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THE ROYAL VISIT TO BRIGHTON.

A MIDST "ten thousand" welcomes from the loyal residents of Brighton, and of the crowds of visitors who at this time of the year flock into the queen of southern watering places, our Most Worshipful Grand Master His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales paid his promised official visit, on Tuesday last, for the purpose of installing his august brother the Duke of Connaught as Provincial Grand Master of Sussex Freemasons. Everything combined to render this royal visit an event to be remembered in the annals of Brighton history, and in the history, too, of the Craft in which the Heir Apparent and other members of the Royal Household take so deep and genuine an interest. This solicitude for the welfare of Freemasonry is so frequently alluded to in the post-prandial speeches to which it is our lot to listen at Masonic banquets that the brethren need nothing here to impress them with the fact in a general way. But when an event of such imposing magnitude as that of Tuesday last occurs, something more than a passing reference to it is demanded at the hands of a journal especially associated with, and essentially representing, the welfare of the Craft. Nearly ten years have elapsed since it was our privilege to assist at a ceremony similar in its character, though scarcely so momentous, as that which is reported in our columns of to-day, when the Grand Master visited Norwich for the purpose of installing Lord Suffield as Provincial Grand Master of Norfolk. Many of the "veterans" will recollect that during that self-same week the late Duke of Albany honoured the Prov. Grand Lodge of Wiltshire with his presence, at the annual meeting of that Province held at Warminster, under the presidency of its respected chief, the Lord Methuen. Ever since that time, up to the date of the initiation of Prince Albert Victor at the Royal Alpha Lodge, some twelve months ago, our Grand Master and his royal brothers have manifested a desire on every available occasion that has presented itself of personally identifying themselves with the Order; and we have it still fresh in our memories how that the Duke of Connaught—who on Tuesday was installed as Grand Master of the Province that bears his name—has likewise displayed his zeal and assiduity in Masonry by presiding at Festivals, both of the Boys' and Girls' Institutions. These auspicious occasions are even yet looked back upon as pleasant reminiscences by those who were fortunate enough to witness them, but all have been far eclipsed by the splendid and brilliant gathering of the present week. Brighton broke into the most beaming of smiles on the day appointed for the pageant which, other than in a purely Masonic sense, was to render it one of the most memorable in the history of the town. "Royal weather" in its truest form graced the whole of the proceedings from beginning to end, and amidst the most genial gleams of sunshine that have been vouchsafed to us in this one of the coldest of "leafy months" we have experienced for many years; the whole place was bathed in a flood of colour, sunshine, animation, and enthusiasm. From end to end of the route traversed by the Royal Party, the utmost loyalty was exemplified by the dense masses of spectators on either side of the two miles of "front"—as Brightonians endearingly call their grand and unrivalled Esplanade—and this is all the more significant, from our own point of view, from the fact

that the visit was not in its usual way a municipal one, but essentially Masonic. True, the local municipality was represented by the presence of the Mayor and several members of the Corporation, by whom the Royal guests were most cordially welcomed to the town; but, after all, the occasion was one of intrinsic interest, and exceptionally so, to the Craft. On their arrival at the railway station the Royal visitors were presented with an address of welcome from the Corporation of Brighton, which was read by the Town Clerk (Bro. F. J. Tillstone), the text of which was as follows:—

To His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G.—May it please your Royal Highness,—We, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Brighton, respectfully offer to your Royal Highness a sincere and cordial welcome to our town, and we desire to express the great pleasure it affords the people of Brighton that you are on this occasion accompanied by your son H.R.H. the Prince Victor Edward of Wales, and your brother H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Earl of Sussex. The inhabitants of the county of Sussex generally, as well as those who are members of the Masonic body, were much gratified on learning that H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught had been appointed to, and had accepted, the office of Grand Master of the Freemasons of this Province, and it is a great additional gratification to them that your Royal Highness has been graciously pleased to intimate your intention of personally performing, in this Borough, the ceremony of installing in office the new Provincial Grand Master. We beg, in our name and that of the inhabitants of Brighton, to assure your Royal Highness of the loyalty and affection which we, in common with all Her Majesty's subjects, entertain for Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, for your Royal Highness, and for the other members of the Royal Family.

The Prince of Wales made the following reply:—

Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen,—I thank you sincerely for the cordial welcome which you have given me here to-day, and for the kind words in which you allude to the presence of my son and brother. I had great satisfaction in offering for my brother's acceptance the post of Provincial Grand Master of Sussex, and it has afforded me much gratification to be able to perform the duty of installing him into his important office. I have to express to you my warm acknowledgments for the loyal terms in which you allude to the Queen, and the members of my family; and let me add that these sentiments are in perfect harmony with the kind reception which has invariably been accorded to me by the inhabitants of Brighton on all of those occasions upon which it has been my good fortune to visit this town.

Then, amidst the cheers of the privileged ones upon the platform, and the larger crowd outside, the procession moved away to Hove, by way of Queen's Road, West Street, and King's Road, travelling as far as The Drive, Old Steine, Castle Square, and the Pavilion. As we have said, all along the route the royal and Masonic party was received with every demonstration of welcome, though perhaps the enthusiasm at no point of the route broke into the boisterous ebullition we are accustomed to in London and other large towns. The Dome and Corn Exchange were elaborately decorated, and the spectacle presented at the installation when Bro. His Royal Highness Arthur William Patrick Albert, Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, and Earl of Sussex, was installed amidst the full blaze of that ceremonial, and in the presence of over two thousand members of the Craft, was imposing in the extreme. The opinion expressed by the residents in Brighton accustomed to take part in public demonstrations there is, that "nothing heretofore witnessed in the Dome has surpassed the picturesqueness of the scene at this period, and it will long live in the memory of those who were privileged to be present." The ceremony attracted to itself an interest and importance quite unique from the spectacle of the installation of one Royal brother

by the other; and our Grand Master in his speeches touched the keystone of sympathy of all when he declared that while Freemasonry confined itself to its grand principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, and free from the entanglements of religion and politics, it was "bound to flourish throughout the realms of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen." Every credit is due to the brethren upon whose shoulders devolved the duty of making the arrangements necessary for so important an event. On the arrival of the procession at the Pavillion grounds a numerous company, consisting principally of ladies, attired in the prettiest summer costumes, had taken up "coigns o' vantage" whence a view of the approach could be commanded, and the scene presented was of the most picturesque and animated description. The guard of honour was appropriately supplied by the 1st Sussex (Brighton) Volunteers, under the command of Bro. Captain Hallett, and the band of the regiment kept up a running fire of excellent music prior to the arrival of the guests. The Prince of Wales, the Duke of Connaught, and Prince Albert Victor, with their attendants, alighted at the main entrance to the Pavilion, and some little time was spent there in clothing for the ceremony of the day. Soon after after half-past twelve the Royal party, with a perfect galaxy of Grand and Provincial Grand Officers, crossed in procession from the Pavilion rooms to the Dome, amidst strains of martial music, the whole of the brethren being uncovered with the exception of the Grand Master, who frequently raised his hat in acknowledgment of the waving of handkerchiefs by the ladies and other demonstrations of loyal feeling. Inside the Pavilion, the whole of the property of which had been placed at the disposal of the Craft, the scene was one of imposing and picturesque grandeur. The Committee, which included the Provincial Grand Officers of Sussex for the year, and the Worshipful Masters of the twenty-five Lodges in the Province, had furnished and embellished the apartments in a sumptuous manner, befitting the occasion, the details being carried out by a sub-Committee, consisting of Brothers J. Henderson Scott, Gerard Ford, J. M. Kidd, C. J. Smith, V. P. Freeman Provincial Grand Secretary, and B. Burfield Assistant Provincial Grand Secretary. The entrance hall and vestibule were embowered with a perfect parterre of flowers, foliage plants and ferns, whilst the corridors and entrances to the Dome were draped with old gold lace curtains, and rich blue lace draperies. The staircases at both ends of the corridor were veiled by large mirrors, in which were reflected pretty groups of flowering and foliage plants of dazzling colour and beauty. Provincial Grand Lodge was fitted and appointed in the most approved manner for the carrying out of the ceremonial, of which a report is given elsewhere in our columns, and it is only necessary for our readers to glance over the names of the most prominent and distinguished Officers present to enable them to form an idea of the magnificent and imposing spectacle that was presented when Prov. Grand Lodge had assembled. The Grand Lodge Officers in their splendid regalia and resplendent jewels filled the orchestra, forming a *coup d'œil* such as has perhaps only been surpassed once, namely—at the Installation of our Grand Master himself, at the Royal Albert Hall, in 1875. To say that the ceremony was perfectly rendered would be to make use of a trite and hackneyed phrase to those who can realise the character and composition of such an assemblage; even those who were not present can readily form an idea of the effect which such a gathering must inevitably have produced. On being proclaimed and saluted with the customary Masonic honours, a flourish of trumpets echoed the fact that the Duke had been duly installed as Provincial Grand Master of Sussex. The investiture of Prov. Grand Officers was then proceeded with, and the ceremony, which lasted about an hour and a half, was concluded with the ancient rites so familiar to, and appreciated by, the Craft.

It was no matter for surprise that the event should have produced quite a flutter of pleasant excitement amongst the brethren of the Province of Sussex, for no appointment could have been presented to them so agreeable to their feelings than that of the Earl of Sussex as the successor of the late lamented Sir Walter Burrell, whose decease in February last caused so wide and genuine a sense of regret. There is, of course, something peculiarly appropriate in the Duke of Connaught holding the office of head of the Masonic body of Sussex, and it calls vividly to mind the services rendered to the Order by the First Duke of Sussex

during the thirty years he held the position of G. Master. The first Royal Duke of Sussex was initiated at the close of the last century, and was elected grand Master on the resignation of the Prince Regent in 1813. In that year he united under him all the Freemasons in England, and the Craft made steady progress, though of course little in comparison with the strides it has made since the accession to the supreme Head of our present Most Worshipful Grand Master the Prince of Wales. As soon as the date of the installation was fixed there was an eager solicitation for tickets, and thus the assemblage was of the most numerous and representative character ever witnessed in this part of England. All parts of the United Kingdom and, indeed, the Dependencies of the British Crown were represented, and in its general conception and management the ceremony and attendant rejoicings were carried out in the most splendid, dignified, and befitting manner. The luncheon which followed was a pattern of elegance, luxury, and refinement, and the after speeches, though brief, were interesting, as reflecting the credit that was justly due to the hospitality of the Province of Sussex, and the excellence of the arrangements made by the Prov. Grand Officers and all by whom they were associated. After the departure of the Royal visitors a garden party, on a most extensive and *récherché* scale, was given in the Pavilion Gardens, the varied character of the entertainment furnishing a most enjoyable finale to a day of bright and conspicuous splendour and interest in the annals of Sussex Freemasonry.

A SUGGESTION.

WHILST all Sussex is tingling with the glow of enthusiasm and satisfaction aroused by the installation of his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught as its Provincial Grand Master, a thought occurs to us, in view of the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which is to be held next week at Brighton, under the presidency of Lord Suffield. Not only were the whole of the twenty-nine Lodges in the Province represented at the stirring event of last Tuesday, but members of the Craft from all parts of the Kingdom and many of the Colonies were also present; and, seeing that the Boys' Festival is so speedily to follow, at the same town and place, what better or more fitting opportunity to immortalise the occasion than to seal it by some lasting memento of the Duke's acceptance of office, by raising a permanent addition to the funds of the Boys' School, the Festival of which is fixed to take place on Wednesday next? We venture to suggest to the brethren of the Province that a more graceful or practical outcome of Tuesday's gathering could not be imagined than that some substantial aid should be ensured to the approaching Festival, nor one that would give more real and genuine satisfaction to the executive of the Institution at Wood Green, who are not too "strong" in funds at the present time. Surely amongst the "two thousand" distinguished members of the Craft who were privileged to be present on the occasion we have described there might be found a sufficient number to subscribe collectively a sum amounting, at any rate, to a thousand pounds, in order to create a fund which might be appropriately entitled the "Sussex pile," or perhaps better still the "Connaught pile," in honour of the recently-installed Provincial Grand Master, whereby the Province could secure a "Perpetual Presentation" to the Boys' School. Lord Suffield, the Right Wor. Provincial Grand Master for Norfolk, has not only kindly consented to preside over the Brighton Festival, but also at the Annual Distribution of prizes amongst "Our Boys" at Woodgreen to-day; and it may not be beyond the bounds of possibility—his Lordship being a personal friend of our M.W. Grand Master and of the Duke of Connaught—that one of those illustrious Rulers of the Craft might be able to spare a brief space, amidst their multitudinous engagements, to pay another, though flying, visit to Brighton in connection with the Boys' Festival. Of course, we do not lose sight of the lavish and unstinted hospitality extended by our brethren in Sussex to the large number of visitors who crowded into Brighton, on their invitation, last Tuesday. The splendid reception accorded to them must have involved no inconsiderable expense, both individually and collectively; but in order to signalize the event, which was undoubtedly the most momentous and auspicious that has ever graced the Province, would it not be a grand result

to mark it by some substantial and perpetual monument in the shape of a distinctly special addition to the funds of the Institution whose Festival is to be celebrated in their midst next week? We know of many who would gladly subscribe towards such a scheme as we propose, and we earnestly suggest to the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. J. H. Scott, that in the event of his undertaking the office of Treasurer to such a fund, he would be readily and liberally met by members of the Craft, not only in the Province of Sussex, but throughout the country, who are solicitous for the welfare of the Boys' School. Bro. Freeman, the Provincial Grand Secretary, would not begrudge the extra labour imposed upon him by acknowledging contributions to the Fund—although we opine that the additional work would be somewhat heavy; but in view of the lasting credit which would be reflected upon the Province by the embodiment of such a scheme the reward would be amply sufficient to compensate for any such temporary effort on the part of the Provincial Grand Officers who might assist in carrying it to a successful issue. It is urged that in these days of "universal depression" the brethren cannot be expected to be constantly diving their hands into their pockets for special purposes; but it does seem to us that this would be a peculiarly proud result for Sussex to achieve,—to mark the accession of a member of the Royal Family to the Grand Mastership of the Province, and as a graceful compliment to the Duke who was installed under such brilliant auspices a few days ago. We sincerely hope the matter may be taken up actively in the few days that remain prior to the Festival, and that we may be enabled to congratulate Bro. Binckes, the indefatigable Secretary of the Wood-green Institution, upon a "whip round" amongst the brethren of Sussex and their friends which will strengthen his hands, and those of the executive generally, in carrying on the admirable work which they have so closely at heart. It may be that an exceptional phase of the subject is that which is shadowed forth in a letter by Bro. Binckes, published in another column, namely that the political crisis now at hand might have a prejudicial effect in relation to the support likely to be accorded to the Boys' Festival. We sincerely hope such may not be the case, and that Brother Binckes's apprehensions may be unfounded. At any rate, such fears may be in a great measure dispelled if the suggestion we have ventured to offer in the above remarks is taken into the serious consideration of the brethren, not only of Sussex but of the Craft generally.

MASONRY POINTS EVER UPWARDS.

An Address delivered by Rev. R. W. Hill, D.D., at the Dedication of the New Hall of Multnomah Lodge No. 1, at Oregon City, Oregon, 22nd February, 1886.

IT is eminently proper at such a time as this, when we have assembled to dedicate a hall to the purposes of Masonry, to speak somewhat of the aims and purposes of the Order. It has numbered among its adherents so many of the wise and good men of the past, and has at the present time so many of those who are counted worthy of honour, that there must be something in Masonry worthy of regard. Men of the stamp of "the father of his country," whose natal day we have chosen for our ceremonies, would never consent to Masonic fellowship were the Institution not doing good in the world. What then is Masonry in its work and aim?

It may be said that the character of Masonry has been so often made the theme of oration and argument that it would seem as though the time has passed when it were necessary to speak as to its works or its principles. It has been well said that "from its origin to the present hour Masonry has been a true friend and servant of humanity. Philanthropy has been the guiding star in its firmament, and its whole career has been an effort to more firmly establish virtue and morality as the dominating forces of life." How could it be otherwise when we strive to inculcate in the hearts of all a love for God and for fellow-man? The first of the charges laid down in the old constitution says that "A Mason is bound by his tenure to obey the moral law; and if he rightly understands the art, he will never be a stupid atheist nor an irreligious libertine." The second charge pointed out the fact that the Mason must be "a peaceable subject to the civil powers, wherever he

resides or works, and is never to be concerned in plots and conspiracies against the peace and welfare of the nation, nor to behave himself undutifully to inferior magistrates." Then, too, the sixth charge enjoins the Mason to "act as becomes a moral and wise man." From these charges it will be seen that no man can be a true Mason without being true to his Creator, his family, his neighbour and his country.

Masonry rests upon three strong pillars: Justice, Brotherhood, and Truth. With these its sure supports it is no wonder that the Institution has been enabled to enlist in its support good and true men in every age, and to withstand the storms of time, and the efforts of adversaries to overthrow it. It matters not what may be the age of Masonry, whether we trace it to those older mysteries which held and concealed the truths of God's nature from the multitude, or whether we find the origin in the middle ages, when modern civilization was coming to the birth. In any case Masonry has transmitted to us a system which contains much to benefit humanity, and confer a blessing on its votaries. It could not be otherwise than of service to humanity, when we reflect that its cardinal principles are those which have done most for the advancement of liberty and law. To do good to man, and to seek the uplifting of the race through the exercise of the general arts and the broad diffusion of truth to those who are worthy to receive it—this has been its aim and this its work. When the race was struggling upward from barbarism to the heights of present civilization one of the chief forces in its advancement was the presence and power of the highest truth. When the people have felt the importance of knowledge, and of noble things, it has been an indication that the struggle has resulted in a victory for the better elements of humanity. It is one of the evidences of civilization that men turn from the pursuit of selfish ends and give themselves to the contemplation of that which is for the benefit of the race rather than of the individual. Masonry has exemplified this, and has been a leader in the path of true progress. When the balefires of error were burning most brightly, leading men to darkness and gloom, Masonry set on high the light of truth, and won men to the "True Light," which lighteth to the Temple of God all who receive its blessed influence. It can be said, without fear of successful controversy, that it has been always helpful when men most needed the strong hand of a mighty power to hold them safely amid the temptations which would turn them to error and ungodliness. In the critical hours of European history, when the hearts of men failed them for fear, and when with bated breath the wise and good looked for the overthrow of the institutions on whose existence the welfare of civilization was dependent, then it was that Masonry gave comfort and hope to those who else would have despaired. The doctrines of a pure theology were so intertwined with the dogma of Masonry, that for a time leaders of the church itself found in the shelter of the Lodge a deposit and safe-keeping of many most precious truths. It is within bounds to say that the spirit of inquiry fostered by Masonry gave added impetus to the keen thirst for knowledge which was a feature of the Middle Age, and it will perhaps also be admitted by the student of history, that, in the tyled precincts of the Lodge, truths were taught, which uttered elsewhere would have been the signal for the exercise of all the honours of the *auto d' fe*. To such men as Roger Bacon and his fellow-mystics much of the progress of to-day is due, for they opened the paths which have led us to light, and these were the men who upheld the mysteries in the Middle Age.

Masonry in Oregon occupies to-day a commanding position with an ever-widening circle of influence. Thirty-seven years ago, when this Lodge first received its charter, the members of the Craft resident in Oregon were few indeed. But the handful they gathered here in Oregon City has become the host who to-day bear up the Masonic institutions. What wondrous changes the surviving brethren of this Lodge have witnessed since that first meeting in 1848! The dim trail of the pioneer has broadened into the mighty highway of empire, and those of that little band who still are with us have seen Oregon become a name worthy of place in the roll of States. No longer so remote from the remainder of our nation that months of weary travel are required to reach these shores by the sun-down seas, as when the pioneers came, but closely linked by the ties of steam and electricity to the east, so that one may take part in this dedication to-night and in a single week be with his brethren and friends in the States on the

Atlantic seaboard. In those days we were the extreme west, but now, as we look from these shores of the Occident still far to the westward, we realize the growth of our country and know that far onward around the great Alaskan arch the star-spangled flag is the symbol of liberty and progress. Now from the mystic Orient there comes to us the returning wave of the human tides which have swept around the earth. Our peerless State has developed into all that those who struggled here in the early days to save it to our country promised it would become. Yes, and they now say that even their prophetic vision saw not one-half of all that we have since become.

The few people who then were here as the pioneers of American civilization have become a great multitude, and with the tide of humanity which has flowed to this region have come all of the comforts and conveniences of the far east. The rude architecture of those days has been displaced by beautiful and finished workmanship on every side. The dreary distances which separated the Willamette from the unforgotten homes and friends of the east have been annihilated by the railroad, and the trail which the pioneer made with so much of toil, but so much of courage as well, has served to conduct to us the monarch of the rail—the iron horse. To-day we are in direct connection with the heart of our country, and in some respects we have greater facilities for rapid travel than any one then could command. And still with rapid strides we move along the pathway of progress. As the States along the Atlantic now dominate all the regions which must reach the nations through them, so we in time will control the trade of all the vast interior whose natural route for foreign commerce lies through our seaports.

Our mineral resources are beginning to add largely to the wealth of the State; our fertile soil is becoming a very garden by the skilled labour of our farmers; hundreds of thriving towns and villages are dotting our State like "the stars which stud the universal dome," and what with the other resources of the State, and the many enterprises reaching out in all directions, we can surely see the marks of prosperity and promise for the future. Hail to the pioneers! for all of this bright present has been won by the toil and self-denial of the hardy men and women who came here in those early days.

In this retrospect we have seen that there has been a splendid growth in all directions, but in nothing has that growth surpassed that which lies inside the pale of Masonry. The feeble band who first secured the memorable charter from Missouri have grown to be a mighty host, and with each year the influence and power for good has increased, until to-day there is no portion of the great North-west which does not feel the beneficent influence of Masonry. Its charities are not to be measured by the limits of County or State, but in even the remotest regions to the north, and the islands to the westward, where our brethren have gone, or from where the cry of distress has been heard, there, too, has been felt the blessed effects of a true and pure charity. It is not necessary to remind you that our charity is broad and far-reaching, for you, my brethren of Multnomah Lodge, have felt and participated in this beautiful and blessed act. It is for those who ask of us a *raison d'être* that I have spoken of Masonic charity. One of the first lessons taught to the Masonic candidate is this one of relief to the distressed and worthy, and that it is taught in a solemn way which can never be forgotten, is proven by the breadth and sweep of Masonic relief. Faith and Hope and Charity are the blessed trio to the true Mason, but we know that when faith is lost in sight, and hope ends in fruition, then still endureth charity, the noblest bond of union between earth and heaven.

In dedicating this hall to Masonry we desire to bear our testimony to the faith which has been handed down to us since Masonry began; that all things which are pure, and all things which are lovely and of good repute should constitute the chief stones of the Masonic edifice and occupy the chief place in the Mason's affections. If there is anything which is low and vile, and of the earth earthy, of these things Masons are taught to beware. To lift up the poor and distressed, and extend the hand of charity to those who are in need of sympathy, to bring gladness to the hearts filled with sorrow, and to lighten the burdens of care and toil, these are the things which Masonry teaches, and these are the things which the examples of the best and wisest always illustrate. We set this Masonic home apart from the busy rush and whirl of life, that here we may come for a brief season and rest in the society of kindred

spirits, and here shake off the trammels of business and give ourselves to the pursuit of wisdom. By our close connection with all that pertains to humanity, we are enabled to perform something which will be of benefit to those who are looking to us for aid and enlightenment. It is the pride of Masonry that is ever at work for humanity, and in the hall here set apart the teaching which is to be given to those who come knocking at its door will be in the line of that which is most effective for human advancement. Alas! that the lessons are not always remembered, and that in some cases they are altogether lost; but we rejoice that in almost every instance men are made better for the instruction which Masonry gives.

Masonry is the friend of all phases of truth, and the Mason who is true to his vows is always an unflinching advocate of that which his conscience and his researches have taught him to be the truth. Masonry therefore dedicates this hall to Truth. In the whole round of human life the tenets of Masonry have a place, and must do their part in the development and perfection of human character, and when that work falls short of this ideal of excellence, we who are Masons are certainly not using to the full the advantages which are put within the reach of the Craft. There never was a time in the history of the race when it was more necessary to be true to our highest convictions than the present, for with the march of intellect there have been many things promulgated which are apt to harm him who does not look at all sides of what is presented. I think that the temptations of this age are greater than those of any that have hitherto dawned upon humanity, and for this reason it is necessary to be on guard, lest we be led into error.

But can it be said that we have an influence which is religious in its nature? Masonry can know no tenets which are divorced from true religion. From the youngest Entered Apprentice to the Mason who is crowned with years and honours the members of the Craft feel the influence and acknowledge the necessity of a pure worship of the Creator. Prayer is the alpha and omega of the ritual, and in every great and important undertaking in life Masons are taught to invoke the Divine blessing. When Masonry is divorced from true religion it will be a sad day for all who love the Craft, and should such a time ever come it will herald the speedy dissolution of the Order which nothing else can destroy.

Perhaps you will accuse me of propounding a novelty when I say that Masonry has dealings with political science; but Masonry has relations with all sides of human life, and as much of our weal and woe depends upon proper government, it is one of the privileges of Masonry to instruct men in all their duties, so that they may do a good part in the organization of governments founded on equal rights. No one doubts that true statesmanship seeks to place intelligence and patriotism in the forefront of good citizenship, and it is an old saying that the best citizen is that one who knows enough about his country's institutions to admire them. And this it is which Masonry strives to teach. Men are to be made familiar with the great cardinal doctrines which underlie good government, that they may be hearty supporters of law and order; for you will remember that Masonry has no countenance for anything which has the flavour of treason or riot. It is a principle which every Master is required to inculcate, so that no man can be a good Mason and not at the same time be a good citizen. Here, then, is the relation which Masonry sustains to political science, not to use it to build up the fortunes of any man or set of men, but to strive through it to make men better for the Service of the State, and more fit for usefulness in every capacity. By making the state secure and by inspiring a love of country, because country is governed by laws of justice and equality; by discountenancing all that savours of disorder, or that is calculated to inflame the passions of the mob; by doing these things Masonry is doing her true work in educating to citizenship.

And here let me say, in the name of Masonry, that any man who calls himself a Mason, whatever his rank or honours may be, who participates in acts of treason or riot is false to his vows. No word can fitly express the contempt of Masonry for those who for selfish purposes join hands with the subverters and destroyers of justice and right. False, stained with the guilt of treachery and wrong, for such men Masonry can have no shelter, and when these things are clearly established the temple gates will close against them for ever.

So, too, in the line of social truth, the progress of knowledge has led to the amelioration of many woes, but there still remains much to be accomplished before it can be truly said that this earth is an Eden. "Man's inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn," said the Scottish bard, and it still remains a sad truth. If, then, so much of evil exists, and so much of wrong is worked, is it not the duty of Masonry through its representatives to be up and doing? If we are able to relieve any of the evils incident to life, and fail to do so, it will be evidence that we are behind the spirit of the times, and far behind the true spirit of Masonry. It is well to ponder upon the principles of the Order. We have a right to ask sharp questions and require straightforward answers; and whenever the Institution is either unable or unwilling to give such answers it will be time to seriously consider its further continuance. We have no reason for existence beyond those things which were embraced in the purposes of the founders, modified to harmonize with the purest light which advanced thought is able to bestow. It argues poorly for any society when it falls below the rising tide of progress, and it will prove no exception to the rule should Masonry ever forget the principles which hitherto have led it onward in the van of those who work for humanity. It is not enough that we are able to make a show for the public when, on some occasion like this, we come together to do a work which will command the attention of the people; we must always be at work which will tell for good to the needy and suffering, whether that work is done in the "bright sunlight of publicity," or in the quiet and retirement of every-day life. Social truth should have much of thought. Masonry regards no man merely for his worldly wealth or station, and should care as little for that applause which is so freely given to those who are willing to make public display. It is unusual now for any year to pass without some great gathering of the members of the Fraternity, at which the parade is the principal feature, when, with bright banners and long array of marching men, the clamour of many voices mingling with the music of bands, we seek to impress the people with the idea that Masonry is a mighty power in the world. Is this altogether in accordance with that simplicity which was the original characteristic and peculiar beauty of Masonry? Like sweet charity, its deeds are better for the flavour of privacy, and especially is this true when we consider that the work which enters so largely into the every-day life of the Order is relief.

We are taught that in many things the left hand should not know what the right hand does, but I fear that were the odour of publicity withdrawn many would feel that it was a sad day for them. Let us do what we can for humanity, but let us also do it in that manner which will most surely win for us the good opinion of the wise and worthy, not caring for the applause of the fickle crowd, but rather seeking to merit the approval of conscience.

And here let me bring to your thoughts our first Grand Master, who is not able to be with us to-night, much as he would love to see this consummation of his hopes. The first Grand Master of this jurisdiction, as well as the first Grand Treasurer of California, he occupies a unique position, and it is with profound sorrow that we learn of his long illness. For him we fear the journey of life is almost over, and he but waits for the summons to enter into rest. In these last hours the love and regard of his brethren have been to him as a sweet incense, the very smell of a field which the Lord hath blessed. But the long life will soon be ended, and the scenes which have known him so long will know him no more for ever. But, in this moment of sadness, we can say with the poet:

"How full of dread, how full of hope, loometh inevitable death;
Of dread, for all have sinned; of hope, for One hath died to save;
The dread is lost in joy; the hope is filled with immortality."

May his declining days be full of the comfort and consolation which cometh from above, and when his call shall come may he go to that home on high, "where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest."

You have listened to the solemn service of dedication, and have heard the invocations which thus attend the opening of this hall to Masonry; but all of these ceremonies will have failed of their object if they do not influence you, one and all, to the better life.

Masonry points ever upward, and in all its ceremonies the one desire is to lift up humanity to its true position and highest honour. It is for this reason that we have begun the Masonic uses of this hall to-night, in the way which

directs the hearts of all to the Creator, and I were untrue to my duty and untrue to myself did I fail to remind you that it is to make you better that you are summoned here. The little band who first organized this Lodge are almost all departed to that bourne whence no traveller returns, and the generations who are to follow us must examine our work and our life to see whether we have been true to the high trusts committed to us, even as to-night we have remembered the work of those who have preceded us, may be counted worthy, in the years to come, of remembrance for faithfulness. If this dedication marks new resolves to noblest and purest lives, then humanity is the gainer and the work is truly well done. When the crowning day shall come may all respond to the call of the Master who shall summon his faithful servants to receive the reward of service. May the memory of good accomplished cheer the soul when the lamp of life burns dimly toward its close, and when already the ear is beginning to catch the mystic whispers which come from the land beyond the river. For the faithful the sounds wafted will be those which shall cheer and comfort the heart, we are assured.

And now, my brethren, remember this begins anew your work. Press forward with renewed courage, and let the words of the poet inspire and encourage you—for

"Not on swords and spears
Is the reliance of the coming years;
Not by the cannon's mouth shall truth proclaim
Her mighty mission: not with blood and flame
Inscribe her lessons in the book of time;
Her strongest weapons shall be words sublime.
Her armies thoughts; her banners printed sheets;
Her captains' voices crying in the streets:
'The earth is good and bountiful and fair,
Her choicest blessings are the destined share
Of all her children, who in Christly love
Wisely combine to work—and look above.'"

Voice of Masonry.

After the installation of Bro. His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught as Prov. Grand Master of Sussex, at Brighton, on Tuesday last, a report of which appears in another page, a photograph was taken of the Royal visitors and many of the distinguished Grand Officers in a group by Messrs. Russell and Sons, of 199 Brompton-road, South Kensington, photographers to the Queen and Royal Family. We have not yet received a copy of the group, which doubtless many of the brethren will be glad to preserve as a memento of the event, but shall be glad to notice it at the earliest moment it reaches us from the eminent firm to whom the duty was entrusted.

Amongst the favourite resorts visited during the recent Royal installation at Brighton was the Albrmarle Hotel, which is pleasantly situated, facing the sea and Aquarium. This hotel is on the best part of the Marine Parade, within a few minutes of the Pier, Theatre, and Steine Enclosure, and also the railway station. The excellence of the appointments and tariff at this admirable establishment is only equalled by the courtesy and attention displayed by the proprietor, Mr. Alfred Collins, and his staff of assistants.

On the 10th inst., the ceremony of installing Bro. Wm. E. Scott, D.L., as Provincial Grand Master of Derry and Donegal, was performed by the M.W.G.M. of Ireland, his Grace the Duke of Abercorn, in the Freemasons' Hall, Derry. There was a large assemblage of the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge and many visiting brethren.

The following Festivals were celebrated at Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending Saturday, 26th June 1886:—

Tuesday—Society of Architects. Wednesday—Staff College.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Counsel for the delicate.—Those to whom seasons of changeable temperatures are protracted periods of trial should seek the earliest opportunity of removing all obstacles to good health. This cooling Ointment perseveringly rubbed upon the skin, is the most reliable remedy for overcoming all diseases of the throat and chest. Quinsey, relaxed tonsil, sore throat, swollen glands, ordinary catarrh, and bronchitis, usually prevailing at this season, may be arrested as soon as discovered, and every symptom banished by Holloway's simple and effective treatment. This Ointment and Pills are highly commended for the facility with which they successfully conquer influenza; they allay in an incredibly short time the distressing fever and teasing cough.

INSTALLATION OF THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT AS PROV. GRAND MASTER OF SUSSEX.

BRIGHTON was all astir on Tuesday last, the day fixed for the installation of his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught P.G.S.W. as Provincial Grand Master of Sussex, in succession to the late Sir Walter W. Burrell, Bart., whose demise, in February last, was duly recorded in the columns of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. We have dealt elsewhere with the general features of the Royal visit, which, without partaking of a character usual to such events, when Royalty is invited to inaugurate or assist in the promotion of any public object, was essentially one of Masonic interest and importance. The arrangements of the day were most efficiently carried out by a Committee, including the Grand Officers of the Province, and the Officers of the twenty-five Lodges of which Sussex is composed, and the "heat and burthen of the day" fell upon the shoulders of a sub-committee, consisting of Bros. J. Henderson Scott Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Gerard Ford, J. M. Kidd, C. J. Smith, V. P. Freeman (Provincial Grand Secretary), and B. Burfield (Provincial Assistant Grand Secretary). These brethren worked with a will, and the manner in which all details were carried out reflected the highest credit upon all concerned. The M.W. Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, accompanied by the Duke of Connaught the Prov. G. Master-elect, and Prince Albert Victor, travelled down to Brighton early in the forenoon, the special train being preceded by another containing a large contingent of London Masons, the company including many of the most prominent and distinguished members of Grand Lodge in England and the Colonies. For a full hour before the appearance of the Royal train at the Brighton terminus, the crowd of people inside the station pressed upon the barriers which kept the down platform clear. Under the direction of Mr. Perry, chief inspector of the permanent way and works, whose experience of decorating stations on the Brighton line has been well maintained by occasions of Royal visits, the enlarged and improved terminus was bright and gay as flowers, flags, and red carpeting could make it. The weather could scarcely be called "Royal" in the strict sense of the term, for the atmospheric conditions attendant upon His Royal Highness's inauguration of the Tower Bridge on the preceding day had somewhat changed, and even in "sunny" Brighton old Sol was not disposed to manifest his wonted fervency. Still there is a certain light in colour, and the display of bunting, though not lavish, was sufficient to imbue the same with gaiety and animation, while the loyal demonstrations, everywhere abundant, must have conveyed to the Royal and Craft visitors that the welcome extended to them by Brighton was genuine and hearty in the extreme. It was evident that the Masonic body in the Province had been warmed into enthusiastic interest in the auspicious event; and the Grand Officers of the Province were ably seconded by their assistants, by the Grand Stewards, and by other brethren who on such important occasions are usually told off to discharge their respective and essential duties. The special train arrived punctually at half-past eleven o'clock, the carriages being appropriately attached to an engine named the "Connaught." On either side of the locomotive, and immediately above the name, were the Prince of Wales's Feathers. The Royal driver and stoker were indicated by the gold lace about their caps and the flowers in their coats. The train was in charge of Mr. Richardson, the Traffic Superintendent. The decorations at the station, to the platform of which a large number of privileged spectators were admitted, were most recherché and appropriate. The splendid circular group of flowering and fine-foliage plants, with a graceful, broad-leaved musa springing up fountain-like from their midst, seemed to catch all the radiance overhead, and to concentrate its best effects, in emerald green, varied shades of red, and golden yellow. This floral arrangement, which filled a large bed of greenery in the midst of the smooth, well-swept expanse of crimson cloth, was the principal object opposite the saloon carriage, from which the Prince alighted when the train drew up at the station. Nor was the central display by any means the sole adornment of the platform, which blossomed with tastefully disposed clusters and hanging baskets. As soon as the Royal visitors alighted from their saloon carriage a hearty cheer was given by the spectators, and the Band of the 1st Sussex Volunteer Artillery struck up the National Anthem. Their Royal Highnesses were received upon the platform by a deputation from the local Lodges of Freemasons, by Brother W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., who had come down by the train, by the Mayor of Brighton (Alderman E. J. Reeves), in his robes of office, the Town Clerk, and several Aldermen. An address of welcome was then presented to the Prince of Wales, His Royal Highness replying in suitable terms. After this display of loyalty and introduction, a procession was formed, and cheers were raised as the Royal visitors entered their carriage. After the Royal barouche came more carriages, containing military and naval officers in uniform, and the Officers of Grand Lodge who had come down with the Royal party. The decorations along the route were somewhat sparse, and the Brighton population kept up its repute for stolid, undemonstrative bearing, the cheers being partial, and nowhere enthusiastic. Not that there was any coldness in the reception of the Royal party; it is Brighton's way to take these things quietly,—that is all. A drive as far as Hove—taken at a considerably slow pace, so that the public had a fair opportunity of seeing Royalty, while at the same time Royalty was enabled to judge of the improvements which are being effected in Brighton—occupied a brief half-hour in going and returning, the Pavilion being reached punctually at noon. In the vicinity a large number of people awaited the approach of the procession, having begun to gather as early as eleven o'clock. Admission to the Pavilion Grounds was confined to ticket holders only, who were allowed to promenade the western lawn, the majority being ladies. The principal Officers connected with the Craft assembled in the Pavilion rooms at half-past eleven, and, wearing the regalia of their office, marched in procession to the Dome, the band of the 1st Sussex Artillery Volunteers playing as they filed past. Here the installation was held, the spacious interior being

elegantly decorated. Chairs for the Grand Officers were arranged on the dais, the area in front being reserved for the Past and Provincial Grand Officers. Behind these were the Master Masons. The balcony was reserved for Worshipful Masters and Past Masters, and from it were suspended the handsome banners of the several Lodges in the Province. At twenty-five minutes to one the M.W. Grand Master His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales entered the Dome, accompanied by the Grand Officers and Provincial Grand Officers Present and Past. The Grand Master was saluted in the accustomed form by a fanfare of trumpets. He took his seat in front of the organ, the Provincial Grand Senior Warden, the Lord Chancellor and the Provincial Junior Warden Bro. Lord Charles Beresford occupying their respective chairs on the ground floor. Prayer was offered by the Provincial Grand Chaplain, Brother the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, Dean of Battle, and the M.W. Grand Master was saluted in ancient form. He was then presented with the following address:—

To His Royal Highness Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, K.G., &c.
Most Worshipful Master of the Ancient, Free, and Accepted
Masons of England,—

May it please your Royal Highness, we, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Provincial Grand Officers and Brethren of the Province of Sussex, beg leave to offer to your Royal Highness our hearty Masonic welcome on your first visit to this Province since your assumption of the high office of Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Freemasons of England. We desire to express to your Royal Highness our respectful thanks for the distinguished honour you have been pleased to confer upon the Province by the appointment of your illustrious brother, His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, &c., Past Grand Warden, to rule over us as the Provincial Grand Master, in the room of our highly esteemed and lamented Brother Sir Walter Wyndham Burrell, who so ably presided over us for a lengthened period with the happiest results to the Craft. Specially do we appreciate the fortunate circumstance that your Royal Highness is able to be present with us to-day, and to confer additional lustre upon this occasion by so graciously undertaking to perform the impressive ceremony of installation. In conclusion, we fervently trust that under the Great Architect of the Universe your Royal Highness may be spared for many years to rule over the Masonic Brotherhood, to whose welfare your beneficent sway has already so largely contributed.

Dated at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, Sussex, this 22nd day of June A.D. 1886.

JOHN H. SCOTT P.G.D., Deputy Provincial Grand Master.
GERARD FORD, Provincial Grand Registrar.
V. P. FREEMAN, Provincial Grand Secretary.

The routine business usual on these occasions having been concluded, and Bro. Spark's well known anthem, "Behold how good and joyful," having been admirably sung by Bros. J. A. Brown, Montem Smith, Sidney Tower, and Chaplin Henry, the M.W. Grand Master said:—The Province of Sussex have recently experienced a severe loss in the death of Brother Sir Walter Burrell, who had ruled over it for nearly ten years with great energy and ability. They all deplored his loss, and after due consideration he (His Royal Highness) had thought it advisable to fill the vacancy by the appointment of his brother, the Duke of Connaught, who in his titles bore the name of the old county of Sussex. He knew him to be a zealous Mason, and fully believed that he would not fail to do his duty, but would endeavour to promote the success of the Province. He expressed the great pleasure it gave him personally to come amongst them for the purpose of installing his brother as the future Provincial Grand Master. The arrival of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master designate, Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught P.G.S.W., was then announced, the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, Brother E. W. J. Hennah, presented the patent, when a deputation of seven Past Masters—Brothers Lord Arthur Hill, M.P., Sir Raymond Burrell, Bart., Lieutenant-General Randolph, Major Sergeanton, Major D'Albrance, W. Dawes, and H. Hallett conducted the Duke to a place before the Pedestal, opposite to his brother the Grand Master. The Provincial Grand Secretary (Bro. Freeman) having read the patent, the Provincial Grand Chaplain offered prayer, when the Grand Master addressed H.R.H. the Provincial Grand Master-Designate, and inquired if he could conscientiously undertake the duties of the office. Assent having been formally given, the ceremony of installation was gone through, the Dean of Battle offering up the Prayer. The Provincial Grand Master was then proclaimed. Bro. John Henderson Scott P.G.D., though in enfeebled health, was conducted between two Deacons to the front of the pedestal and invested, and addressed by H.R.H. the Provincial Grand Master on the duties of his Office as Deputy Provincial Grand Master. The other Provincial Grand Officers, appointed at the last meeting, in October, were then formally re-invested, as follows:—

Bro. W. Dawes P.M. 341	...	...	Senior Warden
Sir F. C. Knowles, Bart., W.M. 1726	...	...	Junior Warden
Rev. E. R. Currie W.M. 1184	...	}	Chaplains
Rev. W. A. Tooth, W.M. 1821	...		
R. Crosskey P.M. 1303	...	...	Treasurer
Gerard Ford P.M. 271	...	...	Registrar
V. P. Freeman P.M. 732	...	...	Secretary
W. A. Cardwell P.M. 916	...	...	Senior Deacon
F. Daniel P.M. 732	...	...	Junior Deacon
J. Harrison P.M. 1829	...	...	Superintendent of Works
E. W. J. Hennah P.M. 40	...	...	Director of Ceremonies
A. T. Long P.M. 1720	...	...	Assistant Director of Cer.
Oliver Lloyd P.M. 33	...	...	Sword Bearer
W. Lanham Thomas P.M. 1141	...	}	Standard Bearers
J. T. Musson P.M. 1797	...		
W. Ardley S.W. 811	...	...	Organist
B. Burfield P.M. 1821	...	...	Assistant Secretary

J. Hopkinson P.M. 1619	Pursuivant
R. H. Ellman P.M. 1803	Assistant Pursuivant
Reginald Blaker P.M. 311	} Stewards
G. R. Lockyer P.M. 315 ...	...
H. Kamball-Cook P.M. 811 ...	...
C. H. Haine W.M. 1110 ...	...
J. Stedman P.M. 1303 ...	...
E. Broadbridge P.M. 1536 & 1797	} Tyler
T. Hages ...	...

An anthem, composed by Bro. Shield, having been sung by the four brethren whose names we have already given, and Bro. the Rev. W. A. Tooth, Provincial Grand Chaplain, having offered up a suitable prayer, his Royal Highness closed the Provincial Grand Lodge, and the ceremony was brought to a termination, Bro. A. King, Mus.B., A.P.P.G. Organist, playing in admirable style several voluntaries while the Brethren were leaving the Dome. An adjournment was then made to the Corn Exchange, close to the Dome, where upwards of 800 brethren sat down to a sumptuous luncheon, provided by Bro. J. Sayers, of Western-road, Brighton. The salon was tastefully decorated for the occasion with flags, trophies, and floral embellishments. The Duke of Connaught presided, supported by the Grand Master (the Prince of Wales), Prince Albert Victor, and the principal Grand Lodge Officers. After the luncheon, the Chairman called upon the assembly to drink to the time-honoured toast, "The Queen and the Craft," which was duly honoured, Miss Bertha Moore singing the solo of the National Anthem. H.R.H. the Provincial Grand Master then proposed "The Most Worshipful the Grand Master," and said he was sure the toast would meet with a hearty response from so large an assembly of the Craft. Ever since that memorable day at the Albert Hall, when the Most Worshipful Grand Master was installed into his high office, he had never lost an opportunity of showing the deep interest he had taken in the Craft. From that moment he had acted in a manner befitting the ancient Order, and all would agree with him that he had rendered eminent service to the Institution. The Craft had steadily increased under his guidance, and he called upon them one and all to be upstanding, and drink the toast with three times three. The toast was drunk amidst the greatest enthusiasm and cheering. The Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Prince of Wales, on rising to respond, was received with loud and prolonged cheers, accompanied with the waving of handkerchiefs and other manifestations of enthusiasm. He said he was not likely to forget the cordial manner in which the toast had been received. From the time when the Craft conferred upon him the honour of selecting him as their Most Worshipful Grand Master, he had not met with a more cordial or kind reception. He took a great interest in all that pertained to Freemasonry, and regretted that the many calls upon his time did not permit him to do more for the Order. In thought and heart he was with them, and always ready to come forward and assist their noble institution, an institution possessing as its chief characteristics religion and charity. So long as these principles were borne in mind the Order was bound to flourish throughout the realms of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen. The Order had made great and rapid strides. The Grand Lodge was founded in 1717, when it numbered about 650 Lodges. In 1875—the year of his installation as Most Worshipful Grand Master—the number had increased to 1520, while at the present time the last warrant issued bore the number of 2155, being a gain, since his high office was conferred upon him—of 635 Lodges. Royal Arch Freemasonry had also progressed, and about 8000 brethren were annually enrolled—a further proof of allegiance to the principles of the Grand Lodge of England. Before sitting down he had a toast to propose—namely, that of the health of the Junior Provincial Grand Master of England. He need hardly tell them the pleasure he derived from installing his brother and visiting their beautiful town. He felt sure that his brother would carry out the duties he was called upon to perform to the best of his ability. His military career would possibly take him thousands of miles away, but on his return he would be as happy to meet them as on the present occasion. He had experienced especial gratification in installing their Provincial Grand Master, and entrusting to his care one of the oldest Provincial Lodges in the country—a P.G. Lodge which dated from 1774. It possessed twenty-five Lodges, of which seven were in Brighton, the oldest being the Union Lodge, No. 38. Again thanking them for their very cordial welcome, he called upon them to drink with three times three the health of their Prov. G.M. The toast was received with the utmost enthusiasm. The Provincial Grand Master His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, on rising, said he was sensible of their great kindness in receiving the toast so heartily, which had been proposed in such kind and flattering terms. He was also sensible of the high honour bestowed upon him; he was aware that he had many arduous duties to perform. In taking the office of Provincial Grand Master he was succeeding one who had been respected and beloved, the late Sir Walter Burrell, who had always shown the greatest interest in the Province. He felt most grateful to the large assembly for their kind attention, and hoped to carry out worthily the necessary and important duties of his high office. If his military duties called him away his interest in them would not be lessened. In heart and feelings he would be with them, and from the bottom of his heart he thanked them for their reception of him as their Provincial Grand Master. His Royal Highness next proposed the health of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. J. Henderson Scott P.G.D., and said he did so with the greatest cordiality, knowing that he had laboured most assiduously in the cause of Freemasonry. In the Sussex Province he had held the post of Provincial Grand Secretary, and for many years that of Deputy Provincial Grand Master. To three generations the name of Scott had been familiarly associated with Freemasonry in Sussex, and in Brother John Henderson Scott they had a thorough Freemason at heart. It was, therefore, with the greatest satisfaction that he appointed him his Deputy. Before sitting down he desired to express to him his appreciation of the admirable arrangements for the ceremony of the day. They had been satisfactory in

every respect. Brother Scott, who was warmly received on rising, thanked the Provincial Grand Master for the kind manner in which the toast had been proposed, and the brethren for the cordial manner in which it had been received. He deeply felt the honour conferred upon him, and trusted, with restored health, to prove equal to the duties which would devolve upon him. The remaining toasts were the Visitors, proposed by Bro. H. Hallett P.S.G.W., and the Provincial Grand Officers. Their Royal Highnesses left Brighton at half past four, having been conducted through the Dome and the Pavilion proper. Before leaving the Prince of Wales took the opportunity of thanking Miss Bertha Moore for her musical contributions (one of which was "God Bless the Prince of Wales"); the entertainers in the luncheon-hall, and also to Bro. Sayers for the admirable manner in which the luncheon had been served. All being ready, they re-entered the carriages in which they had arrived, and, once more joining the company of the Mayor and other Corporate representatives, they were driven, by way of North-street and Queen's-road, to the railway station. There was a string of occupied carriages along the Queen's-road, while the windows and balconies of the houses were crowded by persons anxious to obtain a glimpse of the Royal party. At the terminus a number of people were admitted to the platform, where the special train was drawn up in readiness. The guard of honour was formed by about sixty men of the Brighton Brigade of Royal Naval Artillery Volunteers, under the command of Lieutenant Fry. As soon as the Royal visitors arrived at the station the band of the Naval Artillery played a portion of the National Anthem. The remaining formalities were of a brief description. The railway carriages were entered, Mr. Richardson (the Traffic Superintendent) resumed control of the train, and within a few minutes it steamed out of the station amid the cheering of those present. Over two thousand guests attended the garden party which was held in the evening at the Royal Pavilion. The concert in the Music Room commenced at seven o'clock, the vocalists being Miss Bertha Moore, Miss Kate Norman, Miss Annie Tate, and Mr. Chaplin Henry's quartette party. Miss Evelyn Gates took the violin, and Miss Lottie Millar and Miss Ethel Savery the pianoforte. The conductors were Bros. Ardley P.G.O., W. N. Roe P.P.G.O., King P.P.G.O., and Roworth. The room was crowded during the whole of the evening. Dancing was commenced in the Music room long before daylight had departed, and was continued with zest throughout the evening, the music being provided by Bro. H. S. Gates' band. Refreshments were served in the two Drawing rooms and in the King's apartments, the salon being used as a retiring room. The arrangements, which were absolutely perfect, were carried out by a Committee of the Worshipful Masters of the Lodges in the Province of Sussex, consisting of Bros. W. H. Barratt 38, F. H. Hallett 40, E. Collings 56, H. Longton 271, J. H. Every 311, R. Reeve 314, W. Anderson 315, C. Nye 732, W. Ardley 811, C. Paine 851, G. R. Green 916, C. H. Haine 1110, L. B. Henderson 1141, H. Kimm 1184, T. P. S. Lee 130, C. B. Warre 1465, H. E. Price 1466, A. M. Bitchley 1619, H. S. Gates 1636, T. Dalton 1723, W. Pratt 1797, Rev. W. A. Tooth 1821, H. Cheal 1829, J. J. Allinson 1842, and C. J. Smith 1917. Brother V. P. Freeman Provincial Grand Secretary, and Bro. B. Burfield also took an active part in the work connected with the party, and the latter was most energetic in his efforts to secure the comfort of the guests. Bros. G. S. Gol-free and Kemball Cook also worked very hard during the evening, and it may safely be said that the combined efforts of the brethren were productive of one of the most successful gatherings ever held at the Royal Pavilion.

EMPIRE LODGE, No. 2108.

THIS Lodge entertained their Colonial brethren at the Criterion, on Wednesday, the 23rd inst., when, after the formal proceeding in the Lodge had terminated, about 100 members and guests sat down to dinner, including, in addition to the members of the Lodge, the Earl of Mount-Edgcumbe, General Brownrigg, Sir J. Monckton, Bros. T. F. Halsey, M.P., P. de Cama, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, W. Wood, A. S. Watts, C. J. Parkinson, C. W. G. Hutton, and representatives from nearly every Colonial possession of the British Empire. In proposing the Queen and the Craft the W.M. Sir Philip Cunliffe Owen, C.B., expressed his pleasure at meeting so many of his fellow-citizens from every part of the Empire presided over by their Empress Queen. In proposing the toast of the Grand Master he said they all knew how much interest His Royal Highness took in the assembling together of so many representatives of every part of the Empire, and how much gratified he would have been had his engagements permitted him to be present. The toast of the Grand Officers having been duly honoured the Wor. Master proposed the Visitors. He bade them a hearty welcome, and hoped they would carry back with them when they left the "old country" the remembrance of the hearty good feeling with which they were always ready to receive them. The Empire Lodge was founded with the express purpose of welcoming brethren from all parts of the Empire, and he was glad to see so many of them there that evening. There were, he believed, about ten thousand colonists at present in London, and he wished they could have them all there together that night. In coupling with this toast the names of several Colonial brethren and of Bro. T. Tilton P.D.G.M. 7th District, New York City, he said he could not look on any American as a stranger, but would speak of him as their American Cousin. Among those who acknowledged the toast were Bro. the Hon. Sir W. J. Clarke District G.M. Victoria; Bro. A. M. Saunders District G.M. Madras; the Earl of Mount-Edgcumbe; Bro. A. M. Broadley P. Dep. Dist. G.M. Malta; and Bro. Theodore Tilton, New York, the latter of whom spoke of the interest they in New York took in every thing done in England, and of the progress which Masonry had made in the United States. The other toasts were the Worshipful Master and the Officers, the latter toast being acknowledged by Bro. C. W. Eves and Bro. Dr. Lennox Brown, Secretary.

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ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER AND LODGE OF LONDON AND THE METROPOLITAN COUNTIES.

THE KNIGHTS COMPANIONS will meet in COUNCIL at 33 Golden Square, W., on Saturday, 3rd July, at 2.30 p.m. for 3 o'clock precisely, and the R.W. Provincial Grand Master desires the attendance of all duly qualified brethren.

The ROYAL BRUCE CHAPTER will hold a Meeting for the reception of Candidates at 2.45. All names must be forwarded before the 30th June to Bro. Frank Richardson Prov. G. Sec., 28 Golden Square, W.; or to Bro. C. F. Matier Prov. G.M. Sec., Royal Bruce Chapter, 81 Red Lion Square, W.C.

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

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

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS of the Province of Middlesex and Surrey will be holden at the Masonic Hall, 81 Red Lion Square, High Holborn, on Monday, the 28th June 1886, when all Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers, together with the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters and Acting Wardens of Lodges in the Province, are hereby summoned to attend, and all Mark Master Masons are invited to be present.

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

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

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

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

Provincial Grand Mark Secretary.

4 Bishopsgate Street Without, E.C.

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Brethren intending to be present should notify their intention to the Provincial Grand Mark Secretary on or before the 24th June.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

NOTICE is hereby given that a PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE will be held at the "GREYHOUND" HOTEL, CROYDON, in the County of Surrey, on Monday, the 7th day of July 1886, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

By command,

CHARLES GREENWOOD jun. P.P.G. Reg.
Acting Prov. Grand Secretary.

N.B.—Morning Dress.

61 Nelson-square, Blackfriars-road, S.E., 9th June 1886.

P.S.—The Reception and Entertainment of the Provincial Grand Lodge has, by command of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, been placed under the direction of the George Price Lodge, No. 2096, Croydon.

A dinner will take place at 5 o'clock punctually. For tickets apply to W. Bro. H. M. Hobbs, Lloyds, E.C., W.M. No. 2096, enclosing 7/6 (which will not include Wine). N.B.—Dinner will be provided for those only who have taken Tickets, and no Ticket will be issued after 6th July next.

The R.W.P.G. Master requests the attendance of the brethren at Divine Service, at the Parish Church, Croydon, at four p.m. A Sermon will be preached by the W. Bro. the Provincial Grand Chaplain. Brethren not to appear in Masonic costume at Divine Service.

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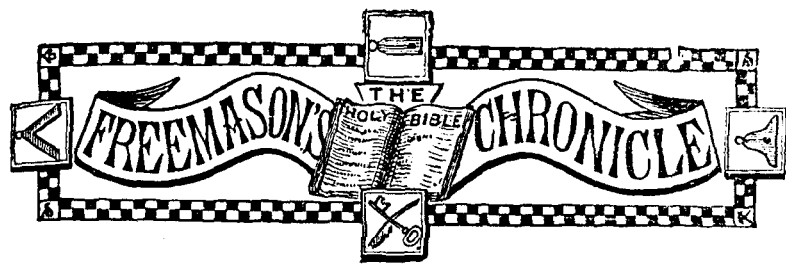
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PROV. G. CHAPTER OF MIDDLESEX.

CONSECRATION OF THE HENRY LEVANDER CHAPTER, No. 2048.

ON Saturday last there was a numerous and distinguished gathering of Royal Arch Masons at the Railway Hotel, Harrow, when the annual Provincial Grand Chapter of Middlesex was held, under the presidency of Colonel Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., M.E. Grand Superintendent of Middlesex, who was assisted by Comps. Raymond H. Thrupp Provincial Grand H. as H., W. Taylor P.P.G.J. as J., J. F. H. Woodward Prov. Grand S.E., and H. Lovegrove P.Z. as D.C. Amongst those present were:—

Comps. Dr. J. Beresford Ryley Prov. G.J., T. Walls Prov. G.P.S., C. H. Webb Prov. G. Sword Bearer, W. H. Lee Prov. G. Std. Bearer, D. W. Pearce P.P.G.R., W. A. Dawson, P.P.G.N., D. P. Cama G. Treas., H. G. Buss P.P.G. Treas., R. M. Forge P.P.G.P.S., C. L. Smiles P.P.G. Reg., T. W. Ockenden S.E. 1326, R. C. Sudlow Z. 1194, J. S. Fraser Z. 1549 P.G.A.S. Essex, A. O. Fidler S.N. elect 1237, Bently Haynes J. 1549, J. T. Briggs P.Z. 1326, C. E. Keyser M.E.Z. elect 1549, H. Higgins P.Z. 1423, W. A. Rogers Treas. 1549, Rev. S. T. H. Saunders H. 1503, H. Sapsworth 946, G. L. Wingate 1453, H. Maunder Williams J. 1326, A. Marvin A.S. 382, R. Goodwin 382, W. H. Dean P.P.G. Reg. Dorset, J. C. Smith J. elect 1507, H. Sadler P.Z. 169 G. Janitor, E. Y. Jolliffe J. 1194, J. Large 771, F. W. Levander P.Z. 142, E. J. Bell 1524, John Jones 1602, H. E. Dehane 890, W. W. Morgan, Capt. A. Nicols P.Z., H. W. Field 1507, J. Irvine 862, J. Read P.Z. 720, A. Woodward 1381, T. C. Edmonds 1507, W. W. Lee 1524, and many others.

The Chapter having been duly opened, the M.E. Grand Superintendent addressed the Companions on the nature of the meeting, and said they were assembled for the purpose of consecrating a new Chapter, the Henry Levander, No. 2048, the founders of which were Companions W. M. Stiles P.Z. M.E.Z. designate, W. A. Scurrah J. elect 749 H. designate, J. Willing jun. P.Z. J. designate, J. L. Mather P.Z., C. J. Axford, G. Gregory P.Z., T. C. Edmonds, C. J. Knightley, and F. Davison P.Z. They all greeted the new Chapter with a most hearty welcome, as those who had been instrumental in its formation were excellent and zealous Companions, and it was on this account that their petition had been granted. He concluded by wishing the Chapter a long and successful career. The petition and charter having been read by the Prov. G.S.E., and the Officers named in the latter being unanimously approved, the ceremony of consecration was proceeded with, the working being carried out in masterly manner. Comps. W. M. Stiles P.Z., and Jas. Willing jun. P.Z., were inducted into the chairs of Z. and J. respectively. Comp. W. A. Scurrah was installed into the third chair by Comp. Taylor, and afterwards into the second chair by Comp. Thrupp. Comp. H. Dickey was elected and invested as S.E.; Comp G. Gregory as P.S.; and Whiting Janitor. Comp. Axford was elected S.N.; but being unavoidably absent his investment was postponed; on the motion of Comp. Stiles seconded by Comp. Scurrah, a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the Consecrating Officers, and they were elected honorary members of the Chapter. In acknowledging the compliment, Col. Sir Francis Burdett Grand Superintendent said it had afforded him and the Grand Officers sincere pleasure to have been present on this occasion, when a new Chapter had been started under the auspices of such eminent Companions. He looked to the time when the Henry Levander Chapter would occupy a foremost position amongst the Chapters of the Province, and would prove an example to other Lodges that had not already Chapters in connection with them. Strongly desiring the exaltation and joining were the same. The founders were appointed a committee to draw up the laws. Letters of apology were read from Comps. Shadwell H. George Grand S.E., F. Philbrick, J. C. Smith,

Woods, J. Terry, and others. Chapter was adjourned. The Provincial Grand Chapter was then duly opened, the Grand Superintendent, Companion Col. Francis Burdett, Bart., being supported by Comps. Raymond H. Thrupp 2nd Provincial Grand Principal, and Dr. J. Beresford Ryley 3rd Provincial Grand Principal. After calling over the roll of the Chapters in the Province, all of which were responded to, the report of the Audit Committee, which showed a balance in hand of £33 8s 9d, was received and adopted. In felicitous terms the Provincial Grand Superintendent re-appointed Companion Thrupp as 2nd Provincial Grand Principal, and Comp. Rev. S. T. H. Saunders was appointed and invested as 3rd Provincial Grand Principal. Companion H. Lovegrove was unanimously elected Provincial Grand Treasurer, and the following Officers were appointed and invested by the Provincial Grand Superintendent:—

Comp. J. F. H. Woodward (re-appointed)	...	S.E.
R. Clay Sudlow Z. 1194	...	S.N.
J. T. Briggs P.Z. 1326	...	P.S.
J. H. Hawkins Z. 1777	...	A.S.
J. S. Fraser Z. 1449	...	A.S.
H. Lovegrove P.Z.	...	Treasurer
P. C. F. Tatham Z. 778	...	Registrar
C. H. Webb P.Z. 1549	...	Sword Bearer
J. Garrod Z. 1237	...	Standard Bearer
T. W. Ockenden S.E. 1326	...	D.C.
W. H. Lee P.P.G. Standard Bearer	...	A.S.E.
J. Gilbert	...	Janitor

It was then resolved that each Chapter should contribute one shilling per annum to the funds of the Province for each member of the Chapter. An Audit Committee having been appointed for the ensuing year, Provincial Grand Chapter was closed in form, and adjourned. An excellent banquet was provided, at which the Grand Superintendent presided, but he being obliged to leave early the toasts were proposed under the presidency of Comp. Raymond Thrupp. After the Queen and Royal Arch Masonry, the First Grand Principal H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Pro Grand Principal the Earl of Carnarvon, the Second and Third Grand Principals and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past were given, suitable responses being made by Comp. Cama Grand Treasurer, and Comp. Buss P.P.G. Treasurer Middlesex. Reference was then made to the admirable manner in which the M.E. Grand Superintendent had performed the ceremonies of the day, and the hope was expressed that Comp. Sir F. Burdett might be spared for many years to preside over the Province as he had done in the past. Comp. Stiles, in giving the Second and Third Provincial Grand Principals, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers Present and Past, expressed the pleasure felt by the Companions to see Sir Francis Burdett sufficiently restored to health to be able to be present to consecrate the Chapter. He had a valuable coadjutor in their esteemed Comp. Thrupp, to whom they were indebted for the excellent manner in which he had installed them into their chairs. They were all deeply sensible of the honour conferred upon them by his presence that evening, and he had been supported most ably by Comp. Saunders, the Third Provincial Grand Principal, Comp. Taylor P.P.G.J., and many other distinguished Provincial Grand Officers. Companion Thrupp in reply said it was always a pleasure to him to visit in the Province, for he was there sure of a hearty welcome. He asked them to drink success and prosperity to the new Chapter. He trusted that they would emulate the late Companion Henry Levander, and try to walk in his steps. If they did that, it would fulfil the kind wishes of Sir Francis, and would become a flourishing Chapter and a credit to the Province. Companion Stiles M.E.Z. responded; it was the earnest wish of his colleagues and himself that their Chapter should be a success. They were anxious to carry out their duties in a satisfactory manner, and if the Grand Officers or any other Companions attended in the future, he hoped they would be able to show them by their working that they revered the name of the Companion who had gone before. Their Chapter was founded by a Lodge that had made rapid strides in the Province, and he was sure he would be supported in a manner worthy of that Lodge. The Second and Third Principals of the Henry Levander Chapter was next given by Comp. Stiles, who said that in proposing this toast he was but giving honour to whom it was due. Those two Companions had worked hard to start this Chapter. Companion Scurrah, and Whiting Master of the Lodge bearing the same name, had rendered valuable service, and Comp. Willing

was, as they were all aware, a most earnest worker. Comp. Scurrah thanked them most heartily for the manner in which the toast had been proposed and received. He admitted he had taken considerable trouble in the foundation of the Chapter. Being Worshipful Master of the Henry Levander Lodge, and taking into consideration the fact that there was no Chapter in existence in the neighbourhood, he thought it his duty to do his best to support the formation of this Chapter. He would take the deepest interest in it, and he hoped to continue for some time to be as energetic in Freemasonry as he had been in the past. Comp. Willing also responded, and the toast of the Visitors was suitably acknowledged by Comps. the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, Levander, Dean, and Webb. Other toasts followed, including the Scribes E. and N., and the other Officers, and the official list was closed in fitting manner by the Janitor. An excellent selection of music was given under the direction of Comp. John Read P.Z., and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

CONSECRATION OF THE ZETLAND CHAPTER, No. 1603.

THE consecration of this Chapter took place on Saturday, 19th instant, at Tofts, Cleckheaton. Although the warrant was granted some months ago, unavoidable delay has taken place. The Chapter was opened by M.E. Comp. C. Letch Mason P.Z. 304 P.P.G.H., the consecrating Principal acting for and on behalf of M.E. Comp. T. W. Tew, J.P., Prov. G. Supt., assisted by E. Comp. John Booth P.Z. 253 P.P.G.J. as H., and E. Comp. the Rev. T. C. Smyth P.Z. Z. 1042 Prov. G.J. as J. There were also present E. Comp. Henry Smith P.Z. 302 Prov. G.S.E., Herbert J. E. Green Z. 1019 Assist. Prov. G.S.E., J. Heaton Cadman P.Z. 154 Prov. G. Reg., Robert Craig P.Z. 304 P.P.G.A.S., Jas. Bedford P.Z. 304 P.P.G.S.N., W. B. Alderson P.Z. 495 P.P.G.R., J. W. Fourness P.Z. 289 Prov. G. Treasurer, Isaac Oates P.Z. 258 P.P.G. Treas., Thos. Pickles P.Z. 253 P.P.G.J., John W. Turner P.Z. 290 Prov. G. Sword Bearer, Arthur A. Stott P.Z. 258 Prov. G. Standard Bearer, W. F. Smithson P.Z. 289 P.P.G.D.C., John Barker P.Z. 258 P.P.G.D.C., Wm. Watson P.Z. 304 Prov. G. Steward, James Kaye P.Z. 275 Prov. G. Steward, Joshua Lee P.Z. 290 Prov. G. Janitor, Wm. Thomas Flather 139, S. H. Stocks P.Z. 258, J. R. Sampson 258, Joseph C. Wharton P.Z. 258, Thos. Dodds 289, Rawson Kelley 258, Robert Abbott 304, Thomas Thorpe 304, W. M. Tyers 304, Samuel Barrand 304, E. Lord P.Z. 495, William Allatt P.Z. and Tudor Trevor P.Z. 71 S.C. Chapter being duly opened, and the Petition and Charter of Constitution having been read by the Prov. G. Registrar Comp. Heaton Cadman P.Z., the Prov. Grand J. the Rev. T. Smyth, D.D., delivered the following address:—

It has ever been the rule among Freemasons, from the earliest period to the present time, to inaugurate and dedicate, with solemn ceremonies, our mystic rites; and consequently we, after the manner of our ancient brethren, have met to-day to lay the foundation of a moral edifice, based on the principles of our Holy Order—Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. Having been called on by the Consecrating Officer to deliver an address, as part of the ceremony, I have thought it well not to enter into any elaborate description regarding the antiquity and probable origin of Royal Arch Masonry (upon which so many learned conjectures have been brought forward by Oliver and others), but rather to select a single character—that of Nehemiah—as a pattern to our Order, which commemorates his name, connected with the high and holy work to which he devoted his substance and energies. We read in the Volume of the Sacred Law that the pious restoration of the walls of Jerusalem under his zealous superintendence soon roused the hostility and fierce opposition of the neighbouring tribes. Old enmities were awakened, new jealousies stimulated; and everything done to prevent and retard the progress of the work. The subtle opponents of Judah's prosperity plotted, intrigued and threatened by turns, nay, even concocted a treacherous plan to seize Nehemiah, in order to kill, or keep him a prisoner. "Now it came to pass," are his own words, "when Sanballat and Tobiah, and Geshen the Arabian, and the rest of our enemies, heard that I had builded the wall, and that there was no breach left therein . . . that Sanballat and Geshen sent unto me, saying, Come, let us meet together in some one of the villages in the plain of Ono. But they thought to do me mischief." Too wise and wary did he prove, however, to be duped by their artifice. "I sent messengers unto them," he proceeds to state. "I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down. Why should the work cease whilst I leave it and come down to you?" Earnest and zealous in the sacred object which the providence of the True and Ever-living God Most High had committed to his care, he set about it and steadily adhered to it, with all his might and soul and strength. Duty, in a word, to him was everything: and no device of God's or Judah's cunning enemies could frighten, or win, or turn him from it. Well, then, Companions, may his name be commemorated in our most impressive and beautiful ceremonies; and would that all of us were more imbued with his self-denying and earnest spirit. First, I would point to his steadfast maintenance, by example and precept, of "that virtue, which may justly be viewed as the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart, the grace of Charity." "There were at my table," he declares in the fifth chapter of the book which bears his name, "an hundred and fifty of the Jews and rulers, besides those that came unto us from among the brethren that are about us. Yet required I not the bread of the governor, because the bondage was heavy upon the people," and again in the reading of the law, "Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared." Let us further

notice Nehemiah as adding to the practice of benevolence, the fulfilment of that Masonic duty, so beautifully urged in the earliest rites of our ancient Fraternity; not only did he render to his needy neighbour "those kind offices which justice and mercy required at his hands by relieving his distresses, by soothing his afflictions and by doing to him as in similar circumstances he would wish that others should do to himself," but combined with these graces "such a prudent and well regulated course of conduct as best contributed to the development of his mental and corporeal faculties in their fullest energy, thereby enabling him to employ those talents with which God had blessed him, to His Glory and to the welfare of his fellow creatures." Instead of bemoaning, with folded hands, the long captivity of his exalted nation and the ruin of that holy and beautiful house, where his fathers had worshipped, he set himself earnestly and with self-surrender to do the will of the God Most High, in repairing the desolate places of Zion, and displaying the lustre of a holy life to his humbler countrymen. Surely in this, I well may say, that he reads an enduring lesson to us. He shews, in these our own days of turbulent controversy, that whatever may be right, or whatever wrong, we cannot be wrong in doing justice, in loving mercy, in walking humbly with God Most High, in denying our wills, in building up others as well as ourselves in the noble principles of our ancient Fraternity, and in practising that obedience to self-surrender by which alone we gain a knowledge of that which cannot be seen nor felt. Companions, the subject of Jerusalem's restoration, and our own connection with the grand Brotherhood of which we to-day appear as members, may well remind us of the solemn duty incumbent on each of us to repair the temple within ourselves. Let us seek, with all diligence, as well as sincerity, to beautify this sanctuary; let us ever be careful that it may not be neglected or stripped of its ornaments, lest Jehovah in grief of our delays and long perversity, withdraw at length from its desecrated ruins. Let us earnestly labour to drive away old enmities and frailties, old habits of indulgence and self-degradation, old cherished sins, presumptuous and secret. Old things, however, there are which our Order, and the bright example of good Nehemiah, bid us emphatically not to part with; things of necessity, which must be retained if we wish to preserve the Temple within us in all its integrity. Old warm friendships are still to be preserved; old habits of truth, of kindly affections, of faith and love and fervent prayer; these should be carefully watched and adhered to, as the props and buttresses of the spiritual building. For "who shall ascend unto the Hill of the Lord, or who shall rise up in his holy place? Even he who has clean hands and a pure heart, and that hath not lift up his mind unto vanity, nor sworn to deceive his neighbour. He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation." And now, Companions, let me add a few words regarding that which forms the peculiarity of the work that Nehemiah undertook to execute, and the memory of which has been perpetuated in the ritual of our Order. The work of life is the battle of life, and the true and honest worker is a soldier. For we are not called to run its course over a clear and open field, but over one that is barred by obstructions, and infested by enemies. And thus, as those did who wrought at building the walls of Jerusalem and the second Temple, "from the rising of the morning till the stars appeared," so must we, if we would truly labour well and finish the task which is given us to do, with one hand to the plow and the other a weapon. Life is all work, inasmuch as we have something to do to fulfil its ends and secure its reward; something in itself that is not pleasurable, nor immediately profitable, and this work is all warfare, for it has to be done in the face of opposition, inward and outward, with manly resolution and determined energy, in strenuous battle with ourselves and with all the powers of evil. With one hand we must toil in the work of our calling, wield with the other the weapons of warfare. Still, although our earthly existence must prove a scene to us more or less of fatigue and battle, let us be of good cheer, knowing that He whose sacred and mysterious name we guard with so much reverence will be ever with those who strive to honour Him in truth and sincerity. As this Chapter to-day will be dedicated to the service of our Holy Order, may the Gracious and Supreme Ruler of the Universe dedicate your souls to His blessed service both here and hereafter, and animate you to respond, in the words of our Grand Master David, "O sing unto God, sing praises unto His name; magnify Him that rideth upon the heavens, as it were upon an horse." Praise Him in His name Jah, and rejoice before Him. Even the God who maketh Companions to be of one mind in the house of their Masonry. So note it be with you and every future member of Chapter Zetland till the hour shall come, in His good time, when if faithful to the end you and they shall join in the jubilant strain—

"All hail to the morning that bids us rejoice,
The Temple's completed, exalt we each voice;
The copestone is finished, our labour is o'er,
The sound of the gavel shall greet us no more."

The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, being rendered the more impressive by the services of the musical Companions, the Prov. G.J. Comp. the Rev. Dr. Smyth giving the concluding benediction. E. Comp. John Booth P.Z. 253 P.P.G.J. was then regularly placed in the chair of Z, the consecrating Principal stating the pleasure it gave him to instal such a veteran in Masonry as the first Z. of the Zetland Chapter, and trusted that under his kind and genial sway the Chapter would prosper. E. Comp. Samuel Holdsworth Stocks P.Z. 253 was then regularly placed in the chair of H., and Comp. William Thomas Flather was regularly installed into the chair of J. The following appointments were made: Comp. J. C. Wharton P.Z. as S.E., J. R. Sampson S.N., Thos. Pickles P.Z. as P.S. Several propositions were then made of brethren for exaltation, and a hearty vote of thanks having been accorded to the Consecrating Principal E. Comp. C. Letch Mason P.Z. 304, to E. Comp. the Rev. J. C. Smyth, D.D., Prov. G.J., for his admirable address, and to the other Companions who had rendered kind services; the Chapter was closed.

THE TRESTLE-BOARD OF MASONRY.

TO insure success in any undertaking, there must be first a well defined plan of action. To produce such a plan, it must be drawn out in detail, so that all its parts may be readily understood by those who have the work in charge. It is never best to leave anything to chance if we would not be disappointed in the result. First decide what is to be done, and then go to work in a systematic manner to accomplish it. The man who starts out to make a fortune by buying lottery tickets will be pretty sure to end his days in a poor house. He might as well attempt to sail around the world without chart, compass or rudder. He is at the mercy of the winds which blow from all quarters, drifting hither and thither without a knowledge of his course or the power to follow it.

We read with wonder and admiration the grandeur of King Solomon's Temple, or perhaps gaze upon the cathedrals of Strasbourg and Cologne, or some of the mighty monuments of architectural skill that furnish examples of how great things may be accomplished. Need any one be told that all the plans and designs for these edifices were first delineated upon the trestle-board of the master workman?

The trestle-board of the Architect is the starting point, and upon it he formulates in detail all that is required to carry out his grand designs. The Mason understands how the Grand Master Architect, at the building of the Temple, placed upon its trestle-board each day the designs necessary for the Craft to pursue their labours. So perfect were these plans that we are told that when the Temple was completed its several parts fitted with such exactness that it had more the appearance of the handiwork of the Supreme Architect of the Universe than of human hands.

The importance of the trestle-board to the Operative Mason needs no elucidation. It furnishes him all the information necessary to complete the task assigned him. In the transition from Operative to Speculative Masonry the trestle-board was very properly retained as one of the emblems to teach a Mason his duty. The Great Light of Masonry is given him as a Masonic trestle-board, and he is taught to erect his spiritual building agreeably to the designs there laid down by the Supreme Architect of the Universe. The Mason who does not build by these designs can never become a Master workman.

We want to ask every Lodge and every Masonic organisation: What designs have you on the trestle-board? You have a great work before you. Are your plans carefully drawn, so that it may proceed without interruption or confusion? Are they in harmony with the grand principles of Freemasonry? Do they illustrate fully the noble tenets of your profession? Are you building an edifice that, like the work of the Ancient Masters, is the wonder and admiration of the world?

The beginning of a new year is a proper time to consider these questions. You have made choice of those who are to preside over and conduct your affairs for the ensuing term. Now is the time to delineate upon your trestle-board what you intend to do, that each Craftsman may take of his part, and all go to the work in harmony. Make your designs worthy of the noble cause in which you are engaged and require all to work by them. By so doing your labours will produce results that will reflect credit upon your skill as Master Workman, and you will enjoy the great satisfaction that comes from a faithful performance of duty.—*Masonic Advocate.*

Mr. Robert Louis Stevenson's new story, "Kidnapped," will be published early in July by Messrs. Cassell and Company.

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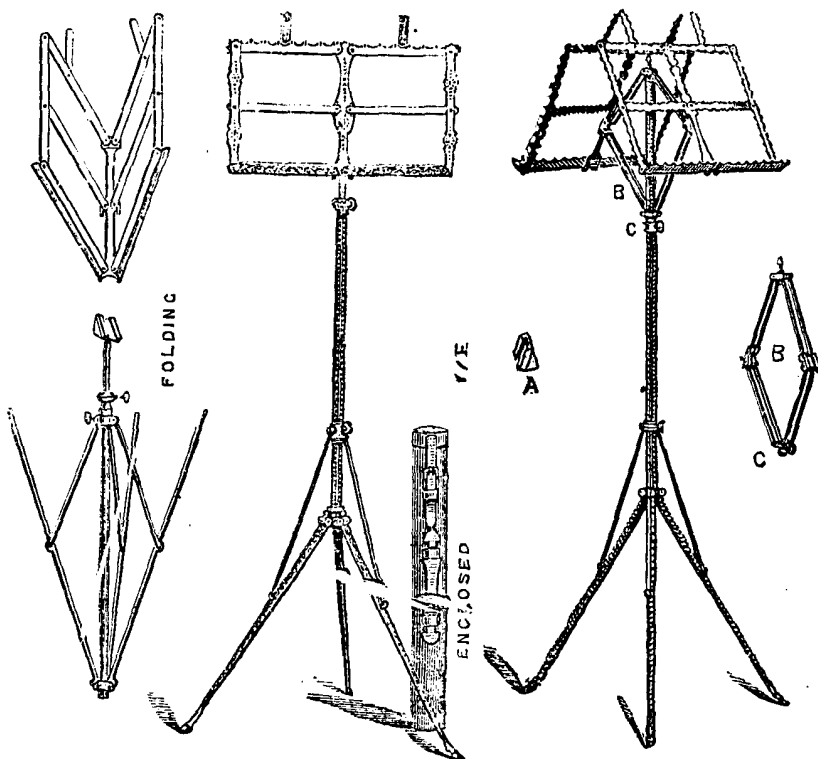
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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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, 26th JUNE.

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

- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
 1541—Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
 1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30 (In)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
- 1462—Wharfedale, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
 1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
 1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
 1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent
 1777—Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
 R.C.—Stanhope, Queen Hotel, Chester

MONDAY, 28th JUNE.

Prov. Grand Mark Lodge of Middlesex and Surrey, 8A Red Lion Square, W.C.

- 22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 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—Hydo Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
 1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1595—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, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 K.T. 128—Oxford and Cambridge, Masonic Hall, Golden Square

Provincial Grand Lodge of Berks and Bucks, Masonic Hall, Aylesbury, at 2.30

- 48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
 148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
 899—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
- 1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)

TUESDAY, 29th JUNE.

- 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—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 564—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—Dionysia, Sisters' Tavern, Fowling-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)
 861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)

- 1041—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)
 1446—Mount Edgumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
 1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
 1849—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, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)

R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)

- 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
 310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
 463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
 573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
 1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Plaignton
 1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
 1636—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 K.T.—Plains of Tabor, Swan Hotel, Colne

WEDNESDAY, 30th JUNE.

Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

- 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 30—United Mariners, The Lugart, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 72—Royal Jubilee, 1 Bell Yard, Fleet Street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)
 223—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 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)
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poplar, at 8.30 (Instruction)
 898—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
 902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)

- 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1521—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Clerkenwell, at 8 (Inst.)
 1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Park St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In.)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Cuequeers, Marsh Street, Watlington, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruction)
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Rd., S.E., at 8. (In.)
 2021—Queen's Westminster, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7.45. (Instruction)

R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)

R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

- 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
 996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk

- 1033—Townley Parker, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby. (Instruction)
 1219—Strangeways, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
 1233—Ryburn, Central Buildings, Town Hall Street, Sowerby Bridge
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)

R.A. 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough
 R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
 R.A. 329—Brotherly Love, Choughs Hotel, Yeovil
 M.M. 21—Howe, George Hotel, Melton Mowbray
 M.M. 174—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham

THURSDAY, 1st JULY.

- 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, Collego-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 114—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 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.)
 1278—Burpett Countts, Swan Tavern, Botolph Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
 1298—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury

- 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1360—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon
 1361—United Service, Greyhound, Richmond
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
 1445—Prince Leopold, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.
 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)

- 1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
 1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
 1625—Protector, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)
 1724—Kaisir-i-Hind, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W
 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, Londona Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1765—Trinity College, 61 Weymouth Street
 1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
 1791—Creston, Wheatshaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate

R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)

R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyns Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)

M.M. 197—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)

21—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.

- 123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 266—Naphali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Haywood
 269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
 294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
 295—Combermere Union, Maccelestical Arms, Macefield
 300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
 309—Harmony, Red Lion, Farnham
 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
 446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
 509—Teas, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
 637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
 792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Buntingford, Great Grimsby
 913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
 976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset

1038—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge

- 1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Epsom
 1282—Anchorage, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
 1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
 1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster
 1384—Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes
 1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
 1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
 1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
 1550—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1594—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomeryshire
 1807—Loyal Wye, Bwith, Breconshire
 1829—Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham
 2050—St. Trinius, Masonic Hall, Loca Parade, Douglas, Isle of Man

R.A. 187—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol

R.A. 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford

R.A. 758—Bridgewater, Freemasons' Hall, Rauncorn, Cheshire

R.A. 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham

R.A. 1074—Bective, Masonic Rooms, Kirkoy, Londale

R.A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

M.M. 10—Cheltenham and Keystone, Masonic Hall, Cheltenham

M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Suedfield

FRIDAY, 2nd JULY.

Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.

- 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)
 597—United Phlegmas, Surrey Terrace Hotel, 55 New-st., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 796—Waltham Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
 797—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, New Bridge. (Instruction)
 834—Raleigh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
 953—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)

1055—Metropolitan, Portland Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)

1155—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)

1295—Royal Standard, Alwyns Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)

1385—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)

1612—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)

1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Putney, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)

1815—Lodge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley

R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell

R.A. 79—Finsbury Park, Portland Hotel, Leadenhall-street, Clerkenwell. (Inst.)

R.A. 899—Horsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Improvement)

M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)

44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

219—Fruence, Masonic Hall, Tolmorden.

242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.

306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds

375—Lambton, Lambton Arms, Chester-le-street, Durham

453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
 837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
 1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Harly
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 1528—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
 1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
 1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
 1648—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
 1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
 R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
 R.A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
 R.A. 170—All Souls', Masonic Hall, Weymouth
 R.A. 271—Lennox, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

SATURDAY, 3rd JULY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1621—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
 1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Riverhead, near Sevenoaks
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 1929—Mozart, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon

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BOY'S SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—I am daily in receipt of evidence of the prejudicial effects, so far as our interests are concerned, of the present political crisis. Under these circumstances, though I fear an appeal, however urgent, will now be too late to be of service, I feel constrained to submit for the sympathetic consideration of our friends the peculiarly unfortunate exigencies of our position, in the hope that those who may have hesitated in giving us their support will be inclined to extend that help which we at this juncture so sorely need.

Very truly and fraternally yours,

FREDERICK BINCKES, Secretary.

6 Freemasons' Hall, W.C., 24th June.

THE SURREY MASONIC HALL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—The Craft ought to be grateful to you for your honest outspoken remarks in your last week's impression in relation to the flagrant act which has been committed in the Temple so solemnly dedicated to Truth and Justice. I hesitated to mention in my letter, which you quote, the name of the worthy and distinguished brother who, as you rightly say, has "reason to feel insulted and aggrieved." But his name having been now publicly announced, it behoves all those who "know the man" and what his great services to the Craft have been, to see that a righteous atonement be made for the sacrilegious act which inferentially attacks the "good name" he has ever sustained amongst his brother Masons. He has been for others, in many instances, a devoted champion for the maintenance of right, and deserves, and should have from us, the strongest possible support in defence of his Masonic character. Whether that be perfect or imperfect nothing he may have done can possibly justify the spoliation of the foundation-stone of an edifice "solemnly consecrated" to the glory of God, and the welfare of our fellow-creatures.

I shall be glad to take my share in any movement which may be promoted to wipe out this intolerable "scandal on the Craft," and enclose herewith my full name and address for reference if required.

I am, &c.

E. J. G., W.M.

22nd June 1886.

DESECRATION AND SACRILEGE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—Your leader on the above subject, which appeared in your issue of the 19th inst., has caused me no little surprise. I am not a member of the Masonic Craft, and therefore cannot express my opinion as to what such an offence deserves from a Masonic point of view, but that it could be perpetrated by a Mason at all seems so surprising to me that I am inclined to doubt whether, after all, your honourable Society is quite so sincere in its principles as it professes to be.

I always, until now, understood that one of your greatest aims was "Brotherly Love and Charity." Well! I fail to see any Charity or Brotherly Love in such an act as you speak of. For some time past

I have been thinking of joining the Masonic Craft, as it has always seemed to me to be so much above other Societies in good and pure principles, but your leader has set me wondering whether you really do carry them out in the Craft after all.

In the "Odd Fellows," with which I am connected, the treatment a brother would receive for such an act of Vandalism would be so severe and so marked by his fellow brethren that he would be glad to make himself scarce for ever after.

Yours, &c.

A NON-MASON,

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have read with some interest the various letters that have appeared in your Journal about the alteration and defacement of the Memorial Stone of the Surrey Masonic Hall; wondering whose name had been erased and for what purpose such an act could have been done. I have never been in the Hall, as it is out of my district, and as it was built and opened just before my admission amongst Masons, I had no knowledge of who took part in its erection or opening. Judge then of my astonishment to read, in your leader of this week, the name of my esteemed Father in Masonry, Bro. James Stevens, the first W.M. of "The Great City" Lodge, whose last initiate of his year of office I was. I have since had the honour of filling the chair in that Lodge, the proud position held by Bro. Jas. Stevens at the foundation of the Surrey Masonic Hall, and have had the further honour of serving on the Board of General Purposes with Bro. Jas. Stevens, and although, like many others, I have had frequently to differ on some point of proceeding, I have always had, and continue to have, the highest respect for Bro. Jas. Stevens, as a thorough working Mason, whose zeal, by-the-way, often outstrips his discretion to the sacrifice of his own personal comfort and interest. Nevertheless, I believe all who know him, will give him full credit for a strong desire for the good of Freemasonry in general, and it is hard to believe that any substantial reason can be given for such an act as that of removing the name of one who, whatever else he may have done before or since, was certainly on the occasion of the opening of the Surrey Masonic Hall holding the honourable position of first W.M. of a prominent London Lodge, and was honoured by the association and favourable notice on that occasion of the presiding Officer, the highly esteemed Provincial Grand Master Sir Francis, then Col. Burdett, than whom no better Mason exists, and who is fully able to judge of the qualifications of those around him. I trust, for the credit of the Craft, it will be found that this insane and dastardly act was committed by other than Masonic hands.

With many apologies for the length of this letter.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

FREDERICK T. C. KEEBLE,

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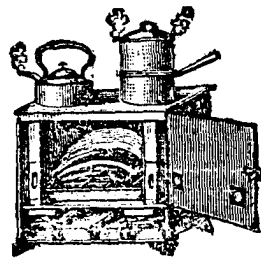
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