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THE BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL OF 1886.

WE have little to say in addition to what was given in our last issue in reference to the third Festival of the year on behalf of the great Masonic Charitable Institutions. They are each to be congratulated on the results they have achieved, while the handsome manner in which the members of the Craft respond year by year to the calls made upon them speaks volumes in their favour. In accordance with custom, we now append a brief summary of the totals contributed by London and the different Masonic provinces.

The London Stewards, of whom there were one hundred and twenty-four, if we include those returned as unattached, contributed a total of £5,243 11s 6d, with seventeen lists outstanding. This amount was distributed as follows:—Eighty Lodge lists, £4,631; one Lodge of Instruction list, £31 10s; three Royal Arch Chapter lists, £71 8s; the Boys' School Committee Dinner Club list, £107; and twenty-two unattached lists, £402 13s 6d. The honour of having secured the largest London list was won on this occasion by Bro. George Gardner, the Worshipful Master of the Chiswick Lodge, No. 2012, whose total was £240 9s. He was followed by Bros. Charles Meierhoff and Carl T. Fleck, the joint representatives of the Old Concord Lodge, No. 172, who between them have raised a sum of £200 11s for "Our Boys." In February, this Lodge was represented at the Festival of the Benevolent Institution by Bro. W. H. Harris, whose list amounted to £22 1s; while in May, Bro. John Whaley acted for the Girls' School, and succeeded in collecting £16 9s on behalf of that Institution. We thus see that during the present year the Old Concord Lodge has sent to the Charities the sum of £269 1s, which, in view of its former contributions, is greatly to the credit of its members. Bro. Frederick J. Wray, of the Wanderers' Lodge, No. 1604 (who also acted as representative of the Wanderers' Chapter), is next on the Boys' roll, with a list of £165 18s. This is the second occasion on which this Lodge has figured at this year's Festivals, one of its members, Bro. George Boulton, having acted as Steward on behalf of the Benevolent Institution in February, and then securing a list of £105 10s, making a total for the year of £271 8s. Bro. W. C. Claridge, of the London Rifle Brigade Lodge, 1962, follows close on Bro. Wray, with a list of £163 16s; this is the only contribution during the year from his Lodge, but it is ample to call for the approval of the Craft. We next have to refer to Bro. A. M. Broadley, an old and tried member of the Order, who has won honours for himself in distant lands, and now seems bent on doing his best to secure laurels for one of the most recently consecrated London Lodges—the Drury Lane, No. 2127, of which he is the Secretary, and from which he brought up a total of £157 10s on behalf of the Boys' School. There is then a long drop in the totals, to £115, which is the sum collected by Bro. W. T. Woodruff, as Steward from the Leigh Lodge, No. 957, and next follows Bro. John Pash, of the Fitzroy Lodge, No. 569, with £112 7s. The Israel Lodge, No. 205, sent up 109 4s at the hands of Bro. C. F. Hogard, who recently won for himself fresh honours in the Craft in connection with the newly-formed Chapter attached to his Lodge. This is the second Festival of the year at which the Israel Lodge has been represented, Bro. J. Da Silva having taken up £60 from it to the Girls' celebration in

May. The Islington Lodge, No. 1471, follows in order; its Steward, Bro. W. Shurmur, having secured £107 2s; then we have £107 from the Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192, at the hands of Bro. Wm. Medwin, followed by £106 1s from the Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1657, brought up by Bro. E. Y. Jolliffe. Two Lodges share among themselves the honour of lists of one hundred guineas, that being the sum collected by Bro. C. Kedgley, as representative of the Pythagorean Lodge, No. 79, and also by Bro. C. W. Meiter, who acted on behalf of the Mizpah Lodge, No. 1671. We are now at an end of the three-figure lists, so far as London Lodges are concerned, but may refer to the total of Bro. H. T. Miller, who contributed £107 as representative of the Committee Dinner Club. It is very gratifying to watch the regularity with which those who are more intimately associated with the working of the respective Institutions show their continued interest in their welfare, as is evidenced by the regular contributions of the various committees. Another feature worthy of special mention on the present occasion was the presence of a Steward from a Lodge of Instruction, Bro. B. Kauffman, acting on behalf of the King's Cross, No. 1732, from the members of which he secured a total of £34 10s. We are very pleased to see so good a result attending Bro. Kauffman's efforts in one of the Masonic Lodges of Instruction. There should be ample room for many to follow his example, although we are aware that Lodges of Instruction are frequently relied upon by brethren when making up their lists for the regular Lodges.

West Yorkshire heads the list of contributing Provinces, with a total of £760 19s, brought up by forty-one Stewards. The Province has done very well for the Institutions this year, the total contributions from its members being £1,995 19s, which was distributed as follows: Boys' School, £760 19s; Benevolent Institution, £735; Girls' School, £500. These are large sums to raise from one Province, even though it has as many Lodges as West Yorkshire can boast of.

Cumberland and Westmoreland, represented by two Stewards, contributes £500, of which amount Bro. G. J. McKay, the Steward representing the Province, is answerable for £425 9s. The other Steward was Bro. J. H. Hogg, of the Union Lodge, No. 129.

Hampshire and the Isle of Wight was represented by six Stewards, the total of whose contributions was £496 15s 6d. Bro. William Miles, of the Landport Lodge, No. 1776, secured first honours in this district, with a total of £155, while Bro. George J. Tilling, of Lodges Nos. 130 and 1461, also secured a three figure list, £131 5s.

Norfolk and Sussex were each supporters to the extent of four hundred guineas, the former being represented by two Stewards, in addition to the Chairman of the day, and the latter by seven. The brethren of Norfolk worked hard in support of their ruler, and if there are only two names on the list in conjunction with the Chairman, it is because it was thought best that only that number should figure as actual Stewards. It is certain that other brethren of this Province must have taken an active part in securing the amount contributed, which reflects great credit on the district from which it was sent. Sussex, in a measure, was almost as intimately associated with the actual Festival as Norfolk, for if one Province had the honour of supplying the Chairman, the other had the gratification of entertaining in its midst all who attended the Festival. It is

strange that the sum contributed by each should be the same, viz., £420. As we have said, there were seven Stewards from the southern district, and among them Bro. W. R. Wood jun., representative of the St. Cecilia Lodge, No. 1636, who carried off the palm with a total of £220.

Surrey follows next on the list, and here we have a really magnificent display of charity to record. During the year one of the Surrey Lodges—the George Price, No. 2096—has contributed no less than £675 13s 6d; £407 18s 6d to the Girls' School, at the Festival at which the Provincial Grand Master presided, and £267 15s to the Boys. Bro. Joseph D. Langton acted as Steward of the Lodge on the former occasion, and Bro. Hugh M. Hobbs on the latter. The total contribution of Surrey to the Boys' Festival was £334 14s, which, following on its contribution of £1,334 4s 6d to the Girls in May, and £148 11s to the Benevolent in February, gives a grand total for the year of £1,817 9s 6d. Well done, Surrey!

Somersetshire, represented by two Stewards, sent up £303, of which sum £161 5s was collected by Bro. Lieut.-Col. A. T. Perkins, and the balance of £141 15s by Bro. W. J. Nosworthy. The Province has been well to the front at each of this year's Festivals, the amount of its contributions totalling up to £603 5s, viz.: Benevolent £166 18s; Girls £133 7s; and Boys £303. Considering the size of the Province this result will bear comparison with any other district of England.

Middlesex, with eight Stewards, contributed £271 6s in addition to which there is one list yet to be accounted for. The highest list was that of Bro. E. W. Stanton, of the Bard-of-Avon Lodge, No. 773, who missed a three figure total by £5 10s. However, he did well in securing his £94 10s, and would no doubt have been only too happy to make it more had he been able so to do.

Leicestershire and Rutland, and Warwickshire, each contributed £257 5s, the former province having had but one Steward representing it, and the latter twenty. The brethren of the Athol Lodge, No. 74, appear to have done most of the work for Warwickshire, while Bro. Thomas Macaulay, of the Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1560, undertook the work in Leicestershire.

Cornwall added a level £250 to the total, being represented on the Board of Stewards by Bro. Charles Truscott. In February last the brethren of this district sent up £141 15s for the Benevolent, and in May £31 10s for the Girls', so that the county can show a total of £423 5s for the year.

Kent had but two Stewards at the Festival, and they, with the Provincial Grand Lodge donations, made up a total of £247. This, with £864 1s 6d contributed to the Benevolent, and £546 0s 6d to the Girls', gives a total for the year of £1,657 2s.

Essex follows, with a total of £232 0s 6d, collected by seven brethren of the district, foremost among whom appears Bro. Richard Clowes, of the Star in the East Lodge, No. 650; the total of his list was £75 12s. There are two lists yet outstanding from this district. We hope they may be sufficiently large as to make a considerable difference in the total of the Festival.

The Western Division of South Wales, at the hands of Bro. Samuel Read, sent up £210, while the remaining Provinces, the totals from each of which was less than £200, contributed in the undermentioned order:—

Province.	Stewards.	Total.
		£ s d
Berks and Bucks	5	199 10 0
Staffordshire	4	168 0 0
Lancashire (East)	11	152 5 0
Gloucestershire	3	133 1 6
Cambridgeshire	1	131 5 0
Oxfordshire	6	125 14 6
Suffolk	2	121 0 0
Guernsey	1	110 5 0
South Wales (East)	1	105 0 0
Nottinghamshire	1	102 2 0
Hertfordshire	3	94 10 0
North Wales	2	87 3 0
Derbyshire	2	76 4 6
Durham	1	63 0 0
Wiltshire	1	61 13 0
Worcestershire	3	52 10 0
Cheshire	2	47 5 0
Yorkshire (North and East)	1	41 14 6
Lancashire (West)	4	31 10 0
Monmouthshire	1	31 10 0
Bristol	1	26 5 0
Lincolnshire	1	10 10 0

In addition to the above, there was a contribution of £63 from the Mark Degree, per Bro. G. Norrington, while one of two "Foreign Stations" lists was returned as £52.

In concluding our remarks we beg to again congratulate the Masonic Institutions on the continued support they receive from the Craft.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

IN consequence of an outbreak of German measles the usual Stewards' visit to this Institution was not held this year. The prizes were, therefore, distributed by the Chairman of the month, Bro. Frank Richardson P.G.D. and Patron, on Tuesday, 29th ult., in the presence of the House Committee and a few Visitors, who were not kept away by fear of infection. Bro. Henry Smith, of West Yorkshire, Bro. Edmund and Mrs. Terry, Brother, Mrs. and Miss Shipp, and a few others we noticed among those present. Some excellent singing, playing and recitations were given.

The following are among the chief prize winners:—

Gold Medal for Proficiency, with £5.—Jane Mildred Taylor.

Silver Medal for Good Conduct, with £5.—Agnes Deeley.

Passing Senior Cambridge Examination (Gold Medallist last year).—Julia Harvey (Honours); and Edith Hicks.

Passing Junior Cambridge Examination.—Jane Mildred Taylor, Mary Wyatt, Cecily Jardine, Agnes Deeley, Ellen Senior, Gertrude Ashworth, Grace Bartrum, Clara Coles, Elith Corner, Ada Crow, Catherine Hyde, Mabel Lewis, Mabel Osmond, Juliet Priestly, Mary Spalding, and Ethel Stone. Six of these passed with honours.

Second Class.—General Proficiency, Maud Bladon.

Third Class.—General Proficiency, Beatrice King.

Fourth Class.—General Proficiency, Maude Hill.

Fifth Class.—General Proficiency, Edith Matthews.

Sixth Class.—General Proficiency, Ethel Fallding.

Seventh Class.—General Proficiency, Elizabeth Midgeley.

General Usefulness.—Ethel F. M. Palmer, and Jessie Hogg.

Needlework.—Clara Coles, Louisa Anscombe, Florence Lizzie Duckett, and Charlotte Hartop.

Machine Work.—Annie Hill, and Edith Orridge.

Order and Attention.—(As proved by Conduct Marks throughout the year).—Constance Hart, and Norah Besly.

THE FORMER PRIZES WERE GIVEN BY THE INSTITUTION, BUT THE FOLLOWING BY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE AND OTHER FRIENDS.

Religious Knowledge.—(As distinguished at Cambridge Examination), Edith Hicks, and Mary Wyatt. Music, 1st, Rose Bridgeman; 2nd, Maud Carter, Ethel Allison, and Mary Wyatt; 3rd, Florence Mason, and Ellen Delafons. Singing, Agnes Stephenson. Drawing, Ellen Senior, Alice Pope, and Rosa Pelham. French, Fanny Oberdoerffer. English Composition, Alice W. Cecil. Elocution, 1st, Ada Crow; 2nd, Agnes Stephenson, and Ellen Ashton. Arithmetic, Julia Harvey, and Jane M. Taylor. Good Conduct, 1st, Cecily Jardine; 2nd, Mary Wyatt, and Susannah Tippler. Needlework, 1st, Annie Parker. Fancy Work, Ellen Good. Cookery, 1st, Ethel F. M. Palmer; 2nd, Alice Stewini; 3rd, Emily Hill. Calisthenics and Department, Eva Mary Owens, and Athaliuda Allison. Swimming, Ellen Ashton, Emily Thomas, and Jane Smith. Amiability (Selected by her Schoolfellows), Grace Bartrum.

The Chairman then addressed the pupils as follows:—

Children,—I have a few words to say to you, and I will make them as few as possible considering how short our time is. I congratulate you all, particularly those who have won the fight, upon the success that has attended their exertions, but it is hardly less honourable to those who have lost to have been beaten by a worthy foe, because very good and earnest work indeed must have been done by all to attain to the position which you have, and so well to have upheld the reputation of the School. To those who have not been successful I say, do not be down-hearted. There is nothing to be ashamed of in being beaten by a good foe. Remember what Napoleon the Great used to tell his soldiers, that each one carried a Marshal's baton in his knapsack. Consider that each of you carry the gold medal in your pocket, and each one make up her mind to win it. You have got all next year to work, and let us see at this anniversary how well you can all come out. At this Institution you have special advantages over all other kindred institutions. There are teachers and teachers, and fortunately the whole of our staff are teachers in every sense of the word, as shewn by our standing in being at the top of all kindred institutions. Miss Davis our Head Governess has been with us for many years; she was here long before I had the honour of a seat on the House Committee, but I know by reputation that when she took the reins of power in her hands, the education here consisted simply of the three R's, reading, writing, and arithmetic, with a little sewing thrown in. But let us just consider what the institution is now, and we will take this year's returns of the public examinations the children go through, as the key to the whole structure. We sent up 20 children to the Cambridge Local examination, 18 of these passed, 6 in honours; out of 6 sent up for the College of Preceptors, 5 passed; out of 150 sent up for the

drawing examination in the Science and Art Department, 118 passed, 48 of them with prizes. The returns for the other science examinations of the Science and Art Department are not yet out, but there is every reason to expect that you will come out better than last year. Last year out of 32 sent up for Geology, 30 passed (a very difficult subject for children to master), but of 56 sent up for Physiology 49 passed (a very good return indeed, I think). But now I have kept one to the last, and I have done so because it is the best. We have a young lady on the staff, not a junior member, but at the same time anything but a senior member, who took it into her head to enter for the Metropolitan Examination for the Royal Academy of Music. Well, she came out most satisfactorily, and she is now entitled to write after her name, Licentiate of that learned body. I refer to Miss Goodridge. But that is not all the honour she has conferred upon this Institution. She received her musical education entirely within these walls, from Miss Redgrave, our first Assistant Governess. Miss Redgrave, in her time, received her musical education entirely within these walls from Miss Davis herself. I think these facts and figures, without any words from me, are sufficient to shew the high standard to which this Institution has attained. It is one of which not only the whole body of subscribers, but the whole body of Masonry in this country, ought to be justly proud, and I believe they are. I can safely say that the House Committee are proud of the position taken by the Institution over which they are called upon to preside, and I may also say they look upon a seat on their Board as the greatest reward to be obtained in Freemasonry. And now, children, on Saturday many of you were asking why your holiday was clipped one day short, and you were directed to return on the 16th instead of the 17th of August? I have no objection now, as a great secret, to tell you. The 17th August will be the twenty-fifth anniversary of the day Miss Davis took up her residence as Head Governess in this Institution, and therefore the House Committee felt that on that day they would like to be down here, and, in the midst of all of you, congratulate her upon her long service and on the completion of her silver wedding in teaching, and wish that they may all be present with her and you again in another twenty-five years to congratulate her on the completion of her golden wedding. Miss Davis, on behalf of the House Committee, I offer you and your very able staff our sincere thanks for the exertions you have used in the past and for the good work that you have performed, and trust that the well-earned holiday which you are now about to take will be one of enjoyment and relaxation to you, and that you will one and all return to us and resume your duties with renewed energy and vigour. On an occasion like this it would not be possible to separate without some reference to our good friend and Matron, Miss Jarwood. Miss Jarwood is not present with us to-day because, much to our regret, she is getting into the sere and yellow leaf; so much so, that about twelve months ago the House Committee considered that as she had for so many years borne the heat and burthen of the day, it was only right that some one younger and stronger should relieve her of her active duties. Fortunately for us we were able to find upon our staff (and indeed we are always able to find everything within these walls that we require) a lady who, by the unanimous voice of the House Committee, was selected for those duties. I am happy to say that in the choice of Miss Buck the Committee have not been deceived, but from personal knowledge and experience, they are agreed that Miss Jarwood's mantle has fallen upon very competent and deserving shoulders, and they are happy to congratulate the subscribers upon the fact that this lady is following carefully in the footsteps of those who have gone before her. There is also another lady whom I should like to mention, and it is my friend—if she will allow me so to call her—Mrs. Howell, the wife of our most esteemed and respected friend Dr. Howell, the Honorary Surgeon to this Institution for upwards of thirty-five years, and mother of our Assistant Honorary Surgeon, who has been following in his father's footsteps now for some years past. Mrs. Howell seems to prove the adage that those who have most to do can always find most time for everything else. It is not considered right that in an Institution like this singing should be taught, but Mrs. Howell, who I believe must have been privately initiated, because she practices what we Masons teach, has stepped into the gap, and out of sisterly love, and notwithstanding her very arduous domestic duties, can find two afternoons a week to teach these children singing. But for her we should not have had the treat we have had to-day, and therefore I thank her most sincerely for the good and solid work which she carries on at this Institution. And now, children, I will say to you, as the parson does on Sunday, lastly—in Masonry, we always adjourn from labour to refreshment and refreshment to labour, so we will now all of us go to tea, and on our return we should like to witness you go through your Calisthenic exercises. Therefore, I will ask you to re-assemble in this hall for that purpose at seven o'clock.

In due course Calisthenic exercises were performed by the children, with great precision, and to the evident pleasure of the visitors, among whom we were pleased to notice several ex-pupils.

The proceedings terminated with "God save the Queen."

ON Saturday, the 26th ult., the Committee of this Institution carried out an idea which they have long entertained, viz.: to set apart one day in each year for the reception of ex-pupils; about 30 came to this very pleasant reunion, they were received by the chairman of the month, Bro. Frank Richardson, and by Bros. Hamerton, Robert Grey, Matthews, Hunt, and Hedges (Secretary). It is hoped that, when it is more generally known, a larger number of ex-pupils will avail themselves of the privilege of visiting their old school, as we feel certain it will be for the benefit of both present and past students. It will be the means of obtaining much useful information as to the present em-

ployment of many of the ex-pupils, and it is anticipated that from the hints obtained on this occasion opportunities may be found in the future for recommending some employment to those who have not yet left the Institution.

The usual monthly meeting of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Saturday, the 3rd inst., at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. William Roebuck Grand Sword Bearer. The minutes of the last meeting having been disposed of, those of the House Committee were read for information, and then reports were submitted of the proceedings at the annual visit of the Stewards to the Institution and the Anniversary Festival at Brighton. There were seventeen petitions on behalf of candidates seeking admission to the School, and of these fifteen were accepted, one deferred, and one rejected. Four petitions from ex-pupils for grants towards outfit were considered, and sums voted for each, after which the proceedings were brought to a conclusion with the customary vote of thanks.

We are asked to state that the Royal Jubilee Lodge of Instruction, No. 72, which holds its meetings at the Haunch of Venison, Bell Yard, Fleet Street, on Wednesday evenings, is adjourned until the third Wednesday in September next.

The weekly meetings of the North London Chapter of Improvement have been adjourned until Thursday, the 2nd September.

A very pleasant meeting of the members of the Amherst Lodge, No. 1223, took place on Saturday last. We shall give a report of the proceedings next week.

DEATH OF BRO. W. H. BARTLETT.

IT is with the deepest regret we have to record the death of a distinguished brother in the Channel Islands, who was personally and most favourably known to our Lancashire correspondent, from whom we have received the following particulars, which he has extracted from the columns of the *Jersey Express*. We append them with a few alterations:—

The death of Bro. H. M. Bartlett, of No. 2 Library-place, took place at Jersey, on the 22nd ultimo. Bro. Bartlett had been established in this island for many years, and for some time conducted the Victoria Hotel, where he was well supported by visitors from the West of England, and where he enjoyed a large share of local patronage. He was a shrewd man, and his courteous and affable demeanour won for him general respect as an hotel keeper. For the past few months his health had been somewhat impaired, but it was only on Friday last that he was obliged to take to his bed, his condition becoming so critical that it was deemed advisable to summon medical assistance. Our brother, however, grew worse, and succumbed to his ailment at 10:10 on Tuesday night, in the presence of his sorrowing and afflicted family, by whom his death is deeply regretted. Bro. Bartlett had been connected with our Order for fourteen years, as a member of the Prince of Wales Lodge, of which he was a Past Master, and was highly esteemed and respected, not only by the members of his Lodge, but by the Craft generally.

The funeral took place at the Parochial Cemetery, Mont-à-l'Abbé, on the following Friday, in the presence of a large number of personal friends. The cortège, which was a very imposing one, left the late residence of the deceased shortly after four o'clock for the Town Church. The Freemasons assembled, and left the Temple at 3 o'clock. The coffin, which was literally covered with beautiful flowers, sent by kind and sympathetic friends, being carried to the sacred edifice, where the Freemasons—six Past Officers of the Craft acting as pall-bearers—formed in line on either side of the pathway, and as the coffin was borne with slow and measured tread into the House of God, Bro. W. Fentum, Provincial Grand Organist, performed an overture, "But the Lord is mindful of His own" (Mendelssohn). After the first portion of the burial service had been read by the Rev. P. A. Lefevre, M.A., Vice Dean, Bro. Fentum executed the "Dead March in Saul" as the procession filed out of Church. The Freemasons led the way to the Cemetery, followed by one mourning coach, in the rear of which the two Wardens of deceased's Lodge carried a splendid floral emblem, with the square and compasses formed in the centre, of choice flowers, the gift of the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1003, of which deceased had been a member since 1867, and its Worshipful Master in 1883, during which year the Lodge may be said to have achieved its greatest success during its history, Bro. Bartlett having initiated no less than sixteen candidates. Next came the hearse, with the coffin containing the remains of the deceased, a Tyler walking in front of the five mourning coaches which brought up the rear of the funeral cortège. On reaching the grave side, the concluding portion of the burial service was read in a very impressive manner, after which the Freemasons dropped in their sprigs of acacia, and thus terminated the solemn mission the Freemasons had met to perform to one of their departed brethren. We tender to the widow and the family of the deceased our sincere condolence with them in this the hour of their affliction.

SUMMER FESTIVAL OF THE DOMATIC LODGE, No. 177.

FOR the thorough enjoyment of an agreeable summer "outing" commend us to Kempton Park, Sunbury, as a most fitting locality. Freemasonry and Race Courses are not, as far as we are aware, frequently brought into connection; and their close association, as in this instance, needs some strong reasons to prevent carping criticism from many bigots who are ever ready to put a wrong construction upon even the most innocent of mundane enjoyments. Such reasons were far from wanting in respect of the Summer Festival of the Domatic Lodge on the 2nd inst.; when, with a view to still further commemorate the Centenary year of its existence and supplement its more formal celebration on the 12th February last, the Lodge invited the wives and sweethearts of its members and their friends to partake of their hospitality, and share the pleasure of a day's enjoyment out of doors, accepting with grateful acknowledgments the kindly interest of their worthy Treasurer, Bro. G. Everett P.M., with his Co-Directors of Kempton Park, in securing the generous offer of the free use of the entire establishment, with all its manifold attractions and conveniences. A more charming place for the purposes of the day, easily accessible from Town, and affording ample space, and to spare, for every requirement which could add pleasure and gratification to a large company, it would have been difficult for the Domatic Lodge to find; and its members are to be congratulated on the fact that one of their own Past Masters could so facilitate their wishes. It was most appropriate too, to have Kempton Park for its "Ladies day"; and whether or not the ground on which we stood naturally suggested racing thoughts, we could not but connect the two "events" of the year, and look upon the Festival of the 12th of February as the Domatic "Derby," and that of Friday last as the Domatic "Oaks." In the race for popularity and its accompanying "stakes," the appreciation of the Craft alike for work and hospitality, "Domatic" has ever been a favourite, and having been directed along its course by clever mounts has never failed to win, "hands down"! The history of its proceedings for one hundred years, written for its Centenary Festival by Bro. G. B. Abbott, an interesting work for every Craftsman, proves its "staying" power, whilst its present strength in membership evidences that, barring accidents, its previous record will be maintained, and will be found hard to beat. But a truce to sporting references, let us to the "business of the day." It was a delightful one, somewhat excessive as to heat perhaps, but the more appreciated when, on the well-kept lawn and amidst the welcome shelter of umbrageous foliage, the company began to assemble shortly after noon. The Committee of Stewards, comprising the Officers of the Lodge, had preceded the general body, and the comforts of the numerous guests on their arrival were at once liberally provided for. The brethren officiating as Stewards were distinguished by an appropriate badge or jewel, having, on a wreath of evergreen a Maltese cross surmounted by a horse-shoe in enamel, inscribed in Gold letters "Kempton Park." This was worn pendant from a dark blue ribbon, and a similar jewel with brooch attachment, without ribbon, was worn by the Stewards' ladies. These badges were the liberal gift of Bro. George Everett P.M., and were understood to carry certain privileges to their owners beyond the mere distinction of the day. As well before the hour of dinner as throughout the evening the Stewards were indefatigable in their efforts to please, and too much praise could not be accorded them for their share in the success which resulted. Without restraint of any sort the entire range of buildings, the Pavilion, the Grand Stands, Offices, and Race Course, were placed at the disposal of the guests; and doubtless many were initiated into the mysteries of the paddock, the weighing-room, the judge's box, and other accessories of the establishment, who had before no conception of the numerous requirements of such an establishment. A military band made resonant with harmonious strains that part of the grounds where most of the Company congregated; and advantage was taken of frequent opportunities for photographing groups of Officers, of Members, and of the entire body of Visitors. Bro. Henry Stiles of the firm of H. and R. Stiles, of High Street, Kensington, whose artistic work is so justly recognised, personally "operated" on this occasion, and we have no doubt was as successful with his "groups" as heretofore. We must not be charged with any desire to "puff" when we add, for the sake of those present who may desire to possess a memento of this interesting event, that "crown" copies may be obtainable from Messrs. Stiles on application. Shortly before four o'clock the last contingent of the party reached Kempton Park by train, others having previously arrived after a delightful drive from town; and punctually at the hour appointed the spacious Pavilion was occupied by the general company, who found a liberal banquet spread for their delectation.

Amongst those then present were Bro. Harry Nelson Price W.M. 177 (in the chair), Bro. A. and Mrs. Simner, Mrs. R. Pearce, Miss Owen, Captain P. Storr, R.N., Bro. Frampton, Bro. H. J. and Mrs. Chapman, Bro. T. N. and Mrs. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford, Bro. and Mrs. Moullet, Bro. and Mrs. Rintoul, Bro., Mrs., and Miss Wyld, Bro. T., Mrs., the Misses Thwaites, and Mr. Thwaites jun., Mr. and Mrs. G. Hardy, Bro. and Mrs. Fruen, Bro. G., Mrs., and Miss Gardner, Bro. J. and Mrs. Webster, Mr. and Mrs. Elliott, Mr. Cant, Bro. H. A. K. Davis, Bro. and the Misses Everett, Bro. G. L. and Mrs. Everett, Mr. Everett and the Misses Grammer, Bro. G. and Mrs. Rose-Innes, Bro. and Mrs. Wilford Morgan, Bro. T. Morris, Bro. B. Harvey, Bro. J. and Mrs. Sadler Wood, Bro. G. and Mr. W. Blakesley, Bro. and Miss Williams, Bro. and the Misses Taylor, Bro. and Mrs. Packer, Mr. Austin, Bro. N. Salmon and Miss Ward, Bro. and Miss Goodfellow, Mr. and Mrs. W. Goodfellow, Bro. and Mrs. Wigmore, Mr. and Mrs. Grimes, Bro. and Mrs. Berreloth, Mr. Lewis, Bro. and Mrs. Spurrell, Bro. Ernest and Mrs. Smith, Bro. T. and Mrs. Todd, Bro. Henry Price, Bro. Walter, Mrs., and Miss Price, Bro. G. Farman, Mrs. and Miss Smith, Miss Gould, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Carthew, Bro. J. Billingham, Carl and Madame Riechelmann, Bro. F. and Mrs. Kent, Bro. W. J. Ferguson, Bro.

J. Willing jun., Bro. I. Buscall, Bro. J. McLean, Bro. W. Herbage, Bro. R. Pierpoint, Bros. J. Anley, A. Scard, A. Piper, G. Blakesley, Bro. D. A. and Mrs. Bull, Bro. J. Moore, Bro. R. and Mrs. Hewetson, Bro. A. F. and Mrs. Peacock, Mrs. Appleyard and Miss Murray, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke G. Sec., Bro. F. and Miss Binckes, Bro. Terry and Miss Terry, Bro. James Stevens, Bro. W. Iron and Mrs. Iron, Bro. J. T. Briggs and Miss Banks, Bro. W. H. and Mrs. Baker, Bro. C. Piper and Miss Baughan, Bro. E. Frampton, Bro. B. Blasby, Bro. S. Blasby, Bro. H. J. Amphlett, Bro. W. F. Reynolds, Bro. B. Sapworth, Bro. C. Maton, &c. &c. This list is not by any means perfect, the number of Lodge members and guests amounting to about 220. We must therefore crave the indulgence of any worthy brethren whose names do not appear in this report, as our means for obtaining information were limited to personal observation only.

The menu, provided by Messrs. Bertram and Co., the caterers to the Kempton Park Company, was liberal and well served; the principal delicacies of the season and choice wines being readily obtainable. After ample justice had been done to this portion of the entertainment, the Chairman Bro. Harry Nelson Price W.M. proposed the toast of "The Queen and the Royal Family," observing that but few words would be required to impress on his hearers the sentiment of loyalty which ever characterised Freemasons. He would, however, on an occasion of enjoyment such as this, refer to the fact that our Gracious Sovereign had now entered on the Jubilee year of a reign during which there had not been a national joy or sorrow in which she had failed to sympathise, and so merited the affectionate devotion of her people; whilst the Prince of Wales had become endeared to all men and Masons by his faithful discharge of the duties attached to his exalted position. In like manner, by her grace and amiability, the charming Princess of Wales had secured the respectful admiration and affection of the people of her adopted country; and the public services rendered by the other members of the Royal Family would ensure an appreciative reception of this comprehensive toast. The toast was enthusiastically received, the National Anthem being sung, with solos by Madame Carl Riechelmann. Bro. Wilford Morgan's excellent voice was heard in "My Sweetheart when a Boy;" and then the Grand Secretary proposed in eloquent terms "Prosperity to the Domatic Lodge." Col. Shadwell H. Clerke referred to the recent celebration of the Lodge's Centenary in the Lodge itself, humorously suggesting that he must, like Rip Van Winkle, have gone to sleep for a long interval indeed to find himself so soon again sharing in a second Centenary commemoration. He nevertheless, fully agreed with his friends of the "Domatic" that it was but fitting the ladies connected with its members should have their share in such a celebration; and it was a happy thought of those concerned, that this annual outing should be of more than customary grandeur, to impress the importance of the completion of a hundred years of the Lodge's existence upon all who were then present. The secrets of Masonry were so far known to the fair sex that one of its principal virtues, Charity, was often practised by them; whilst the promulgation of other virtues, the teaching of which was hidden, but not obscured, by the mysteries of Masonic working, had their influential regard in practice. They, the ladies, might learn, from the History of the Lodge, that its career had been one characterised by an earnest endeavour to do good, and that its present usefulness was all that could be desired. More he would not, could not, now say; the day was fine, and indoor oratory a hindrance to enjoyment. He recommended an early adjournment to the beautiful grounds surrounding them; and he felt sure the Ladies themselves desired it. It was necessary, however, to give the toast he had been permitted to propose, and he would now couple with it the name of Bro. W. J. Ferguson. Bro. Ferguson P.M. made a brief but effective response, contrasting the proceedings of the Lodge during its first years of existence, under careful management, with the no less careful management of the present day, although with increased luxury and ability to do good service to our fellow creatures. What the Domatic Lodge might do at its next Centenary he could not wish his hearers to have practical experience of, but of this he was assured, that a continuance of the same careful management could not but result in a still greater contrast when 1986 shall have arrived. After a charming song by Bro. Packer, Bro. F. Kent P.M. proposed, in a very excellent speech, the toast of the Ladies, which he justly considered the toast of the day. This was followed by a song by Madame Carl Riechelmann "Gretchen's letter song" (Rip Van Winkle), and Bro. Tarling responded on behalf of the Ladies. Again Bro. Wilford Morgan delighted the company by the exercise of his vocal talent, and the toast of the Visitors was given from the chair; to which Bro. James Terry replied, in his usual happy vein and with reference to the desire of certain votaries of Terpsichore to pay immediate adoration to their muse. This hastened farther post prandial speeches, and beyond the usual compliments to the Chairman and Stewards, the only other noticeable toast was that of "Continued prosperity to the Kempton Park Company," in proposing which the Chairman very justly remarked that no pleasure seekers could have possibly chosen a better place for such a gathering, and that the best thanks of all present were due to the Directors who had so generously placed the entire establishment at their disposal; and especially to Bro. George Everett who, as one of the Directors, had used his influence on their behalf. He (Bro. Everett) had been the mainspring of the Festival, and by his exertions had secured its undoubted success. Bro. George Everett said he was not likely to forget for some time the good feeling that had induced the company to receive this toast in so hearty and so cordial a manner. He thanked them on his own part, and on behalf of his Brother Directors for the kind compliment which they had paid to them, and also for their good wishes for the continued success of the Kempton Park Company. He was very pleased and glad to see so numerous an assemblage present. It was well known to most of his friends that he took a deep interest in all that pertained to Freemasonry in general and the Domatic Lodge in particular; and when it was determined to supplement the great gathering which took place at the Criterion last February, by a Festival here, in which the members

and their friends might participate, he at once suggested their coming to Kempton Park, and it appeared to have given universal satisfaction. If he might judge from what had been seen at this festal board, the endeavours of the committee to ensure their comfort and happiness had been in the highest degree successful. When he mentioned to the directors their desire to come here, they most readily fell in with the view, and did everything they possibly could to facilitate the arrangements for a thorough day's enjoyment. He might say this was not the only friendly gathering to which Kempton Park had been devoted. During several summers past they had given permission to some hundreds of poor school children to visit Kempton Park, in order to enjoy "a day in the country;" and he was pleased to see at this festive board many friends, particularly Mr. W. J. Innes and Mr. John Moore, who had enabled those children to be regaled in a manner which had gladdened their young hearts. They had not restricted this privilege to any district, and the children had come from all parts of the metropolis. Next Friday a large number were coming from Bayswater. He mentioned this because he thought it was a cheering sign of the times, that although the place of recreation was a race course, yet they had received applications from clergymen that children might come there, and they had on nearly every occasion been accompanied by the clergy themselves. He felt very pleased that—no doubt in consequence of the fine weather—some 40 or 50 guests had turned up more than had been expected, and he hoped they would take that circumstance into consideration if there should happen to have been any shortcomings in the arrangements. Bro. Ferguson then, in felicitous terms, proposed the health of the W.M., the presiding genius of the day. Bro. Price had ingratiated himself into their favour by his good looks, his kindly feeling and urbanity, and the interest he had taken in preparing and assisting to carry out this entertainment. He was very pleased to be a Past Master under so distinguished a W.M. as Bro. Harry Nelson Price, who now presided over the Domestic Lodge; and if the members only followed the example he had set them, there was little likelihood of the prosperity of the Lodge diminishing in any way. The Worshipful Master returned his sincere thanks for the very hearty manner in which they had received his health. He was exceedingly glad to find they had so thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The ground, however, had proved so attractive as to entice the ladies away, and as he disliked talking to empty benches, he would merely thank them once more for the cordial manner in which they had received the toast, so flatteringly proposed by Bro. Ferguson. Mr. Goodfellow then gave the health of the Stewards, on whose behalf Bros. H. J. Chapman and J. E. Spurrell responded. During the banquet the military band played outside the Pavilion, and the concert during dessert was under the able direction of Brother Carl Riechelmann, assisted by Madame Riechelmann, and Bros. Wilford Morgan, Packer, and Owen. The company then dispersed about the grounds and avenues, and shortly afterwards the younger amongst the guests—and for that matter some of the elders also—again assembled in the Pavilion, and for some two hours or more shared in the pleasures of the dance. This portion of the day's programme was carried out with the same attention to orderly arrangement as all preceding entertainments had been, and afforded general satisfaction. Kempton Park was left in solitude before the "witching hour of night," and the members and friends of the "Domestic" returned to London, carrying with them delightful reminiscences of what was in every respect a red letter day in the annals of the Lodge.

STABILITY LODGE, No. 217.

THE pages of history inform us that the ancient Athenians occupied themselves from time to time either in learning or devising some novel thing. What these new things were, however, have not been disclosed to us of modern date. We must therefore pass them over. There are in our day persons—not a few—who concern themselves, more particularly at this season of the year, as to where they shall go, when they shall go, and, moreover, with whom they shall go? As a rule, the result culminates in leaving Old England for a season. Thus the Channel is passed, and the far-famed beauties of the Continent are sought for, and when found are often, too often, disappointing in the extreme. Scenes more enchanting are to be found within a few hours' ride of our own peaceful abodes, and in the county probably in which we reside. To those in "city pent," and who from necessity are daily compelled to mingle with the "madding crowd," who have to rise early, take late rest, and eat the bread of carefulness, a brief cessation from all this is indeed a privilege, and as such appreciated. The brethren of the above popular Lodge cultivate this idea; indeed, have done so for some years past, and therefore, as a result thereof, have "a day's outing," at some locality which possesses scenic attractions, and is, moreover, easy of access; a most indispensable desideratum. The brethren of the Stability Lodge for some years past—we think wisely—have selected Shepperton whereat to spend a happy day. There are peculiar attractions associated with that ancient hamlet which do not pall upon the senses; on the contrary, they unfold themselves, season after season, in a garb that charms and exhilarates, inasmuch as they are ever pleasing, ever new. The "red letter day" happened to fall this year on Wednesday last, a lovely one in the extreme, and as warm as could possibly be desired. The putting aside for a single day Masonic observances, and making an outing a social one, and, if we may be allowed to use the phrase, a "family one," is to be commended, and deserves imitation. There is a vast amount of significance comprehended in the word "social;" there is much more in the words "family association." We are aware that Freemasonry is to all intents and purposes essentially a social, as well as a sacred order. Relatively, however, it can be extended under the circumstances of "an outing," for the term is now as familiar in one's mouth as household words, to embrace the whole members of a family. The

"annual outing" of the Stability Lodge is now an established fact, and is anticipated with much interest by those who form the happy party—by no means a small one, inasmuch as it extends itself at each recurring season. The preliminaries associated with such a party are various, and occupy time and necessitate much labour in order to result in success. In South London, wherein very many of the members reside, we may mention that Brother Tennant, of Peckham Park Road, who does nothing by halves, and who considers that everything worth doing is worth doing well, made preparations for a large contingent, for whom he thoughtfully provided the means of conveyance to and from the Waterloo Station. When it is borne in mind the calls this brother has on his valuable time, the self-abnegation involved presents itself to demonstration. The Waterloo Station was the trysting place, and at eleven o'clock the special train steamed therefrom; the Ship Hotel, Halliford, being reached at high noon. Mrs. Stone, the hostess, provided a most excellent dinner for her visitors, which was much appreciated. On removal of the cloth, the Worshipful Master, Brother Wright, in brief but excellent remarks, proposed the usual loyal and patriotic toasts, which were right heartily pledged. Bro. Taylor proposed the health of the Chairman, which was responded to in a clever speech. The Chairman said he regretted, owing to circumstances of a varied character, many brethren were prevented from being present. The paramount one, in many instances, being the elections on at that moment in and near the metropolis. He concluded by proposing the health of their respected Secretary Bro. Nixon, to whom they were all much indebted. The clerical labour involved over such an outing was most arduous, and occupied much time; he, therefore, hoped they would pledge the toast in a manner observable among the members of the Stability Lodge. This appeal was heartily responded to, and the toast was honoured well, and equally well acknowledged. The Worshipful Master said that the next toast would be that of the Ladies; he would call on Bro. Brinton to propose it. Bro. Brinton very much regretted having been called on to propose this toast. There were many brethren in the room who possessed oratorical abilities, to whom the ageable task could better have been entrusted. But as he had been called on he would state that he yielded to no one in the estimation in which he held the Ladies. Their qualities and virtues were beyond all praise and human estimate. The speaker at some length proceeded to dilate on the subject, and concluded amid much applause. Bro. Tennant jun., on behalf of the Ladies, made his maiden speech, in a most appropriate and happy vein, auguring well as to his powers of oratory for the future. Shortly afterwards an adjournment was made for the purpose of enjoying the beauties of the surrounding country. On the completion of this inspection tea was served. At 8.10 p.m. the excursionists returned from Shepperton, but did not reach Waterloo until ten o'clock, having been detained on the line two hours over a distance of twenty-six miles. Putting aside this *contretemps* a most delightful day's enjoyment was undoubtedly spent. Among those present were Bros. G. S. Wright, Bro. G. A. and Miss Taylor, Bro. and Mrs. Addington, Bro. and Mrs. Tennant, Bro. Tennant jun. and Miss Tarror, Bro. and Mrs. Eckersall, Bro. and Mrs. Fuchs, Bro. Bues, Miss and Miss J. Ward, Bro. and Miss Cowley, Bro. and Mrs. Vickery, Bro. and Mrs. Elsmar, Bro. and Mrs. Wilson, Bro. D. Rose and his daughter Mrs. Parker, Bro. and Mrs. Finch, Bro. Beaufort and Miss Pillor, Bros. J. J. Brinton, J. Nixon, Hinks, Garner, and many others.

MASONIC PRESENTATION.

ON Wednesday, the 30th ult., the Portsmouth Temperance Lodge presented Miss Robinson, as a token of esteem and appreciation of many kindnesses, with a handsome terra-cotta bust of Her Majesty, at the Lodge-room (the sailor boys' room at the Soldiers' Institute). The W.M. of the Lodge, Bro. J. Palmer, presided, and there was a large attendance of the brethren. The W.M. thanked Miss Robinson for her presence, as he knew what the exertion cost her. He had been deputed to make the presentation as a mark of esteem for her assistance at the foundation, for her allowing them to meet there rent free, and, above all, for her general character and Christian disposition in uplifting the downcast and oppressed. They esteemed the great work of her life in seeking to humanise and Christianise the soldier and sailors, in providing that institute for their comfort, and so avoiding those temptations which surrounded them on their joining the service. They had often heard her sentiments of loyalty, and knew that the name of the Queen was beloved by her; and the presentation was doubly appropriate, for Her Majesty was the mother of the first Freemason of the Empire, and the first Grand Master who ever granted a foundation for the establishment of a Temperance Lodge, and whose name would be honourably handed down to posterity. He unveiled the bust, and expressed a hope that Miss Robinson's life would long be spared to continue her useful and Christian work. Miss Robinson suitably replied, and said she felt the higher gratification because they were now celebrating their beloved Queen's jubilee. She hoped that they would allow the bust to form part of the furniture of their very beautiful Lodge-room. They had fought for the name of Temperance Lodge, but it was a name worth fighting for, and although she was a red-hot teetotaler, she commended them for admitting non-abstaining members, for they could show that they could carry on their functions with as much dignity and credit as the non-abstaining Lodges. Though women did not like Freemasonry, no wife or mother could object to a husband or son joining such a Lodge, and for that reason she wished them every success. She claimed for religion what they claimed for Freemasonry, and prayed that their lives might be more than ever in accordance with the principles they professed. At Miss Robinson's request a verse of the National Anthem was sung, and then the W.M. thanked Miss Robinson for allowing them to use the bust in the Lodge-room, adding that it would perpetually remind them of two good women—her whom it represented, and her to whom it belonged.

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"DESECRATION or SACRILEGE?"

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have only just read your Leader on "Desecration or Sacrilege?" Its contents fill me with amazement and horror. That any true Mason should be guilty of such an offence is too shocking to contemplate. To desecrate the Memorial Stone of a Building dedicated to the Great Architect of the Universe is a sin against the Deity Himself. And whoever the perpetrator may be he is bound as an honourable and true man to reveal himself, and state the reasons for his conduct. It is due to the honour of the Craft that the offender's name be made known. To attempt to hide it is a mean, cowardly, and despicable action, and deserving of the utmost censure. Indeed the matter cannot, and shall not, be allowed to rest. It cannot be tolerated for one moment that a grave offence of this kind should be condoned. Had Bro. Stevens committed any act unworthy of a Mason, had he ever been expelled the Craft, it would be no excuse for such a scandalous act of Vandalism, for no fault of an individual could possibly palliate or justify the desecration of a building dedicated, as you justly observe, to the most solemn and sacred purpose.

It becomes, therefore, the duty of all true and honourable Masons to have this matter sifted to the very bottom, and with that object I would suggest that a Humble Petition be signed and presented to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of England praying for an inquiry.

Yours faithfully and fraternally

CHAPLAIN.

SURREY MASONIC HALL MEMORIAL STONE.

"DESECRATION or SACRILEGE?"

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have had an intimate acquaintance during life with the brother whose name has been made so prominent in the pages of your Journal in relation to the defacement of the Memorial Stone at the Masonic Hall at Camberwell. That he is not perfect in every respect must be admitted. We have authority, quoted in our own Masonic Ritual, that "perfection belongeth not to man, but only to God." As one of your correspondents says, many have had to differ from him on some points of proceeding; and probably to no one could the precept "pas du zele" more pertinently apply. For all that, I have never known him to turn aside from his Masonic obligations, nor to do aught which could injuriously affect his Masonic character. Therefore it is that I desire to be heard on his behalf, not so much for his own personal interests in the matter, as for the far more important interest of Freemasonry in general, affected by the perpetration of "a flagrant act—the only one in fact"—of spoliation, by unjustifiable defacement of a truthful record.

By the last letter which you have inserted on this subject it is suggested that, "in justice to himself he should give an explanation of these unwarrantable proceedings." From what I know of the affair he is quite as much at a loss to account for what has been done as any of your correspondents are. Possibly, as you express in your leader, it is "the act of some Goth prompted no doubt by private pique;" it certainly cannot be that of any reasonable man or body of men. And as for anything he can have done antecedent to the laying of the stone or subsequent thereto, it does not require much consideration to decide that the erasure of his name from the stone is alike improper and outrageous. It would be so in respect of any man, and but that he is the personally "aggrieved and insulted" party, he would have been one of the first, if not the very first, to have resented "this scandal on the Craft" for the sake of the Craft itself, and have never wearied until restitution had been effected.

It is not altogether fortunate for our brother that his name should be so mixed up in this affair, but I cannot see how he could have avoided it, or that the actions of others can be permitted to militate against him. He has in his time befriended many Masons, and it would not be unreasonable in him to hope and expect friendly Masonic support under present circumstances. At any rate, he has a right to know why such an insult has been put upon him, and the perpetrators of the act should be called upon to declare themselves, and if they can justify this almost incredible outrage upon civilised society, and upon all the principles of our honourable Order.

That you and your readers may be assured that I have that intimate acquaintance with the party aggrieved which I refer to at the commencement of this letter, I beg to subscribe myself,

Dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

JAMES STEVENS P.M. P.Z.

Clapham, 5th July 1886.

AN IRISH MASONIC RIDDLE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I happened to see this morning, at the Boston Masonic Temple, an Irish Masonic publication, viz., "Irish Freemasons' Calendar and Directory for the year A.D. 1886." The

first fourteen leaves therein are not numbered. These pages consist of a Calendar, giving the time of sunrise and set, with the names of the Saints days, &c., of each day in the year. After which comes a list of the names of the Grand Patron, and the Officers of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, &c. The numbering of the pages then begins: the first page thus numbered is 89, and the last page is numbered 180. Thinking that No. 89 might be a continuation of the last year's Calendar, I looked at the previous Calendar, and the previous, and the previous; in all I consulted six Calendars, and I found in each and in all that the numbering of pages began with 89. Now, if this is not a puzzle, I want to know *what a puzzle is*. Surely No. 89 has no Masonic significance. Why then does the numbering of the Irish Masonic Calendar begin with 89?

Fraternally yours,

JACOB NORTON.

Boston, U.S., 15th June 1886.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Grand.—"Famine," an Irish drama in a prologue and four acts, has been given at this theatre during the last two weeks; Mr. Hubert O'Grady is the author, and Monday week was the first time the piece had been produced in London. Mr. O'Grady assumes in his prologue that there was a famine in Ireland in the year 1865, and a certain overseer of relief working to avenge a "no rent" movement practised on his father, refuses relief to a leader—Vincent O'Connor—of the movement, which drives the latter to steal a loaf of bread; Sackville prosecutes the man for this offence; O'Connor's separation with his children gives us a tableau which has very little to do with the play, which really commences some fifteen years later. This opens with Sackville—who is about to marry a lady of title—being denounced by a traitor of the late O'Connor, as having betrayed her. To get rid of this obstacle, Sackville manages to inveigle the girl into a lunatic asylum, through the instigation of a rascally doctor. But Sackville has made an enemy of one Sadler, who spurs on the brother of Nelly O'Connor to murder him. This the brother determines to do, and steals into Sackville's garden, where he relents, and instead of committing murder demands his sister's release. His pistol goes off, but does no harm; however, a second shot, fired by Sadler, kills Sackville. O'Connor is arrested and sentenced to death, but is rescued in Phoenix Park from a police van. How justice is done to those whom the author deems deserving of it is shown in the last act. The drama is weak, but enlivened by sensational business which cannot boast of originality. Mr. O'Grady, as Sadler, is full of poor jokes; however, he sometimes manages to evoke laughter out of them. Mr. W. H. Hallatt gives a manly interpretation of the young soldier O'Connor; but the part would be better if not quite so "heavy." Mr. Marcus J. Hydes was fair as Sir Richard Raymond, while Mr. Harry F. McClelland, as Sackville, well earned the groans of the gallery, which were freely bestowed on him. Mrs. Hubert O'Grady hardly created much sympathy in her part as Nelly O'Connor, being unsuited to it. The subsidiary parts were fairly sustained by Miss Nellie Lawrence as Lady Alice, and Mr. Frank Stephenson as Dr. Kilmora; but of the others the least said the better. "The Famine" will not, we fear, receive much support from London audiences, but perhaps Mr. O'Grady has something better in his "Eviction," "Emigration, or "Gomrock." On the 12th instant, Mr. J. L. Toole will take possession of the boards here for a fortnight, and will appear in a few of his favourite pieces.

Haymarket.—The hundredth performance of "Jim the Penman" is fast approaching, and yet this piece is still drawing good houses. Should Messrs. Russell and Bashford care to run Sir Charles Young's play throughout the summer we think they will be amply rewarded. An important change has lately had to be made in the cast; Mr. Maurice Barrymore has gone to America, and his part is now undertaken by Mr. J. H. Barnes. This gentleman's earnest and vigorous style is seen to the utmost advantage as Louis Reveil, and no fitter substitute could well have been found. The other parts are assigned as before, in fact nothing better could be desired.

Toole's.—Messrs. H. P. Stephens and W. Yardley having undertaken the management of this theatre during Mr. Toole's absence, opened on Saturday last with a short drama and burlesque. Both pieces had been presented at a matinée before, but to the general public they were not known. "Hand and Heart," a dramatic incident in one act, is from the pen of Messrs. Yardley and Stephens. It is weak in construction, and with anything but good acting it failed to create enthusiasm. The piece is supposed to take place during the year 1654, and the scene is laid in the hall of one Abel Newton, who has, under circumstances of exigency, married a lady without knowing that she had already given her heart to a French count. This count comes to England, on a plotting mission, and is hunted for by Cromwell's soldiers. He takes refuge in the first house that offers; here he encounters his old love. On finding out that she is married to Abel Newton, the count upbraids her, and declares he will not leave the country unless she accompanies him. Her efforts to conceal the count awaken the suspicions of Abel Newton, who learns her secret, and, reckless of himself, gives his wife liberty to dishonour him should she choose so to do. She consents to accompany the count to a fishing smack close by, and Newton believing she has elected to fly with the count, sits down to meditate. The lady, however, returns, having got rid of her old love in a way not explained, and the curtain falls on a picture of domestic bliss. The part of Abel Newton was sustained by Mr. Leonard Ontram, who showed some amount of feeling in the rôle. Miss Fanny Enson acted with a good deal of spirit as the wife; but Mr. M. R. Seltou as the count was too careless. Messrs. Stephens and Yardley, with the assistance of Mr. R. Reece, are also responsible for the burlesque

"Herne the Hunter, or Windsor Castle reversed." Of this we can say but little in its favour. Windsor Castle is not a new subject for burlesque writers, and, perhaps, this may be the reason why the authors have not strictly followed the well-known novel by Ainsworth. Herne the Hunter takes the part of Sir Thomas Wyatt against King Henry the Eighth; Herne is hunted by the latter, and in the end is captured. On this framework the authors have invented a number of puns, songs, dances, and effective choruses, by cooks, courtiers, beefeaters, and huntsmen, but we hardly think the materials that have been provided will supply enjoyment for playgoers during the hot weather. Mr. Arthur Williams made Herne the Hunter a very eccentric personage. Most of the fun that was got out of the burlesque was when Mr. Williams held the stage. His appearance in one scene as a thought reader, and in the song, "Just in the old sweet way," enlivened the burlesque considerably, but when he was off the stage the fun ceased, and we had again to turn our attention to the wearisome songs and dances, all in the music hall style. Of the other artistes, we may mention Miss Harriet Vernon as Sir Thomas Wyatt, Miss Emily Spiller as Mabel Lyndwood, Miss Edith Linfield as Lady Fitzgerald, and the Sisters Belle and Flo Bilton as the Duke of Richmond and the Earl of Surrey respectively. Mr. Frank Wood had poor work for Will Sommers, while Mr. E. J. Allnutt will get on better when he knows his part. The scenery is excellent, while the dresses are both pretty and graceful.

Gaiety.—Now, as everything is running smoothly, "Adonis" continues to attract good houses. Since the first night several parts have been revised and rewritten by Mr. Cunningham Bridgman. Mr. Dixey's popular song, "It's English, you know," is nightly encored, it being given in capital style by that gentleman. In the second act Mr. Dixey's impersonation of Mr. Henry Irving is perfect; in fact you might well be led to think that it was that gentleman himself. Mr. Dixey has a good company to back him, and we advise those of our readers who are fond of a good laugh to pay a visit to "Adonis."

The Liberal Committee for the Maintenance of the Legislative Union between Great Britain and Ireland have made arrangements with Messrs. Cassell and Company to be the publishers of the leaflets on the Irish question which they are now issuing. Thirty-two leaflets and ten pamphlets have already been published.—*Academy*.

The First Summer Festival in connection with the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction will take place on Wednesday, the 11th August next. Saloon Carriages will be attached to the 10-50 train from Waterloo for Windsor, and thence by Steam Launches for a trip up the River Thames, returning in time for dinner, at the Star and Garter, Windsor, at five o'clock. Luncheon, &c., will be provided on board the Launches. Full particulars as to Tickets, &c., for Ladies and Brethren to be had of the Secretary, Bro. G. Reynolds, St. James's Square, Pall Mall, S.W., not later than the 4th August.

A BROTHER VOUCHERED FOR.

AMONG the thousands of Masters of Lodges on this continent it is a reasonable supposition that there are many now invested with power to preside for the first time, and it cannot be amiss to call their attention to the words forming our caption, which in the course of the year now passing they will frequently hear and be expected to act upon. Among all the duties of the Master none can rightly be considered as of higher importance than the admission of strange Brethren, and none should be more scrupulously guarded from careless execution than this. Every presiding officer should understand the authority with which he is clothed, and the obligation he is under with regard to visiting Brethren, and while he receives the truly worthy with proper courtesy, let him refuse all who may be open to suspicion with unbending firmness. He has agreed in the most solemn manner that no visitor shall be received into his Lodge without due examination, and producing proper vouchers of their having been initiated into a regular Lodge, and he will prove faithless to his vow if he allow the somewhat loose system of modern avouchment to prevail under his administration.

The simplest announcement of Bro. A. vouched for is a very frail warrant for the admission of a person we have never seen or heard of before to a participation in our mysteries. We should know who is his sponsor and on what ground he assumes that responsibility. It is the undoubted right of every Brother in good standing to vouch for another, but it is equally the duty of the Master to be satisfied that this important privilege has not been lightly exercised before accepting it.

The Brother who vouches should know for a certainty that the one for whom he vouches is really what he claims to be.

He should know this, not from a casual conversation,

nor a loose and careless inquiry, but from strict trial, due examination or lawful information, these being the three requisites which the landmarks have laid down as being essentially necessary to authorize the act of vouching.

The Constitution of 1738 provides that you are "cautiously to examine him (a foreign Brother or stranger) as prudence shall direct, that you may not be imposed upon by a pretender, whom you are to reject with decision, and beware of giving him any hints, but if you discover him to be true and faithful you are to respect him as a Brother." By strict trial is meant that no question or answer that may be required to convince you that the person examined is what he claims to be should be omitted. You can carefully take nothing for granted, nor allow shortness of memory to fill up an inconvenient blank. If the would-be visitor has paid so little heed to his first instructions, or so little attention to the claims of the Fraternity as to become rusty, he must go where he is known for the information he requires, and be disappointed if he expects to pick it up from an examining Brother or committee. In this we would be understood as referring to those important matters that are indispensable, and not to some of the minor details that only a bright Mason could be expected to have at his finger ends.

The particulars of an examination cannot of course be detailed here, but we may say, in general terms, that the errors or inadvertencies of the visitor should not be corrected, for that would be giving him the hint we are warned against. With an aged Brother, or one who has long been debarred the privileges of the Craft by journey or sickness, patience is to be commended. If he has ever received true light, the spark though dimmed will eventually brighten up by his own unaided endeavours, and one such trial will always serve to remind him of the necessity of keeping his treasures where he can find them when wanted.

But it is not so much from any carelessness in regard to examinations that we have to apprehend danger, as from the uncertain application of the third point in the landmark referred to—that is, lawful information. The Tyler's voucher is very often an uncertain guide, for he may be deceived by great similarity of personal appearance, or from a certain conviction of having seen the person applying somewhere, and hence jumping to the conclusion that it was in a Lodge, or the Tyler may have known that a person was a member of a lawful Lodge, but not that he had since been put under discipline; other instances could be cited, were it not that they will readily suggest themselves to the Brethren.

It will be a step forward when Masters cease to admit Brethren on the Tyler's endorsement. The examination of an inexperienced or unskilled Brother can afford no just grounds for avouchment, because he cannot be supposed to have the ability of detecting error, or the judgment necessary to avoid conveying information which should be withheld.

If a Brother vouch for another on the ground of having sat with him in a Lodge, he should also be able to state positively that it was a Master's Lodge, duly and legally constituted, and not a Lodge of Entered Apprentices or Fellow-Crafts. Written vouchers, though indited by your nearest friend, are of no positive value. They cannot lawfully contain any of those things which it is indispensable the visitor should know; can afford him no assistance when put to the ordeal of strict examination.

Personal avouchment from one Brother to another may be accepted, but no further, and then only when the Brother vouched for is in the presence of the one giving the information, and the one receiving it, and then it must be given with the intent of being used Masonically, and be full, explicit, positive and based on actual knowledge of a lawful Masonic character. But when Brother White tells Brother Brown that Brother Black assured him that Brother Green was a Mason, the information becomes too loose to have a lawful value and must be discarded.

We trust enough has been said to put our Worshipful Brethren on their guard, and that they will assist in bringing about more rigid requirements in the matter of responding for the Masonic standing of unknown Brethren. No good Brother will object to it, and the opinions of the other class are of no importance. All will, we think, agree that it is better to refuse ten Brethren who had a right to admission than to admit one who, from the want of proper qualifications may bring disgrace on the Lodge and its Master.—*San Francisco Masonic Record*.

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President:
H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., &c., M.W.G.M.

A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Monday, the 12th Day of July 1886, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution.

To consider the following Notices of Motion:—

1. By Bro. C. H. WEBB, Life Governor:

"That Brother George Blizard Abbott have the rank of Life Governor, with two votes at all election of boys for life, in recognition of the care and ability with which the recently published History of the Institution has been compiled by him."

2. By W. Bro. EDGAR BOWYER, V. Patron, P.G. Std. Bearer:

"That 10 boys be elected at the Quarterly General Court, on Monday, the 11th October, for admission to the School over and above the 22 boys to be then elected to fill the number of vacancies in the present establishment."

3. By W. Bro. C. F. HOGARD, V.P.:

"That in recognition of the services of Bro. F. Binckes, as Secretary of the Institution during a period of 25 years, the sum of 100 guineas be presented to him as an honorarium."

To receive and approve a list of candidates, on the recommendation of the General Committee, for which 22 or—in the event of the previous Notice of Motion being adopted—32 boys shall be elected on Monday, 11th October next. The chair will be taken at Four o'Clock in the afternoon precisely.

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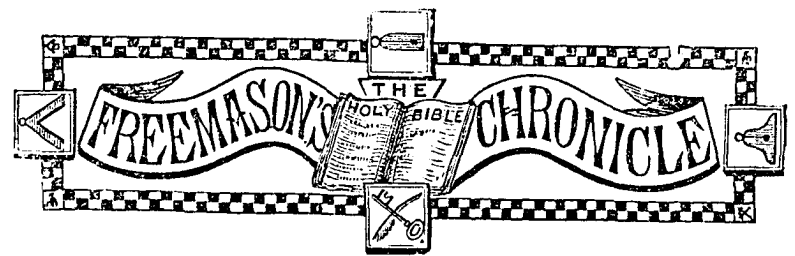
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PROVINCE OF SURREY.

THE Right Worshipful General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B.,
Provincial Grand Master, presided at the annual meeting of the
members of his Province, at Croydon, on Wednesday. The brethren
assembled under the banner of the George Price Lodge, No. 2096,
and the arrangements made by this young Lodge gave unqualified
satisfaction to all who attended the meeting. Provincial Grand
Lodge was opened at the Greyhound Hotel punctually at two o'clock,
when General Brownrigg was supported by Bros. Charles Greenwood
P.G. Sword Bearer Deputy Provincial Grand Master, George Price
Prov. Grand Treasurer, S. W. Lambert Prov. Grand Registrar,
C. Greenwood jun. Prov. Grand Secretary, R. Sebastian Hart Prov.
S.D., J. G. Collier Prov. Grand Superintendent of Works, John
Hooke Prov. Grand D.C., Joseph Steele and J. W. Baldwin Prov.
Grand Standard Bearers, G. S. Dunkley Prov. Grand Organist,
W. P. Catterson Prov. Grand Pursuivant, &c. Amongst the Past
Prov. Grand Officers we noticed Bros. Dr. Strong, Dr. Lavies, R. W.
Price, J. Rhodes, F. Cambridge, John G. Horsey, Major Godson
J. Hamer Owen, F. J. Blake, T. Vincent, H. E. Frances, J. Bond,
H. P. J. Dumas, &c. Amongst the Visitors were Col. Jas. Peters
P.G. Sword Bearer, W. W. Lee, &c., &c. We may mention here the
name of another brother, who may at all times be assured of a cordial
welcome among the Freemasons of Surrey; the Rev. Charles Arnold
Past Grand Chaplain, and Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master of
the Province, who is now on a visit to England, took advantage of the

occasion and attended the annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge with which he had been so closely associated. After Provincial Grand Lodge had been formally opened, the P.G. Master was saluted and the roll of Lodges called. A full representation was the result, but when the names of Prov. G. Officers were called we regret to say several absentees were named. The minutes of Prov. G. Lodge held at Surbiton in June 1885 were read and confirmed. The reports of the Audit and Finance Committees were presented; the result displayed great prosperity on all sides, while the reports from the several Lodges in the Province showed a steady progress that must be eminently gratifying to the Grand Master and all concerned in the welfare and ruling of the Province. Bro. Geo. Price was nominated as Prov. Grand Treasurer for the ensuing twelve months, and the result of the ballot taken resulted in his being unanimously re-elected. General Brownrigg next reminded the brethren that, when he found he was about to lose the valuable services of Bro. the Rev. Charles J. Arnold, he had appointed their estimable brother Charles Greenwood, who had been associated with the Province of Surrey for so many years, to succeed Bro. Arnold as Deputy Provincial Grand Master. From a variety of causes opportunity had not served hitherto for his public investment, though Bro. Greenwood had been fully recognised in his new position. He would now call on the Provincial Grand Secretary to read the Patent of Appointment. This request having been acceded to, Bro. Greenwood was obligated and formally invested as Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and was saluted in accordance with ancient custom. The following brethren were appointed and invested as the Officers for the next twelve months:—

Bro. F. A. Guimaraens 416	-	-	Senior Warden
J. D. Langton 2096	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. Dr. Dawes 1872	-	-	} Chaplains
Rev. W. Stainer 1920	-	-	
Herbert Saxelby 463	-	-	
C. Greenwood jun. 410	-	-	Registrar
Hugh Marcns Hobbs 2096	-	-	Secretary
G. Parsons Smith 1556	-	-	} Senior Deacons
- Jepps 410	-	-	
Alex. Hight 1742	-	-	} Junior Deacons
William Clifford 1826	-	-	
W. H. Paddle 1851	-	-	Superintendent of Works
- Moorman 1981	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
W. Lane 1638	-	-	Assist. Director of Cers.
W. Pile 1892	-	-	Sword Bearer
W. Batchelor 452	-	-	} Standard Bearers
Courtney M. Gray 1920	-	-	
W. A. Laker 1362	-	-	Organist
- Storr 2146	-	-	Pursuivant
Samuel Ward 1861	-	-	Assistant Pursuivant
Thomas Moreton 410	-	-	} Stewards
Robert Bunce 1362	-	-	
Henry Burgess 1553	-	-	
- Young 1872	-	-	

Amongst items of general business transacted we may mention that grants of £10 10s each were made to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. It will be remembered by most of our readers that a provisional grant of 100 guineas was made in support of General Brownrigg's presidency on behalf of the Girls' School in May last; a formal vote was to-day taken that the Provincial G. Treasurer be empowered to hand over this amount, and the result, without a dissentient voice, was in favour of the grant. The local Charities as usual were not overlooked, and the Parish Church of Croydon, which is now undergoing restoration, will benefit to the tune of ten guineas from Provincial Grand Lodge funds, in addition to the amount realised at the Offertory after the service that was held there, the amount being something like £6 4s.

In addressing the members of Provincial Grand Lodge, General Brownrigg referred to the happy and prosperous condition of the several Lodges. He spoke of the generous and hearty support accorded on the occasion of his presidency at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, held in May last. The result was far beyond his most sanguine anticipations. He called attention to the absence of several of the Provincial Grand Officers, and urged on those who undertook the duties to appreciate and carry out their responsibilities. General Brownrigg next gave a cordial welcome to Bro. the Rev. C. J. Arnold, assuring him of the gratification it afforded his Grand Lodge to welcome him on his present visit to this country. Before concluding, the Provincial Grand Master requested the attendance of the brethren at a short service at the Parish Church, where Bro. Arnold had kindly consented to preach. Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren repaired to the Church. Here Bro. Arnold most eloquently discoursed, taking the following for his text:—

And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it.—Genesis xxviii. 12.

Sad and weary the solitary exile was sleeping, with a hard stone for his pillow, when this dream came to him; and from the deep impression that it made upon him it is clear that he was convinced it was no ordinary dream, but a distinct revelation from the Almighty. Then appeared to him a ladder whose feet rested on the earth and the top reached to heaven, and he saw angels of God ascending and descending upon it. "And the Lord stood above it," and there renewed the promises already made to his grandfather Abraham and his father Isaac, that the land where he was resting should become his property, that his seed should increase and multiply and become a mighty nation, and that in his seed all the families of the earth should be blessed: and still further that God would guard and protect him in his journey and bring him safely back again. When he awoke a great fear of

God's presence fell upon him: he said, "Surely the Lord is in this place; and I knew it not. How dreadful is this place! This is none other but the House of God, and this is the Gate of Heaven." And then he vowed a solemn vow that *the Lord* should ever be his God, and consecrated the spot on which he had slept.

This message was one of love from God, for he called Jacob to be the progenitor of the Messiah, the promised Saviour of mankind, and also a message of encouragement, for God would protect him in all his wanderings, and bring him safely home again. Thus much we can easily understand, but what was the meaning of that ladder which Jacob saw? Evidently it was intended to signify to him that God was about to make a path from earth to heaven; that sinful man and his offended maker should be reconciled, and that man should hereafter be enabled to ascend to heaven and dwell with God.

Of what, then, was that ladder a type? Was it a type of that moral law which God himself proclaimed from Mount Sinai when he chose Israel for his people? Surely not. The moral law never conducted any one to heaven. It was too hard for man to fulfil. The words of Scripture are, "There is none righteous, no not one." The moral precepts were like the rounds of a ladder placed one above another with no sides to grasp to help the climber. A few steps, indeed, might have been mounted by the best of those whose lives and characters are recorded in the Old Testament History, but none reached the summit. No one by that ladder could ever have mounted to the joys of heaven.

My Brethren, that ladder was a type of Jesus Christ, God's own son, the promised seed of Jacob, from whose family his virgin mother was born; of Jesus Christ, who left the glory and bliss of heaven, and came to earth to suffer and die, that he might make atonement for the sin of man. By His life on earth He alone, amongst men, fulfilled God's law, and then He gave Himself as a perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world, and thus purchased our redemption, reconciled us to His father, and opened unto us the gate to eternal life. "I," said He, "am *the way*, the truth and the life."

"I am the door; by Me if any man enter in, he shall be saved." Thus Christ is the way—Christ is the door. He himself has ascended from earth to heaven, and before he went He said, "I go to prepare a place for you." Whither Christ has gone, thither shall those go who are His. By Him as by a ladder shall they mount up from earth to heaven.

The place where the foot of the ladder appeared to stand was consecrated to God by Jacob. It was a place ever to be remembered and revered by him as the scene of God's revelation, the entrance to his covenant. His feeling was expressed in the words, "This is none other but the House of God, and this is the Gate of Heaven." Well, then, do we Masons in our tracing board represent Jacob's ladder as standing in God's temple and resting upon the Volume of the Sacred Law. This coming of Christ, the true ladder, was the fulfilment of the prophecies contained in that Sacred Book, in which is first dimly shadowed forth, and then more and more clearly predicted, redemption through a Saviour who should open heaven to all true believers. The temple was the only place where a Jew could offer the worship appointed by God, and in the Holy Place between the wings of the cherubim appeared the sacred fire denoting the constant presence of the Most High. God's promise to Solomon was, "I have hallowed this house which thou hast built to put my name there for ever: and Mine eyes and Mine heart shall be there perpetually." And in every House of God now we believe that He is *especially present* amongst us: it is as it were the gate of heaven, and the foot of the ladder rests within it, for Christ Himself gave the blessed promise. "when two or three are gathered together in My name, there *am I* in the midst of them." There, too, are the angels of God ascending and descending upon that ladder, bearing the prayers of the faithful up to the throne of grace, and bringing down assurances of a Father's love and strength to enable His children to overcome their spiritual enemies. There, too, His Holy Word is read and expounded, and His Sacraments duly administered: in the one we are grafted into Christ as members of His body, and in the other our union is constantly renewed, when we are made one with Christ, and He is made one with us, just as He and the Father and the Holy Spirit are united together as one.

But we, Brethren, as Masons are taught that the outward visible temple is a symbol of that inner temple of the heart in which the most High ought to dwell and reign. As Christians we are earnestly reminded of this. St. Paul says: "What know you not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you?" In each heart, as God's temple, must the ladder to heaven be erected: for Christ must dwell and reign in the heart of each true disciple. And the rounds of that ladder by which we mount heavenwards are the Christian virtues.

We mount the first round *by faith*. There must be a true and living belief in the Existence of God—"the Creator and Preserver of all things, of infinite power wisdom and goodness." And this faith must be based upon God's own Revelation in the Bible. Natural religion may lead us to believe in the existence of a God; but God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, can only be known by the revelation of Himself to man. This faith will produce fear, reverence, worship, and love, as we are led on to know Him more and more intimately. Conviction brings to the sinner's heart fear when he thinks of God as his Judge; but when he can look upon Him as his Father in Heaven, and address him as such in prayer, then his heart is filled with reverential love.

The second round must be mounted by hope; and hope is a consequence of Faith. If we believe in the promises of God and in the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ, then our heart is filled with a glorious hope of future bliss. Then can we say, in the words of St. Peter, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; which according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for us." What would life be without hope? Oh how dull! how cheerless! how miserable! "If in *this life* only we

have hope," says St. Paul, "we are of all men most miserable." It is the hope of the future, the assurance of bliss beyond the grave, that carries the Christian through all the trials and troubles of this present life. He looks not for lasting joy on earth. He is but a traveller passing on to his home, and it is hope that cheers him on his way, and enables him to mount higher on the path towards heaven.

And then with faith and hope comes *love* (or charity as it is translated in the Bible), and that enables him to mount a step higher up the ladder. "We love Him," says St. John, "because he first loved us." The more we know Him, and the more we hope in His promises, the more must we love Him who has done so much for us. Yes, it is when we begin to realize His love, that a spark of love is first kindled in our hearts. When we meditate on our Saviour's words, "God so loved the world, that he gave His only begotten son, to the end that all that believe in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." And when we feel the truth of St. Paul's words, "God commendeth His love towards us, in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us." How can we help our hearts being drawn by love towards that kind and loving Father, who designed such a marvellous plan for our Salvation. And love to God will produce Charity, or love to our fellow men. We shall feel that we are all sons of one common Father; members of one common body, of which the head is Christ; and animated by one spirit which is the Holy Spirit of God; and are heirs of one home where we trust to dwell with our Father for ever. "If ye love Me," says Christ, "keep My commandments;" and again He says: "a new commandment give I unto you, that ye love one another." It is this universal love, which we prize so much in Masonry, and which unites us into one brotherhood. To fulfil it we pledge ourselves to support and assist one another in all lawful undertakings; to remember our brother's wants when we kneel before the throne of grace: to keep his lawful secrets locked up within our breasts; and to guard his honour and good name in his absence as faithfully as we should defend our own. We promise further to relieve his necessities and soothe his afflictions, and in all respects to act towards him as we would wish others to act towards us. Moreover, those noble Institutions for educating the children of those stricken down by death or poverty, and for soothing the declining years of those who have been unsuccessful in the battle of life, prove that the love we profess is no sham, but deep and genuine. In all this our brotherly love is that which Christ taught and commanded, and in this is Masonry the Handmaid of Christianity. Thus Masonry becomes a help to us on our Christian path; but let us ever remember that it is *a means, not the end*, and must spring from the true motive, the love of God.

The three which I have mentioned are the first and most important of the rounds of the ladder to heaven, but above them rise many more; and each must be surmounted by one of the Christian virtues which spring up from Christ being planted in the heart. St. Paul gives us a list of them in his Epistle to the Galatians, "the part of the spirit is love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance." If, then, we give ourselves up to the sanctifying influence of God's Holy Spirit, all these graces or virtues may be ours, and so we may ascend to the gate of heaven, and there hear the joyful welcome, "well done, good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

We read that when the temple at Jerusalem was being built no sound of axe or hammer was heard; everything was prepared beforehand, and silently fitted into its place. How beautifully this typifies the silent growth of Christ's kingdom in the heart. The work of man is noisy and with outward show; the growth of the spirit is silent and almost imperceptible. As Christ said, "the kingdom of God cometh not with observation." It was not in the mighty wind, or the earthquake, or the fire that Elijah detected the presence of God, but in the still small voice; and it is the still small voice of conscience, uttering the promptings of the Holy Spirit, which whispers in our hearts and reminds us of our Father's will. But in the mountains of Lebanon the axe was heard amongst the cedars and the various implements in the stone quarries, so, too, the Christian will have much to prepare before his temple is built, and must engage in vigorous and constant warfare against the temptations of the world, must daily try to subdue the lusts of the flesh, and must ever watch and pray lest he be caught off his guard by the evil one. We have to aim at a high and almost impossible standard. Our Master says, "Be ye perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect." But we have the promise of His aid whenever we seek for it, and He has given us means and ordinances sufficient to assist in our Christian course.

And when the ladder is united in our hearts and the Christian is united to his God; then, as Jacob saw the angels ascending and descending, prayers, praises, thanksgivings, and meditations about God will be constantly ascending from the Christian's heart, and God will send down gracious promises of strength and support, messages of love and comfort in time of trouble and trial, and sweet glimpses of heaven itself to cheer the Christian's dying hour.

God grant, my Brethren, that that holy ladder of Jacob's vision may thus silently but surely grow up in your hearts and mine, and that we may have peace and joy in believing.

A banquet followed at the Grayhound Hotel, where the toasts customary on these occasions were fully honoured.

CONSECRATION OF THE QUEEN'S WESTMINSTER CHAPTER, No. 2021.

ANOTHER important link was added to the great chain of Freemasonry on Tuesday last, 6th inst., by the consecration of a new Chapter, to be attached to the Queen's Westminster Lodge, which has enjoyed great success ever since its consecration about three years ago. The ceremony in respect to the ushering into existence of the Chapter took place at the Lodge premises, No. 8A Red Lion-square, and the important rite was ably rendered by that Eminent Companion Col. Shadwell H. Clerke G.S.E., who presided as M.E.Z. (Consecrating Officer), assisted by Comps. J. M. P. Montagu Grand Superintendent Dorset as H., Rev. John Studholme Brownrigg P.A.G.S. as J., and Frank Richardson as D.C. There were present many members of the Queen's Westminster Lodge who are Arch Masons, and several visitors, amongst whom were Comps. H. Chobert 21, Payne 1328, Coop 1604, Probyn 21, Flint 753 Livett 507, Kempton 763, H. Thompson 619, Smith 1039, Diprose 507, Bywater 19, and many others whose names we were not able to obtain. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Comp. J. Stedman, F.R.G.S., who was assisted by Comps. Hodges, of Her Majesty's Chapel, St. James's, G. F. Smith, and Lawler. The Principals Designate were Comps. G. Lambert M.E.Z., R. Payne H., and H. C. Lambert J. The Chapter having been formally opened in the presence of installed Principals, and the rest of the Companions admitted, the Consecrating Officer said they had met there that day to perform a most important duty, that was to consecrate a new Chapter, to be attached to the Queen's Westminster Lodge; the Lodge was started three years ago, and Comp. Lambert was its first Master; he was now proposed as the first M.E.Z. of the Chapter. The Lodge thus started had attained such an amount of success that the members had an ambition to add to it a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and on applying to the Supreme Chapter a warrant was granted for that purpose, and in pursuance of which they were assembled there that day to launch it into existence, trusting that the same success might follow it as had been the good fortune of the Queen's Westminster Lodge. The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with; in the course of it, Comp. the Rev. John Studholme Brownrigg remarked that Freemasonry had always allied itself to what was good in times past, and in every case when there was any great national movement in the country, it had invariably taken a great and prominent part, but at the same time had carefully disentangled itself from any party warfare. Freemasonry had for its object to help all that was good and noble in the country, and towards that end the consecration of the Chapter pointed that day. The interest it took in that direction was always shown, and was particularly gratifying in what it did at the time of the great movement in England in 1859, when they realised the fact that invasion was not only possible but probable. England, however, never hesitated to look difficulties in the face, and did so at that crisis, when the Volunteer Movement sprang into existence, and so general was the feeling in its favour, that in one short year there was not a town in the country, indeed scarcely a village, but contributed a band of volunteers. There were, however, at that time not wanting those who sneered at the movement, and stigmatised it as only "playing at soldiers," but in a few months afterwards these Volunteers went by with all the force and steadiness of old soldiers at the review of them by Her Majesty in Hyde Park, and every year since then the men have increased in efficiency and numbers. The spirit which animated them was truly Masonic, for it embraced their duty to their country and loyalty to their Queen. Time would not permit him, or he could speak much longer upon this subject, and upon what was good and noble in the country, but he warned them not to be careless in the performance of their duty, for in proportion as men became inattentive and careless they became unpatriotic. At the present time, when certain attacks were made on them they, as Masons, should help forward what was right, and oppose that which was wrong, and, strong in their right arm, should go shoulder to shoulder to meet the enemies of their country, whether they were at home or came from abroad. The rest of the consecration ceremony having been gone through, the Consecrating Officer said that no installation ceremony was necessary, as the Principals Designate had already served their offices, and he at once proceeded to invest them and place them respectively in the different chairs of the Queen's Westminster Chapter, viz., Comps. Major G. Lambert M.E.Z., Captain R. Payne H., and Lieut. H. C. Lambert J. The M.E.Z. said before they proceeded to the election of the other Officers he wished to return their grateful thanks to the Grand Scribe E. for his kindness in coming there to consecrate their Chapter. They were not insensible of what they owed to the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, but they were particularly grateful to Col. Shadwell H. Clerke and the Officers by whom he had been so ably assisted, and he begged of them to accept their thanks. Words were but words, but on behalf of the Chapter he asked them to accept their gratitude for coming amongst them that day. Comp. Shadwell H. Clerke, in returning thanks, said it had given them great pleasure to give what assistance they had rendered to the Chapter, and was pleased that their efforts had met with approbation. The M.E.Z. had a further motion to submit; that was to ask the Three Principals of the day to accept the honorary membership of the Chapter, a motion which was unanimously carried. The appointment of Officers was then proceeded with. Comps. Coop S.E., Capt. Luett S.N., Probyn Treasurer, C. P. Bellamy P.S., Kingdon 1st A.S., Simson 2nd A.S., Woodroffe D.C., Van Joel 1st Steward, Edmans 2nd Steward. Twelve candidates were proposed for exaltation, and the Chapter was closed in due form. The Companions then adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where the consecration banquet was to take place, the M.E.Z. occupying the chair, supported by the Grand Chapter Officers. The fare was characteristic of this splendid establishment. At the conclusion the formal toasts were given and responded to with the usual honours. Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke said he had been asked to

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Notable facts.—Intense heat augments the annoyances of skin disease, and encourages the development of febrile disorders; wherefore they should, as they may, be removed by these detergent and purifying preparations. In stomach complaints, liver affections, pains and spasms of the bowels, Holloway's ointment well rubbed over the affected part immediately gives the greatest ease, prevents congestion and inflammation, checks the threatening diarrhoea and averts incipient cholera. The poorer inhabitants of large cities will find these remedies to be their best friend when any pestilence rages, or when from unknown causes, eruptions, boils, abscesses, or ulcerations betoken the presence of taints or impurities within the system, and call for instant and effective curative medicines.

propose the next toast; he asked them to drink "Success to the Queen's Westminster Chapter," coupling with it the name of the First Principal—Comp. G. Lambert. No doubt the toast was a very important one, for on an occasion like that if they did not do honour to the Chapter they would prove ungrateful, or go away without recognising the duty of wishing God speed to the young child. The Chapter had been started under good auspices; it had a good staff, and a well-selected body of candidates; but at the same time he was sorry for the Principal Sojourner, who had a good lot of work cut out for him. He wished success to the First Principal during his year of office, and asked all the Companions to drink his health—a request which was readily complied with. The M.E.Z. on rising to return thanks for the very kind manner in which the Grand S.E. had spoken of him, said although at present he was a non-combatant he was something like the war-horse that was turned into a cab-horse; he wished again to become a fighting man. Young as he was, and young as he felt himself to be, he felt that he should like to return to the Volunteers, and be with those with whom he had the honour to serve; but at all events he should do all in his power to promote their success. Success had attended the Queen's Westminster Lodge, and he hoped the Chapter would do as well, and that the members of the Lodge would become members of it. The rise of this Chapter was somewhat singular. Some years ago, he had the honour of being a member of the Antiquarian Society, then he met with a good old fellow, at Peter-field, and when he died this old gentleman left a parcel of old robes, but on receiving them he found them so worm-eaten and rotten, that he at once consigned them to the dust-hole. At the same time came to him an old box, about as long as a coffin, containing the banners which they had seen that evening; coats, whips, spurs, sceptres, and a very queer lot of things besides. Having got these things, he looked about to see where he could find a Chapter, and the result was what they had seen that evening, and he hoped that they were satisfied with the use of them. He trusted they would support him, and he assured them that he would do all in his power to make their Chapter a success. They had a good hunting ground, as they had in the corps upwards of 1,000 members, and indeed he had no doubt that they would meet with success, if it was only as a return to the Grand Officers for the kindness they had done them by attending that day. Having alluded to the exertions of a committee, he said he hoped they would hold a Chapter of Emergency, when they could admit those whom they wanted, and those they did not want could stand aside. He joined the Royal York Chapter in 1844, it at that time was one of the best working Chapters, and he hoped they would emulate its example. His desire would be to keep the vessel afloat, and pilot it into the harbour of success, and when he was unable to do so, he would endeavour to find some one else who would be able to do it. The M.E.Z. said the next toast he had to propose was the Consecrating and Installing Officers. They were greatly indebted to Colonel Shadwell Clerke, who was frequently invalided, for presiding; and as the work was so well carried out they wanted to evince their gratitude, and keep the Chapter in good working order. They were greatly indebted to him for coming, and he asked them to drink to his good health. Another to whom they were indebted had come from Dorchester, and had left his comfortable home there to come into that heated room and take part in this ceremony. Then, what should they say of one of their members coming one hundred miles, giving away a bride in the morning and coming there to take the part of Director of Ceremonies? They were also indebted to Comp. Brownrigg for his short but admirable address; it was to the point and full of truth. He asked the Companions to be upstanding and drink the health of the Consecrating Officers. Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke said the magnitude of the toast, and the number of Companions included in it, almost took his breath away. He had not had the opportunity of thanking all for conferring upon them the honour of making them honorary members of the Chapter, but he did so then, and felt extremely obliged to the M.E.Z. for making that proposition. The toast was one of great pleasure to him, he having only done his duty. In these matters, however small the services, it was pleasing to be thanked, and for this they should always feel grateful. After all, the man who sat in the centre did very little, and a great deal had to be done by those who sat around him. He must say he had been very materially assisted by his bellicose friend who sat near to him, and the only dissentient he heard was an anti-Masonic cat, whose voice he heard on the tiles. One and all he thanked for the very kind and cordial reception they had given him. Comps. J. M. P. Montagu and the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg also acknowledged the toast. The M.E.Z. next gave the Visitors, and said he felt obliged to them for coming amongst them on that occasion. He was glad, not only to see them then, but at any other time when they should be holding a meeting. He looked upon the attendance of Visiting Companions as gratifying, for they went back to their own Chapters and told what they had seen, and how the consecration of the Chapter had been carried out. Having severally named the guests, he asked the Companions to drink to their health. Companions Bywater and Lawler returned thanks. Several other toasts were given and responded to, a most cordial and harmonious meeting being brought to a close with the Janitor's toast. During the evening Companions Stedman, Hodges, Smith and Lawler sang some choice songs, which were highly applauded, Comp. G. F. Smith presiding at the pianoforte. Mention ought to be made of the extraordinary vocal powers of Master G. Haynes, who took the solo parts in the National Anthem, and afterwards sang "Nidia"—by Rodda Pyne—with great taste. In each case this young gentleman was heartily applauded. If the success which has attended the consecration of the Queen's Westminster Chapter is to be taken as an augury for the future, a brilliant career lies before it.

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CARNARVON LODGE, No. 804.

THE Twenty-sixth annual installation meeting took place at the Masonic Hall, Hyant, on Tuesday last, when the out-going Master Bro. H. W. Smith Parsons inducted his successor, Bro. James Joseph Bascombe, into the chair of K.S. in an effective and imposing manner. The following were appointed to office for the year ensuing:—Bros. J. J. H. Bascombe S.W., A. H. Wood J.W., E. Good P.M. Treasurer, T. Francis P.M. Secretary, J. Collings P.M. D. of C., H. J. Tack S.D., E. Sprigings J.D., A. Wightman I.G., J. Leader Organist, W. P. Bowler and J. T. Shade Stewards. Bro. Collings then presented to the Lodge a handsomely-carved and decorated tablet, on which were inscribed the names of the brethren who had occupied the Master's chair since the foundation of the Lodge, over which were the armorial bearings of the Earl of Carnarvon, blazoned in heraldic colours. This very beautiful addition to the Lodge-room was much admired, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the donor. All business being over, the members and visitors, to the number of thirty, adjourned to the Town Hall, for refreshment, where the newly-installed Master presided. After the removal of the cloth the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were befittingly introduced and responded to. The Election at Portsmouth, which was going on, prevented many members and visitors from being present. Amongst the visitors were Bros. F. Saunders W.M. 342, J. E. Thornton W.M. 903, J. Mutlow Foster W.M. 1776, G. T. Cunningham W.M. 1834, G. Grant P.M. 1735, J. S. Senior S.D. 1705, G. Huggett 487, J. Armstrong and J. Bassey 342, H. Martin Green P.M. 804 and 1958 Past Provincial Grand Junior Warden Hants and Isle of Wight, G. S. Hill W.M. elect 1958, G. M. Knight, J. Stephens, J. C. Collings, G. Pannell, Stead, Borrow, &c.

EPPING LODGE, No. 2077.

THE ordinary meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday, 3rd inst., at the Cock Hotel, Epping, when there were present Bros. J. Salmon W.M., E. Lewis I.P.M., J. Woodrow S.W., J. Loudon J.W., Fraser S.D., Hughes I.G., Dance P.M. Secretary, E. J. Acworth P.M. Treasurer, Parkinson Tyler, and a goodly number of members and visitors. Bros. Nokes, Odell, Taylor and Miller were raised, and four gentlemen were approved by the Lodge, and initiated by the W.M. in his usual good style. Two gentlemen were proposed for initiation, and nothing farther offering, the Lodge was closed in due form. The usual banquet followed.

ELECTRIC LODGE, No. 2087.

THIS prosperous young Lodge held a regular meeting at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, on 26th ult. Bro. W. H. Preece, F.R.S., W.M. was in the chair, supported by Bros. J. Hooky S.W., T. Barlow J.W., G. Gregory P.M. Secretary, T. Fletcher S.D., R. C. Leversedge J.D., P. Estler I.G., Harrison Tyler; Bros. Sir C. Bright P.M. P.P.D.G.M. Middlesex, E. B. Bright I.P.M., and several other brethren. Visitor—Bro. P. B. Walker 1761 (New South Wales). The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the chair, by request, was taken by Bro. E. B. Bright I.P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Middlesex, who raised, in a very able and impressive manner, Bro. the Rev. W. H. Denny, M.A., to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. The W.M., on resuming the chair, appointed and invested Bro. Denny as Chaplain of the Lodge. Lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to a *vécherché* banquet, served under the personal superintendence of Bro. Sadler. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the brethren returned to town by the 9-15 train, having spent a most enjoyable afternoon and evening.

GEORGE PRICE LODGE, No. 2096.

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon. Present—Bros. H. M. Hobbs W.M., F. J. Ridpath S.W., E. Samuel J.W., J. D. Langton I.P.M., J. S. Fraser Secretary, M. Levéy S.D., W. G. Goode J.D., F. Cambridge P.P.G. Org. Surrey I.G., W. G. Oates Dir. of Cers., J. C. Leaver Steward, W. Lane Tyler; also Bros. F. Blake P.P.G. Registrar Surrey, C. Holden, J. Rosenberg, E. C. Holdsworth, Dr. Wilson, D. Guedella, Dr. Matthey, J. C. Leaver, E. C. Leaver. Visitors—Bros. Dr. Smith W.M. 463, E. F. Duffin W.M. 753, W. G. Fenn S.D. 538, L. Cearlander 975, S. Potter 1790. The minutes of last meeting and the emergency meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. E. C. Leaver was passed to the second degree, the W.M. afterwards giving the explanation on the tracing board. It was unanimously resolved that the Lodge should take a share in the Langton Masonic Benevolent Association, and that the same be placed on the Worshipful Master's Steward's list at the Boys' Festival. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

By the brethren of the Covent Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614, held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, W., on Thursday evening, the 15th of July, at seven o'clock, in the Masonic Temple (entrance from Piccadilly or Jermyn-street). Bros. W. C. Smith S.W. 1563 Preceptor, E. Farwig P.M. 180 S.W., E. Chamberlain J.D. 87 J.W. First Lecture—Bros. Reynolds, Bromley, Dusterwald, Kirk, Paul, Mulvey, and Chamberlain. Second Lecture—Bros. Harnell, Skinner, Farwig, Corby, and Docker. Third Lecture—Bros. Clark, Hemming, and Brindley. Colonial and other brethren are cordially invited. Bro. Reynolds Secretary.

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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.

SATURDAY, 10th JULY.

- Quarterly General Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (Inst.)
 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—Eccles on Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S. W., at 7. (Inst.)
 1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
 1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acra Lane Brixton
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, S. E. (Improvement)
 M.M. 231—Brixton, Auderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E. C.
 30—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
 145—Compton, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
 1990—Hamphire L. of Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, Landport, Portsmouth
 2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
 R.A. 1423—Eia, Albany Hotel, Twickenham

MONDAY, 12th JULY.

- Quarterly General Court Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 46—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E. C., at 7. (Instruction)
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (Inst.)
 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.)
 648—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
 975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1366—Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
 1426—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leicester Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8. (Inst.)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E. C., at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (Inst.)
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7. (Inst.)
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30. (Instruction)
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham
 M.M. 239—Royal Naval, 8a Red Lion Square, W. C.
 40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
 61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
 75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
 104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
 151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I. W.
 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
 264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
 292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
 297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
 408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
 433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
 467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
 481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 589—Druids of Love and Liberty, Masonic Hall, Redruth
 613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
 665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
 721—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
 797—Hamley, Hamley Hall, Dartmouth
 893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
 1049—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
 1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
 1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
 1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1436—Sanagate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
 1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
 1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
 1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
 1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
 1611—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
 1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
 1691—Quadratic, Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court
 1966—Fidelity and Sincerity, Wellington, Somerset
 R.A. 148—Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington
 R.A. 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
 R.A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
 R.A. 422—All Saint's, Masonic Hall, Gainsborough
 R.A. 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
 R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
 R.A. 1258—Kennard, Masonic Hall, George Street, Pontypool
 R.C. 12—Red Cross, Athenaeum, Lancaster
 R.C.—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 13th JULY.

- 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-blags., 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.)
 167—St. John, Jack Straw's Castle, Hampstead
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 255—Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick Wilham, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 860—Duncombe, Sisters' Tavern, Fowall-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. (Inst.)
 1999—Fliers, Liverpool Arms, Cannon Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 136—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
 1446—Mount Edgecumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S. W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1441—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 1472—Bentley, 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—Licantor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.3. (Inst.)
 1999—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
 1568—Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall, W. C.
 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.)

- 126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
 131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
 160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
 184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
 211—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
 403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford
 408—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle (Instruct.)
 463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
 473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield
 593—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maldenhead
 603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Chesham
 626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
 696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Walsley
 726—Staffordsire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
 779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
 829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup
 897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
 903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
 986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
 1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
 1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sankley Greenhall, Street, Warrington
 1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
 1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent
 1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex
 1414—Knoke, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
 1545—Baldon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baldon
 1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
 1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool

- R.A. 70—St. John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth
 R.A. 253—Justice, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby
 R.A. 265—Jadea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
 R.A. 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
 R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
 R.A. 330—St. Petrock, Masonic Hall, Turf Street, Bodru
 R.A. 660—King Edwin, Freemasons' Hall, Yorkergate, New Walton
 R.A. 1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Chesham, Lancashire.
 M.M. 6—Adams, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
 M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy Street, Exeter
 M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 14th JULY.

- Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barabury, at 8. (Instruction)
 13—Waterloo, Union Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
 30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Pockham, at 7.4. (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, 3. (Inst.)
 533—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst.)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
 86—Warrington, Red Lion Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction)
 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)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
 1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.39. (Instruction)
 1691—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1629—United, Freemasons' Hall, W. C.
 1682—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsa Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1691—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct.)
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Cannon Row, New Road, S. E., at 8. (Inst.)
 1986—Honor Oak, Moore Park Hotel, near Honor Oak Station
 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.)
 M.M. (T. I.)—Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E. C.
 M.M.—Taistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W. C., at 8. (Instruction)
 M.M. 284—High Cross, Seven Sisters Hotel, Tottenham
 R.C. 67—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

- 51—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
 86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott, Lancashire
 125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
 123—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
 116—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
 191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
 225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
 433—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
 580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
 666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
 697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
 709—Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
 758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Buley-street, Salford
 854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham
 910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
 1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth
 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
 1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moseley, near Manchester
 1245—Devon, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
 1312—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Bysea, Newcastle
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 120 North Hill Street, Foxtech Park, Liverpool
 1398—Bawlin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
 1424—Brewer's, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham
 1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
 1541—Alexandra, Horsea, Hull. (Instruction)
 1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
 1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slathwaite
 1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
 2006—Tilbury, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex
 2041—West Kent Volunteer, Masonic Hall, Wilmington, Kent

- R.A. 21—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
 R.A. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
 R.A. 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
 R.A. 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Arms Hotel, Glossop
 R.A. 809—Etchells, Rose and Crown Hotel, Wisbech
 R.A. 946—Strawberry Hill, Grotto Hotel, Twickenham
 R.A. 1177—Dinley, Masonic Room, South Parade, Tenby
 R.A. 1345—Victoria, Cross Keys Hotel, Eccles
 R.A. 1549—Stanmore, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore

THURSDAY, 15th JULY.

- 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
- 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
- 144—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 Wolsley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)
- 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)

- 1153—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
- 1227—Upton, Spotted Dog, Upton
- 1278—Burpett Courts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
- 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
- 1321—Emblematic, Horns Tavern, Kennington
- 1339—Stockwell, Cuck Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
- 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton
- 1425—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
- 1508—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Canoe-row, at 8 (In.)
- 1602—Sir Hugu 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)
- 1623—West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 1626—Treuegar, 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)
- 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, Loudon Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
- 1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst)
- 1950—Southgate, Kaitway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1963—Duke of Albany, Masonic Hall, Shaftesbury Park, Lavender Hill

- R.A. 63—St. Mary, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
- R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
- R.A. 1383—Friends in Council, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
- M.M. 7—Canarvon, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
- M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7. (In)

- 56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
- 98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
- 116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne
- 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
- 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
- 275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
- 283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslington
- 337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
- 341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Ryb
- 343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
- 344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
- 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
- 346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
- 367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
- 369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
- 456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
- 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
- 600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
- 636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
- 659—Bagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe

- 1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
- 1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
- 1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
- 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
- 1320—Blackheath, Green Man, Blackheath
- 1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
- 1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Creighton, Devon
- 1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
- 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheddle
- 1872—St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton

- R.A. 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
- R.A. 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- R.A. 283—Wisdom, Swan Inn, Haslington
- R.A. 327—St. John's, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
- R.A. 339—Regularity, Crown Hotel, King Street, Penrith
- R.A. 516—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Longton, Staffordshire
- R.A. 913—Pattison, Lord Ralgar Tavern, Plumstead
- R.A. 1235—Phoenix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton
- R.A. 1324—Okeover, Mar Hotel, Ripley, Derby
- M.M.—Canynge, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol

FRIDAY, 16th JULY.

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
- 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)
- 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Inst.)
- 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
- 831—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
- 833—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
- 975—Rose of Denmark, Greyhound, Richmond

- 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
- 1118—University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
- 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1642—E. Canarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
- R.A.—Panmure U. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
- R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Port and Hotel, Loudon Street, Greenwich, (Inst.)
- R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Improvement)
- M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)

- 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
- 401—Royal Forest, Bark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
- 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyne
- 516—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
- 541—De Lorraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
- 652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmürch
- 893—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme

- 1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
- 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
- 1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
- 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
- 1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
- 1893—Wolsley, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester. (Instruction)
- 2005—Brooke, Forest Hotel, Chingford
- General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at

- R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
- R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
- R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
- M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- R.C.—Talbot, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

SATURDAY, 10th JULY.

- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rl., at 8 (In)
- 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
- 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
- 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
- 1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Pringle, Huddersfield, 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)
- Small Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
- R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
- M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

- 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
- 453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
- 1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton
- 1491—Felix, Clarence Hotel, Teddington
- 1556—Addiscombe, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon.
- 1597—Musgrave, Angel and Crown Hotel, Staines
- 1861—Claremont, Crown Hotel, Chertsey
- 2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
- R.A. 68—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
- R.A. 1194—Royal Middlesex, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
- R.A. 1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton
- M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

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ALBION LODGE, No. 2003 (E.C.)

THE annual installation of Officers of this Lodge, which took place on the 16th April, was made the occasion of one of the most interesting Masonic gatherings which have been held in Auckland or its vicinity for a long time. It was thoroughly representative, all Constitutions and most of the Provincial districts of New Zealand being represented, including Christchurch, Otago, &c., besides which there were representatives hailing from Lodges in the home country, including Glasgow, while the country districts surrounding Auckland were well represented. Amongst those present in representative capacity were: Bros. Lodder D.D.P.G.M., Craig W.M., Hanna W.M., Aagur W.M., Hitchens W.M., Dr. Erson W.M., Esam W.M., A. Cartig W.M. The following Past Masters were also present:—Bros. Clarke, Gardner, King, Durance, Wright, Dr. Walker, McCullough, Dr. Dawson, Powley, A. G. Russell, Cooper, La Roche, C. R. Johnson. The Masters and Officers of the St. Andrew (S.C.), the Remaera (E.C.), and the Ara (I.C.), attended as Lodges, and were received with appropriate honours. The hall was crowded to its utmost capacity, 110 guests being seated. Bro. M. Niccol D.P.G.M. of the S.C., and W.M. of Lodge Albion, officiated as Installing Master with his customary impressiveness and ease; Bro. P.M. Clarke, of the Prince of Wales Lodge, officiating as Director of the Ceremonies; Bro. Gardner assisting in the ceremonies and representations. Bro. Rowland Bramwell presided at the organ during the musical portion of the ceremonial. Bro. S. Vosper, who has passed through all the chairs of the Lodge up to the throne of King Solomon, and who had been unanimously asked to preside as Master of the Lodge for the ensuing year, was then presented to Brother Niccol, the Installing Officer, by Brothers Clarke and Gardner P.M.'s, and installed in the chair by the board of Installed Masters. He then proceeded to invest his Officers, as follow:—Bros. James Knox S.W., J. Mayo J.W., W. H. Brown Treasurer, Arthur Burgess Secretary, James Hogan S.D., F. H. W. Wells J.D., T. E. Duranco P.M. D.C., R. Bramwell Organist, C. W. Cave I.G., R. Duder and J. Simms Stewards, F. Varcoe Tyler. The Master, Wardens and Lodge having been addressed by Brother Niccol, and the Master duly saluted in each degree, the W.M. and Lodge received the hearty and warm congratulations of the D.D.G.M. and the representatives of the various Lodges, after which the Lodge was closed. Prior to the closing, the W.M. invited those present to remain for a few minutes while refreshments were being laid. An elegant spread then appeared as if by magic in the hall. This was provided exclusively by ladies of the North Shore, not by the Lodge, and it was not only liberal in the extreme, but provided in the most exquisite taste, and was thoroughly enjoyed by the visitors, whose appetites were doubtlessly improved by the trip across the harbour. The W.M. informed the meeting that the installation would be celebrated in the usual manner by an "At Home," to take place on the following Friday. A large number of the Auckland visitors then left to catch the ten o'clock ferry boat, but the proceedings were continued, and the usual Masonic toasts were proposed, received, and responded to.

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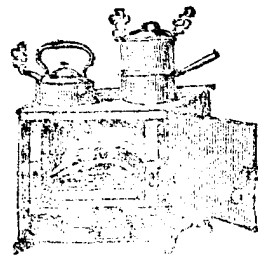
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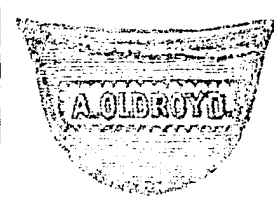
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