they will make even greater efforts than have their predecessors, so that there is a chance of a much larger total being subscribed than we have referred to. We can only say that no member of the Order will be more delighted than we shall be to find that our estimate is below the actual result. Having thus referred to the amounts which have been raised, we will now devote some attention to a sketch of what has been and is still being done with the monies subscribed.

The object of the Educational Branch of the Mark Benevolent Fund is to assist in the education (under the charge of their parents or guardians) of the children of Mark Master Masons, who on application to the Board shall be considered eligible for the Fund. Under these

conditions there are at present twelve boys and five girls receiving the advantages of the Fund, one of the conditions of which is (Bye-law XVIII.) that "a Quarterly Report of the progress, conduct and health of every child assisted shall be required from the head of the educational establishment where the child is placed." From last accounts all the pupils are making highly satisfactory progress.

The children are entitled to receive the benefits of the Fund until they reach the age of sixteen, and looking at the list of pupils we find that the vacancies arising among the existing pupils from retirement on completion of age limit will be very small for some time to come; indeed, the stoppage of claims from this cause will only be two in number till the end of next year inclusive, viz., one boy will be sixteen on the 22nd November of the present year, and another on the 16th January 1886. It will thus be seen that if more than two of the applicants whom it may be expected will present themselves during the next eighteen months are to be relieved, it can only be done by undertaking increased liability, and while the success likely to attend this year's Festival may in a measure warrant this, it will be necessary for the Order to show it fully appreciates the responsibility before undertaking to do more than it is now doing. There is no doubt but that this Mark Educational Fund will ere long, even if it has not already done so, take its place among the most useful associations of Freemasonry, and that its future will be a credit not only to the degree with which it is more particularly associated, but also to the English Brotherhood in general. Under such circumstances we feel we are not asking too much if we urge its claims on the attention of Mark Masons throughout the country, and the Colonies and Dependencies ruled over by our Mark Grand Lodge, while we may even ask brethren who have not yet been advanced, should they be in a charitable mood, to bear its claims in mind. It may fairly be said that relief rendered by the Mark Educational Fund lessens the calls on the General Masonic Educational Institutions, for be it remembered that no child can be relieved from it unless the father has been a subscribing member of a Mark Lodge, and consequently must have previously passed through the three grades of Craft Masonry.

At the last assembly of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masons Col. Shadwell H. Clerke (Grand Secretary Craft Masonry), when proposing "Success to the Mark Benevolent Fund," advocated the establishment of a Fund for the special relief of the aged and decayed members of the Mark degree and their widows. Our distinguished brother will pardon us for saying that his wish is not a new one; nay, he will be gratified to learn that it is the ardent desire of a very large number of Mark Masters, and knowing, as he does, what the brethren of England are capable of if once they set their minds on the completion of a good work, he doubtless expects, with us, that the suggestion will soon assume a more tangible form. That such a fund is needed, and that it is possible, are two facts fully recognised among Mark Masons; it only requires such a public reference to the subject as it received at the hands of the Grand Secretary of English Craft Masonry to rouse these thinkers into activity. Let us hope that the success of the coming Festival may be such as to act as a still stronger incentive to the brethren, and that before another year is passed we may have to plead on behalf of a more extended field of operations, or, should it be thought desirable, for an Aged as well as an Educational Branch of the Mark Benevolent Fund.

### LET THE CRAFT WAKE UP.

THE matter of "high degrees," as all degrees beside the three degrees of the symbolic Lodge are usually called by those in possession of them, appears at this time as likely to become the most important subject with which the Masonic bodies of the United States will have to deal. So far as this matter may concern the preservation of the simple and sublime system known as Ancient Craft Masonry—the maintaining in full force and effect of that vital principle of the Craft to which every Master and Grand Master must publicly announce his assent, and which he stands bound from the moment he assumes the gavel to support and defend to the end of his official career, "that it is not in the power of any man or body of

\* In 1872 Col. Francis Burdett acted as Chairman in the absence (through indisposition) of the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Bective, M.P., Prov. G.M.M.M. Cumberland and Westmoreland.

men to make any change in the body of Masonry;" no question of greater moment can come before the minds of the Craftsmen of this country.

As a question of mere duty on the part of Officers, and Lodges, and Masons, from the Grand Master to the youngest Entered Apprentice, there is nothing more important or obligatory than to maintain this principle at every hazard. This duty devolves with as much weight upon those who are in possession of the greatest number of degrees, as upon those who have remained content with the three degrees of the Masonic Lodge, and more than this, if any danger to the "body of Masonry" should be likely to arise from the effect of multiplying degrees and organizations outside the regular Lodge, it becomes those who enjoy whatever benefit may flow from such supernumerary establishment to be the first to come to the assistance of the Craft, as their own position is claimed to give them greater influence and opportunity for good.

As a question of maintaining Masonry in a state most effective for all the good and great purposes of its institution, the questions which it seems may likely arise are absolutely vital. They involve the complete dissipation of the system of Masonry—the assertion that there is no such thing as the Masonry which our predecessors understood and believed they were maintaining and transmitting to us—the assumption that there is no difference between the Masonic Lodge and the many modern social and benevolent associations, which have imitated our external forms, and terms, on account of their excellent adaptability to such purposes as they have in view.

I say that it seems likely that such questions as involve the above mentioned matters may arise, if they have not already arisen, from official action alleged to have taken place in one of our Grand Lodges. I do not charge that such action has taken place, as I find asserted in the reports of committees of correspondence lately published, for I am unwilling to believe that any Grand Lodge in the United States can be so reckless of its trust, or otherwise so ignorant of the purpose for which it was created, as to do what is alleged against the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. If what is published be a correct view of what that Grand Lodge has committed itself to there will be time enough after being certain on that point for any Mason to express his opinion of the transaction, and if it should turn out, as I hope, that a misunderstanding exists, there will be no harm in silence.\*

But, aside from that particular matter, it is easy to see that there is a tendency toward a state of things which, unless all good Masons exert themselves prudently and fraternally to counteract, augurs of trouble to come.

This tendency has been long noticeable. It is not from any wicked or corrupt design on the part of any, except as may happen in all good institutions in a few individual cases of no great consequence, nor does it arise from the acts of a few, but it is the general drift of habits of thought and action, as well in the Masonic Lodge as among those who cultivate the degrees belonging to the various organizations which have sprung up among Masons.

The lack of attention to the principles of Masonic law—to the import and effect of Masonic principles in general—the want of knowledge of what the system of Masonry is, either as to its organisation, or its symbolic order and mode of representation, and want of a reasonable regard for the preservation of the peculiar characteristics of the whole Masonic system, are the most notable of the causes which now tend to loosen and dissolve the integrity of the Masonic body. They all grow out of negligence, and that negligence is partly the result of so many Masons bestowing all their attention on the outside degrees.

In consequence of such things, a great mass of the Fraternity never think of Masonry as consisting of three degrees, but regard it as embodied in a great number of degrees, of which the "first three" are committed to the Lodge, the next four to the Chapter, and so on; and as the highest degree in the Lodge is supreme, they suppose that every degree which follows is higher in dignity and authority than those which precede. And these notions are all the time gaining ground, both in the Lodges and in all the other bodies, and one consequence is, that all those who intend to "go through" are disinclined to pay much attention to the study of Masonry in the Lodge. They regard that as a very good commencement; quite a good

thing to be so low down in the scale. They say if these degrees are "so nice to have" it must be grand when one gets away up in the thirties and fifties; and, in truth, from this point of view they are right, for as they have never learned to esteem Masonry for its realities, but look much to theatricals and display, the "higher up" the degrees the more likely they are to be gratified, as they hasten on from one department to another of the Masonic universal exposition. Consequently, they inquire how long they will have to wait in the Lodge before they can "get in" to the Chapter. A large number would make for the Commandery forthwith, if the Chapter did not stand in the way. Before they have learned more than the alphabet of the Entered Apprentice degree, they are seated as Masters, and before they have an introduction to even the rudiments of what pertains to that degree, they are occupied as Masters of Veils or Captains of the Host, and directly one turns up as an officer in a Grand Commandery, and another as Thrice Illustrious Grand Master of a Royal and Select Council; and so on they go until they have "taken in" the thirty-two degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and are far gone in the mazes of one of the rites which can furnish ninety-six degrees or upwards already on hand, where the English language has ceased to furnish superlatives adapted to the increasing dignity of titles. This is not an exaggeration as to thousands of cases, and in thousands of others it is about the truth, so far as the money and time at command of the parties will permit. All this time the Masons who stay in the Craft Lodges are kept busy "putting through" more candidates, to follow as far as they can the same course, and hence they are prevented from improving themselves as they might, and so it goes on from year to year.

Now what is to become of Masonic law, or Masonic lore of any description, while matters are carried on in this way? Who wonders that we hear Royal Arch Masons and Templars speaking of the "inferior degrees," and "the first three degrees," or the "Blue Lodge," or "Blue Lodge Masons," and that too as though the Lodge were really an inferior body, once very useful no doubt, and quite satisfactory to those who had nothing better, but which is now "behind the times," and really a hindrance to Masonry?

One thing is certain, that the mere taking of degrees will not inform the mind of any one on the principles of Masonry or the time-honoured laws of the Craft. For if it were so, we should not witness so many lamentable instances of men who have been for years in high official positions in the Chapter, and Commandery, and Council, and other bodies, who do not even know by what right they appear in their regalia as forming part of a *Masonic* procession. I have heard such knights denouncing Masons of "inferior degrees," as they called the Master Masons of the Lodge, because they assumed to take control of Masonic processions at the laying of corner-stones. And these were good and respectable men; no such persons as I have seen misconducting themselves on certain occasions, while publicly wearing the regalia of degrees. But they were just such persons as might bring about what is alleged against the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, if they should find themselves and those under their influence with a majority of votes in such a body, for as Masonry with them is turned wrong end up, and they know no better than that the "higher degrees" should rule the "inferior," as in the case of most other societies of modern origin, and have never supposed that their degrees acquired outside the Lodge were anything but superior, they might well deem it right and Masonic to use the opportunity to wage a quarrel about "high degree" jurisdiction on the floor of a Grand Lodge, and prostitute their trust and the power of the Grand Lodge to the purpose of putting down by regulation a rival clan. We must not wonder at such things being done, if they should unfortunately come to pass,—as come to pass they surely will, unless averted by timely action of all parties in all Grand Lodges in states containing a large number of considerable towns and cities where high degree bodies can find localities in which their expensive ceremonies can be carried on, and Masons be found who can afford to devote most of their time to the cultivation of endless rituals.

Two evils out of many may be noticed here, which are constantly growing and are already fraught with danger to the Craft. One is the ignorance and negligence, for they each year grow out of the other and are always together, concerning Masonic law, ethics and usages, which more and more abound in the Lodges as well as all the other

\* Unfortunately the charge against Massachusetts is true.—Editor *Voice of Masonry*.



organizations, in consequence of which both Lodges and Grand Lodges become more and more incapable of protecting their own rights, and the dignity and integrity of the Masonic institution, against the encroachments of innovation, and the destruction of landmarks, and particularly against the covert designs of those among them who might desire to convert the Lodges to the use of outside associations, and prostitute the powers vested in the Grand Lodges to the advancement of pernicious assumptions.

The danger from this cause is, that little by little the notion that all degrees which are called Masonic are part and parcel of Masonry, and that the higher the number of the degree the greater the authority belonging to its proprietors, will be imposed on the Craft as veritable law, and with this falsity established nothing could prevent the whole swarm of European innovations from making their nests in every department of our Institution.

Then the ancient and noble institution of Craft Masonry, which came to our hands as the most worthy and beneficent which humanity has founded, would be utterly devastated—disputes in every form would end in schisms, which would from time to time be settled by contemptible compromises, each more and more subversive of law and order, and the end would be that of the Master's Lodge degraded into a mere ante-room to receive and prepare business for the hands of higher authorities, and expedite on his way every quidnunc in search of preposterous traditions and ridiculous titles. And even this function must then be shared with like beggarly coadjutors of high degree origin, empowered by exercise of the "reserved right of making Masons, to furnish the same accommodations to those who might apply to "go through" on their line. As to men of capacity and knowledge they would no longer be where they could offer any obstruction, for all such would avoid the whole concern, and it could not be long until Masonry, as understood by the public, would take its place with astrology, fortune-telling, and the like, as a relic of barbarism.

The other evil above alluded to is the inordinate amount of mere temporary legislation, which takes up the time of all grand bodies, and makes it impossible for officers or members of Lodges to keep trace of the tangle of constitutional amendments, regulations, resolutions, edicts, and decisions, with which the Craft are deluged from year to year, the most of which, like the greater part of the work of our State Legislatures, is nothing more than a continual attempt to make up by profusion of laws for the want of observing and enforcing those we already have. The rage for excessive legislation in this country is fast subverting all regard for law whether good or bad, and the same effect is manifest everywhere in Masonry.

Almost all this, like the disputes, negligences and grievances which it is designed to remedy, has grown out of innovations, suffered to continue and grow into precedents in the estimation of the uninformed, and as this state of affairs goes on, it breeds more and more the very evils which produced it, and aggravates, instead of ameliorating the condition, and makes things possible in the action and general conduct of the Craft which would have been scouted by all, only a few years ago.

Now what is to be expected in a few years more, if we cannot effect some change in the general tendency toward innovation and consequent confusion? What remedy or preventive can be applied—by what means can the simplicity and dignity of the Craft be restored? Certainly not by contention and uproar, accusations of dishonesty and recriminations, such as are growing out of the Massachusetts embroglio, and the quarrels about jurisdiction among the assignees of certain so-called patents of authority, or patent inventions for high degrees, in which the Lodges of Masonry are in danger of being embroiled.

The greatest prudence and fraternal sentiment is demanded in dealing with such mischiefs, together with firmness in maintaining the landmarks of the Craft, in the Lodges and Grand Lodges, and also in every association in which Masons see proper to meet for special purposes, whether they be Chapters, Commanderies, Sovereign Councils, or any other.

Every Mason must understand and be prepared to maintain the established rights and dignity of the Ancient Craft in the Lodges of the Craft, and not only there but wherever he goes in other bodies which claim to be in any way allied to Masonry. His allegiance to the institution of Masonry as he found it established in the Master's

Lodge, and as he can find it in its most ancient form in the direct line through which it has come down to us, is his first and paramount fealty, wherever he may choose to go, and he can never by his own act, either by himself or in concert with others, change the form or substance of his duty to be on the Lodge floor in defence and maintenance of the dignity and honour of Craft Masonry against any assumptions to the contrary, originating where they may.

A Mason never came from the Chapter, Commandery, or other body, to the Lodge. He came from the Lodge to the Chapter and the others. It was not the Lodge which made it a law that every member of a Chapter or Commandery should be a regular Master Mason. The Chapter and Commandery made this their law, and thereby fixed the status of their own members, and reaffirmed the allegiance they were under to the Lodge; and consequently the Ancient Constitutions and Charges, Grand Lodge Constitutions, regulations, rules and edicts of Ancient Craft Masonry are part of every constitution, obligation, rule or edict of those bodies, and cannot be severed from them.

Seeing that all members of every body claiming to be Masonic are thus affirmed and reaffirmed in allegiance to the Grand Lodges, let what dispute may arise, is it not reasonable to hope that every worthy Mason, a member of any of the Orders, will, as soon as he has notice, govern himself accordingly, and according to his light, and seek more light as quickly as he can? To insure this, it would be well to seek all the light obtainable in advance, that none may be taken unprepared.

A common resolution to study and maintain Masonic principles will shortly settle the greatest difficulty. Faith in those principles can remove mountains.

The Grand Lodges must do something to awaken the attention of the Lodges to the laws and obligations of the Craft, and the duties of all parties toward the supreme and established authority, in order that the Grand Lodge floors may not be filled with members who know not whence they came nor whither they are going.

Good intentions alone will not arrest the evils growing in the Lodges, there must be some proper conception of what is right to be required, and what course is to be pursued.

Let the Craft wake up, and turn their attention for a time to *Masonry*, and the light that will thence arise will shine for all, and while it tips the "highest hills" with silver, the golden glow of charity will fill the "lowest valleys," and the craftsmen hand in hand go forth in gladness to their labours.—*Voice of Masonry*.

## GRAND LODGE AND THE BOYS' PREPARATORY SCHOOL.

IT was with extreme pleasure we heard of the proposition of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, that £1000 should be voted by Grand Lodge towards defraying the cost of Fittings and Furniture for the New Buildings being erected for the Preparatory School of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and this pleasure was greatly enhanced when the proposition was unanimously carried by the brethren at the last Communication of Grand Lodge. We think the grant then made was one which is universally approved of, while it illustrates the interest taken by Grand Lodge in the work being carried on outside its actual sphere, and its readiness to help in any cause promoted for the welfare of English Craftsmen or those dependent on them. The Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys takes place next week, and no doubt this grant of £1000 has been looked at as a splendid means of swelling the total of subscriptions then to be announced, but we think it would be unwise if it were included in this year's returns, even if it would not be "counting unhatched chickens" to let it figure among the subscriptions until the vote is confirmed. We do not for one moment wish to imply there is even a possibility of its not receiving confirmation. On the contrary, we have said the vote is one universally approved, but—perhaps because we wish it held over—we are of opinion it would be best not to reckon on it until it is formally settled by Grand Lodge, and then it would make a splendid nucleus with which to start next year's return. Again, it is for another reason we advocate its being held over. It would serve as a pattern for imitation by Provincial and Private Lodges, and we feel sure it

would be very generally followed, if all the special grants in aid of the Preparatory School could be announced together, but not so generally adopted, even if at all, if the £1,000 from Grand Lodge were disposed of at once. There are other matters in connection with this Preparatory School, beyond the fittings, for which special grants would be very acceptable, and we venture to suggest this means of encouraging them, ere it is too late. This, from our point of view, it will be if the £1000 voted by Grand Lodge is included in next week's returns.

We would even go so far as to suggest to the Provincial and Private Lodges that they should each take into consideration the advisability of imitating the example of Grand Lodge in giving the Preparatory School a good start. If the project were taken up with anything like spirit a handsome total might be realised, which would not only clear off all charges in connection with the actual starting of the School, but might leave a surplus for investment which should produce an amount that year, by year, would serve to illustrate the benefit of a good example.

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### RENUMBERING OF LODGES.

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am in entire agreement with your "Editorial" in objecting to any alteration in the numbers of Lodges, simply because of the few Lodges which have so peacefully and Masonically left us to form the Grand Lodge of South Australia, or because of any other reason that has been offered. I am old enough a Mason to remember the dire confusion caused by the last change of numbers, which was in 1863. The previous alteration was in 1832, and the first this century was in 1814. Now, the last mentioned was a necessity, and was separated from the *second* by a period of 18 years, the lapses even amongst old Lodges being rather many in the interim. The third alteration, however, was not until 1863 or 31 years removed from the previous renumbering. To my mind there should be no more such violent alterations this century, especially as there are but few vacancies in the "Union" Lodges, holding warrants granted in 1813 or back to the earliest on the Roll.

In 1832 the last of these Lodges was moved from 647 to 424, and in 1863 from 424 to 339, whereas in 1885 the number 339 would only be raised to 333, or six higher than now.

But the change would be still less in respect to several of the older Lodges. From 18 to 117 the whole of these 99 Lodges would only be moved one higher. From 119 to 121 inclusive, the numbers would be altered to 117-119, and from 123 to 137 simply *three* higher. Those ranging from 139 to 160, if altered as desired, would be each moved up *four*, and 162 to 181 would each be *five* higher! Now I submit that these differences in numbers, distinguishing the old "Union" Lodges, would be a loss in every sense but one; and that single or solitary advantage, would be as nothing compared with the numerous disadvantages.

I do not allude to much younger Lodges, because the foregoing facts should be enough to prove how needless is the change demanded.

I intend referring at greater length to this subject before long, but could not let your kind notice of my Masonic labours pass without a line in appreciation.

Yours fraternally,

W. J. HUGHAN.

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am pleased to see, from your leader on the Grand Lodge of South Australia, that we may rely on your assistance in opposing the suggested renumbering of our Lodges, a course which would result, as you say, in confusion and annoyance in many quarters. I am, perhaps, differently circumstanced to the majority of brethren, inasmuch as I have to communicate with many of our Lodges in the course of the year, but at the same time there are many others similarly circumstanced with myself, and doubtless they will agree with me that number, name, and locality each and all serve to call to mind the correct address of a Lodge without the necessity of referring to the printed list. To explain my meaning: I can sometimes remember the number of the Lodge meeting in a particular town, but for the moment cannot recollect the name; when, however, I get the number and associate it with the town, a visit in years gone by, or some other of the many "points" which serve to assist one's memory, the whole comes to mind. It frequently happens this knowledge is of service to me, and I certainly think a renumbering would be very inconvenient to me personally, if not to brethren generally.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours fraternally,

A PROVINCIAL SCRIBE.

### REPRESENTATIVE PROVINCIAL STEWARDS AT THE FESTIVALS.

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am aware my present remarks may not meet with universal approval; they may even call down on my head a storm of abuse, but with your permission I will make my views public, in the hope that the question on which I address you may be ventilated, and that, in the end, good may result from my humble efforts. For some time past there has been, I think, a growing desire on the part of influential Provincial brethren to monopolise for the year the benevolence of their district for one or other of the Masonic Charities, for which they act as exclusive Steward for the time being. Their efforts are doubtless actuated by good motives, but I question whether the Institutions have reaped any benefit from this system of monopoly.

In many districts where an influential brother undertakes the responsibility of representing the whole Province it is impossible for him personally to canvass all the Lodges comprised in it; the work accordingly falls on deputies, indeed, it is not unusual for the Province Steward to enlist the help of a member of each Lodge, but I very much question if these "representatives" take as much interest in the work as they would if they were personally acting as Steward. I will relate my own experience in connection with this matter. I agreed to serve the office of Steward for one of the Charities, and later on one of the officials of my Province undertook a similar office for the same Institution. Perhaps he did not know I was already acting, and using my endeavours to get a good list together. In any case he became a poacher on my preserves; in other words, he sent circulars to my Lodge, saying he was acting as Steward for the Province, and asking for support. The official, either frightened of offending the Provincial dignitary, or fearing lest their chance of Provincial honours would be lessened, felt they should support his Stewardship rather than that of their own member, and I know the Institution suffered in consequence, as many amounts were lost to my list on the plea that the other was the "Provincial representative," and lost to him because not properly looked after by this self-constituted monopolist. I decided to serve in the future, if ever I again undertook the duty, as an unattached Steward, and the growing number of this latter class leads me to wonder if any of them have had experiences similar to my own. In any case I fully believe that the system of "representative" Stewardships is open to question, and if once it can be shown in its true aspect I feel a change will take place, resulting in benefit to the Charities. I hope, Sir, neither you nor any of your readers will imagine I have been actuated by feelings of jealousy in writing this letter to you. I assure you such is not the case. I have long since dismissed the circumstances, except to mention them in illustrating my views on the subject.

I am,

Yours fraternally,

J. M.

### CONTEMPT FOR PROVINCIAL HONOURS.

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—From your report of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex, I learn that the Provincial Grand Master, when investing his Officers, expressed great dissatisfaction that one of those selected last year had not then been present to be invested, and was also absent from this year's gathering. I was present at the meeting of 1884, and can fully understand the disgust of Sir Francis Bardett that the brother complained of was still treating the appointment with contempt. Surely it would have been much better for him to have declined it rather than to offer insult to one of the most enthusiastic brethren the Craft has ever known. I feel the Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex has done a service to Freemasonry in saying he will not in future appoint any brother to Provincial office unless the requirements of the Order are complied with, as once having been publicly drawn attention to, it is to be expected the rules will be more generally respected.

As W.M. for the usual term of a private Lodge, in which one of the Officers was conspicuous by his absence, I can fully appreciate the feelings of Sir Francis Bardett, and in still further drawing attention to his remarks, I hope I may be the means of saving others from similar annoyance. Such is my excuse for troubling you with this epistle.

I remain, yours fraternally,

P.M.

### LODGE NAMES.

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—If it were necessary and your space admitted of a full discussion of the subject, it would not be very difficult to show that the practice of naming Lodges after well-known brethren is not a sound one. I may not be able to convince "SUBURBAN," whose letter appeared in your last issue, but I should like to offer a few thoughts for his consideration. I might begin by asking "What's in a name?" A good deal when the record of deeds is one of more than local importance. Then the name associated with such deeds becomes a perpetual example and monument, and is ever honoured by being used. A local reputation, except under very exceptional circumstances, is generally gained by the exercise of qualities which should be common to all Masons, which demands no high social position, and which finds sufficient distinction in the various offices the Craft has to bestow. A name of a Lodge

should express one or more of the unities of which it is composed, should express a concrete and not a single idea. With all due respect to the brother especially referred to I venture to say he is scarcely known outside his Province, and if he is it is only among those who take especial interest in Grand Lodge, and who form a small and by no means the better part of the Craft. What has this brother done for Freemasonry that his name should be so conspicuously associated with it? Has he thrown any light upon its esoteric mysteries? Has he left the mark of genius upon its ritual? Is he distinguished for his knowledge of the jurisprudence of the Order? If he cannot claim any of these qualities, he is just in the position of crowds of others who have done much good and honourable work, whose long service is rewarded by promotion where possible, and whose name lingers in the Lodge as long as it can be serviceable. A time does come when names of infinite greater moment than that of the brother in question lose their virtue, and it is hardly to be expected that this latter should escape the general doom. With the decay of a name is often associated the decay of the cause with which the name is associated, and although Masonry is not likely to be seriously affected by any name given or withheld, yet it is possible Lodges bearing special local titles may suffer when the original ceases to exist. An honour like that referred to carries with it the seeds of its own destruction, whereas a general name lives on, and escapes the discredit that attaches to failure.

Local names given to Lodges create jealousy. They stimulate a selfish ambition. They are a temptation to the wealthy brother and a stumbling-block to many of the really worthy.

The foregoing are a few reasons against using names of persons for Lodges. There are others, one of which I commend to "SUBURBAN." True merit vaunteth not itself, nor will it suffer others to play the trumpeter.

Yours fraternally,

CANDOUR.

16th June 1885.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your correspondent "SUBURBAN," in challenging your views on this subject, has touched on a somewhat delicate point—"the naming of Lodges after well-known brethren," and if you will allow me, I will endeavour to explain one or two matters in connection with it which appear to me to uphold your view of the case. To my mind, the principal objection which can be raised against the naming of Lodges after well-known brethren is that it seldom happens the "well-known brethren" are the only persons of the same name in the district, or even if they are at the time they may not always continue so. Then it sometimes happens that events may occur which rob the name of some of its glory—perhaps even at a distance of two or three generations—and a name once respected and revered in association with a thorough gentleman, may many years after become a reproach in view of its association with some local scamp or criminal.

The naming of Lodges after mere individual members of the Order, no matter how well known or deserving of honour they may be, seems to me to detract from the honour of Freemasonry, by making it, in a measure, subservient to its component members, while at the same time it virtually raises the brethren selected to the rank—may I say it—of a god in the Masonic circle.

You may have other objections to urge in support of your view, and other brethren may be able to argue in opposition to it, but I feel this letter, provided you give it insertion in your pages, will be some answer to your correspondent's query.

Believe me,

Yours fraternally,

ANOTHER SUBURBAN.

### NORTHERN COUNTIES LODGE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Kindly allow me, through the medium of your valued journal, to remind all North Country Masons who may be living in, or passing through London, that the meeting convened by Bro. J. S. Cumberland to further consider and finally arrange the matter, will be held on Thursday next, the 25th inst., at 3 p.m., in the Masonic Rooms, 16a Great Queen-street.

On that occasion it is to be hoped that Bro. Cumberland will be supported by a numerous assemblage of the brethren, and that opinions and advice, which I know he is anxious to obtain, will be freely tendered by those present at the meeting.

Yours faithfully,

W. H. BULLOCK,

(No. 1086, Walton.)

74 Aldersgate-street, E.C., 19th June 1885.

### LIBEL AND MASONIC PRIVILEGE (?).

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Before reading the letter in your last issue on this subject I was inclined to oppose your view that anything contained in a Masonic communication—even if printed—could be made the subject of an action for libel, but now I must admit I am so far shaken in my opinion as to all but agree with you, I may say to fully coincide with your views. Your correspondent "RIGHT, NOT MIGHT" has, I think, expressed the whole gist of the subject in his signature. Freemasonry may certainly give us "might" of an exceptional nature, but it does not give us "right" to injure another; indeed its

teachings are in every way opposed to such a course, and it must be admitted the circulation of anything approaching a libel must be detrimental in some way or other, even though the injury may be deserved or justifiable.

Your correspondent's idea that Masonry would suffer if "Masonic" documents were privileged I now see is quite correct. It would soon become a difficult matter to draw a line between Masonic and non-Masonic papers, and while the squabble was progressing the Order would be open to every insult and abuse that could be poured on it.

I am not so well informed as to the legal standing of Freemasons even as your correspondent is, but I always thought we were fully recognised by law, and that our meetings and proceedings were perfectly legitimate. However, it is useless my discussing subjects of which I admit I have no knowledge, and which I hope it will never be my province to test. All I desire to say is, that I now approve of your view as to the non-existence of Masonic privilege in all cases where the law of the land is violated, and I beg to thank your correspondent for having brought me to my senses.

I am, yours fraternally,

E. B.

### THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution assembled on the 10th instant, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London, under the presidency of Bro. H. B. Marshall, Past Grand Treasurer. The deaths of five annuitants—two male and three female—were reported, and other matters of detail transacted. The Finance Committee for the ensuing year was constituted, as follows:—A. H. Tattershall, W. J. Murlis, T. W. C. Bush, C. F. Hogard, and J. E. Dawson, while the following were re-elected to serve as the House Committee:—Raynham W. Stewart, J. A. Farnfield, C. J. Perceval, Thomas Cubitt, and Edgar Bowyer. Bro. C. H. Webb proposed that three of the widows unsuccessful at the last election, being over eighty years of age, and having competed at two elections, should, in accordance with Law 37, be placed on the list of annuitants without further competition. The proposition was duly seconded, and discussed by the brethren present, who ultimately agreed to place one of the widows on the Fund forthwith. The Secretary announced that that meeting was the twenty-first anniversary of his election as an officer of the Institution, and gave the following statistics of the position of the Institution at that time, and at the present.

	1884.	1885.
Income Male Fund	£2,999	£3,398
„ Widows' Fund	1,847	11,394
Permanent Income Male Fund	1,098	2,017
„ „ Widows' Fund	563	1,575
Invested Capital Male Fund	16,600	39,450
„ „ Widows' Fund	7,100	28,075
Paid in Annuities, Male Fund	1,562	6,920
„ „ Widows' Fund	992	6,464
Festival, 69 Stewards producing	2,376	
„ 352 „ „		17,770
Number of Annuitants Male Fund	80	173
„ „ Widows' Fund	47	202

The above will give an idea of the increase of the work in connection with the Institution, and will also show what immense strides have been made in the cause of Masonic Charity. As Bro. Terry pointed out, the only additional expense incurred in the management of the Institution now, as compared with twenty-one years ago, was that of the clerk; while in the interval the Annuities had been increased from £26 to £40 in the case of the Male Branch, and from £25 to £32 in that of the Female. That the figures were a surprise to the brethren was evidenced from the enthusiastic manner in which they proposed and carried a vote of thanks and congratulation to Bro. Terry, while their hope that his tenure of office might be prolonged for very many years will be universally endorsed throughout the Craft. The customary vote of thanks to the Chairman brought the proceedings to a close.

The Board of Benevolence held its monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday, the 17th instant. Bro. James Brett Senior Vice President presided, with Bro. C. A. Cottebrune Junior Vice President in the chair of Senior, and Bro. Driver J.G.D. in that of Junior Vice President. The recommendations made at the May meeting having been confirmed, twenty-nine new cases were taken into consideration. Two of these were deferred, and the remainder relieved with a total of £703, made up of one grant of £3, one of £5, six of £10 each, nine of £20, three of £30, one of £40, five of £50, and one of £75.



## MASTERING MASONRY.

**A** DESTITUTION of genuine Masonic knowledge is the cause of much evil in our Fraternity. Many of the initiated are too easily satisfied with their proficiency. Before they acquire any tolerable degree of skill in the ritual they become satisfied with this advancement. What is the result? An entire ignorance of everything that forms the intrinsic beauty of Masonry. Even brilliancy in the ritual is not Masonry. It is only its outposts and framework. The real excellencies and beauties of the Fraternity lie far beyond. They are ensconced in the highest principles of reason and morality. They cannot be grasped by an ordinary effort of intellect. All the powers of man's intellectual and moral nature must necessarily be brought into vigorous action in order to their full development.

Prejudice and passion must be subdued; brotherly love and charity must be cultivated, and all the social, moral and religious virtues.

In our opinion, greater efforts should be made in every Lodge to inculcate the general principles of Masonry. Instead of considering this as a secondary object, it should be made the first, but probably this may be going a little too far. It may be incorrect to say that either should be made the object of first importance. With great show of reason it may be said that both are equally important. Well, let it be so. Taking the positions, then, that both are equally important, what is the duty of every Lodge? The path is already pointed out. The wayfaring man, though he is not exactly what he ought to be, can perceive and trace it. A great part of the business of the Lodge, according to this view of the subject, should be the inculcation of the great cardinal principles of Masonry. Can anything be more apparent? What is the course pursued in mastering any of the great professions, the legal profession, for instance? Does a thorough and efficient knowledge of this profession consist in a knowledge of forms, and the general routine of business? Very far from it. These are necessary, and even indispensable in their places. They contribute a part of the lawyer's legal capital. But with these alone, no man can be a lawyer. Before he can establish his title to this appellation, he must investigate, deeply and profoundly, the great principle of law, taken in its most comprehensive sense. The knowledge thus acquired, accompanied by a knowledge of the forms and routine of business, make the complete lawyer. So it is with the master-workman in Masonry. He must be skilled in the ritual, and thoroughly imbued with the spirit and general principles of his profession. In this way alone can he be brought to realize its rich fruits and ample benefits.—*Hebrew Leader.*

The popular weekly, *Choice Chips*, will in future be published by Mr. Joseph Hughes, of Ludgate Hill, London. It will be edited by Mr. W. Davenport Adams, who may be trusted to make it a thoroughly readable miscellany.

The brethren of Kent will hold their annual Provincial Grand Lodge at Gravesend on Wednesday, 1st July. Provincial Grand Lodge will be held in the Town Hall, after which the brethren will attend divine service in St. George's Church, while a banquet will follow at the New Falcon Hotel. Especial interest is attached to this year's meeting, from the fact that it is the twenty-fifth during which the Right Hon. Viscount Holmesdale has fulfilled the duties of Provincial Grand Master. We anticipate a very large assembly.

The installation meeting of the Angel Lodge, No. 51, will take place on Thursday next, 25th inst., in the Assembly Room, Town Hall, Colchester, by kind permission of the Mayor (H. J. Gardon-Rebow, Esq.) Lodge will be opened at half-past four o'clock, and after the appointment of a representative to the Essex Provincial Charity Committee the W.M. of the past year, Bro. R. Haward Ives, P.G. Stwd., will instal his successor, Bro. Joseph Grimes, the present Senior Warden. A banquet will follow at the Cups Hotel, at 6 o'clock. tickets for which (10s 6d each including wine and dessert) may be had at the Hotel. We wish our Colchester brethren a successful gathering.

By command of the Rt. Worshipful Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Berks and Bucks, the annual meeting of the brethren of the Province will be held at the Town Hall, Reading, on Monday, the 29th inst. Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened at 1.30 p.m. The business to be transacted is of the usual formal character, and after the close of Provincial Grand Lodge a banquet will be served at the Town Hall, at 2.30. Tickets for this may be obtained of the Provincial Stewards, price 6s 6d each.

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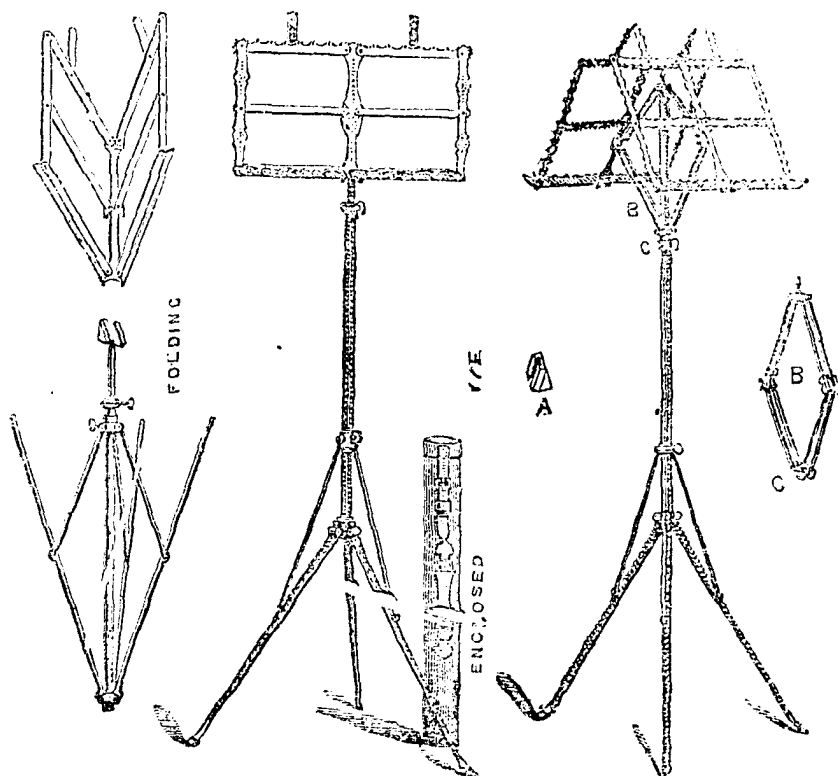
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NOTICE is hereby given that a PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE  
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By command,

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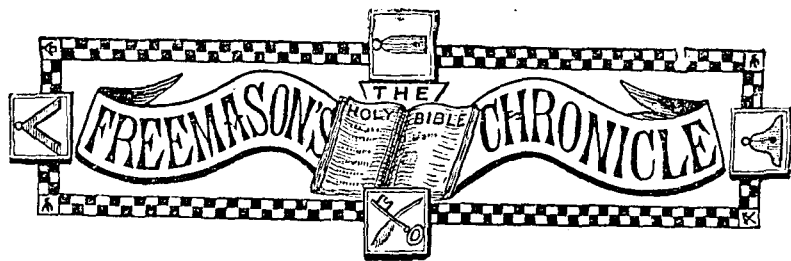
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The R.W.P.G. Master requests the attendance of the brethren at Divine  
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### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTHANTS AND HUNTS.

THIS annual gathering took place on Thursday, the 11th inst., at  
 Northampton, under the Banner of the Eleanor Cross Lodge,  
 No. 1764, when his Grace the Duke of Manchester R.W.P.G.M. pro-  
 sided, assisted by Bro. Butler Wilkins D.P.G.M. The business of  
 the day began as early as eleven o'clock, when the Board of Benevo-  
 lence and Charity Organisation Committee met at the Masonic Hall.  
 A very satisfactory balance sheet was presented, and the proceedings  
 were of a very hopeful character. The Lodge was duly opened at  
 12.30 p.m. by the W.M. Bro. the Rev. S. Wathen Wigg P.P.G.C., in  
 the Town Hall, which had been beautifully decorated for the occa-  
 sion by Bros. T. P. Dorman and T. Emery. All the Officers were in  
 their places, and a large number of brethren of the several  
 Lodges ranged under their respective banners. Statuary and  
 plants were gracefully arranged round the room, and on the  
 walls were suspended many handsome banners, some of them  
 being very artistically designed. The corridor was hung with  
 Chinese lanterns, which produced a pleasing effect. The carpet,  
 forming the Lodge floor, was laid in the centre of the room, around  
 which the brethren were seated. The arrangements of the day were  
 made by a committee comprising Bros. the Rev. S. Wathen Wigg  
 W.M., T. Emery, T. P. Dorman, H. Brown, Geo. Ellard and G.  
 Butcher Secretary. Immediately after the opening of the Lodge a  
 deputation, composed of the Masters of all the Lodges in the Province,  
 proceeded, under the guidance of the Director of Ceremonies, to make  
 a presentation to Bro. Butler Wilkins, who has been appointed  
 Grand Standard Bearer of England by the Prince of Wales. The  
 deputation was headed by Bro. the Rev. S. J. W. Sanders, as Master



of the Senior Lodge, Bro. Buckle P.G.S., and Bro. G. Osborn, the oldest Past Master of the Province. Bro. Sanders spoke in laudatory terms of the conduct of Bro. Butler Wilkins, and turning to the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, he wished him long life and health to enjoy the honours, and expressed the pleasure the Province felt in his elevation to the dignity. The following address, with specially designed border and frame, and illuminated by Bro. Atkins, of Abington-street, was then read by Bro. Buckle:—"To the Worshipful Bro. Butler Wilkins, P.M. 360, D.P.G.M. Norths and Hunts, P.Z. 360 P.G.H. and Grand Standard Bearer of England. Worshipful Sir and Dear Brother,—We, the Grand Master, Grand Wardens, and Brethren of the Province of Norths and Hunts in Provincial Grand Lodge assembled, desire to express to you our congratulations on your appointment to office in the Grand Lodge of England, and offer for your acceptance the Grand Lodge clothing and other gifts which accompany this address. We rejoice in the tribute of merit thus awarded. Your career in the past, as one of the rulers of the Craft in this Province, the impartiality of your decision, the genuine goodwill at all times exhibited, the energy for the good of Freemasonry unceasingly displayed, the qualifications necessary for a ruler so worthily manifested; these have inspired us, one and all, with feelings of the highest fraternal esteem and affection, and have deservedly earned the distinction which his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, has been pleased to bestow on you in appointing you to the office and rank of a Grand Standard Bearer of England. That it may please the Great Architect of the Universe to grant you long life, health, and strength to enjoy your dignity, and a continuance of all the blessings of the past is our earnest and united prayer. Signed, on behalf of the Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Northampton, 11th June, A.L. 5885, MANCHESTER P.G.M., F. G. BUCKLE P.G. Secretary." A complete suit of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter clothing was offered by Bro. Osborn, and Bro. Wilkins proceeded to array himself in the garments. He was then, under the Director of Ceremonies, saluted by the brethren as Grand Standard Bearer of England. It may be stated here that the promotion of Bro. Wilkins to be a Grand Lodge Officer was a general theme of congratulation by the brethren. Another event of the day, which will long be held in remembrance, was the presentation of a superb banner by the Treasurer, Bro. T. Phipps Dorman, to the Eleanor Cross Lodge. The speech that accompanied the gift was marked by good taste, and the wish was heartily expressed that the banner might long wave over the brethren of the Lodge, and in years to come welcome other meetings of the Provincial Grand Lodge. The Rev. Worshipful Master accepted the banner, in the name of the Lodge, and in returning thanks reciprocated all the donor's good wishes. The emblem of the Lodge, the famous Queen's Cross of Northampton, from which the Lodge takes its name, forms the centre of the banner, with the motto "Amor Constantia Fides." After the foregoing ceremonies had been concluded, and the necessary business of the Lodge had been transacted, the business of the Provincial Grand Lodge was proceeded with, the following being the Officers appointed and duly invested by his Grace:—

W. Jackson W.M.	737	...	...	Senior Warden
J. A. S. Bouverie W.M.	1911	...	...	Junior Warden
Rev. S. J. W. Sanders P.M.	1911	...	...	Chaplain
Rev. J. Jenkins	445	...	...	Asst. Chaplain
J. U. Stanton P.M.	369	...	...	Treasurer
T. Oldham W.M.	445	...	...	Registrar
F. G. Buckle P.M.	442	...	...	Secretary
T. Emery J.W.	1764	...	...	Senior Deacon
W. Green W.M.	373	...	...	Junior Deacon
S. J. Harding W.M.	455	...	...	Supt. of Works
Geo. Ellard P.M.	360	...	...	D. of Ceremonies
J. T. Smith	442	...	...	Asst. D. of Cers.
A. Cockerill J.D.	360	...	...	Standard Bearer
G. C. Caster	442	...	...	Sword Bearer
Geo. Butcher Sec.	1764	...	...	Organist
F. L. Gooch	466	...	...	Pursuivant

It was stated that the Grand Lodge would next year be held at Kettering, under the banner of the Perseverance Lodge. A few minutes before three the brethren, carrying banners and wearing the insignia of the Order, left the Town Hall, and went to All Saints' Church for Divine Service. The Provincial Grand Master was, however, compelled to leave Northampton early in the day. The following is a list furnished of the brethren attending either the service or some other portion of the day's proceedings:—Bros. the Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master His Grace the Duke of Manchester, Rev. S. Wathen Wigg P.P.G.C. Norths and Hunts and Leicester and Rutland P.M. 1911 W.M. 1764, Butler Wilkins P.M. 360 D.P.G.M. Norths and Hunts P.Z. 360 Prov. G.H. and Grand S.B., J. A. S. Bouverie P.P.J.W., E. J. Orford P.P.S.G.W., Henry Brown P.P.G.J.W., G. A. Eldred P.G.S., George Ellard Prov. G.D.C., John Wheeler P.G. Supt. Wks., Henry J. Enson P.G.S., A. G. Evans P.P.G.P. P.G.S.B., W. Dixey P.P.G.S.D., William Ward P.P.S.B., J. G. Green P.G.J.D., R. Croft P.G.O., Thomas Emery P.G.S., John T. Smith P.G.A.D.C., Rev. Jas. Jenkins, Hen. Shephard P.P.G.J.W., James C. Jones P.P.G.J.W., A. Bunting P.G.J.W., J. Marson P.P.G.S.W. Norths and Hunts, H. J. Atkins P.G.S.W., John J. Hart P.P.G.P., Rev. S. J. W. Sanders P.P.G.C., W. M. Cowley P.M. 445, John T. Green P.P.G.S.W., G. Osborn P.P.G.S.W., Rev. T. C. Beasley P.P.G.C., J. G. Buckle P.G.S., G. Cotton P.P.S.D., W. H. Watson P.P.G.S.B., Henry Norton P.P.G.J.W. Norths and Hunts, J. U. Stanton P.G. Treasurer, L. C. Knight P.P.G.D., W. Warwick James P.P.G.D., Robert McClure P.G.S.B., John Slinn P.P.G.R., W. H. Smith P.P.G.R., Frederick J. Ains P.G.S.D., John Bingley P.P.G.J.D., W. H. Linnell P.G.J.D., Robert Griffin P.P.G.S.W., Horace Wright jun. P.P.S.D., Rev. W. A. Howes P.G.C., J. Terry P.P.G.S.W., George C. Caster P.G.S., W. Jackson W.M. 737, Elliott R. Adams and George T. Wooldinge 373, J. Wilson Kirby W.M. 442, Thomas Oldham W.M. 445, James W. Fisher 937, C. Matthews, W.

Packwood and Horace Dainty 737, J. Wood Ingram D.C. 373, J. R. Shearsmith 360 and 1000, C. Roberts 466, Henry A. Robinson, P.P.G.S., Alfred Cockerill P.P.G.S., Charles Roberts 360, H. Myers 1180 Warwickshire, S. J. Harding W.M. 455, H. Bowles P.P.G.O., D. Bloodworth P.M. 468, G. Lewis 455, J. C. Royce and J. Woolston 466, M. A. Baine P.M. 360, E. Pierce S.D. 455, E. Roberts, J. Snow, and H. Martin 360, John C. Price W.M. 373, T. D. Hensman 360, Henry Thomas West 1764, Frederick W. Gooch 466, Thomas Wetherell 360, P. J. T. Henery, John Enson, W. H. Bullock, and E. Montague Brown 1911, C. Heald 388, Stephen Gough 293, T. Cook, W. Robertson, C. Foote, J. E. Eustance, E. Harrison S.W., T. W. Harrison J.W. 442, Thomas Franks 360, George Leopold Michel P.G.S.D., R. Myers 373, E. Snodker 445, H. S. G. Preedy 455, H. Rose 607, A. Conson 466, A. Jones, Harry Hodges, Beeby Thompson, Frederick Laycock 1764, C. F. Cox 1911, R. J. Johnston 1764, L. F. Cogan 1760, G. H. Perceval P.M. 1911, Rev. R. H. Cox 26, James Clayson 360, T. Cockerill, S. S. Campion, W. Goldney, T. Emery P.G.S.D., H. Manfield P.G.S., George Butcher Secretary, J. A. Jowett, and Joseph Gold 1764, Brook Sampson 1764 and 1911, P.P.G.C., G. Wilcox-Smith P.P.G.C., W. A. Smith 445, J. Haviland 1764, E. C. Ashford and J. Jeffery 360, T. P. Dorman P.P.G.S. Treasurer, H. W. Kennedy Markham 1911, J. C. Franklin 1764, W. W. Morgan I.P.M. 211, &c.

The seats in the central aisle of the church were reserved for the Freemasons, and the general public—many of whom watched the procession as it passed along George-row from the Town Hall to All Saints'—occupied the side seats. Mr. Ebenezer Law was at the organ. Evening Prayer was read by the Rev. R. B. Hull; special psalms, the 122nd and the 145th, were used; the lesson was read by Bro. the Rev. S. Wathen Wigg. The anthem was taken from the 133rd Psalm, "O, how good and joyful a thing it is, brethren, to dwell together in unity." Two hymns were sung, "Lord, Thy Word abideth," and "Through the night of doubt and sorrow." Bro. the Rev. S. J. W. Sanders preached the sermon, from Ezekiel xliii. 10, "Thou, son of man, shew the house to the house of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities, and let them measure the pattern." No summary would give a fair conception of the eloquent discourse delivered by our Rev. brother, and as it is to be published in a complete form we feel that there is no necessity to do more on the present occasion than to say the sermon ought to be universally perused by brethren, and even by the non-Masonic public. It is a masterly vindication of the principles of the Order, and a reverential recognition of its divine source. The offertory amounted to £20, and was divided between the Girls' Institution and the Peterborough Cathedral Restoration Fund. At the close of the service the members of the Order returned to the Town Hall.

At five o'clock a banquet took place at the Peacock Hotel, the D.P.G.M. Bro. Butler Wilkins presiding; he was supported by Officers of the Grand Lodge and others. Mrs. Forth provided a capital dinner. The toast of the Queen and the Craft having been duly honoured, the P.G.M. gave the Most Wor. Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. Bro. the Rev. J. S. Sanders gave the M.W. the Pro G.M. Lord Carnarvon, the D.G.M. Lord Lathom, and Officers of the Grand Lodge, observing that this was the first time for many years that they had had any one present who could respond personally for the Grand Lodge. The D.P.G.M., in reply, was very grateful for the honour which had been conferred not only upon him individually, but on the Province of Norths and Hunts. The Province owed this recognition to the reception given to the Grand Lodge by the St. Peter's Lodge, Peterborough, on the occasion of laying the corner-stone of the centre tower of Peterborough Cathedral. The first thing that struck him on taking his seat in Grand Lodge was the fraternal spirit which prevailed, all the Officers, whatever their relative position, were regarded on a footing of equality, and the brethren were reminded that all could aspire to the purple. Bro. Wilkins gracefully alluded to the honour done him that afternoon, and concluded an excellent speech by some capital remarks as to the admission of candidates. Bro. Buckle P.G.S. gave the health of the R.W. the P.G.M., his Grace the Duke of Manchester, a toast which was duly honoured; and then Bro. Timpson proposed the W. the D.P.G.M. and the Grand Officers of the Province present and past. This was replied to by Bro. W. Jackson P.G.S.W., who referred to the splendid hospitality extended that day, a day which the brethren would bear in their minds for many years to come. Bro. Atkins P.M. 1764 P.P.G.S.W., who showed that he is thoroughly versed in the subject, gave the Royal Masonic Charitable Institutions, remarking with pride the liberality of the Province; and Bro. Terry, whose name was coupled with the toast, said during the time he had been the representative in London the Province had had five cases for election, and with one exception the whole of the candidates were elected on the first application. He referred to the earnest spirit with which Bro. Atkins himself, the D.P.G.M., the P.G. Treasurer Bro. Stanton, and others had acted as Stewards for the Charities and urged their claims. Bro. Campion proposed the Visiting Brethren, for whom Bro. Tyndall, P.M. of St. Peter's Lodge, Market Harborough, responded. Bro. Kingston P.M. 360 proposed the W.M. and Brethren of the Entertaining Lodge, Eleanor Cross, No. 1764, and the other Lodges of the Province, and paid a tribute to the magnificence of the preparations made for the entertainment of the brethren, and the programme which had been so ably devised and carried out. He had an experience of 30 years of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and he had never seen a meeting carried out with so much *éclat* as on the present occasion. A great debt of gratitude was due to the brethren of the Eleanor Cross, whom he congratulated not only on the success of the present occasion, but on their work as a Lodge. Bro. the Rev. T. C. Beasley S.W. responded, and afterwards proposed the health of the W.M.'s of the Sister Lodges of the Province. Bro. T. M. Oldham W.M. of the Fidelity Lodge replied, and expressed the gratifying surprise with which he witnessed the attendance of brethren that day, and the general success of the admirable arrangements made by the Eleanor Cross Lodge. The sermon of the afternoon he also commended, as giving a correct idea

of the principles of Masonry to the outer world. The remaining toasts were the Ladies—proposed by Bro. Bird, and acknowledged by Bro. Preece, both of the Chicheley Lodge—and that of the Tyler.

A conversation took place in the evening at the Town Hall, which was open to the friends of the brethren, both ladies and gentlemen. Dispensations having been obtained for wearing the clothing of the several degrees, the brethren entitled to honour in that respect, together with the gay dresses of the ladies, presenting a very pretty *tout ensemble*. Bro. the Rev. S. Wathen Wigg, the W.M., announced the several items on the programme, and opened the proceedings with the following address of welcome to the company:—Worshipful brethren, brethren, ladies and gentlemen,—On behalf of the brethren of the Eleanor Cross Lodge, No. 1764 on the Register of the Grand Lodge of England, I bid you welcome. The brethren are deeply sensible of the honour which his Grace the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master has done them in consenting this year to hold his Grand Lodge under the banner of the Eleanor Cross. We can claim neither the experience nor the antiquity of many Lodges in this Province; we cannot hope to rival them in anything but our zeal for Masonry and our desire to entertain our brethren with hearty good will. We have ventured, notwithstanding our youth and inexperience (for we are only seven years old—the seventh unworthy Master stands before you), in fear and trembling, but with all the audacity of early childhood, to throw open our doors to that part of the population which, certainly since the days of Solomon King of Israel, has been carefully excluded from our gatherings and denied admission to our Fraternity; I mean the ladies. But to-night not only have we invited ladies to be present, to see us arrayed in blue and crimson, in purple and gold, but we are prepared to let them into all our secrets (all, at least, which we think they may be trusted to keep). Before you leave this hall, fair ladies, to adopt the usual words of a professor of legerdemain, we shall inform you “exactly how it’s done,” and shall trust you to keep these secrets in the same faithful manner as you have kept those which we have already confided to you. Masonry has many great and valued privileges, but none we prize more than the interest our ancient and honourable Fraternity always excites in the breasts of the ladies and the confidence they repose in us. The brethren of the Eleanor Cross Lodge especially claim to be your devoted servants. There is not a single brother in the Lodge—if they are single when they join, we insist on their getting married immediately—and I can offer you no greater proof of our devotion and attachment. Farther than that we have placed upon our banner, and bear upon our breasts, the memorial of that noble and gracious lady, Queen Eleanor, as an example of self-devotion and a tribute to her heroic courage. We venture to hope that the simple entertainment which we have provided this evening will be agreeable to you, and, if it is, I am sure the brethren whose speeches we have so mercilessly curtailed at the banquet will forgive us, for

“No mortal can more the ladies adore  
Than a free and an accepted Mason.”

A concert then followed, which afforded considerable pleasure. The card, containing a list of the songs, duets, &c., was tastefully got up, and was studded with appropriate Shakesperian mottoes, selected by Bro. H. Brown. The programme was as follows:—Grand March (on the great organ), Bro. Brooke Sampson; duet, “When the wind blows in from the sea,” Bro. and Mrs. Myers; song, “The message,” Bro. W. Hart; song “The Mariner,” Bro. Myers; song, “O hste, ye birds,” Mrs. Myers; song, “The harbour bar,” Miss Florence Wilkins; duet, I’ve wandered in dreams,” Bro. and Mrs. Myers; song, “Down deep within the cellar cool,” Bro. S. Gough; song, “Bid me discourse,” Mrs. Myers; recitation, “At the ringing of the curfew,” Miss Hope Wilkins; song, “I fear no foe,” Bro. Myers. Bro. T. P. Dorman then gave an exhibition of fine dissolving views, many of them of a local character, with a powerful oxy-hydrogen lantern. The last view was a portrait of the Prince of Wales, and the company sang “God bless the Prince of Wales.” The concert, like everything else that had preceded it, was a success, and without wishing to be invidious, we may mention the reading of Miss Hope Wilkins as being specially worthy of commendation. Praise, too, is due to Bro. Myers, of Birmingham, and to his talented wife, both of whom contributed very much to the pleasure of the evening. Bro. Dorman accompanied his views with some happy illustrative remarks, which would have borne amplification, but his modesty and his desire to set his audience free for the dancing that followed constrained him. He nevertheless proved his capacity to amuse, as was shown by the applause he received. Soon after ten o’clock the room was cleared, and the lovers of Terpsichore enjoyed themselves until the early hours of the following morning.

To show how thoroughly the Eleanor Cross Lodge had entered into their duties as hosts and entertainers, it should be mentioned that the managing committee made arrangements with the Committee of the Northampton Fine Art Exhibition to throw open the corridors and gallery, containing their loan collection of pictures, during the evening. This exhibition is well arranged, and contains some fine works of art, among them being several productions of Mr. Harris Brown, son of Bro. Henry Brown. This rising artist is only twenty years of age, and has already distinguished himself. His exhibits include two sets of water colours, one of Barry Sullivan’s characters, and the other of the company that accompanied him on two visits to Northampton. There is another work of his, entitled “Eighty Summers;” a painting of Mrs. Holdings; also the head of a local Irishman, with the title “Luck to Ould Ireland.” We should say that Mr. Harris Brown has a bright career before him. At any rate, he is honoured in his own town, and has the satisfaction of knowing that his abilities have received a wider, and we may truthfully add, a well-earned recognition. We cannot take leave of our Northampton brethren without expressing our obligations to our confrère the *Northampton Mercury*, to whom we are indebted for information, and to whom we here make our grateful acknowledgments.

## THE THEATRES.

**Drury Lane.**—Bro. Augustus Harris, ever victorious, challenges envious fate with a Summer season, trusting that the cool corridors and lofty domes of the National Theatre may be able to compete with Strauss and the “ten thousand additional lamps” of culture at Kensington. “The True Story,” told by Mr. Galer, will owe little of any success it may achieve to its author. Mr. Harris, however, has done everything in his power to make this venture worthy his other triumphs. The scenery is fine, especially the view of Mont Valerian, with the desperate sortie of the French garrison. Nothing so realistic in the way of stage battle—the thunder of cannon and the flash and flame of flying shells—has ever been achieved on the stage. A most beautiful winter scene is that of the German trenches, with the snow falling in the winter night, whilst dead and dying, tended by sisters of charity, strew the ground. Then there are some clever reproductions of our own slams, with costermongers, roughs and females of the specie, as true to nature as if just caught in Clare Market. Whether such realization serves any art end might be questioned. The great Crummles prophetically beheld the coming glories of the new school when he introduced the real pump and washing tub upon the stage. The story of the play, which is in four acts and a sequel, is rather complicated. In the course of its ramifications several of the wicked or embarrassing personages who are supposed to have died re-appear, as their own children, or have washed their faces, taken the pledge and devoted themselves to a realization of the domestic virtues. In the first act a wicked nobleman Lord Cholmondeley (Mr. Marshall) has two sons, the virtuous heir (Reginald), and the villain (Frederick), a younger brother. Both love the same lady, Edith Vere. She has just accepted the elder son, when his father tells him he is illegitimate. Then the wicked brother offers his hand, which she rejects in defiance of her mamma’s commands, and elects to embark in the wide world with her disinherited lover. Ere she goes, however, there is a sudden commotion, and in rushes a distraught Polly Smithers, in humble attire, to sink at the feet of the wicked brother and claim him as her husband. The second act takes us to a wretched garret in a slum, where the deserted wife Polly (Miss Amy McNeill) is living with her drunken father, Jack Smithers (Mr. Harry Jackson), and her costermonger brother Sam (Mr. Harry Nichols). Now appears her husband to demand her marriage certificate, evidently under the impression that a two-and-sixpenny copy constitutes the validity of the marriage. This denotes singular simple-mindedness on the part of a stage villain. A desperate scuffle for “the scrap of paper” ensues; but at the last moment the scoundrel’s design is balked by the arrival of the costermonger, who strips to his striped jersey and gives villainy a dose, straight from the shoulder. Next we are taken to Paris; the disinherited Reginald has enlisted in the French army, and leads the sortie at Mont Valerian, to fall into the hands of the Prussians. The father, the lawyer, and Jack Smithers, are also in Paris; the latter has stolen his daughter’s child, just to oblige the wicked husband, and is living upon the blackmail he is thus able to extort. He gets some two hundred pounds from the lawyer, with a full accompaniment of cogniac, and in due course falls asleep; now the lawyer re-appropriates the money. At this stage Mr. Harry Jackson had his opportunity; his drunken bewilderment gradually disappears as the certainty of the robbery forces itself on his conviction. The brutal sot rises to almost tragic intensity as he swears vengeance against his confederate. Every one gets back to England, except the wicked younger son, who is incontinently shot, at the request of his injured sister-in-law’s landlady. This sister-in-law is discovered in the next Act starving, with her child, outside a workhouse, and is persuaded by the converted costermonger, old Smithers’ son, to seek its shelter. Then we have a very realistic picture of a workhouse infirmary. Poor Edith is dying. Here is the doctor, the nurse, the texts on the walls, and an agonized death scene, very well done, and without exaggeration, by Miss Brough. Here young Smithers and his sister, the deserted wife of young Cholmondeley, appear to console the dying woman; they promise to adopt her child. In Act V., or the epilogue, this child has grown into a girl of eighteen. Young Smithers is living in a pretty cottage, and whilst he nails up the roses over the porch his adopted daughter sketches the landscape—his sister looks prettier than ever, though her hair is touched with grey; that sister’s unknown son, the future Lord Cholmondeley, the inheritor of all his mother’s virtues, is making himself agreeable to his cousin incognita. Mr. Day, once the late Frederick, now personates the virtuous son Walter. Miss Brough, who died in the workhouse, re-appears as the blonde Miss, her orphan child, and from this point the intelligent playgoer will perceive how the curtain will shortly descend on wrongs righted and virtue rewarded. The mysterious certificates turn up at the proper moment, and a faithful retainer, weak in the knees, as all faithful retainers are found to be, produces the evidence of the legal union of Reginald’s mother with Lord Cholmondeley, and every body is married who ought to be, and to the proper person. This happy result brings down the curtain. Messrs. Harry Jackson and Harry Nichols both work with a will to win their honours; Mr. Herbert, as Reginald, is manly and unaffected; while Mr. Day, as Frederick, deserves much praise for his clever variations on the masher miscreant motif. Miss F. Brough rose well to the pathos of her part in the difficult dying scene. Miss Amy McNeill, of whom London will assuredly see more, as she must certainly ere long take a high place among emotional heroines, is greatly to be commended. Her absence of self consciousness and wholesome girlishness is delightful; while especially pretty is her bright and tender little scene at the baked potato banquet with brother Sam. Of the stage management, alike as regards the London crowds and French and German soldiery, we cannot speak too highly.

**Opera Comique.**—The London playgoer demands that Thalia shall wear the cap and bells, or is still better content if she borrow Grimaldi's bismuth and red lead, and stand upon her head to emphasize her humours. This being so, the more a comedy is less a comedy and more a farce, so shall author, manager and public find reason for satisfaction. The Duke of Swindleton, produced at an Opera Comique matinee last Thursday, the 11th inst., fairly fulfils this condition. The plot is as preposterous as can be desired, the characters are no less ridiculous. There is a country mayor, fond of high society and words in four syllables, of the Mrs. Malaprop style; there is a lodging house widow to match; there is the Duke, actually an escaped convict, who makes love to the respective daughters of these "confusers of epitaphs," as he imagines the one or the other the better match; there is his friend, a London burglar, who dissembles as a footman; an Irish maid servant, the one instance of genuine human nature in the piece; the two daughters, about whom nobody cares a jot, though they are adored by their respective lovers, represented by Mr. S. Buist and Mr. S. Herbert; essentially brothers in misfortune, for the feebleness of their actions and the force of their language brought universal condemnation in ironical laughter whenever they opened their mouths. The Mayor's part, which we imagine Mr. David James intends to adorn at some future time, was carefully played by Mr. Ben Greet, who succeeded in giving an air of sincerity and unconsciousness to the lines allotted him. Mr. Lestocq was really excellent as the London rough, and avoided the exaggeration which, at times, we so much regret to see. Miss Cicely Richards was delightful as the Irish servant, and Mr. Smily made his Swindleton Duke have an air of possibility. The actors engaged had evidently worked with a will, and for the time disguised the weakness of the material supplied them. The theatre was crammed, and at the close of the performance there were loud calls for the author; in response, however, it was announced he was not in the house. A friend of ours suggested he had fled from the wrath of the two much injured "young premiers" who had been mocked and derided for his sins. The play, if it is to take a place in the evening bills, must be rewritten in many of the scenes, the twaddle must be eliminated, and the young people rescued from deserved contempt.

**The Grand.**—Miss Lizzie Coote made her appearance here on Monday last in "Cherry and Fairstar," a musical extravaganza, written expressly for her by the late Mr. Frank Green. Though there is little that is really funny in the dialogue, the principal items of the programme give ample scope for the display of pretty dresses, while the action is sustained by merry jigs, breakdowns, and excerpts from the music halls. The story is not deep in its ramifications. Conrad, the corsair, an extravagant pirate, has carried off the children of King Mopus, and has been wrecked on an island, where he is compelled to marry a witch, who dominates the isle. Oppressed with a weighty secret as to the paternity of the children, he manages to escape from the island by aid of a sprite, and, accompanied by his young charges, repairs to sea. Followed by the vengeance of the witch, he is again wrecked, and cast upon the shore of King Mopus's kingdom, where, after various vicissitudes, he is enabled to restore to the king his royal progeny, thus defeating the evil machinations of the monarch's brother, who hopes to place his own son on the throne. Mr. E. W. Royce, as the pirate, manages to sustain the thread of interest when it is inclined to flag; while Miss Coote as Cherry, and Miss Fanny Robina as the sprite Papillo, were most indefatigable, both with their songs and dances. Mr. Storey appeared as the King's brother, and Mr. Harry Parker gave force to the witch Hagrimosa. Mr. Fred Walton was good as King Mopus, as also was the Misses Ida Rochester and Frances Weston, as Bright Face and Sunshine respectively. The extravaganza was preceded by Halliday's "Checkmate," a comedy in two acts. Miss Coote, as Martha Bunn, somewhat overacted her part, while Mr. E. W. Royce gave an amusing impersonation of Sam Winkle. Mr. T. F. Nye was the Sir Everton Toffee, and Miss Clitherow Charlotte Russe. Next week "Boccaccio," with a company from the Comedy Theatre, will be the attraction.

**St. George's Hall.**—Many and painful are the experiences of the devoted stalker of the "matinee;" despondingly he goeth forth, and oftentimes sadly and sourly he returneth. Empty benches, or the too well known faces of extra ladies and gentlemen surround him in front; while the voice of the prompter runs an obligato to the Juliet or Julia of the occasion. At St. George's Hall, at Miss Cowen's afternoon, on Friday the 12th, a pleasant surprise awaited the jaded critic. Every seat was occupied; the yellow hair and the smooth chin vowed to art was not present, but, instead, row upon row of pretty Oxford and Cambridge girl "juniors" and "seniors," all evidently determined to enjoy the delightful dissipation of a "real performance." Here and there, balancing the harmless necessary chaperon, appeared the countenance of some well known Lord High Executioner (dramatique). But each an one, looking round at those sympathetic and happy faces, felt his cherished captiousness desert him. Though Miss Cowen's dramatic talent may be problematic, she has the grace of excellent elocution, distinct and just emphasis, and if she will modestly forego pretension to "juvenile lead" she may do excellent work yet. Mr. Eric Lewis gave a very pleasant and sprightly support in the bright little duologue, "A Lyrical Lover," to Miss Cowen's "heiress." His subsequent musical sketch, describing the Camden Townley's private theatricals, was one of the brightest things of the kind we have heard for some time, and Brandon Thomas greatly delighted his audience with "Ferdinando and Elvira." Miss Cowen played Jane Dudley in the dramatic fragment by Mr. Bell with excellent intention, and managed her rhymed lines with discretion, but her acting is marred by angularity and too much facial action. As a reciter Miss Cowen has assured success, but on the stage she will perhaps find herself handicapped heavily by the lack of qualities which neither industry nor intelligence can give, nor even compensate for.

## Obituary.

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BRO. JOHN LIVINGSTON, M.D., P.M. 1385.

A brother with whom we have been intimately associated since our admission to Freemasonry has just passed to his rest, in the person of Bro. John Livingston, P.M. of the Gladsmuir Lodge, No. 1385. He it was who took charge of us as Deacon during our admission to the several degrees, and many are the meetings we have attended with him. Our deceased brother, at the time of his death, which took place on the 10th instant, was in active practice as a medical man, and had for many years past carried on his profession over a very wide area, which entailed an amount of travelling and bodily fatigue which doubtless has had some effect in leading to his comparatively early decease. Brother Livingston, conscious of unusual fatigue on the Friday previous to his death, remained in bed the greater part of the day, but towards evening, in response to what he believed to be an urgent call, rose and went out on a professional visit, almost immediately returning, however, to seek his bed again. Symptoms of apoplexy soon became apparent, and on Sunday, after consultation with a physician—called in by his assistant who had so far attended him—it was decided the patient was suffering from congestion of the brain. The attack was very severe, and the worst symptoms rapidly developed, terminating with our brother's decease at half-past five on Wednesday morning, at the early age of forty-five. Bro. Livingston leaves a widow and four children to mourn his death, and to them we desire to offer our sincere sympathy, feeling assured that in doing so we are but echoing the sentiments of all who were intimate with the deceased. Bro. Dr. Livingston was for many years the surgeon of both the Odd Fellows and the local Court of the Foresters, as also of the Police stationed at Barnet, while as honorary surgeon to the Barnet Volunteers he was invariably found on the occasions of church parade, besides taking a part in most of the public prize meetings and social gatherings of the corps, especially the annual one at Aldershot. The funeral took place on Monday, at the Colney Hatch Cemetery, and was attended by a very large concourse of personal friends of the deceased, prominent among them being the members of the Gladsmuir Lodge and other members of the Masonic Order.

The late Bro. Dr. Henry Hopkins has left one hundred guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, in the name of Lodge 43, Birmingham, of which he was a P.M.; and fifty guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, in the name of the St. Aubin's, Lodge, No. 958, Jersey, of which he was a founder and P.M. His other gifts were paid before he died, save the large one to the Royal College of Preceptors.

The annual Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons for the Province of Hampshire is to be held at Southampton, on Thursday, the 25th instant. The business includes the election of a brother to be recommended to the M.W. Grand Mark Master for appointment to the office of Provincial Grand Mark Master, in succession to the Rev. Canon Portal.

The following dinners have taken place at the Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending Saturday, 20th June:—

Monday—Asaph Chapter. Tuesday—United Law Clerks' Society, Industry Chapter. Friday—The Buffs, 12th Suffolk Regiment, 98th Regiment.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—Glad Tidings.—Some constitutions have tendency to rheumatism, and are, throughout the year, borne down by its protracted tortures. Let such sufferers bathe the affected parts with warm brine, and afterward rub in this soothing Ointment. They will find it the best means of lessening their agony, and, assisted by Holloway's Pills, the surest way of overcoming their disease. More need not be said than to request a few days' trial of this safe and soothing treatment, by which the disease will ultimately be completely swept away. Pains that would make a giant shudder are assuaged without difficulty by Holloway's easy and inexpensive remedies, which comfort by moderating the throbbing vessels and calming the excited nerves.



## 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, 20th JUNE.

Stewards' Visit and Distribution of Prizes, Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Wood Green

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green  
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)  
 1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
 2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)  
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8  
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)  
 M.M. 104—Macdonald, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street  
 M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

- 1194—Villiers, Albany Hotel, Twickenham  
 1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Twickenham  
 1494—Felix, Clarence Hotel, Teddington  
 1897—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow  
 2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton  
 R.A. 1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton  
 M.M. 205—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow

## MONDAY, 22nd JUNE.

- 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)  
 1125—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, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst.)  
 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)

Provincial Grand Chapter of Middlesex, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, at 5 p.m.

- 49—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead  
 61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax  
 264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley  
 408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth  
 433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea  
 467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham  
 613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport  
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)  
 999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford  
 R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury

## TUESDAY, 23rd JUNE.

- 65—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)  
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's  
 534—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)  
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)  
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 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)  
 1158—Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark  
 1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)  
 1449—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)  
 1446—Mount Edgecumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)  
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)  
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)  
 1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1601—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)  
 1719—Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 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. 1269—St. nhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley  
 R.A. 1339—Stockwell, Half Moon, Herne Hill.  
 M.M. 3—Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street

- 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle 7.30 (In)  
 160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford  
 211—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)  
 253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby  
 788—Crescent, Island Hotel, Twickenham  
 897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire  
 986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston

- 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley  
 1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking  
 1313—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex  
 1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1675—Ancient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

- R.A. 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol  
 R.A. 537—Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead  
 R.A. 829—High Cross, Bull Inn, Dartford

## WEDNESDAY, 24th JUNE.

Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Crystal Palace, Sydenham

- 2—Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
 30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)  
 193—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, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)  
 867—Whittington, Red Lion, Popin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)  
 898—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar  
 902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)

- 1289—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)  
 1540—Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark  
 1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)  
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (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. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood  
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond  
 R.A. 907—Royal Albert, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch Lane  
 R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)  
 K.T. D.—Mount Calvary, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.

- 86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott, Lancashire  
 125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent  
 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire  
 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester  
 220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire  
 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckinwidwe  
 277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham  
 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds  
 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds  
 387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley  
 439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley  
 580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk  
 697—United, George Hotel Colchester.  
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 778—Bard of Avon, Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court  
 910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract  
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)  
 996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk

- 1039—St John, George Hotel, Lichfield  
 1083—Townley Parker, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester  
 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby (Instruction)  
 1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester  
 1219—Strangeways, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester  
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1283—Ryburn, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge  
 1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire  
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)  
 1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite  
 1692—Hervey, George Hotel, Hayes  
 1967—Beacon Court, Ghuznee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent  
 2096—George Price, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon

- R.A. 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough  
 R.A. 329—Brotherly Love, Choughs Hotel, Yeovil  
 R.A. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford  
 R.A. 605—De Tabley, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead  
 R.A. 606—Segontium, Carnarvon Castle, Carnarvon  
 R.A. 1356—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham  
 M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle  
 M.M. 174—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham

## THURSDAY, 25th JUNE.

- General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4  
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)  
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)  
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)  
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)  
 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)  
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)  
 858—South Middlesex, Beaufort House, North End, Fulham  
 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)  
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)

- 1153—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)  
 1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)  
 1306—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)  
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
 1554—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)  
 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—Creaton, Wheatheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)  
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)

- R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)  
 R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury at 8. (Instruction)

- R.A. 1623—West Smithfield, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street  
 M.M. 118—Northumberland, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street

- 51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester  
 78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire  
 111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington  
 116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne  
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)  
 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury  
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)  
 275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield  
 283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden  
 286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup  
 337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth  
 341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Ryce  
 344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire  
 346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn  
 349—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton  
 350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester  
 369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe  
 456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter  
 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington  
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth  
 659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe  
 781—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal  
 807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre Street, Norwich  
 904—Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham  
 935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salford  
 966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford

- 1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.  
 1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire  
 1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1437—Liberty of Havering, Rising Sun, Romford  
 1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, nr Manchester



1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire  
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle  
 1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle  
 1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull  
 R.A. 216—Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 R.A. 279—Fortitude, Freemasons' Hall, Halford Street, Leicester  
 R.A. 431—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields  
 R.A. 442—St. Peter's, Masonic Hall, Boroughbury, Peterborough  
 R.A. 1130—De Mowbray, George Hotel, Melton Mowbray  
 R.A. 1235—Phoenix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton  
 R.A. 1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham  
 M.M. 34—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

## FRIDAY, 26th JUNE.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
 25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)  
 60—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.  
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruc.)  
 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)  
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)  
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)  
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)  
 1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)  
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ludbrooke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell  
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)  
 R.A. 95—Eastern Star Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.  
 R.A. 749—Belgrave, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street  
 R.A. 1159—Marquis of Dalhousie, 33 Golden-square, W.  
 R.A. 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.  
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)  
 M.M. 223—West Smithfield, Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's Churchyard  
 401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn  
 404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford  
 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)  
 460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme  
 652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth  
 810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton  
 1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill  
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne  
 1993—Wolseley, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester. (Instruction)  
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7  
 R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster  
 R.A. 680—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmerdales Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool  
 M.M. 164—Southdown, Station Hotel, Hilyards Heath, Sussex  
 K.T. 125—Sussex, Southdown Hotel Eastbourne  
 R.C. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

## SATURDAY, 27th JUNE.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)  
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham  
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)  
 1541—Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct  
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)  
 1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow  
 2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruc.)  
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8  
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
 R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey, St. Mark's School, St. Andrew's Road, Surbiton, at 2.15 p.m.  
 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham  
 453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford  
 1462—Wharfedale, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone  
 1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greittheenh  
 1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst  
 1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent  
 1982—Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

## PALATINE LODGE, No. 97, SUNDERLAND.

THERE was a large muster of brethren of the town and neighbouring districts on the 23rd ult., to witness the initiation of Mr. Ardasir Cowasji Nusservanji Homji, 23 years of age, engineer, a Parsee, from Bombay, at a Lodge of emergency, Mr. Homji being about to leave England. The Lodge was duly opened by the W.M. Bro. J. R. Pattison, who was supported by Bros. Taylorson Sharp as I.P.M., Robert Singleton S.W., Thos. Atkinson acting J.W., Thomas Millican Watson P.M. Treasurer, G. C. Watson P.M. P.P.G.J.D. Secretary, Christopher M. Wake S.D., John Geo. Nasbet J.D., John J. Clay P.M. P.P.G.S. of W. P.G. Deputy D. of C. Director of Ceremonies, E. G. Watson Organist, James R. Nicholson and Thomas Campbell Stewards, H. Campbell, J. Brown Tyler. Among the visiting brethren were Bros. T. Dinning W.M. St. Peter's, Newcastle; C. Cobham P.P.G.S. of W., A. T. Munro P.P.G.S.B., J. G. Kirtley W.M. 949, William Liddell P.P.G.D., M. Douglass P.P.G.D., &c. The candidate having been duly elected, was introduced, and initiated in accordance with the mode applicable to candidates of the Parsee faith, being obligated upon the Zend Avesta by the W.M., Bro. J. R. Pattison. After the ceremony, the Lodge was closed, and the newly-initiated brother was cordially greeted by the brethren. At the previous regular meeting of the Lodge, the W.M. was honoured with the presence of the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge. Bro. R. Hudson, P.G. Secretary, complimented the W.M. and Officers on the manner in which the work of the Lodge was performed.

## EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

THE regular monthly meeting of this Lodge took place on the 8th instant, at the Eboracum Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York. There was a large muster of the brethren, and the appearance of the Hall was improved by the addition of new seats in the dais of massive mahogany, upholstered in crimson plush. The Lodge was opened by the I.P.M., Brother J. Blenkin, who apologised for the absence of Bro. Sir F. Milner, Bart., M.P., the W.M., who was compelled to attend to his parliamentary duties in London. After the confirmation of the minutes, successful ballots were taken for Bros. J. W. Woodall Grand Treasurer of England as an honorary member, R. Wigglesworth 1991 as a joining member, and for a candidate. The chair was then taken by Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M. who proceeded to initiate a son of the I.P.M., who received the charge from Brother W. Brown, the J.W. The I.P.M. having resumed the chair, then raised Bro. Dodson to the degree of a Master Mason. Subsequently several presentations were made, including two framed pictures from Bro. J. S. Cumberland P.M., several books from Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M., and other volumes from Bro. W. J. Hugban P.G.D., and Bro. Ware. It was also resolved that the reading and smoke rooms should be open for the use of members on every Friday evening from 8 to 11. Votes of thanks were passed to the donors, and also to the Agricola Lodge for their fraternal courtesy in offering the use of their room during the removal of the Eboracum Lodge from the Queen's Hotel to its new premises. After the Lodge was closed the tables in the refreshment room were filled, and a most harmonious evening was spent. The candidate's health was proposed, and it was mentioned as a curious coincidence that Bro. J. Blenkin P.M. was the first candidate initiated in the Eboracum Lodge after its foundation, and that his son was the first candidate initiated in the new hall. Amongst the brethren present were Bros. Blenkin I.P.M., Whytehead P.M., Cumberland P.M., Balmford P.M., Seller P.M., Millington P.M., Simpson P.M., Polkinghorne W.M. 1991, Major Baldrey W.M. 5th Dragon Guards Lodge, Major McGachen P.M., Brown J.W., Chapman S.D., Dalton J.D., Kay Sec., Lackenby I.G., Stephenson Stwd., Abbey, Foster, Wilkinson, Irving, Thackray, Chapman, Horner, Ware, Thorpe, Storey, Dyson, Nance, Pearson, Lamb, Kersopp 1991, Harding 1991, White 1991, Sample 236, and others.

## Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1602.

—A meeting was held on Thursday, 11th inst., at the White Horse, Liverpool-road. Present—Bros. Payne W.M., Ashton S.W., James J.W., Osborn Treasurer, Hughes Secretary, Von Holtorp S.D., Turner J.D., Weeden Preceptor, Ware I.G., and several other brethren. After preliminaries the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Southwell acting as candidate. Bros. Southwell and Keogh answered the questions leading to the second degree. Brothers Southwell and Keogh having retired, the Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Brother Osborn acting as candidate. The Lodge was closed and the meetings adjourned until Thursday, 3rd September.

**Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.**—At the Cock Tavern, Highbury, on Monday. Present—Bros. Cooper W.M., Marks S.W., Weare J.W., Parks S.D., Collingridge J.D., Kirk I.G., Western Acting Preceptor, and several others. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Turner acting as candidate. Bro. Keogh, Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge, No. 1602, answered the questions leading to the second degree, and was elected a member. Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned till Monday next, when Bro. Forge P.M. 1950, S.W. 1693 will rehearse the ceremony of installation at 8.30 sharp. Bro. Western W.M. 1693 will rehearse the ceremony of installation on 29th inst. The usual harmonious gatherings are continued at this Lodge of Instruction after closing of Lodge, and are much enjoyed by members.

The annual Convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Middlesex will be held at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, on Monday next, the 22nd inst., at five o'clock p.m. precisely. The usual business of the year will be transacted, and a banquet will follow, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets for the latter, exclusive of wine, are 7s 6d each. We hope to give a report of the proceedings in our next.

A Convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement was held at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, on Thursday, 18th inst. Comps. Knight M.E.Z., Strugnell H., Radcliffe J., Sheffield S.E., Edmonds S.N., Gregory P.S. It is gratifying to record the zeal displayed by the Companions attached to this Chapter of Improvement; the ceremonies on this occasion were especially well sustained.

Bro. James Terry Past Prov. S.G.W. Norths and Hunts, Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, &c., will rehearse the consecration and installation ceremonies on Monday, the 29th inst., at the Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7 o'clock sharp. Brethren to appear in full Masonic Craft clothing. The Hotel is five minutes walk from Victoria Park Station.

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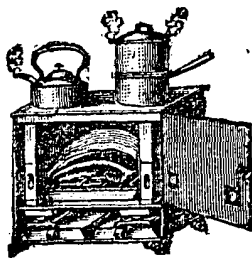
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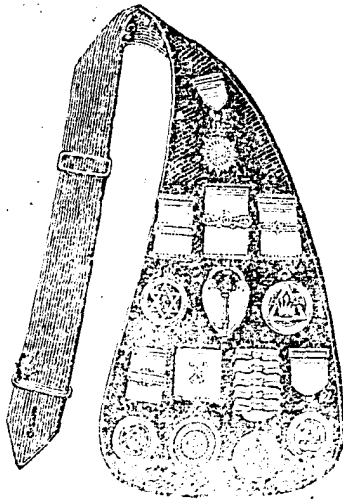
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