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## LODGE LECTURES.

WE notice that there is running through the major portion of the Annual Reports of the Grand Lodges of America a complaint that the theoretical or philosophical history of Freemasonry is but little understood by the brethren generally. The ritualistic side of Freemasonry is carried out to perfection in American Blue Lodges, more so perhaps than in the same Lodges in any other country, yet Masonic scholars find that the history and principles of Freemasonry are as a sealed book to the great bulk of the brethren. We can readily understand this complaint, and cheerfully endorse its justice and correctness, as the same defect exists in our own Lodges, and from the same causes. As brethren are aware, the only insight given into the philosophy of Freemasonry is comprised in the lectures attached to the three degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason. These are given at a time when they are least likely to be remembered with effect. In many Lodges the lectures are scamped or omitted through the unwise effort to confer more than one degree the same meeting night, and the result is that the epitome of Masonic history comprised in those lectures is not imparted with that regularity and impressiveness which was intended, and hence it is that brethren are not as bright Masons as they might be, even through the overture education of the Lodge. Freemasons should all be readers and students. It being one of the "landmarks" of the Institution that every person initiated must be able to read and write, it follows as a natural deduction that it was expected that every brother would "read up" more or less, and thus become fairly versed in his duties and in the principles of Freemasonry. It is a matter for regret that this old time notion remains so widely a dead letter, the result being that the ignorance which exists has a deteriorating effect. Little is learned from the ritual or its recital in the Lodge, and if we are to be educated Masons, it is absolutely necessary that a useful system of Lodge lecturers be instituted, the object of which would be to convey in clear concise language the principles and symbolism of Freemasonry to the members of each Lodge periodically, and thus may be developed a taste for study, with the outcome of bringing to the front "in due course" Masonic scholars of which our Grand Lodge might be proud, and who would reflect honour on the Craft, and raise up beneath the Southern Cross authorities which would be looked up to with confidence and respect throughout the world. The Worshipful Masters of Lodges could do a great deal in this lecture work. Indeed, we think it their particular duty to instruct the brethren, and thoroughly ground them in what Freemasonry really is. The funds of the Grand Lodge will not permit of a paid lecturer being appointed, and we therefore must appeal to the "pride of office" of the Worshipful Masters to give practical effect to the object of this article. There are many Masters who possess the ability to prepare a written lecture on the symbolism of each degree, and we feel sure that the brethren would hail with delight such an attractive opportunity of learning what they ought to know. Will some W.M. take the initiative. The Grand Lodge Library is at their disposal, and any aid we can render will be most cheerfully given.—*Sydney Freemason.*

## THE MARK BENEVOLENT FUND FESTIVAL.

WE have occasion, in another part of this issue, to speak of the growth and popularity of the Mark degree, which is rapidly becoming more influential, and appears to be extending the circle of its labours day by day. The present month has been a busy one with Mark Master Masons, while during the last few days the activity has reached a climax, which has exhibited Mark Masonry to the world in its grandest form—that of Benevolence—in such a way as to astonish its patrons, and secure for it and its votaries respect from those outside its circle. The Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund was held on Wednesday, and its success exceeded even the most sanguine expectations of its supporters, while, considered from a general point of view, it is another instance of the true spirit of charity which pervades Freemasonry in its every phase. The result of Wednesday's Festival has given us fresh cause for marvel—marvel as to where the money comes from which is subscribed from Freemasonry for the relief of distress among its members; which, alas! is as widespread as among any other section of the community. Complaints of bad trade does not appear to affect the liberality of the Craft, nor does time lessen the enthusiasm which has been so long associated with the practice of its most gratifying principle—Charity. Year after year, and month after month, have we been called upon to chronicle performances in this noble cause, until the duty has become almost monotonous, while the task which now devolves upon us finds us with nothing but worn-out materials with which to accomplish it. How can we find words strong enough to express our feelings, or how is it possible adequately to thank those who have come forward to assist in securing another success in connection with Masonic Charity? We cannot do so; we can only assure them their labours are appreciated, and that the money they have subscribed will be spent in the best of good ways—in assisting those who, from calamity or misfortune, are reduced to the necessity of appealing to their more fortunate brothers. The success of Wednesday was an all round one. Each of the Stewards—of whom there were eighty-eight—did well; and if we single out the one instance of Bro. the Rev. H. G. Cummings, who represented the Province of Kent, it is only because he was fortunate enough to secure a three figure total—his list amounting to one hundred guineas. Bro. Rowland Plumbe, representing the Davison Lodge, was particularly fortunate; in so far that he received the unanimous support of his fellow members in that Lodge, every one of whom contributed something to the Festival total. The Chairman nobly discharged his duty, not only as President, but by personal support of the Fund, in the form of a donation of one hundred guineas. The total contributed at the Festival was £1,721 16s 6d, being more than twice the amount contributed at the gathering of last year. We append a list of the Stewards, and the amounts brought up by each, and in conclusion again tender our heartiest congratulations to those who assisted in securing the grand success of the Mark Benevolent Fund Festival of 1885.

The banquet was served in that ample manner that is so characteristic a feature of this annual gathering. Lord

Egerton of Tatton, the Deputy Grand Mark Master, presided, and was supported by a large body of the prominent Mark Masons of the day.

In introducing the toasts Lord Egerton said, the first which is drunk in every assembly of Englishmen and Masons is that of Her Majesty the Queen. Her Majesty is not only the mother of a Mark Mason, but she is now the grandmother of a Mark Mason. It had afforded him great pleasure and honour to assist in advancing as a Mark Mason Prince Albert Victor, the heir ultimately to the throne now occupied by Her Majesty. We know that the Queen deserves the respect and attachment of Masons; she has done a great deal during the many years she has reigned over this country, and among her subjects there are none that can claim to be more loyal to the throne than Mark Masons. He therefore gave with great confidence the health of Her Majesty and Mark Masonry. The next toast was Prosperity to Mark Masonry and the health of the G. Master the Earl of Kintore. The Chairman was sure that the brethren would be glad that the abilities of the Most Worshipful Mark Master Mason had been recognised by his being placed in a responsible position as a servant of her Majesty. All would feel that those abilities, which we recognised as fitting him for taking his high place in Mark Masonry, had been recognised by the Sovereign for employment in the service of the State. This showed that some of the qualities of a good Mason were also the best qualities of a citizen. None will recognise his fitness for office more than the Mark Masons of England. We are rejoiced to be governed by one who is so well fitted by his position and by his acts to take the lead and be an honour to Mark Masonry. It was unnecessary to remind the brethren how well and how fittingly the Earl of Kintore had ruled over them; he (the chairman) was sure the Earl would hear with pleasure that his health had been received with enthusiasm. Bro. Lambert said the next toast, which had been confided to him, was one of great importance; because, while it proved that Mark Masonry was in existence, it was the ideal, and not only the ideal but the fact that we have a great many Grand Officers on this occasion rallying round our board. He had the honour to offer the health of the Deputy Grand Master, Lord Egerton of Tatton, and the Grand Officers Present and Past. In days gone by a Grand Mark Lodge was formed, and he had the honour of being the first Grand Deacon. The Grand Officers had worked most sincerely and well in the past, and if evidence of this were needed we have only to compare the number who have been present on former occasions with the number of those present to-day. They have done good suit and service, and have shown by their efforts that they have been thinking of our Mark Benevolent Fund, by urging those who are not members to do the best they can for us. In Mark Masonry, as in every other Degree of Masonry, the Grand Officers had to put their shoulders to the wheel, and carry out those rules which may not always be in accordance with their own views; we are much indebted to those brethren who come up from long distances to advocate these principles. We ought to be grateful for the duties they impose on themselves, and to the Deputy Grand Master, our Chairman, for coming to preside to-day. He should like to say more of him, but was told that had been left for some one else. We have the honour to-night to entertain our Bro. Love Jones Parry, and we are grateful to our good friends who come from so far away. We hail the Province of Wales from which Bro. Parry comes as one of the most excellent in working, and as a bright example to all those who are within our borders. Bro. Love Jones Parry, in responding, said he was a Mason of 35 years' standing; the longer he was in it the greater pleasure he took. It was no violation of Masonic secrecy to say that Charity was the motto and the motive power of Masons. St. Paul placed Charity at the head of the virtues, and Charity was only the Latin name for love. It was in the cause of charity they had met that day, and he was happy to be able to say that the Charitable Fund of Mark Masonry was increasing very rapidly. He need only call attention to the printed books which were in the hands of the brethren; these showed the extraordinary difference between the sums subscribed each year since 1869. In that year it was £97 2s 8d; last year it was £832 19s. He only hoped that that day it would not be less than £1000. It was gratifying indeed to see so much larger an attendance this year than there was last, when they had an equally sunny day, but from some cause or other there were many gaps at the dinner tables, and there were not so many ladies present. He was sorry that the rules of Masonry did not allow of ladies being present more frequently. There was only one instance, however, of a lady being a Mason, but in these days when women's rights were so much advocated there was no knowing what might happen, and the ladies need not despair. Brother the Rev. H. Cummings proposed the health of the Chairman. It must afford Lord Egerton of Tatton very great satisfaction to see before him such a company. He ventured to think such a large number of Stewards, their wives, daughters, and friends, would bring the Festival to such a success as the Benevolent Fund had not yet achieved. Having at their head a Chairman of such deserved popularity was no doubt the cause. They were a long way from Cheshire, but the Cheshire brethren were supporting him strongly. Lord Egerton was now Deputy Grand Master, and he hoped that he would in turn become Grand Master. He was quite sure that the popularity of Lord Egerton had a great deal to do with the immeasurable success of this Festival. They had already heard of the strides made in 15 or 18 years. He ventured to think the result that day would realise a long way beyond £1000. The Chairman returned his hearty thanks for the way in which his health had been received, and for the kind way in which it had been proposed. He felt that the success of the meeting would not be owing so much to his presence as to the good cause of which he was the humble advocate. It gave him great pleasure to see so many Stewards present to support him; more than double the number on any previous occasion; but still drawn together from every part of the world, as well as of the kingdom. Australia, Sydney, and New South

Wales were represented on this occasion. All parts of England were represented, and he was glad that the Provinces with which he was more immediately connected—Lancashire and Cheshire—had sent up their fair share, although those two counties could not compare with Middlesex and Surrey, which sent 21 Stewards, or three times the number of the other two. Still he thought if a Mark Festival was held in Lancashire it would show as good an account as the two metropolitan counties. With regard to the ladies he should have thought from the speech they had lately heard that the speaker was the champion of women's rights. Women were to be found in every good work, and although they could not be initiated into Masonic mysteries, they could be associated in Masonic good work. After the many distinguished men he had the honour to follow as Chairman, he felt that his efforts might be small in comparison with theirs, but there was not one of his predecessors who had been actuated by a warmer desire to benefit the Institution which they were met to support. He trusted that the success of this Festival would give promise of better and larger success. In speaking to the toast of the evening, Prosperity to the Mark Benevolent Fund and the other Masonic Institutions, Lord Egerton said the company had been already told that Charity was one of the most prominent and leading of all the Masonic virtues, and Mark Masons shared it in common with the rest of the Craft. The Mark Benevolent Fund had from its commencement been a source of interest and support with Mark Masons. They had heard how 16 years ago it had a very small beginning. It was then held under the then Grand Master, now Canon Portal, and under £100 was collected. Since then many other distinguished men had presided, and the sums had gradually risen. But this year he trusted that instead of making gradual progress it would go on with those leaps and bounds which a late Chancellor of the Exchequer used to delight in with regard to the national exchequer. Masonry was more fortunate because they had double the number of Stewards. They were well aware of the objects of the Fund—first to relieve Masons in distress, their widows and children. Further than that, there was an accumulated amount of £2,000; and still further, there was an educational branch, which had absorbed the sum of £1,400, and with that twelve boys and five girls were receiving education. Unless a large amount was now collected there would be very few vacancies at the next election, but they had every confidence that they would be able to do even more than they had yet done. They were not only in their Charity assisting Mark Masons, but to a considerable extent they were relieving Craft Masonry also, because all those who have become Mark Masons must have passed the Craft Degrees. He would like to throw out a proposal which he was sure they would approve of. He would like to see a fund started for the relief of decayed and aged Mark Masons and their widows. It had been computed that a very moderate sum would be sufficient to give £15 or £12 a year to each—say six men and six widows. It could not be denied that both aged Mark Masons and their widows had a great claim on Mark Masons, and he thought the Benevolent Fund might be extended in that direction. As example in these cases was far better than precept, he proposed if it was the wish of the Board who had the control of the Benevolent Fund, and if they would accept it, he would give 100 guineas towards such a fund, on condition that it was started. He was sure that on the present occasion it would not be necessary to use many words to enforce the benefit of extending this fund, for he was quite certain that those present would come forward and support it, and would spread the idea to other Masons. They would feel that all deserving Mark Masons should have a fair share of the prosperity of Mark Masons in general, and that every one who became a Mark Mason might look forward to the time when, if his circumstances were not so good as when he joined the Order, he should be able to fall back on such a fund as this, in the full confidence that his claims would be regarded and attended to. He felt certain no words of his were needed to give the toast of the Mark Benevolent Fund and the other Masonic Institutions, and that the very successful result, which would shortly be announced by the financial statement, would show them that the exertions of the Stewards and Hon. Secretaries, Bros. Binckes and Matier, had not been altogether in vain. Bro. Binckes in reply said he hoped the brethren would take to heart what the Chairman had said as to forming a new fund. He unhesitatingly accepted the condition attached to the Chairman's gift of 100 guineas, and that, in consequence, the subscriptions of future years would even be greater than the magnificent amount he was going to announce. He then read the list of subscriptions, as given on the opposite page.

The Chairman, in proposing the Board of Stewards, said that the amount already announced had been due to the activity and energy of all; but especially to the President, Bro. A. Williams, and the two Hon. Secretaries. The very gratifying announcement just made could not have been attained without the display of great energy and activity. After a few other toasts the proceedings terminated. The musical arrangements were conducted by Bro. E. M. Lott Past Grand Mark Organist, who was assisted by Bros. Arthur Thompson and Franklin Clive, with Miss Amy Sargent and Miss Minnie Kirton.

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LONDON.		GLOUCESTERSHIRE.		MONMOUTHSHIRE.	
The Chairman, Lord Egerton of Tatton	100 0 0	Province (John Walker)	10 10 0	Province (Bro. Major A Thrale Perkins)	21 0 0
Grand Masters, Br. S B Wilson	15 15 0	(Geo. Norman)	10 10 0		
Grand Stewards, Br. C E Soppet	26 5 0	<b>HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.</b>		<b>NEW SOUTH WALES.</b>	
Bon Accord, Br. G Cooper	12 17 0	Lodge		Br. Norman Selfe -	
Old Kent, Bro. J L Mather	12 0 0	54 Henry Stone	52 10 0	<b>NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM.</b>	
Br. Major W E Williams	12 9 0	305 F Powell	10 10 0	Province (C H Hill Drury)	
Lodge		<b>KENT.</b>		<b>NOTTINGHAM.</b>	
1 George Kenning	5 5 0	Province (Rev H Cummings)	105 0 0	Lodge	
8 John Mason	16 2 0	Lodge		265 Br. Henry George	43 1 0
22 R J Voisey	11 11 0	226 W A Weston	30 10 0	344 J Toplis	5 5 0
<b>UNATTACHED.</b>		237 J A Anthony	5 5 0	<b>SOMERSET.</b>	
Br. Alfred Williams (Pres.)	10 10 0	294 S G T Bourke	10 10 0	Province (C W Radway)	
R Berridge (Hon. Tr.)	10 10 0	332 William Kipps	5 5 0	<b>SUSSEX.</b>	
R P Spice	5 5 0	<b>LANCASHIRE.</b>		Lodge	
C H Driver	15 15 0	Province (G P Brookbank)	10 10 0	166 Fred Rossiter	18 11 0
C F Matier (Hon. Sec.)	46 0 0	Lodge		<b>VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.</b>	
Samuel Kelly	5 5 0	T.I. (E G Harwood)	15 15 0	Province (W Marshall)	
Geo Lambert	10 10 0	32 Frank A Huet	5 5 0	<b>WILTSHIRE.</b>	
Dr George Mickley	5 5 0	34 W J Cunliffe	21 0 0	Lodge	
Baron de Ferrieres, M.P.	5 5 0	158 J D Murray	5 5 0	178 William Nott	17 15 0
Wm Kelly	10 10 0	<b>LEICESTER, NORTHAMPTON, AND DERBYSHIRE.</b>		<b>WORCESTERSHIRE.</b>	
Thomas Cubitt	5 5 0	Province (Miles J Walker)	26 5 0	Province (A F Godson } W B Williamson }	
<b>PROVINCES.</b>		Lodge		<b>WEST YORKSHIRE.</b>	
<b>BERKS AND OXON.</b>		Province (Thos. Clark)	25 2 0	Lodge	
Province (Br. T J Pulley)	5 5 0	Lodge		53 Fred Cleeves	11 0 0
Lodge		3 W S Webster	32 11 0	<b>NORTH WALES.</b>	
27 Edwin Head	5 10 0	5 F T Bennett	34 12 6	321 Love Jones Parry	
55 R E Baynes	10 10 0	7 W E Stewart	27 5 0	<b>SOUTH WALES.</b>	
225 A H Simpson	10 10 0	13 H D Cama	10 10 0	Province (Sir Pryse Pryse, Bart.)	
235 R Glasspool	31 10 0	104 Jabez Church	25 4 0	<b>DEGREE OF ROYAL ARK MARINERS.</b>	
247 J M Dormor	15 16 0	114 Charles Belton	10 10 0	Lodge	
257 Rev E De Ewer	3 0 0	139 W Vincent	7 1 0	237 J A Anthony	
<b>BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.</b>		144 C. F. Hogard	23 2 0	<b>ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES.</b>	
Province and Lodge 163 Br. Thos. Taylor	16 16 0	173 J Poulton	21 0 0	Four Kings' Council, Bro. F T Bennett	
<b>CHESHIRE.</b>		197 Col. H S Burney	10 10 0	<b>ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS.</b>	
Province (Bro. Rev. C W S Stanhope)	5 15 0	211 Mrs D P Cama	52 10 0	Bro. Thomas Clark	
Lodge		211 Br. John Mason (see Thistle, S, London)	15 17 0	See the same names elsewhere.	
196 W H Finchett	15 15 0	236 Alex Miller	10 10 0		
<b>CUMBERLAND AND WEST-MORELAND.</b>		238 Alfred Tisley	27 5 0		
Province (P. de E. Collin)	5 5 0	239 F J Tyler	15 15 0		
<b>EAST ANGLIA.</b>		244 H H Shirley	20 9 6		
Province (Nath Tracey)	52 3 0	284 Major P Dunbar	19 19 0		
Lodge		315 James Terry	5 5 0		
112 F S H Dyer	35 0 0	331 Rowland Plumbe	35 14 0		
205 Geo Graveley (See Temperance in the East, No. 350, Middlesex.)		333 Newington Bridges	21 0 0		
334 Benj Chennel	31 10 0	350 Geo. Graveley	52 10 0		

SUMMARY.

Berks and Oxon	82 1 0
Buckinghamshire	16 16 0
Cheshire	21 0 0
Cumberland and Westmoreland	5 5 0
East Anglia	118 13 0
Gloucestershire	21 0 0
Hants and Isle of Wight	63 0 0
Kent	156 10 0
Lancashire	57 5 5
Leicester, Northants, and Derbyshire	81 7 6
Lincolnshire	10 10 0
Middlesex and Surrey	504 2 0
Monmouthshire	21 0 0
New South Wales	5 5 0
Northumberland and Durham	17 1 0
Nottinghamshire	48 6 0
Somersetshire	10 10 0
Sussex	18 11 0
Victoria, Australia	
Wiltshire	17 15 0
Worcestershire	31 10 0
Yorkshire (West)	11 0 0
Wales (North)	5 5 0
Ditto (South)	21 0 0
The Chairman	£105 0 0
London, 19 Stewards	272 4 0
Provinces, 69 Stewards	1,344 12 6

Grand Total £1,721 16 6

## MARK MASONRY.

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CONSECRATION OF THE ROYAL SAVOY  
LODGE, No. 355.

IF popular opinion of the Mark Degree is to be gauged by the frequency with which new Lodges are established—and surely no better criterion need be sought—this particular branch of Freemasonry at present occupies a prominent place in the minds of English Craftsmen. There is a strong feeling among some of those who are opposed to Freemasonry—whether on religious grounds or otherwise—that the majority of men are disgusted with themselves after their initiation, and consider they have been made such fools of that they not only discontinue their search after Masonic knowledge, but at once renounce as far as possible their connection with the Order, and that, too, in the most determined fashion. We who are able to judge of this from actual experience, can testify that the reverse is the case, and that comparatively few of those who are initiated sever their connection with Freemasonry until they have passed through its three degrees, while certainly a majority seek a further association with its teachings in the mysteries of the Royal Arch, or the Mark. The prosperity attending this last degree is in itself a striking illustration of the truth of this view, while the frequent consecration of new Lodges for its practice affords an undeniable proof that some, at least, of those who are initiated into Freemasonry find sufficient to interest them in its teachings to constrain them to continue their researches outside. Another strong point in support of our view, that Freemasonry does not disgust its initiates, may be found in the fact that some of its best men may be found among those who go further than the three steps of Craft Masonry; indeed, some of the higher grades are supported by the most influential members of the Craft—men who have not only made their mark within the portals of Freemasonry, but also in the every day pursuits of ordinary life, either as statesmen, soldiers, or members of the most brilliant professions. But, argue those who are opposed to us, these great men only continue their association with the Order, and only support its offshoots, from unworthy motives. They make use of their position to serve the worst of ends, and under the cloak of Masonry and the higher degrees they plot against all that is good, honest, and lawful. We shall not stay longer now to argue this subject, but simply content ourselves with observing that the establishment of a new Lodge is a matter for congratulation, and when it is started with brethren at its head and with associations so pleasing as those which surround the Royal Savoy Lodge of Mark Masters, it is not only a matter for gratification, but one which should be heralded with rejoicing by the Craft at large.

The consecration took place on Saturday, the 11th instant, at the Criterion, Regent Circus, London, under the able direction of Bro. Fred. Binckes, whom it is readily admitted has done more for Mark Masonry than any man living. The Royal Savoy Lodge is numbered 355 on the register of Grand Mark Lodge, and its Officers and many of its members are intimately associated with the Lodge bearing the same name in Craft Masonry, and are the men who have won for that a reputation among the most brilliant in the Order. Bro. J. L. Mather opened a Lodge of Mark Masters, and in due course the following were advanced to the Mark Degree:—Bros. H. Dickey, W. J. Ferguson, C. J. Knightley, G. Mordey and J. H. Batty. Bro. F. Binckes, Past Grand Warden, Grand Secretary Mark Degree, then took the chair as Consecrating Officer, and called upon the Director of Ceremonies to read the warrant by which he was empowered to act. He expressed the pleasure with which he entered upon this duty and called upon Bro. J. L. Mather to assist him as Senior Warden, and Bro. W. Lake as Junior Warden, while Bro. Robert Berridge P.G.M.O. officiated in his capacity as Director of Ceremonies. Directions having been given, the Founders of the Lodge were arranged in order, and the Petition and Warrant were formally read. The members having signified their approval of the Officers named in the Warrant, Brother Binckes announced that he had anticipated that Brother A. M. Broadley Past District Grand Master of the Mediterranean would have been present to deliver the Oration customary on these occasions, but inasmuch as Bro. Broadley's engagements necessitated his attendance elsewhere, with the permission of the brethren he would endeavour to give them some slight idea of the progress the Mark Degree had achieved since the day of the Union of the rival Craft Grand Lodges, at which time the claims of the Mark Degree for identification more intimately with the Craft were fully considered. The decision arrived at, as those present were aware, was 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." Since those days several proposals had been made with a view to amalgamation, with arguments which have been received with more or less favour. Now, he might say, that desire, so far as Mark Masons were concerned, was at an end. They were firmly established as an independent body, and could boast a programme of their own complete in itself. Bro. Binckes referred to the long line of illustrious brethren who had been associated in the management of the Mark Degree, and more particularly spoke of those who had filled the office of Grand Mark Master, and the work they had done to advance the interests of the degree. The list comprised Rt. Hon. Lord Henniker, Rt. Hon. Lord Lathom, Rt. Hon. Lord Leigh, Rt. Hon. Earl of Carnarvon, Rt. Hon. Viscount Holmesdale, W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Rev. Canon Portal, M.A., Rt. Hon. the Earl Percy, M.P., Rt. Hon. the Earl of Limerick; all of whom had upheld the principles of the degree, and zealously fulfilled their duties during the three years they had each in turn held office. The Consecrating Officer then referred to the interest taken in the degree by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of Craft Masonry—H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as

evidenced by his acceptance of the rank of a Past Grand Master, and then spoke of the similar honour conferred on the degree by another member of the Royal Family, the lamented Duke of Albany, whose early death caused the first gap in the list of Past Grand Masters of the Mark Degree. The consecration was then completed, with full ceremonial. Bro. James Willing jun. was regularly installed as first Master, and the Wardens designate—Bros. W. M. Stiles and W. A. Scurrah—were invested. Other offices were filled as follows:—Bros. G. Gregory M.O., H. Dickey S.O., J. H. Batty J.O., G. Mordey R. of M., C. J. Knightley Sec., W. J. Ferguson S.D., and S. Smith Tyler. A hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Binckes, for his services as Consecrating Officer, was proposed by the W.M., seconded by the J.W., and carried with acclamation. The vote having been gracefully acknowledged, Bros. Binckes, Davison, Berridge, Mather, Lake, Taylor, and Soppet were elected honorary members of the Lodge, a compliment for which thanks were returned by Bro. Davison. Six propositions for advancement and one for joining were handed in. A committee for framing Bye-Laws was appointed, and a proposition for the establishment of a Mark Lodge of Instruction, with Bro. J. L. Mather as Preceptor, was considered; after which, other formal business having been disposed of, the Lodge was closed. Among those present were Bros. Erbert Roberts Orz. 223, E. Hoare G. Orz., W. W. Morgan S.D. 357, E. Storr S.O. 234, G. Emblin P.M. 237, G. Gardner S.W. 357, E. Mills S.W. 350, J. T. Briggs J.W. 181, R. J. H. Goldney Old Kent, John Skinner J.D. Old Kent, &c.

A banquet was afterwards served, and later on the usual toasts were honoured. Bro. James Willing, who presided, carried out this part of the programme with his accustomed ability. After the toasts of the "Queen and Mark Masonry," the "M.W. the Earl of Kintore G.M.M.M. and the Grand Lodge of England," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., and the rest of the Past G.M.M.M.," that of the "Deputy G.M.M.M. Lord Egerton of Tatton, and the rest of the Grand Officers," was submitted. Bro. Berridge replied. He referred to the important services rendered by Lord Egerton, and expressed his belief that when that nobleman succeeded to the chair at present filled by Lord Kintore they would find in him a worthy successor. As an Officer of Grand Lodge Bro. Berridge was delighted to come amongst them to take part in the ceremonies of the day. He believed the Grand Officers of the Mark Degree had been carefully selected, and well deserved their honours. Bro. Soppet also acknowledged the toast. "The Right Worshipful Sir Francis Bardett, Bart., Prov. G.M.M.M. and the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex and Surrey," was the next toast. Bro. Willing, in proposing it, spoke of the estimable qualities of Sir Francis Bardett, and accounted for his absence from their meeting in consequence of his having to consecrate a Craft Lodge in Hounslow. With this toast was associated the name of Bro. Davison Grand Treasurer, who in replying said he was always delighted to support the Provincial Grand Master, who was one of the most zealous of Masons, in every possible way. He congratulated the brethren on the success of the day's proceedings; he should take pleasure in attending their meetings whenever possible. The selection of Bro. Willing as first Master had made it certain that the Lodge would be prosperous and conduce to the strength of Mark Masonry in the Province. He felt pleasure at witnessing Bro. Binckes's admirable working, and all would agree with him they had that day had a rare treat. Bro. Binckes proposed the Worshipful Master. He supposed there was not a single toast given at their Masonic meetings which did not, at one time or another, receive the designation of "the toast of the evening;" that entrusted to him certainly merited that appellation. The toast of the Supreme Ruler of the Order might fairly claim the distinction in an ordinary way, but when they came to consider the special nature of their meeting the honour fell on that of the Worshipful Master. Bro. Binckes spoke of the energy and the ability of Bro. Willing, a more zealous Mason than whom he did not know. He had fulfilled every expectation formed of him, and it was an honour to be the means of placing him in the chair of the Royal Savoy Lodge of Mark Masters. Bro. Binckes congratulated the members on having selected him to preside over their Lodge, and felt no one was more likely to carry out the principles of Masonry—to be happy and to communicate happiness—than Bro. Willing, for whom he wished success during his term of office. Bro. Willing tendered his sincere thanks. He was gratified at the establishment of the Royal Savoy Mark Lodge, as he felt its meetings would afford the members an opportunity of becoming better acquainted with each other, and as a consequence would tend to remove prejudices which might exist to the detriment of that spirit of friendship and brotherly love which should prevail among them. He was of opinion that, so far from Masonic meetings being too frequent, as some argued, the reverse was the case, and that more especially in regard to the Royal Arch and the Mark Degree. He felt the ritual of these latter was often very imperfectly rendered in consequence. He should devote his energy, and do all that lay in his power to secure the success of the Royal Savoy Lodge of Mark Masters, and in doing so felt sure he should receive the co-operation of all who were associated with him in its foundation. The toast of the Consecrating Officer was next given. The W.M. said Mark Masons looked up to Bro. Binckes as the official representative of Grand Lodge, ever ready to devote himself to the work of the Degree, while his knowledge of the ceremonies and history of Masonry generally entitled him to respect wherever he was known. Speaking from an intimate acquaintance with Bro. Binckes, he unhesitatingly asserted that a more generous or upright Mason did not exist, while, as Secretary of one of the great Masonic Charitable Institutions, he had done much for the cause of those in distress. He thanked him for his valuable assistance in the establishment of the Royal Savoy Lodge, and hoped he would often be present at its future meetings. Bro. Binckes replied with his accustomed ability. It had afforded him much pleasure to perform the ceremony of the day. He hoped the Royal Savoy Lodge had a career of prosperity before it. He had been a Mason for thirty-three years, and during that time

had performed many Masonic functions; he hoped that he might yet have time to perform many more. He had been officially associated with the Mark Degree for twenty-eight years, and had watched its rise and progress with pleasure. It had made its way to a high position, and had a long career of prosperity before it, if only its members were true to themselves. He enjoined them to maintain the Charities, and cultivate brotherly love, to ensure that happy result. The toast of the *Advances* was next given from the chair, and was replied to by the newly advanced brethren; after which the *Visitors* was proposed by Bro. Willing. He referred to the fact that several members of the recently consecrated Chiswick Mark Lodge were present, and felt somewhat exercised in his mind as to which Lodge could claim priority. True, the Chiswick was consecrated a fortnight earlier than the Royal Savoy, but the latter had the advantage of being two lower on the roll—355 and 357 being the numbers respectively. After offering a cordial welcome to the members of the Chiswick Lodge and the other *Visitors*, Bro. Willing submitted the toast. Bro. Gardner in replying said he had heard of, well knew, and appreciated the energy of Bro. Willing. But the members of the Chiswick Lodge could boast of at least equal energy, as evidenced by their consecration having been completed two weeks before, notwithstanding their warrant was two in number after that of the Royal Savoy. Other visitors also responded, and then the toast of *The Officers* was submitted. This having been replied to, the Tyler gave the concluding toast, and the proceedings terminated. The musical arrangements were entrusted to Bro. Hoare, Grand Organist, who was supported by Madame Adeline Paget, Miss Pauline Featherby, Bro. Egbert Roberts and Bro. John Probert; most ably did each of these artistes carry out the part entrusted to them. We cordially wish the new Lodge a career of prosperity, and in hoping it may progress as rapidly as has its namesake in the Craft we feel we are expressing the strongest desire possible.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUFFOLK.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Public Hall, London Road, Lowestoft, on Monday, the 13th inst., under the auspices of the Unity and St. Margaret's Lodges. The hall was tastefully decorated, and the assembly was both large and influential. The R.W. Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Waveney Prov. Grand Master presided, and was supported by the following, among others:—Bros. the Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G. Chap., Deputy Prov. G.M., J. M. Canova, G. Thompson, P. Hessey, W. W. Walesby, W. Boby, and A. J. Grimwade P.P.S.G.W., G. J. Paine Prov. G.J.W., B. P. Grimsey, Joseph F. Hills and William Dods P.P.G.J.W., Rev. S. Maude Prov. G. Chap., Rev. A. Tighe Gregory P.P.G. Chap., Gen. W. H. Hessey Prov. G. Reg., William Daking and W. B. Cooper P.P.G. Reg., N. Tracey Prov. G. Sec., H. W. H. Elwes Prov. S.G.D., B. Gall P.P.S.G.D., A. E. Smith Prov. J.G.D., G. H. Cooper and James Tennant P.P.G.S. of Wks., W. Clarke P.G.P. Prov. G.D.C., Thomas Holland P.P.G.D.C., C. W. Dance and W. Tewson P.P.G.A.D.C., Alfred Barnes Prov. G.S.B., George Abbott, Alex. Barber and Robert W. Saul P.P.G.S.B., F. A. Mann P.P.G.O., John Martin Prov. G.P., J. C. Baines, R. A. Barber and James M. Harvey P.P.G.P., Lewis, Horsey, and E. Bockham Prov. Grand Stewards, Edward Sparke P.P.G. Steward, B. W. Syer Provincial Grand Tyler, George Jewson P.P.S.G.D. Norfolk, G. V. Grummett P.P.G.A.D.C. Norfolk, &c. Lodge was formally opened by the Provincial Grand Master, assisted by the Officers of the year named above, with Bro. W. Boby acting as S.W., and then the Provincial Grand Master read letters from Bros. Lord Henniker and Major General Cecil Ives Prov. S.G.W., who regretted that they were unable to attend Grand Lodge. Bro. Major General Ives, in his letter, stated that he had forwarded the design for the memorial brass to be placed in Clare Church to the memory of the late Prince Leopold, W.M. of the "Clare" Lodge. He had ventured to submit the design to Her Majesty, who was much pleased with it, especially the inscription. The design was subsequently produced by Bro. Vincent. The tablet is surmounted by an open copy of the Holy Scriptures, with the square and compasses lying upon it. The inscription is as follows:—

In fraternal memory of  
His Royal Highness PRINCE LEOPOLD,  
Duke of Albany, Earl of Clarence, K.G.  
Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire,  
Past Grand Junior Warden of England,  
Grand Third Principal of Royal Arch Masons of England,  
Fourth son of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.  
He was born 7th April, 1853,  
And died 28th March, 1884,  
H.R.H. being at that time Worshipful Master of the Royal  
Clarence Lodge of Freemasons of this town,  
No. 1823.

This tablet is erected by the Officers and members of the above Lodge, and other brethren in the Province of Suffolk.

The tablet is surrounded by various Masonic emblems. The Prov. Grand Secretary read the report of the Board of General Purposes, which called attention to the apparent decrease in the number of members in the Province, which was due to the fact that greater care had been taken to clear up the number of members in arrear. The total strength was now close on 900 members, distributed as follows: Lodge No. 71, 66 members; 81, 49; 114, 50; 225, 98; 305, 24; 332, 27; 376, 71; 388, 32; 516, 42; 555, 33; 929, 31; 936, 24; 959, 58; 1008, 48; 1224, 62; 1452, 26; 1592, 29; 1631, 36; 1663, 27; 1823, 29; and 1983, 31. The accounts showed a balance in favour of the Province of £62 15s 9d. The Board recommended that the sum of 30 guineas be equally distributed among the three Charities, and also that Prov. Grand Lodge become a member of the Suffolk Life Subscribership Association for the Royal Masonic Institutions, of £4 4s per annum. On the proposition of the Deputy Pro-

vincial Grand Master, seconded by Bro. B. P. Grimsey the report was adopted, and then the following were appointed as the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. Gen. W. H. Hessey W.M. 81	...	Senior Warden
J. M. Harvey P.M. 936	...	Junior Warden
Rev. F. W. Wilkinson 1224	...	} Chaplains
J. B. Blackmore S.W. 1452	...	
E. P. Youell (re-elected)	...	Treasurer
C. H. Vincent P.M. 1823	...	Registrar
N. Tracey P.M. 376	...	Secretary
G. Bosh W.M. 1452	...	Senior Deacon
D. W. Bellamy P.M. 1631	...	Junior Deacon
E. Bockham P.M. 376	...	Supt. of Works
W. Clarke P.G.P., 114	...	Dir. of Ceremonies
H. J. Barnes W.M. 1663	...	Assist. D. of Cere.
B. Seaman W.M. 929	...	Sword Bearer
W. Maddison P.M. 71	...	} Standard Bearer
W. H. Smith P.M. 1224	...	
C. H. Peddar P.M. 516	...	Organist
H. J. Wright P.M. 936	...	Assistant Secretary
A. Butler P.M. 114	...	Pursuivant
A. Laughton P.M. 1008	...	Assistant Pursuivant
H. Syer	...	Tyler
H. J. Easthagh 1432, T. Allerton 71, and W. T. Jeckels 71	...	} Stewards

Bro. Allerton, one of the brethren appointed as Steward was unfortunately absent, having fractured his leg. Regrets at the accident which prevented his attendance, and hopes for his speedy recovery, were freely expressed by those present. The business of the Lodge was then suspended while the brethren attended divine service at St. Margaret's Church, where an eloquent sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. W. G. Wilkinson, Prov. G. Chaplain. The offertory was devoted to the local Convalescent Home. After returning to the Lodge room, Bro. Grimwade P.P.S.G.W. read the report of the Suffolk Charity Association, which stated that the total amount of contributions to the Charities for the past three years amounted to £1,974, being an average of £94 per Lodge. The following were the Stewards from the Province at the Festivals for the past year and the amounts of their respective lists:—Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, held in February, Bro. Major W. Dods P.P.G.J.W., St. Andrew's Lodge, Gorleston, £251 5s. Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, held in May, Bro. J. W. Canova P.P.S.G.W., Prudence Lodge, Halesworth, and Martyn Lodge, Southwold, 200 11s. Bro. H. Pratt, Stour Valley Lodge, Sudbury, £100. Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, held in June, Bro. H. W. H. Elwes P.J.G.D., St. Margaret's Lodge, Lowestoft, £143 17s, making a total of £695 13s, an increase of £70 over the amount of the previous year. There were at the present time from this Province four brethren and nine widows receiving annuities from the Benevolent Institution, and in the two Schools there were five girls and one boy. The Association tendered its thanks to Bro. Capt. N. G. Phillips and Bro. Peter de L. Long, for their kind assistance in securing the election of the candidates from the Province, and to the brethren who had so ably represented the district at the Charity Festivals. In conclusion, the Association pointed out that notwithstanding the liberality of the brethren, the Province was receiving a larger amount from the Charities yearly than was subscribed, so that it was earnestly hoped the brethren would not relax in their efforts for the future. Bro. Clarke P.G.D. of C., in moving the reception and adoption of the report, said it must be gratifying to the Prov. Grand Lodge to have heard such a satisfactory result of the past year's work. It was, to his mind, a matter of satisfaction to know that the Province of Suffolk was awake to the responsibilities which devolved upon it with respect to the Charitable Institutions of the Order. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master seconded the motion, with the addition of a vote of thanks to Bro. Grimwade P.P.S.G.W., for the admirable manner in which he had performed the duties of Secretary to the Suffolk Charity Association. Bro. Major Dods expressed his gratitude to the Province for the honour they had conferred upon him by allowing him to attend the Masonic Charity Festival, and for having placed in his hands such a handsome contribution to the funds. The success of the Suffolk Charity Association was due to the fact that the Province was united, and that it contained such men as Bro. Boby, the originator of the scheme, the Prov. Grand Secretary, and Bro. Grimwade. He was aware that politics were excluded from these Masonic meetings, but he should always be pleased to remember that the present Chancellor of the Exchequer was the chairman of the Festival which he attended, and at which £17,800 was collected in the room. Bro. Vincent then laid before the Lodge the design for the Albany memorial brass referred to above. The Prov. G. Master said it was a gratifying circumstance that the brass which the Freemasons of Suffolk proposed to erect to the memory of the young Prince had been approved in its arrangements and terms by the Royal mother, to whom it might be some slight consolation.

At this stage of the proceedings the Provincial Grand Master rose to make the customary inquiries, when Bro. Holland P.M. P.G.D.C., the author of a recently published work, entitled, "Freemasonry from the Great Pyramid of Ancient Times," &c. availed himself of the opportunity—unwisely we think—to propound some of his theories. We say unwisely,—for this reason. The members of Provincial Grand Lodge had been engaged in the conduct of the business of their Province for something approaching five hours, and though our brother's views are worthy of all consideration, this was scarcely the time for their advancement. This seemed to be the general opinion, and Bro. Holland gracefully met the views of those who expressed themselves to this effect. Before dismissing this feature, we desire to recommend Bro. Holland's book to the notice of Masonic students; they will find in it much to interest them. The work is published by the author at 2 Charles-street, Rutland Gate, London.

The Prov. Grand Master now addressed the brethren; he had been struck with the progress which Masonry was making through-

out the county. He urged the paramount importance of unity, and expressed the hope that the ancient constitution would be maintained in its integrity. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master then proposed the adoption of the revised by-laws, a copy of which had been forwarded to every member of Prov. Grand Lodge. Bro. Bradbeer seconded the motion, and Bro. Hodgson proposed an amendment, which would constitute Past Masters members of the Board of General Purposes, but this, after some discussion, in which the amendment was opposed by Bros. Clarke, N. Tracey, and the Prov. Grand Master, was withdrawn, and the revised bye-laws were adopted. This concluded the business on the agenda, and Prov. Grand Lodge was closed in ancient form. The banquet was held at the Suffolk Hotel, and a very large company sat down. The Prov. Grand Master presided in the large dining-hall, and an "overflow" party, under the presidency of the D.P.G.M., the Rev. C. J. Martyn, dined in the coffee-room. Most of the Past and Present P.G. Officers and brethren mentioned above were present at the banquet, which was admirably served by Bro. Smith. After the capital menu had been discussed the Prov. Grand Master proposed the Queen and the Craft, the M.W.G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the M.W. the Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the Grand Lodge Officers, Present and Past. In submitting the latter toast the Prov. Grand Master referred to the appointment of Lord Carnarvon as Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and expressed the hope that the liberal sentiments to which he had given utterance to that country would be fulfilled. He coupled with the toast the names of the D.P.G.M. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G. Chaplain, and Bro. Clarke P.G.P. Bro. Martyn expressed the hope that happiness, unity, and comfort would be restored to Ireland under the régime of the Pro Grand Master Lord Carnarvon. He believed, if the Irish people were approached in the right way, there was not a better class of men on the face of the earth. Lord Lathom's appointment as Grand Chamberlain must have given satisfaction to every Mason in the country; he was a most admirable, excellent, courteous English gentleman. He was pleased to say that the Province had been honoured with the appointment of another Grand Officer. Brother Saunders, who had so well and worthily filled the office of Provincial Grand Chaplain of Suffolk, having obtained the well-earned promotion of Grand Chaplain of England. Bro. Clarke also responded. He had endeavoured to merit the confidence which had been reposed in him. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master then proposed the health of Lord Waveney Prov. Grand Master. It was one of the greatest pleasures of the office which he had now for several years had the honour to hold that at their annual gatherings it fell to his lot to propose the health of one of the most popular Provincial Grand Masters in England. The toast was drunk with full Masonic honours, and the Prov. G. Master, in response, spoke of the deep interest he felt in the Lodges of the Province, and went on to say he believed he was one of the oldest Masons in the county, having been initiated in the year 1828. The other toasts were—the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, which was drunk with enthusiasm, and responded to in an interesting speech by Bro. Martyn; the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge Present and Past; the Masonic Charities; the Worshipful Masters of Receiving Lodges; and the Visiting Brethren. The musical programme was carried out by Brothers F. C. Atkinson P.M., H. Thonless P.M., C. L. Holden, H. J. Brookes, J. H. Brockbank, and C. L. Holder. The brethren of the Entertaining Lodges made every possible provision for the comfort of their visitors. Bro. Hodgson I.P.M. of the Unity Lodge, No. 71, being particularly worthy of commendation for the energy with which he strove to promote the success of the meeting. The two Lodges kindly provided a special train to convey the brethren from a distance to their respective destinations, the Great Eastern Railway Company meeting them in a very liberal manner.

A moveable Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons will take place on Wednesday next, at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool. This event is always regarded with interest by the members of the rapidly growing Order of Mark Masons. The place of meeting, and the well-known liberality of the Lancashire brethren, will tend to make this gathering a more than usually important one. The business will probably be of the usual character, but every year, as the Order grows, it increases in bulk and importance. A banquet will follow labour, which is sure to be a season of pleasure and edification.

Among the students who passed the Minor Examination of the Pharmaceutical Society, held on Thursday, the 16th instant, was Mr. Ernest L. Ralling, youngest son of the late Mr. Thomas Ralling, of Colchester. Mr. E. L. Ralling, who was educated at the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys (where he passed the Cambridge Local), served his apprenticeship with Bro. F. A. Cole P.M. 51 P.P.G.R. Essex, of St. Botolph-street, Colchester.

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RENUMERATION OF LODGES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Into the question of the advisability of a renumeration of Lodges now, or at a later period, I do not wish to enter. It must come before very many years have elapsed, and Grand Lodge will doubtless provide for it. I wish, however, to point out that the list of Lodges erased attached to the letter of "P.M. 1607" in your issue of 11th July is incomplete, and misleading in several cases. For instance, the date of constitution of Lodge No. 17 is 1752, not 1723 as stated, so also of No. 122 which was constituted in 1770, not 1769, No. 138 should be 1774 not 1765, No. 161 should be 1780, not 1766, and No. 182 should be 1787 not 1768. Our good brother who compiled the list has forgotten, doubtless, that the "Ancient" Lodges bear date much later, number for number, than the "Moderns." Then again, in the same list, No. 894 should be 899, whilst Nos. 819, 1183, 1396, 1666, 1751, and 1956 are omitted altogether, and No. 1172 is inserted in error, it being in the list of South Australian Lodges, in which list also No. 1814 should be 1819.

As accuracy in lists is all important I venture to submit these corrections, and subjoin a correct list of the numbers, from which it will be seen that since the last numeration of 1863 157 Lodges have been erased, and if the 20 of South Australia are added it will make 177, leaving 1925 on the Register to June 1885.

Yours fraternally,

J. L.

LIST OF LODGES ERASED SINCE 1863.

Lodge Founded	Lodge Founded	Lodge Founded	Lodge Founded	Lodge Founded	Lodge Founded
17 1752	616 1853	826 1860	1109 1866		
118 1768	620 "	831 "	1117 "		
122 1770	623 "	835 "	1127 "		
138 1774	627 "	841 "	1142 "		
161 1780	628 "	848 "	1154 1867		
182 1787	629 "	849 "	1156 "		
351 1816	635 1854	864 1861	1162 "		
365 1821	642 "	866 "	1173 "		
396 1829	644 1855	870 "	1176 "		
397 "	648 "	878 "	1183 "		
399 "	658 "	881 "	1187 "		
400 "	664 "	883 "	1190 "		
420 1834	668 "	886 "	1191 "		
427 1835	674 1856	888 "	1200 "		
436 1836	675 "	899 1862	1217 1868		
470 1840	676 "	909 "	1234 "		
479 1841	677 "	919 "	1245 "		
480 "	682 "	923 "	1251 1869		
490 1843	688 "	924 "	1344 1870		
499 1844	690 "	927 "	1346 1871		
512 1845	693 "	953 1863	1368 "		
514 "	695 1857	955 "	1396 1872		
518 "	701 "	961 "	1412 "		
522 "	717 "	963 "	1419 "		
524 1846	722 "	964 "	1484 1874		
527 "	740 1858	965 "	1487 "		
532 "	744 "	968 "	1497 "		
535 "	756 "	983 "	1498 "		
544 1847	762 "	984 "	1499 "		
553 1848	763 "	994 "	1516 "		
559 "	770 "	1023 1864	1527 "		
562 1849	774 1859	1029 "	1548 1875		
565 "	775 "	1047 "	1606 1876		
568 "	783 "	1053 1865	1666 1877		
571 "	790 "	1054 "	1751 1878		
575 1850	805 "	1062 "	1866 1880		
577 "	808 1860	1082 "	1956 1882		
578 "	819 "	1084 "			
596 1851	821 "	1090 1866			
612 1853	825 "	1104 "			

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To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I confess I do not see much argument in the letter of "AN OLD SUBSCRIBER," who goes in for a renumeration of our Masonic Lodges once in seven years. What is there to be gained from "an opportunity of judging, without trouble, the actual strength of the Order?" Is not the name and number of each mother Lodge entwined sacredly around the hearts of all its members? Then, why should those mothers be every seven years compelled to have resort to the very effeminate artifice adopted by "ladies of uncertain age?" I am quite content to let matters remain as they are, and so I believe are a majority of the members of the Craft, who would only be perplexed and bewildered by any such monstrous change. If the entire body were polled I venture to

think there would be only a miserable minority in favour of a proposal which, on the very face of it, is ridiculous and not to be entertained by any who have the true interests of Freemasonry at heart.

Yours fraternally,

T. W. J.

### SCHOOL TRAINING.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The letter of "AN EMPLOYER OF LABOUR," in your last issue, opens up a question which has occupied the attention of the members of the House Committee of the Boys' School. Speaking for myself, I have long been of opinion that something must be done, and that quickly, in the direction of technical education. At present our undivided attention must be given to establishing our Preparatory School on a firm basis. As soon as that is done, I propose to have a meeting called to discuss the advisability of starting at the School some branches of handicraft, such as printing and carpentry. We shall have the support, among others, of our Head Master, who is anxious that something should be done for those boys who are not good at books but who are clever with their hands. There is one other point which is well worth the consideration of your readers. Some means are required by which the connection between the School and its pupils should be kept up after the completion of their studies, at any rate, until some employment could be found for them. In the Provinces, with which I am more immediately connected, I have been enabled to effect something of this kind in a few cases. It requires combined effort, and I think that in the Charity Organization Secretaries we have the best possible assistants we can require. In London some other agencies must be discovered. Hoping that other correspondents will make some suggestions on these two points,

I am, yours fraternally,

A. F. GODSON,

D.P.G.M. Worcester.

3 Pump-court, Temple, E.C.  
22nd July 1885.

### THE THEATRES.

**Haymarket.**—*Salve et vale!* How those kindly words of farewell seemed last Monday night to ring above the cheers echoing through the gilded vaults of the "dear little house in the market." Great was the triumph and the honour of this closing scene of the Bancroft management. The Prince of Wales, the kind-hearted lady his wife, who represents for England all that is most gracious in royalty; their children; the Princess Helena, Prince Christian, and the representatives of literature, art, and social eminence were assembled; whilst the still more disinterested yet devoted humbler folk, who came not for fashion, but for old love's sake, filled every nook and corner. The crowds began to gather at the doors by a little after noon, while the booked places had been sold months ago. The public came to pay a tribute of acknowledgment for the years during which they have had to thank Mr. and Mrs. Bancroft for the wholesome and honest delightfulness with which dramatic art has been represented by them. Who of us who has reached middle age does not look back to those pleasant nights in little Tottenham-street as of the pleasantest among the pleasant things of our youth. "School," or "Caste," or "Ours"—whatever may be their shortcomings—secured for dramatic art a recognition in high places which it seemed it had hopelessly lost. Everything touched by Mr. and Mrs. Bancroft gained a grace from their hands; especially was this due to their thoughtful readiness to ignore their own claims whenever the interests of a play seemed to gain at the hands of any other exponent. Like constitutional sovereigns the Bancrofts have reigned with the greater glory for their distinguished peers and compeers. They have made the stage, both at the Prince of Wales and the Haymarket, an era in the lives of nearly every contemporary actor and actress of celebrity. Henry Irving, Wilson Barrett, J. L. Toole, and Herman Vezin stand almost alone outside the group. By a most happy inspiration this last night was distinguished by the reassembling of many of the distinguished artists who had at some time or other held commissions in this corps d'élite, and thus scenes from such old successes as "London Assurance," and "Money" were given. Every part was made brilliant by a star of the first magnitude—even servants without a line to speak were made eloquent by such exponents as Mr. Clayton and Mrs. John Wood. The happy hundreds who were present will for long years to come tell of the glory and delight of such a night.

The 2nd and 3rd Acts of "Masks and Faces" formed a fitting climax to the scenic festival. The audience might welcome sweet Peg Woffington, and weep for her disappointments and their own coming loss; they could sympathise with dear old Triplet, and feel in the smiles and tears of this kindly old story a fitting reflex of the pride and pathos of the occasion. Mr. Irving, who had altered the arrangements at his theatre in order to be present, and to enable Miss Terry and Mr. Terriss to pay their tribute, came before the curtain, when it at length fell for the last time on the Bancroft management, and in his own kind tones spoke the lines written for the occasion by Mr. Clement Scott. They were listened to with the attention befitting such a moment and the speaker, and many were the handkerchiefs furtively brought forth as Mr. Irving's resonant accents gave the last stanzas:

"Good bye, the cup of sympathy let's fill,  
We'll drink it deep 'ere sorrow's sun be set;  
Together you have mounted life's long hill,  
And leave behind no shadow of regret.

Good bye, old friends; it shall not be farewell,  
Love is of Art the birth and after growth;  
'Heaven prosper you,' shall be our only knell;  
Our parting prayer be this—'God bless you both!'"

We need not say how Mr. Irving was recalled to be thanked for thus expressing, not only his own feelings as the comrade and brother artist of Mr. and Mrs. Bancroft, but for lending the eloquence of his voice to the feelings of the multitude.

Cheers were still resounding in honour of the Lyceum manager when Comedy—fearing the melting mood was gaining too much sway—brought on her well-loved votary from King William-street. Now the house overlooked the solemnity of the occasion under the radiant humour of Mr. Toole. This gentleman came up, much out of breath, to relate his adventures at the stage door, whose junitor had told him, "No strangers were admitted behind the scenes." Mr. Toole explained he didn't want to go "behind the scenes," but "in front of them;"—could he see Mr. and Mrs. Bancroft? The reply was, "so many amateurs are always wanting to go on the stage." Then Mr. Toole told the door-keeper his name, and that functionary exclaimed he "had never seen Mr. Toole dressed as a walking gentleman before." Mr. Toole told how it was, on the Haymarket stage he had made his very first appearance, at the end of a long bill, at one o'clock in the morning, thirty years ago. He kept the house in a continuous roar of laughter during his speech, and then, with kindly seriousness concluded by saying, "We have all but one object to-night—to give the heartiest reception to our dear old friends Mr. and Mrs. Bancroft. As friends we mean to keep them, and as their friends we, behind the scenes, share most heartily your regret in parting with a lady and gentleman who have so well and so wisely controlled the stage which they have so long adorned. I do not know whether an actor and actress who retain so much power and fascination over an audience have earned the right to retire, but our hope is they will occasionally revisit the glimpses of the footlights, and charm us now and again with their delightful acting." At the conclusion of Mr. Toole's address the curtain again rose; it was to disclose the stage well nigh hidden in flowers; and loud and long resounded the applause that greeted Mr. Bancroft as he came forward, evidently his trained self-possession sorely shaken by the emotions of the hour. He paused, and then gained sufficient command of voice to speak those last words—very graceful, very earnest very modest, and well chosen they were; especially the tender generosity with which he spoke of the aid and the hope, and the courage he had found in the brave heart which had so faithfully stood firm through the cares and anxieties of those twenty years' work. "Most of us owe Mrs. Bancroft something," he continued, "but I most of all. It is she that has given to our work those finishing touches, those last strokes of genius which in all art are so priceless." Mr. Bancroft gave ready recognition to the services rendered by the Press to the best interests of the stage, and concluded—with his audience standing to do him honour—amid the loudest cheers which had yet been heard. Mrs. Bancroft came on; it seemed as though she would utter a few words, but dear Polly Eccles found her eyes all dimmed, and for once her voice was choked; and then the curtain fell once again. Oh friends,—*Salve et vale!*

That kindest of acting managers, Bro. Bashford, undertook a heavy weight of responsibility over this night's work. The players of London literally kneeling to him and craving "a corner anywhere." However, he may be said to have achieved miracles—since miracles were needed to seat a hundred where a score only had been wont to find accommodation. Bro. Bashford is to succeed Mr. Bancroft, and we wish him no better success behind the footlights than has marked his labours in front.

**Prince's Hall.**—A brilliant audience was gathered in the Prince's Hall last Saturday, not to enjoy discourse of sweet music, but to listen to one of the ablest of our war correspondents, as he told the story of the "Terrible Soudan." Mr. Barleigh Bennet speaks with a clear simplicity, not so much as an historian or politician, but from the sympathetic standpoint of the fellow sufferer, the co-worker with those who gallantly and so well upheld the honour of the English name amid the blundering of the Dei majores who sit on our Olympus. Again and again Mr. Bennet had to pause for the cheers that greeted his record of gallant deeds, and the brave men who wrought them. With thrilling eloquence he told the story of Abu Klea, when our rifles and the great machine guns alike proved inefficient at the moment of deadly peril, when our men stood back to back, trusting only to the British courage which can wring honours from defeat. Mr. Bennet rendered his tribute of praise to the bravery of the enemy, especially to the unflinching respect they paid our dead. Graphic indeed was the story of the march through the waterless desert; how men and beasts fell fainting and dead in that fearful drought. We may hope that Mr. Bennet will ere long repeat his story; the close, almost painful interest with which he was followed through his pathetic drama may well convince him how warmly he will again be welcomed to the platform.

We understand that Lord Brooke, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Essex, will hold his Provincial Grand Lodge, at Saffron Walden, on Thursday, 13th August.

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By Order,  
FREDERICK BINCKES (P.G. Std.), V. Pat., Secretary.

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

OFFICE:—St Red Lion Square, London, W.C.  
10th July 1885.

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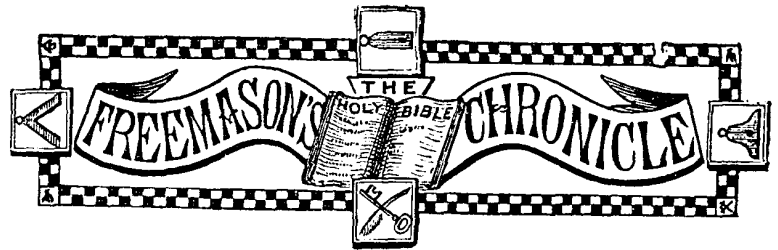
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**MARGATE AND ITS SURROUNDINGS.**

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We shall not attempt a description of the improvements that have been effected on the beach, and in other parts of the town, except to say that a new town has arisen on the Fort, which has not as a consequence lost the charm of its lofty eminence. We shall, however, allude to some old and new features provided for visitors, but before doing so, we desire to mention a few of the familiar landmarks where men have congregated, and still do muster to satisfy those bodily wants which arise with such avidity at Margate. The town was always noted for its hotel accommodation, and it has not lost its character in this respect. Civility, although it costs nothing, is not always freely dispensed. The people of Margate have learned its value, and it is because they are civil that they have won the good opinion of visitors generally. This is especially true of the hotel keepers. We can call to mind some of these places, known to us we do not care to say how long ago, but with which the friend we have referred to was acquainted years before. Among the most prominent at the present day are the White Hart, the York, Nayland Rock, the Grand Hotel, under the management of Mr. Penman, the old-fashioned, cosy, comfortable King's Head, kept by Mr. T. Pierce; the celebrated "Hoy," with Mrs. J. Stevens at the head of affairs; the Ship, under the captaincy of Bro. Akhurst, who has always a welcome smile for his patrons. Then there is the Old Kent, commanded by the soldier-like Bro. Thurston; also the Elephant, and the quiet bar at Vestal's, where all that the thirsty need can be had of the best. We may add to the list the Cliftonville Hotel, which is under the able management of Bro. Louis Jefferis. Among the "institutions" of Margate must be reckoned Bro. W. Crawford, who is ever ready with a witty sally and a good-humoured joke. Nor should we forget Mr. Cosier's Canterbury Coach, which never lacks living freight at his time of the year. The journey is a pleasant one, and the coachman, Mr. Harry Cracknell, is a character in his way.

When the old Assembly Rooms were burnt down about three

years ago it was looked upon as little less than a calamity. The new building, however, now meets the requirements of the public. It is under the direction of Mr. F. Willis (of Willis's Rooms fame in London), who has for M.C. Bro. Jarvis. We need not say that it is a well-conducted establishment and the large audiences that are attracted is proof of their popularity. Mr. Robert Fort, who rebuilt the theatre, has enabled Miss Sarah Thorne to cater most efficiently for those who think "the play, the play's the thing." Bro. Sauger's "Hall by the Sea" has obtained a name and reputation which reaches far beyond the Isle of Thanet. It is beautifully decorated, and admirably managed. Bro. Arnold is facile princeps as M.C. The Marine Palace is another centre where visitors most do congregate when night succeeds the day. Bros. Pullen and Nightingale, contractors for the Royal Aquarium at Scarborough and Yarmouth, rule at this grand hall, capable of holding 1500 people, and which is crowded nightly. The celebrated baths are attended by Professor and Miss Beckwith, who display their wonderful aquatic performances. Recently Bro. Bertram has been showing how the swiftness of the hand deceives the eye, how in fact it is possible by sleight of hand to upset all ordinary ideas relating to the transmission of coins and sundry other articles. At present those wonderfully fascinating little creatures, the Midgets, are holding court at the Marine Palace; it may be truly said of this palace that it provides one of the best variety entertainments out of London.

From what we have said our readers will gather some reason why Margate is such a popular resort. There are others which, perhaps, will gain a wider acceptance. No one will go there for quiet, nor will the very delicate seek its strong, bracing air. For the great mass of visitors there is no place more health-giving than Margate. The ozone of the sea stimulates and invigorates, and permits of a greater freedom of indulgence in pleasures than would be prudent in relaxing localities. The sands are charming, the new marine drive is just the one thing that was missing, and the Green will by-and-by be a lovely garden.

Numerous and important as are the features we have mentioned, there are others which will always be sought by a very numerous class of visitors. The trip to Canterbury is most enjoyable, but the Cathedral is the giant magnet that attracts all who visit the city. Associated as it is with the early history of Christianity in this country, beautiful and imposing as a structure, noted for the tragedy that took place within its walls, Canterbury Cathedral will never cease to be famous in the eyes of the English people. The city itself is quaint in some of its parts. It possesses, we believe, the oldest church in the country, and it certainly has one of the most picturesque cricket grounds in England. We advise visitors at Margate not to miss the Cricket Week at Canterbury in August. The ground is on the top of a hill outside the city, from which a splendid view is obtained. It is surrounded with fruitful fields and sunny scenes, and to supplement Nature, humanity in the form of charmingly dressed ladies steps in to adorn one of the prettiest pictures we have ever seen.

Then there is Minster, with its fine old Church. No one should miss quaint Sandwich, with its almost forgotten past, and its only too recent election escapades. The Reculvers are worth a visit, and so is Richborough, and Deal, and Walmer. Of course every one goes to the North Foreland, and we presume that Westgate is visited if only to see how propriety harmonises with the quiet and beauty of the locality. It goes without saying that all who go to Margate do not fail to see Ramsgate and Pegwell Bay. If they do not, then all we have to say is, that the loss is theirs. Nor should they omit old-fashioned Broadstairs, that sits like a prude among the revelry of lively neighbours. Charles Dickens loved this spot, and many love it in consequence. But it has merits of its own, which, if less obtrusive, are more staid and dignified. Add to all, lovely drives and walks, and splendid stretch of sand, a never-ceasing hum of bright life, and who could not be happy at Margate? It is common to hear people sneer at the vulgarity of the visitors, to look with contempt upon any one who goes to the Kentish watering place. Well, it is very true—many men, many minds; but there is one thing about the people who go to Margate—they have the courage of their opinions as to pleasure, and whether the test be a high or a low one, they cannot be accused of either meanness or hypocrisy, too often present with those who follow like sheep, who are the slaves of fashion, and not free agents.

## LESSONS IN FREEMASONRY.

**T**HERE is a power, as of the everlasting Gospel, in the life of every man whose heart is fixed in the truth. He who is, in his own heart, good and true will be a help to somebody. It is the nature of righteousness to flow out of the soul that has it, and strengthen, and bless and encourage the world. The brook that runs down through the landscape waters the valley and the meadow through which it goes, and everywhere the grasses grow green along its banks. It cannot be otherwise. So, too, in the life of a man. Give him something that has value in itself, and it will touch other hearts than his own. The world is blest, and community is glorified by every honest hope, and pure desire and manly impulse that takes root in the life of man. How can he help being a benefactor? He has that within him which will not abide in darkness. As one of old did say, "He that is of the truth cometh to the light." But in addition to this, the genius of Freemasonry inculcates fraternity. It binds men by the sacred ties of friendship,

it teaches them to consider a brother's welfare as their own; it pleads for mutual remembrances, and by the pledge of a five-fold tie, it bids one think of the forces that are able to raise humanity from the "dead level" of ignorance and sin, to the "living perpendicular" of integrity and truth. It can do none of these things alone. It asks men to join in hearty accord that its word of assistance may be given in the name of "peace and love and unity." It may be said in objection to this plea of Brotherhood, that the institution is narrow in its application of the principle, that it does not reach the broad ideal of humanity, that it leaves many a man outside of the gate, and gives no assistance to those who have not received the benefits of initiation. But am I not increasing the sum total of good in the world when I join hands with one I love, and with mutual pledges I with him agree to defend the truth, to oppose error, to aid the helpless, to comfort the sorrowing, and promote as best we may the cause of righteousness? Suppose I do not claim to regenerate the world, am I not doing something towards it, when I strive with loyal heart to strengthen and educate the man who stands next to me? Sometimes theories of benevolence over-reach themselves. Love to all mankind is a commendable feature in any theory of living, but when a mortal man begins to apply it, he will find that the field of action is necessarily limited. We must begin somewhere, he must continue his work along definite lines of labour. He cannot touch all souls. Let him do the best he can for those who stand beside him. Humanity gains something in that. But this criticism on the narrowness of these Masonic ideals is not well founded. Although the letter of its ritual is continually reminding one that he is bound to his brothers of the mystic tie, by something more than ordinary human relations, yet it never makes this the end of its rope. This is but the groundwork on which a broader charity seeks the good of all mankind, but Freemasonry is not merely a charitable institution. It would not admit a man into its ranks who came for the purpose of being assisted. There is in it a spirit of fraternity. It has no sympathy with that spirit that is willing to lie down before the difficulties of life, and be carried into its rest. It makes honest toil the basis of its benefaction. Its duties are mutual, as well as its benefits. But when a man has learned that the grandest characteristics of human life are hospitality, integrity and disinterested benevolence he can be trusted everywhere. When a man vows to sustain unsullied the dignity of a true manhood, and do all he can to maintain it in those with whom he is associated, he will not be a hindrance to the growth of pure principles anywhere. He will ever be the reverse of this. Is not that the noblest charity which teaches mankind to honour the truth, to defend the right, to cherish within the heart that spirit of justice that would give to all their due? That is an abuse of charity which would have one go through life with an open hand, bidding him take who will. The world needs examples of manhood, not distributions of alms; honest ties of affection and fraternity, not universal hand-shaking and sentimental gush. Thou art doing best for thy fellows, Oh, man! when thou art doing something that is noble and true. Inquire not what has been given in the name of charity; inquire rather what of virtue and true manliness the world has known. This alone is the measure of real worth. In giving this one becomes a benefactor, and fulfils the highest aim.

The third lesson to which I would refer is that which reminds us of our duty to God. There is one question at the threshold of Masonic life, a question that none of you have forgotten, whose answer lies at the very heart of things. Verily, my brothers, this world is governed by some power that is, in itself, wise and just and true. We quibble not with questions of method, or form, or name. We ask no man the shape of his phylactery, or the size of his prayer-book, or the length of his creed. Let him arrange all such things for himself. But God is. The deepest convictions of an intelligent soul speak of an intelligence which transcends all earthly thought. The purest love that warms the heart of mortal pleads for a love that is not bounded by the flight of years. Each cry for justice that goes out from the human nature is a prophecy of some everlasting law of right that holds the universe. This idea is everywhere present in the Ritual of the Order. It is in no sense a godless life that Freemasonry asks you to live. It is a life inspired with the thought of the Highest. There is reason for our plea in the name of a just and true manhood, for He who gave us being is Himself just and true. There is a reality in our

thought of fraternity, for we are of one family, and God is our father. The thing that man is constantly saying shows, in some measure, the bent of his mind and the structure of his heart. Men are not hypocrites by nature. This constant appeal to God for help is not all cant. It expresses the honest desire of the soul. But the truth of God's presence and nature as portrayed in these rites and emblems that we use is broader and deeper than even the most zealous among us are apt to imagine. Not merely as a general principle, but as a vitalizing force, this thought of God abides.

From the time when on bended knee you said your trust was in Him, until with hands and hearts closely interlocked you breathed the name of "Emmanuel;" there is no single step that does not remind you of some tie that binds the life below to the life above. I need not repeat them here. That which is lost from out the graces and powers of life, by the usurping force of sin, is but the influence of that sacred name. That which is found, as a nobler manhood builds anew the temple of a redeemed character, is but the thought of God. Man is strongest when he feels the touch of the divine life; when earth seems to be reaching up and blending into heaven. Ah! my brothers, I cannot tell you how, but in some way the thought of God is a power in human life. There is something in it, which speaks of victory, and peace and rest. I may be told that I cannot know that God exists, that these emblems which are said to portray his attributes are but imaginations and fancies; that the mission of "the immaculate Jesus" was but a dream of human theology; that the story of the cross is but a scheme on which to build a church; but my inmost soul repudiates the carping unbelief, and I know that love and truth and life, thrilling as they do my very nature, are from a higher source than anything I see in matter. In the midst of the conflict I meet the "all-devouring scythe of time." I see the emblems of death. I feel the blow of contention and hate. But beyond them all, on the wings of faith I rise, and there, by the borders of "the silent sea," I read the promise of eternal life—"In hoc signo vinces"—and I am at rest. For more than a quarter of a century, I have seen the working of this Order. It has brought me nothing but good. And although I have not always reached its high ideal, yet I cannot but acknowledge that it has been the solace of many a weary hour, and a revelation of some of the noblest traits of human character. Jesus said of some men of his time, "By their fruits ye shall know them." I am willing to let this institution, whose very name we love, stand on that foundation. Its first and last lesson is this—"Be True! True to thyself; to thy neighbour; to thy God." What canst thou ask of mortal man more than this?—*Rev. Bro. T. E. St. John; in The Liberal Freemason.*

### MASONRY'S CENTRE OF UNION.

HOWEVER remotely the origin of Freemasonry may be traced traditionally, or from material monuments, and remains, the fondest associations to members of the Fraternity are those which cluster around the City of Jerusalem—the glorious setting, in which was placed that gem of gems, King Solomon's Temple. Our Craft to-day centres upon it our attention as Freemasons—not that other objects are not worthy of our regard, but that this one comprehends within itself all of those elements from which may be deduced the high symbolic lessons which our Craft alone is privileged to uniquely enunciate, and to enforce with an almost miraculous power. What a city that Jerusalem was! Although often deemed impregnable, it presents a history unexampled in the number of its sieges, and scores of times it was captured. But its chief characteristic consisted in the fact that it was a centre of union. What it was at the beginning to the Jebusites—a mountain fortress, whither they rallied for the preservation of their authority over the surrounding country; what it was to King David—the base for his military operations, and a centre of union for Judah and Israel; what it was, in the phrase of the eloquent Bishop de Vitry, the historian of the Crusades—"situated in the centre of the world, in the middle of the earth, so that all men may turn their steps towards her;" that, and far more than that, it is to Freemasons. It is not only our city, the city of King Solomon and the two Hiram—and surely they were citizens of no mean city; "the city whence we came, as the new Jeru-

salem is the city whither we are going." All this would be sufficient to make it symbolically a centre of union to the Craft. But it is material, and we are no longer actually its citizens; hence it is a symbol to us of something greater than itself, as the thing signified always is greater than the sign. The spirit of confraternity is the centre of union to Freemasons to-day, and has ever been, even when the city of Jerusalem was the local habitation of the Craft. Cities deemed impregnable have often been left in shapeless ruins, but an idea, having essential truth for its corner-stone, is for ever invulnerable. This is the secret of the perpetuity of Freemasonry. Why is it that the gates of hell shall not prevail against the Church of the living God? Why is it that the waves of fanaticism, the storms of Anti-Masonry, the jealous, bitter enmity of the papacy, and the puerile opposition of ignorant man, have one and all failed to make more than the barest temporary impression upon the edifice of Masonry, which stands the shock of opposition with the firmness of Mount Moriah itself? It is because it is founded upon, and is the apostle of indestructible, imperishable, immortal Truth. Do men and nations lament the lost estate of the City of David? The lost shall be found, the fallen city restored. The former joy of the whole earth shall be so once again. But glorious as it was, and shall be again, it is only a type of a city greater than it, of that "new Jerusalem which cometh down out of Heaven from God." The Church of the living God was built upon the rock, Mount Moriah, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. The Church of a later age, the Church of Peter, was the same Church, founded upon the same rock and the same immortal Truth, and the life and prosperity of the one is the life and prosperity of the other. Jerusalem is also the city of Freemasons, and therefore they shall endure, for the same reason that it shall be glorified again, and made eternal in the Heavens. Happy Jerusalem, happy Freemasons, happy Truth!

In the phrase of patriotism how often do we hear it asserted, "I know no north, no south, no east, no west." Is it too much to say that no one but a Freemason can truthfully pronounce this sentiment? Masons have no compass; they know no points of geographical divergence. A Freemason is of kin to the whole world of Masons. You are no less a Brother to a Mason in India or Australia than you are to a Mason in Pennsylvania or New York. Whoever has knelt at Masonry's altar any where on the face of the earth, is to every other Mason a Brother beloved. We have no compass—south is to us as north, east as west; but we have compasses, and these sweep around, and include within their mystic circle, every living Freemason linked to the Craft by the living tie of Masonry. This wonderful Masonic implement annihilates time and space. Three thousand miles separate you and your English Brother, but the moment you meet you know each other, and blood could not bind you together more strongly than your mutual steadfast vow. Our compasses have their pivotal centre every where, and their sweep is around the habitable globe. Is there another centre of union which can match Freemasonry in its pervading brotherhood?

—*Keystone.*

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## DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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## SATURDAY, 25th JULY.

- 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)  
 1679—Henry Muggeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.  
 1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow  
 2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)  
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8  
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)  
 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham  
 308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood  
 453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford  
 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court  
 1462—Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone  
 1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe  
 1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst  
 1777—Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham  
 1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Brouley, Kent  
 1982—Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom  
 R.A. 1777—Royal Hanover, Town Hall, Twickenham

## MONDAY, 27th JULY.

- 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)  
 1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In.)  
 1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)  
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queens Hotel, Victoria Park 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.)  
 1825—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst.)  
 1893—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)  
 1745—Farringdon, Holborn Viaduct Hotel  
 1-91—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)  
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)  
 48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gafeshead  
 61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax  
 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester  
 149—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington  
 261—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley  
 302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford  
 307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hobden Bridge  
 403—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Ilworth  
 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  
 1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke  
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford  
 1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton  
 1977—Blackwater, Blue Bear Hotel, Malden.  
 R.A. 189—Sincerity, St. George's Hall, East Stonehouse  
 R.A. 210—Faith, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton.  
 R.A. 310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle Street, Carlisle  
 R.A. 321—Faith, Crewe Arms Hotel, Crewe  
 R.A. 331—Loyal Cornubian, Masonic Hall, Truro  
 R.A. 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham  
 R.A. 1205—Elliott, 1 Caroline Place, East Stonehouse  
 R.A. 1222—Inkerman, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare  
 M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon

## TUESDAY, 28th JULY.

- 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)  
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)  
 141—Faith, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)  
 177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 255—Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey  
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)  
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)  
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)  
 861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)  
 1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)  
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)  
 1411—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road  
 1446—Mount Edgecombe, 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—Chancer, 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)  
 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. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle 7.30 (In)  
 126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley  
 211—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)  
 253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby  
 299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford  
 310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle  
 403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford  
 448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax  
 516—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskard.  
 573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen  
 779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch  
 788—Crescent, Island Hotel, Twickenham

- 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
 1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon  
 1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1358—Torbar, Town Hall, Plaignton  
 1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead  
 1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1636—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
 1675—Ancient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

- R.A. 47—Abbey, George Hotel, Nottingham  
 R.A. 94—De Lambton, Freemasons' Hall, Queen Street, Sunderland  
 R.A. 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol  
 R.A. 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover  
 R.A. 418—Staffordshire Knot, Freemasons' Hall, Hanley  
 M.M. 262—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Canetbury  
 K.T. 114—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds

## WEDNESDAY, 29th JULY.

- 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
 30—United Mariners, The Luzard, 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)  
 224—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)  
 538—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, Pinner'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)  
 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—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 9 (Instruction.)  
 R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)  
 125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent  
 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire  
 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester  
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 290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield  
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 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury (Instruction)  
 996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk  
 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby. (Instruction)  
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 R.A. 236—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York  
 R.A. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, B shop's Stortford  
 M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham  
 M.M. 24—Roberts, Masonic Rooms, Ann Street, Rochester  
 R.C.—Stanhope, Queen Hotel, Chester

## THURSDAY, 30th JULY.

- General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4  
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 87—Vatruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)  
 117—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)  
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)  
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)  
 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)  
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)  
 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)  
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)  
 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)  
 1145—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)  
 1558—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—Creston, Wheatheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's 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)  
 111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington  
 215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden  
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)  
 286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup  
 346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn  
 369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe  
 432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton  
 456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter  
 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington  
 867—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre Street, Norwich  
 904—Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham  
 966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford  
 971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley  
 1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire  
 1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley  
 1540—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Huddfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1537—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle  
 1817—St. Andrews, Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness  
 R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull  
 R.A. 116—Anna, Swan Hotel, Colne, Lancashire  
 R.A. 129—Kendal Castle, 12 Strand-gate, Kendal  
 R.A. 266—Naphthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood  
 R.A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge  
 R.A. 1395—Weyside, Masonic Hall, Woking  
 M.M. 32—Union, Freemason's Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

## FRIDAY, 31st JULY.

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)  
 114—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)  
 766—William Froston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)

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)  
 1153—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Cannonbury, at 8. (In.)  
 1345—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke 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. 134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street  
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)  
 K.T. 74—Harcourt, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond  
 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)  
 810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton  
 1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield  
 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

### SATURDAY, 1st AUGUST.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4  
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street S.W., at 7 (Instruction)  
 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)  
 1233—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent  
 M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

### NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

#### ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 795.

THE last summer meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 15th inst., at Bro. Deacon's, the Raymead Hotel, Maidenhead. Present:—Bros. J. Innes W.M., J. Greenfield P.M. 1602 S.W., J. Finch P.M. 173 and 795 acting J.W., W. Holcombe acting S.D., Chas. Dearing J.D., Withers I.G., Sheppard Tyler, and numerous brethren; Visitors:—Bro. Dairy P.M. and others. Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of last meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. proceeded with the ceremony of passing Bro. Charles Stuart Bailey to the second degree. Bro. Linscott I.P.M. then proceeded with the ceremony of raising Bros. W. Fenton and A. J. G. Waterhouse to the third degree, which he did in a most impressive manner. The ballot was taken for the election of W.M., Treasurer, and Secretary for the ensuing year, when Bro. John Greenfield P.M. 1602 S.W. was unanimously elected W.M., Bro. Capt. Finch Treasurer, Bro. Hodges P.M. Secretary, and a vote was passed that the Tyler provide new collars for the Officers upon the installation of the W.M. elect. The W.M. had expressed a desire—owing to his professional duties, and having only just left the chair of 1602—not to take the office of W.M. this time, but the brethren induced him to reconsider his decision. Bro. Sheppard was chosen Tyler. Upon the motion of Bro. Finch P.M., seconded by Bro. Linscott P.M., the Lodge unanimously voted a P.M.'s jewel of the value of seven guineas to the W.M. Bro. John Innes for his eminent services during the past year. Lodge was closed in solemn form and the brethren, who had endured the heat of the Lodge room for several hours, adjourned to a plain repast under a marquee in front of the Hotel. After which several of the brethren disported themselves on the water and by athletics, Bro. Withers and Dearing conjointly accomplishing very clever feats, showing a high state of perfection and training. An excellent band played, for several hours, selections from favourite operas. The brethren returned to town—this time being the closing meeting—by a late train.

#### SPHINX LODGE, No. 1329.

ON Saturday last the brethren of this Lodge assembled at the Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, for the usual bi-monthly business. The Officers present were Bros. J. J. Brinton W.M., A. Middlemas I.P.M., R. J. Voisey J.W., J. C. Reynolds Treasurer, C. Wilson Secretary, J. Hernaman S.D., S. H. Goldschmidt J.D., Dr. Mercer I.G., J. W. H. Smith Organist, and C. Gooding Steward. The members in attendance were Bros. J. Arnold, C. Lye J. Aldridge, and R. Elgar. The Visitors were Bros. J. Hill S.W. 1658, and J. W. Barry 1622. The Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. J. W. Barry, a member of the Rose Lodge, No. 1622 at the request of the W.M. of that Lodge, was present. Bro. Barry had been initiated in his mother Lodge on the 6th June last, but being anxious to advance, presented himself for that purpose. Inasmuch as the W.M. of the Rose held office in Sphinx Lodge the W.M. vacated the chair in order to enable Bro. Goldschmidt to conduct the ceremony. Bro. William Harnett Blanch, who some years since was initiated in this Lodge, but had retired therefrom, was unanimously re-elected, as a joining member. Several matters of deep importance to Free masonry generally and Lodge in particular were discussed, and deferred for further consideration, the W.M. having resumed his position during this period. The Lodge was then closed. The W.M. informed the brethren that unless they had dined they would be, so far as the Lodge was concerned, guests at Duke Humphrey's table. Their Steward had, however, thoughtfully provided some choice fruits and wines in an adjoining room, to which he invited them. An hour was spent in love and unity.

Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 1447.—On Thursday, 16th inst., at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford. Bros. Thomas W.M., Stringer S.W., J. J. Pitt J.W., S. R. Speight P.M. Sec.,

Dale S.D., J. B. Williams J.D., Dandridge I.G.; P.M.'s Hutchings Preceptor, Banks Treasurer; also Bros. E. Good, Greener, Kleinen, W. B. Mansfield, G. Emblin, and Sharpe. After preliminaries, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Lodge was then called off and on, and opened in the third degree, when the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Kleinen personating the candidate. Lodge was resumed in the first degree, and Bro. Walter Billett Mansfield, of the Royal Oak Lodge, No. 871, and Bro. W. Sharpe, of the Lodge of Justice, No. 1447, were elected as members. Bro. Stringer was elected W.M. for the first Thursday in the ensuing month. All business being ended, the Lodge was closed in due form.

On the 23rd inst., Bros. J. Bedford Williams W.M., Hunt S.W., Fisher J.W., Banks P.M. Treasurer, S. R. Speight P.M. Secretary, Prior S.D., Kleinen J.D., Penrose I.G.; Bros. Millington and Emblin. The work comprised the rehearsal of the ceremonies of initiation and passing, Bro. Millington candidate. After routine work Lodge was closed.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—On 17th inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Bros. Andrews W.M., Turner S.W., F. Botley J.W., C. E. Botley Sec., Wing S.D., Sawyer J.D., J. H. Hughes I.G.; Bros. Bailey, Thomas, Norton, Maton, &c. Lodge was opened and the minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. Lodge was advanced to the third, and resumed. Bro. Bailey answered the questions, and in due course the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Lodge was closed in the third degree. Bro. C. E. Botley gave the lecture on the 2nd Tracing Board, and the Lodge was closed in the second, and dues collected. The W.M. having received the hearty good wishes of the brethren, the Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned until the third Friday in September next, at 8 o'clock.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—A meeting was held on Monday last, at Bro. Baker's, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N. Bros. Turner W.M., Ware S.W., Marks J.W., Collingridge Secretary, Hutchinson S.D., Kirk J.D., Keogh I.G., and several others. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Western candidate. Bros. Keogh and Hutchinson answered the questions leading to the second degree. Lodge was called off and on. The first and second sections of the first lecture were worked by Bro. Kirk. Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned till Monday next, when Bro. Ware will occupy the chair.

### ROYAL ARCH.

#### ALDERSGATE CHAPTER, No. 1657.

A MEETING was held at the Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-street on Monday, the 14th instant. Comp. Alderman Staples was installed as First Principal, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke performing the ceremony, assisted by Comps. J. Derby Allcroft Past Grand Treasurer, Rev. Dr. E. Brette and others. The Second and Third Principals elected for the year are Companions Alfred Brookman, C.C., and F. Crockford.

The regular Convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement was held on Thursday. Comps. S. George M.E.Z., T. C. Edmonds H., H. Dehane J., J. E. Sheffield S.E., W. Radcliffe S.N., R. Fraser P.S. The ceremony of exaltation was ably rehearsed, and a pleasant evening spent.

"Saint Lubbock," as Bank holiday is called, is once more upon us, and those who desire to take advantage of the break it causes in business, and to snatch a day or two's rest and change must soon make up their minds. Last week we referred to Summer Tours in England and Scotland, provided by the London and North Western and the Caledonian Railways. There might be some tour among the large number arranged in the book, which can be had by sending for it, to suit people of limited time. At any rate it would be worth while to get the necessary information. Then there is the Great Northern Railway, with a programme just suited to that class who want to make the most of their time and opportunity. See our advertisement columns for information, and consult the tourist arrangements made by this company. The London and Fribury company have considered the public wants, and will issue cheap tickets by all ordinary, and special trains, on Sunday and Monday, 2nd and 3rd of August. The ordinary return tickets for distances exceeding ten miles will be available from Thursday next, 30th inst., to Wednesday, 5th August. Tickets can be had at various important centres of London, for particulars of which see also our advertisement columns.

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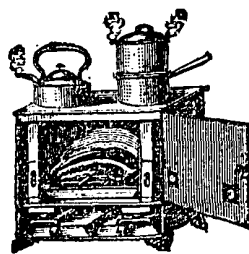
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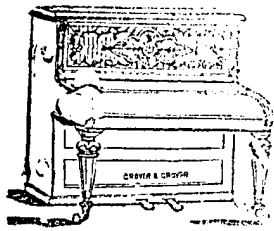
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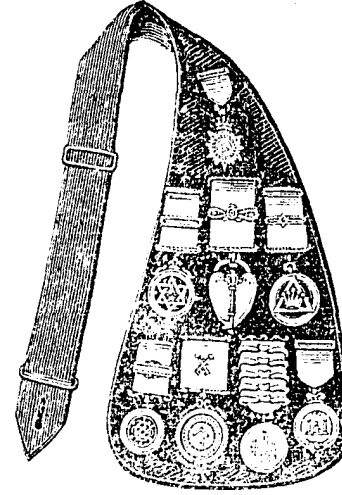
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