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THE JUBILEE COMMEMORATION.

THE issue of a second circular by the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, respecting the manner in which Her Majesty's Jubilee should be commemorated by English Freemasons, is an indication that no time has been lost in bringing that laudable project into working order. There was no necessity this time to make the communication "confidential," and we ventured to suggest when the January circular was issued that it was ill-advised to address it to the Masters of Lodges in any such ambiguous form. The impolicy of that step, however, was speedily seen and rectified, so that the circular was then placed unreservedly in the hands of the brethren of the Craft, and has since been fully considered and well thought out in most Lodges within the jurisdiction of the United Grand Lodge. It is no matter for surprise to find, as a result of the consensus of opinion which was invited, and which has been expressed, that the proposed celebration has met with the unanimous approval of every section of English Freemasonry. We should have been not only disappointed, but astounded, had it been otherwise. The members of an Ancient and Honourable Institution, whose watchword is "Loyalty to the Throne and Devotion to the Craft," could not fail to recognise the proposal to mark the Jubilee year of their illustrious Patroness with anything but unanimous enthusiasm. In every county in the United Kingdom—nay, we go so far as to believe in every town in which a Masonic Lodge has "a local habitation and a name"—the auspicious event will be celebrated by a special festival of some kind or other; and our beloved Sovereign may rest assured, if indeed any such assurance were needed, that by no body of her subjects will the Jubilee of her benign reign be more loyally and joyfully celebrated than by the solid and compact phalanx of men who bow allegiance to her august son our Most Worshipful Grand Master. The manner in which the epoch is to be celebrated by private Lodges, in the Metropolis and throughout the Provinces, has assumed as diversified a character as the hundred and one other schemes in process of development outside the pale of the Craft. Already we know of arrangements being actively carried on by committees of various London Lodges to make the occasion one in which their female friends may be permitted to have a pleasurable participation in the Jubilee rejoicings. Wives and sisters, and sweethearts of our brethren are even now cherishing golden visions of cosy pic-nics in sequestered nooks where flowers abound and the trees are resonant of singing birds. With happy reminiscences of such réunions in years gone by it is no wonder that they should be on the tiptoe of pleasurable anticipation in regard to the extended scale in which the Jubilee entertainments are sure to be carried out. Of course, in connection with any out-door festivities the weather is an important factor; but there is little reason to apprehend that in the "leafy month of June" that ubiquitous individual the Clerk of the Weather will go upon the spree, and leave Jupiter Pluvius and "rude Boreas blustering railer" to mar the pleasures of the Jubilee festivities. In some parts of the country, where the change of air and scene, the sight of fair fields and the music of gurgling streams, are not so deliciously welcome as to the pent-up Londoner, because of their accustomed familiarity, we hear of balls and parties and

conversaziones in prospect, as a means of celebrating the event; and, although it seems to us in town somewhat "unseasonable" to hold in-door entertainments in the sultry summer time, yet, by taking the inverse order of things, we can readily understand that our country friends, who have fewer opportunities of participating in such gatherings than we enjoy in the metropolis, will find in them far more real relaxation and pleasure than in picnicing on the greensward and dancing in a marquee. At any rate, the Jubilee of Victoria the Good has struck a chord which will vibrate throughout the whole of our Masonic ranks, and both in town and country will reverberate the notes of hearty and loyal enthusiasm from the thousands who are ranged under the banner of our Order, and all who are near and dear to them.

But, apart from this general aspect of the commemoration, our attention is drawn to the circular above alluded to, and which is now in the hands of the Masters of Lodges everywhere in the kingdom. It is, of course, a fact virtually accomplished that there shall be a great meeting of English Freemasons held in London this summer, under the presidency of His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master, when an address of congratulation to Her Majesty will be agreed to, and ordered to be formally presented to the Queen. It is further suggested that a commemoration jewel shall be instituted, which all Masons who are subscribing members of some English Lodge on the 20th June 1887 shall be entitled to wear. We need not weary our readers by commenting upon these portions of the Pro Grand Master's manifesto, for they were very exhaustively considered in these columns some weeks ago. But it is due to repeat that the proposal to hold a great representative gathering of English Masons in the metropolis is one that could not possibly fail to have met with the approbation and welcome of the entire Craft; and we ventured at the outset to predict that the idea was one which would be at once grasped as a laudable one by every member of the Fraternity. In his former circular the Pro Grand Master explained that the arrangements for the meeting in London could not then be made, but that it appeared appropriate and desirable that a considerable fund should be raised on that occasion in behalf of our three Masonic Charities, and that an admission fee should be charged for this object, by means of tickets obtained beforehand through the Masters of the various Lodges. Earl Carnarvon now informs the brethren that it has since been decided by His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master that the meeting in question shall be held in the Albert Hall, during the week commencing on the 13th of June next, and that the fee for the ticket of admission thereto shall be one guinea, the proceeds going to the three Masonic Charities as proposed. It is, unfortunately, as yet impracticable to name the exact day, which will, however, be notified as soon as it is possible to do so. As the accommodation, which necessarily varies in different parts of the hall, will not permit of more than five brethren being present from each Lodge, it is requested that Masters will transmit to the Grand Secretary before the 10th of May the actual number of tickets, not exceeding that number, required, accompanied by a remittance of one guinea for each ticket. It is almost to be regretted that a larger building than the Albert Hall could not have been secured for this memorable event—one that certainly has no precedent, nor in all probability will it

ever occur again in our history. We heard at first some suggestion that the New Agricultural Hall at Kensington, more familiarly known as "Olympia," should be the locale of the gathering; but we suppose there are reasons for centring the meeting at the place in which our Most Worshipful Grand Master was installed with such glorious pomp and circumstance twelve years ago. How many of us have still lingering in our minds the feeling of disappointment experienced by the brethren who were then unable to gain admission to the Albert Hall, the fact being that the building was utterly inadequate to the accommodation of the whole of the brethren who were desirous of witnessing that splendid spectacle? When it is considered that since 1875 Freemasonry has made gigantic strides, not only in influence and importance, but also in numbers, it can readily be imagined how much more wide-spread will be the disappointment produced by a similar inability to gratify the wishes of all those who desire to participate in the Commemoration Festival. If we remember rightly, the full complement that could be accommodated in the Albert Hall, on the day of His Royal Highness's installation was seven thousand; but, great as that number appeared at the time, there were hundreds, if not thousands, who strove in vain to participate in those gorgeous proceedings. How many more, therefore, will be involuntarily excluded from the approaching Festival, taking into consideration the great number of Lodges that have sprung into existence since the Prince's accession to office? It is within the bounds of possibility that even yet some means may be devised to meet this difficulty, and we sincerely hope such may be the case, as it is pretty certain there are in the country double seven thousand who would gladly avail themselves of the opportunity of being present, not merely for the sake of witnessing the spectacle itself, but with the comfortable knowledge that they were assisting the cause of Charity, which is so near to the heart of every Freemason. A most sensible and reasonable suggestion comes from the Most Worshipful Grand Master, namely that the Resolution of Congratulation to be voted to Her Majesty at this meeting in London should be considered as emanating from the entire English Craft, and that local addresses will therefore be unnecessary. The wisdom of such a course is obvious, when it is remembered that the Queen will be literally deluged with similar addresses of congratulation from thousands of societies and institutions of every grade during the Jubilee celebration, and that it would be a work of almost impracticability to acknowledge each and all the loving epistles that the two thousand and odd Lodges under the Grand Lodge might be desirous of sending in. In the resolution to be proposed, and which will be carried with such acclaim as resolution has never before been voted in this or any other country, will be embodied the true sentiments of loyal affection and devotion which stir the heart of every member of our Institution, and there is no necessity, therefore, for Lodges to forward addresses independently, which will naturally be couched in nearly synonymous language. In his former circular the Pro Grand Master suggested that, in order to specially show their personal affection and respect for their Grand Master, all English Masons should have the opportunity of joining in a small subscription in aid of the fund now being collected for the erection of the "Imperial Institute of the United Kingdom, the Colonies, and India," the national memorial of the Queen's Jubilee, which has originated with our Grand Master, and has been approved of by Her Majesty. On this point the Pro Grand Master requested the opinion of the various Lodges, and the subject was very freely discussed and commented upon, an opinion being expressed in some Lodges that the subscription should be left entirely and unreservedly to the option of members, seeing that the Institute was not a purely Masonic question. Earl Carnarvon, however, tells us that of the answers yet received, numbering nearly a thousand, a large majority are in favour of the suggestion. He adds that it has since been arranged with the authorities of the Institute that the amount so collected shall be allotted to some particular portion of the building, which shall be permanently identified by some designation, marking it as the gift of the Freemasons of England. This, of course, removes at one stroke all the objections which were at first raised against the Institute scheme, and the Pro Grand Master points out that "it will be optional for Lodges either to report the names of their subscribers to this fund, or to

include the amounts contributed in one sum." There is no reason whatever to apprehend that, in spite of a little show of opposition at first made to it, simply and solely on the ground of the non-Masonic character of the movement, the brethren will do their share in supporting the national memorial, as much from sentiments of loyalty to the Throne as for their deep "personal affection and respect for their Grand Master." Looking forward to the event as one of the most important and memorable that will mark the present era, we confidently anticipate that the Freemasons of England will show conspicuously that they possess in an eminent degree all the sentiments of loyal fidelity and love which exist in the hearts of true Englishmen towards the most illustrious Sovereign who has ever swayed the destinies of this mighty Empire, and that in doing so they will raise a solid and substantial monument to the cause of Charity, which will redound to their infinite credit, and be the admiration of the civilised world.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THE April Quarterly Court of the Subscribers and Governors of this Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall on Saturday last, under the presidency of Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, C.C., Past Grand Treasurer. After the confirmation of the minutes and other routine business, Brother Horace B. Marshall was unanimously re-elected Treasurer for the ensuing year; and he briefly returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him. Twelve annual subscribers were elected on the General Committee. A lengthy discussion took place on motions of which notice had been given, respecting certain alterations which were thought desirable in the days of the Elections to the three Institutions, so as to suit the convenience of Provincial brethren; and it was ultimately resolved:—

That it being considered desirable by certain Provincial Brethren that the dates for the Elections of the Three Masonic Institutions should be altered, a Committee be appointed to consider the matter, and confer with the Committees of the two other Institutions, and report to the meeting at the October Quarterly General Court.

It was then unanimously agreed that the 28 girls on the list of candidates (one having been withdrawn) should be admitted to the benefits of the Girls' School; and the Chairman, in congratulating the friends of the candidates upon that result, remarked that they had happily been spared the anxiety, trouble, expense and worry of a contested election. Although every case was thoroughly examined by the General Committee, it was a fact that the child who had the support of a Province or a wealthy Patron of the Institution at her back was generally elected, whereas a friendless and destitute child might be left out in the cold. On such an occasion as this it was that such children reaped the benefits of the Institution, and he was sure the beneficent act of the Governors, who took all the candidates in without election, would receive the approval of the subscribers generally. The Board of Management looked with confidence to an increased amount of support from the friends of the Institution at the Annual Festival on 11th May, in consequence of the increased expense, trouble and anxiety which was incurred by taking in so large a number of children. Bro. J. S. Cumberland inquired as to an item of £153 3s 7d for the funeral expenses of the late Matron, and the Secretary explained that the sum, which included mourning for the staff of servants, had been passed with the rest of the accounts by the House Committee; if desired he would produce the particulars on a future occasion. The meeting closed with the usual vote of thanks to the Chairman.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

ON Monday last, the April Quarterly Court of the Governors and Subscribers was held at Freemasons' Tavern, when the chair was occupied by Bro. W. Roebuck Grand Standard Bearer. The meeting was numerously attended. After the confirmation of the minutes, Bro. George Plucknett was unanimously re-elected Treasurer for the ensuing year. On the motion of Bro. C. F.

Hogard, Clause 3, Law 25, was rescinded. Two motions by Bro. J. A. Birch P.P.J.G.W. East Lancashire, and Bro. R. Wylie P.P.J.G.W. West Lancashire, were set down on the agenda, respecting the alteration of the days on which the elections of the three Institutions should be held; but, in order to save the time of the Court, Bro. Birch said they would be embodied in one resolution, to be moved by himself and seconded by Bro. Wylie, as follows:—

That, in order to suit the better convenience of the brethren representing the Provinces and to facilitate the Business of the Elections, it is desirable that the day of Election be altered; and that a Committee be appointed to consider the matter and confer with Committees of the two other Institutions, and to report to the Quarterly General Court in October.

The Chairman said five brethren were appointed on Saturday as the Committee to act for the Girls' School—three London and two Provincial brethren. After a desultory conversation the motion was agreed to. A committee having been appointed, it was resolved, on the motion of Bro. J. L. Mather, that the following should be added to Law 53:—

Provided that a Candidate shall not be disqualified by reason of his age exceeding eleven years at the date of Election in cases where such excess would not have arisen had the Election been held on the Monday immediately succeeding the second Saturday in April.

On the motion of the Chairman it was resolved that twenty-seven boys be elected to the benefits of the Boys' School, instead of twenty-five, as previously agreed to. The poll was then opened, the list containing forty-five candidates; and later in the afternoon the results were announced. The names of the successful candidates will be found in our advertisement columns, and below we give the list of those who were not successful on this occasion, with the number of votes that they will carry forward for any future effort they may make to secure the privileges of the School.

UNSUCCESSFUL.

Name.	Forward.	Polled.	Total.
Cable, David William Ewart	—	1262	1262
Le Gros, Francis	—	1046	1046
Wood, Joseph	726	117	843
Ball, Charles	—	747	747
Pitt, Edward John	—	700	700
Gray, Harold	235	270	505
Couch, Cyril Courtenay	—	258	258
Turner, Francis Pater	—	243	243
McCoy, Ewart Gilbert	—	208	208
Green, Charles William	59	91	150
Scott, Frederick William John	41	72	113
Fursey, Samuel Henry Reginald	—	104	104
Cannon, George	40	52	92
Burgess, Edgar Holmes	39	13	52
Scholes, Arthur Henry*	—	32	32
Siggers, Clement	—	20	20
Bostock, Martin Roddwell	—	8	8
Crossman, John	—	—	—

* Will be removed from List under Law 53, being eleven years of age, and unsuccessful.

The Board of Benevolence held its monthly meeting on Wednesday last, at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. R. Grey P.G.D. There was a very full attendance of the members of the Board. Several recommendations, amounting in the aggregate to £450, made at the March meeting, were confirmed, and a long list of new cases was considered. Two were deferred, and two dismissed. The remainder were relieved, with a total of £1,130, which was composed of one recommendation of £150, one of £100, one of £75, two of £50 each, six of £40 each, seven of £30 each, and eight grants of £20 each, one of £15, seven of £10 each, and two of £5 each.

By a supplementary list just issued we learn that Mr. W. W. Wallis, son of Bro. Percy Wallis, Prov. Senior Grand Warden Derbyshire, a Vice-President of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and a staunch supporter of the Masonic Institutions, has succeeded in passing the Cambridge Local Examination. We congratulate Brother Percy Wallis on this proof of his son's assiduity in regard to his studies.

The installation of Bro. Herbert Dicketts, the W.M. elect of the Metropolitan Council (T.I.), in succession to Brother Henry Venn, will take place at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion Square, on Friday next, the 29th inst., at four o'clock in the afternoon. A banquet will be provided at the Holborn Restaurant, for those only who signify their intention of being present before the 28th April.

Obituary.

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BRO. ALFRED MEADOWS, M.D., P.G.D.

ANOTHER veteran member of our Fraternity has been called away from the scene of his useful labours in the Craft; and the intelligence of the death of Bro. Dr. Alfred Meadows, Past Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge, and Past Grand Sword Bearer of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, has been received with feelings of genuine sorrow by all who knew him, either personally or by repute. Our deceased brother was initiated in the Time Immemorial Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge, No. 4, in 1869, and in 1876 was elected W.M., and at the same time represented it on the Board of Grand Stewards. In the following year he was exalted to the R.A. Degree in the Moira Chapter, No. 92, in which he was installed First Principal in 1881; and in 1885 he was appointed and invested S.G.D. in the United Grand Lodge, and G.S.B. in Supreme Grand Chapter. He was also founder and present W.M. of the University of London Lodge, No. 2033, and a joining member of the Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127. In 1884 he was advanced to the Mark in the Bon Accord Lodge, and was installed first W.M. of the Chiswick Lodge, No. 357, in 1885. He had also been perfected a Rose Croix in the A. and A. Rite; while as regards our Institutions, he had qualified as Life Governor of, and served as, Festival Steward for all three of them. The news of his death has been a source of very wide spread regret, the Craft having lost a most valuable and eminently useful coadjutor. The funeral takes place at Colnbrook this (Saturday) afternoon.

BRO. ALFRED RICHARDS, P.G.D.D.C.

WITH unfeigned regret we have to announce the demise of Brother A. Richards, whose efforts on behalf of Freemasonry were so widely known and deservedly appreciated by the Craft. The deceased was initiated into the St. Andrew's Lodge, in 1850, and eight years later he filled the chair of that Lodge. Bro. Richards was also a Royal Arch Mason, though he did not attach himself to the Mark Degree; and after thirty years of assiduous support to the Craft, in the various positions he filled, he was appointed, in 1884, by United Grand Lodge as Grand Deputy Director of Ceremonies, and as 2nd Grand Standard Bearer in the Supreme Grand Chapter. He was, moreover, received into the Ancient and Accepted Rite, in which he attained to the 31°, and was a Life Governor and Festival Steward of both the Masonic Schools. The death of one who stood highly in the estimation of all the brethren with whom he was brought into contact is a source of very general regret, and the loss to the Craft one which cannot easily be repaired.

A Convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement was held on Thursday, at Northampton House, Canonbury. Comps. H. Jenkins M.E.Z., F. Brasted H., W. Radcliffe J., W. Salmon S.N., J. E. Sheffield P.S. There was a fair attendance, and the ceremony of Exaltation was rehearsed in an able and impressive manner. Comp. T. C. Edmonds is the Preceptor.

The following Festivals took place at the Freemasons' Tavern for the week ending 23rd April 1887:—

Monday—Grand Master's Lodge, Royal Albert Lodge, British Lodge, Royal Masonic Institution for Boys (Election), Gavel Club Cinderella. Tuesday—Old Acquaintance Musical Society Smoking Concert, Salisbury Lodge, Wanderers' Chapter, Jerusalem Chapter, Society of Architects. Wednesday—Grand Steward's Lodge, Buckingham and Chandos Lodge, Oak Lodge, Noviomagus. Thursday—Globe Lodge, St. Mary's Lodge, Universal Lodge. Friday—Swiss Secours Dinner and Ball. Saturday—Press Club Dinner.

Thursday, the 28th inst., has been appointed for the reception of Works of Art intended for the Summer Exhibition of the 19th Century Art Society, at the Conduit Street Galleries.

WHAT IS FREEMASONRY ?

An Oration delivered by Bro. O. A. Bassett, Grand Orator, at the Banquet given the members of the Grand Lodge of Kansas by the Masons of Atchison, on Wednesday evening, 16th February 1887.

MASONRY is a beautiful system of Morality veiled in Allegory and illustrated by Symbols. This System is claimed to be of great antiquity, but whether ancient or modern, whether it was coeval with creation, existed before the great flood, or had its origin in the building of the temple, is of little moment to any one except to him who takes more pride in being able to trace his ancestry in an unbroken line for centuries, than in the achievements of his ancestors, or in the character of the present generation of his family.

It is not so important a question among Masons what Masonry has done, or what Masonry will do, as what Masonry is now doing; the present generation of Masons are in no wise responsible for the past, they may be largely responsible for the future, but the entire responsibility of the present rests upon them; and whatever they fail to do or to perform is a loss entailed on generations yet to come, and a loss which can never be made good; like a day once lost it can never be regained.

In view of this present responsibility it is important that all Masons should know what Masonry is, and as this knowledge can be attained only by degrees, and attained only by a proper discussion of the principles upon which, in the words of the operative Mason, the structure rests, it is appropriate that here, and before this assemblage, some words should be spoken, which may add to the general fund of information, though no more may be accomplished than to give the definition of a single word, or the proper explanation of a single sentence.

Masonry, which to the uninitiated is a mystery, is even to the initiated mysterious; its grand conceptions are as incomprehensible to the mind as is the length and breadth, the height and depth of the universe; at the threshold of investigation perhaps but one idea as a single line stretches out before us, but as we advance we perceive new lines branching on either side, until we arrive at a point where the lines diverge as radii from the centre of a circle, extending towards a circumference which is never reached, for principle, like space, is limitless.

These lines which are so numerous that they are countless, so extensive that they have no end, are the paths which Masons are exploring, and it is from the monuments set up along these ways we learn the aims, the purposes of Masonry; these monuments, some great, some small, some bearing the name of but a single Craftsman, others of many, some fashioned with skill, and others crudely wrought, all serve as landmarks of the progress made in the investigation of truth, and when these are taken as aids to the Great Light which has been given to man as a rule and guide for his labours, the Mason of the present may not materially err in his constructions.

The Great Light to which reference has been made is the corner stone upon which Masonry has been erected; it is the centre from which the radiating lines of principle diverge; it is the starting point of all Masonic explorers, who seek the investigation of the truth; it is the trestle board upon which the Master has drawn designs for the workmen; it is a guide to faith, a rule for conduct and an aid to knowledge; its conception is marvellous, its execution faultless, and its precepts sublime; and finally it teaches all men how to live in this life, and ensures to all who follow its teachings an inheritance in the kingdom which was before the foundations of the world.

MASONRY AS A SYSTEM OF MORALITY.

The literature of Masonry is explanatory of its principles; its teachings are exemplified in its long-continued existence, and the influence it is wielding in the interest of humanity. Its cardinal virtues, temperance, prudence, fortitude and justice, commend it to all mankind, and have enabled it to maintain its exalted position, as the first among the voluntary associations known to history.

An objection is made by some persons to Masonry, because it claims to inculcate only those principles of morality which are embraced in the cardinal virtues, and in those tenets, Brother Love, Relief and Truth, which it inculcates. They object to it because it is not a religious society, in the sense that the church is an association of

persons for the propagation of religious worship. Such persons overlook the fact that the moral law is the very foundation of the law divine, and that an observance of the moral law must lead to an observance of divine law.

Have those who object to Masonry ever read the Old Charges? of which the first is, "man is obliged by his tenure to observe the moral law," and if he rightly understands the art he will never be a stupid atheist nor an irreligious libertine." Have they ever read in the Old Charges "that in ancient times Masons were charged in every country to be of the religion of that country?" And have they ever read in the Old Charges, "that it is now thought more expedient only to oblige Masons to that religion in which all men agree?"

We do not claim that Masonry is religion, yet we may well claim that it is the broadest of all religions. It embraces the first principles of those religious beliefs upon which all religions are founded. It teaches a firm belief in the Great Being who was, is, and shall be; it teaches the resurrection of the body and the immortality of the soul; it teaches that truth is a divine attribute and the foundation of every virtue; it teaches that an observance of Divine law is essential to present and future happiness, and it strongly impresses upon all the observance of the golden rule, "Do unto others as ye would that others should do unto you."

Upon the tessellated pavement of Masonry, all who believe in these principles and observe these precepts can stand; the Jew and Buddhist, the Christian and the Mohammedan, united in one common belief in the existence of the Great Architect of the Universe, who has promulgated laws and commanded obedience to them, here unite in inculcating those moral principles which are the very essence of these divine commands. Around the altar of Masonry they together stand to renew their vows and repledge their faith, and there each must be tested by those unerring instruments, the square, the level and the plumb of Masonry.

MASONRY AS VEILED IN ALLEGORY.

It has ever been a favourite method of imparting instruction, and exciting the curiosity of the uninformed, and increasing the desire for learning, to illustrate the subject by figurative sentences and discourses, in which the principal idea is described by another resembling it. Allegory is word-painting, an imprint on the memory of some fanciful image conveying important truth.

When we indulge in figurative discourse, the impression made is generally more vivid, and continues longer on the mind of the auditor than when the same lesson is taught without embellishment; especially is this true when the mind of the individual is undisciplined, is not accustomed to dealing with abstruse subjects, and is hardly capable of distinguishing the premises, the reasoning and the conclusion of any given proposition.

May I illustrate word-painting? Assuming your consent, I do. It is said that Masonry has its secrets. I do not stand sponsor for this proposition, and it has also been said that these secrets have never been divulged to any but those who were entitled to receive them. Masons have renounced and denounced Masonry, but they never have divulged the secrets of Masonry, Masons have become intoxicated and while delirious have published their own infamy, but they have never revealed the secrets of Masonry; Masons have become insane, and in their hallucinations have exhibited by their speech the greatest hatred of Masonry and terror of Masons, but they have never spoken the secrets of Masonry.

My earliest Masonic recollections are of an aged Mason of reputable standing, at whose feet the novitiates loved to sit and listen to his instructive words; in their zeal for advancement they plied him with questions, and he seemed ever ready to impart instruction; but when they sought for knowledge of those things which must be denied, it was thus he spake:

"Ye are seekers after wisdom, O, young inquirers, that wisdom which is the science of the Gods, and ye roam from land to land and from people to people, like mortals driven by the destinies. I, too, once sought wisdom, that wisdom which is and ever shall be denied to mortals. I, too, once sought to know the Gods, and to learn from what source men, animals, and the elements of universal fire have their origin.

"In the times when I kept my night watch by the sea caverns, I have sometimes believed I was about to surprise

some thought of the sleeping Cybele, and this mother of the Gods, betrayed by her incautious dreams, would let fall some of her secrets; but I have never made out more than sounds, which faded away in the murmurs of night, or words as inarticulate as the babbling of rivulets.

"In the times, when in the zenith of manhood, I kept my vigils by the great deep, I have sometimes thought I was about to discover some murmur of the slumbering Ocean, and this father of all things, disturbed by the winds, in his fancied solitude, would disclose some of his mysteries; but the sea-nymphs who weave their eternal dance before him, have covered any sound which may have escaped his half-opened lips, and thus he, in his own breast keeps safely locked all those things which man is not permitted to learn.

"The mortals, dear to the Gods for their virtues, have received the elements for their necessities, the beauties of nature for their pleasures, and souls that they may live for ever, but from the inexorable lips of the Gods nothing. Be ye therefore content to receive that which the Gods have given you. Seek not to penetrate the mysteries. Ye may hear the music of the spheres, but never know whence it comes. Ye may subject the elements to your use, but never create an atom. Ye may seek wisdom, but you will never find it."

(To be continued.)

REVIEWS.

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The Freemasons' Calendar for Derbyshire. Compiled by Brother W. Naylor P.P.S.G.W., &c.

MASONIC calendars have become so numerous of late, and they present so many features in common, that it is difficult to vary the descriptions of the various editions which come into our hands. In the case, however, of the twelfth annual issue of the Freemasons' Calendar and Directory for the Province of Derbyshire, the task is a comparatively easy one, for in it we see what a thoroughly complete calendar ought to be. In some instances compilers find it necessary to express regret that, in consequence of laxity on the part of Worshipful Masters or Secretaries in sending the necessary information, their work has been retarded and the publication of the calendars delayed. But even then we can point to some cases in which, though issued late in the year, the information supplied is by no means "up to date," and in one or two of them Masters and Officers in some Lodges are given whose terms of office had expired many months before. Bro. Naylor commits no such mistakes; and we have nothing but praise to bestow upon the admirable little handbook he has presented to the brethren of his Province. There are few Provinces in which Masonry is making such rapid strides, and has assumed such robust proportions, as in Derbyshire, and therefore it is not only desirable, but expedient, that the brethren should be kept well posted as to the doings of their respective Lodges. The almanac section of the book is quite unique so far as the information it gives is concerned, a Lodge meeting being placed in due order against the days of each month, thus saving much trouble and inconvenience in turning over back pages for reference. The usual lists of Officers of United Grand Lodge and of the Provincial Grand Lodge are inserted, followed by a complete list of the Lodges in the Province, the dates and places of meeting, installation, and all other details upon which it might be useful to be informed. The names of the Officers are in every case brought down to the very latest moment before publication, so that we do not find, as we before observed, Officers who have been eighteen months out of their chairs figuring as the present wearers of the respective collars named. The same remarks apply to the Royal Arch Chapters and Mark Lodges in the Province. Lists are also given of the Lodges, &c., in the adjoining Provinces of Nottinghamshire, and Leicestershire and Rutland; and the compiler furnishes some "Masonic Notes" which are of special use and interest to the brethren of Derbyshire. The list of the various Lodges and brethren who subscribe to the three Institutions has reached such an extent that it has been found necessary to print it on consecutive pages instead of on a folded sheet as heretofore. This elongated budget of names, occupying over eighteen pages, is an eloquent testimony to the practical interest taken in Freemasonry by the brethren of Derbyshire, and is of by no means the least interesting feature of this calendar. The letterpress is in blue, most neatly arranged, and is bound in purple, with inside pages of vermillion. In every respect this work reflects the highest credit both on the compiler and the printer, whilst our Derbyshire brethren may be congratulated upon being in possession of one of the most perfect and complete of all the Masonic calendars we have yet seen.

May's British and Irish Press Guide, and Advertisers' Directory and Handbook, 1887. London: James Willing jun. (F. L. May and Co.), 159 Piccadilly, W.

It is within the recollection of even the youngest man who has adopted journalism as a profession that until recent years newspaper directories and advertising guides were monopolised by one or two

firms; but of late they seem to have multiplied to an extent quite proportionate to the increase of newspapers themselves since the removal of the stamp duty. One of the first to enter the field of competition was "May's Guide," as it is now familiarly called, and which occupies a place side by side with the best books of reference on printing, publishing, and advertising on the shelves of every newspaper and other office connected with publications in the United Kingdom. During the seventeen years of its issue many improvements have been made in the compilation of this useful work, though its exterior bears the "old familiar form" in which we knew it at the outset of its career. Probably its convenient and compact size, together with the conciseness of its arrangements, has rendered "May's" popular amongst those who do business in the publishing and advertising world; at any rate it is now regarded by professional men as one of the most reliable and handy works of reference in their particular "lines." The current issue has been revised from information supplied, as usual, direct from the respective proprietors and publishers of the very large number of publications the book contains. Among the contents chiefly to be noted is the steady increase in the number under each of the headings into which the periodical press is here divided. In the preface some interesting statistics on this subject are given; and from these we learn that of newspapers and class journals this increase has now reached to 2,538, of which 680 are published within a radius of six miles from Charing Cross. In English provincial towns and places the number is 1,366; in Wales 82; Scotland 213; in Ireland 175; and in the British Isles 22. Of these 25 are issued daily in London, 126 in the provinces, 6 in Wales, 21 in Scotland, 18 in Ireland, and 1 in Jersey. Periodicals now number 1,119, and annual publications 596. The whole form a total of 4,253—an increase of 35 upon the numbers included in the last edition of "May's; or, taking the 199 cessations mentioned in the book, the number of new titles here to be found is 234. This total is much in excess of that shown by any other work of its class, and that without including many foreign publications only kept on sale by London agents. The metropolitan newspapers are arranged under their respective days of publication, and this is followed by a complete list of British and Irish newspapers published daily. The provincial towns in which newspapers are published are arranged under their counties; and, after some interesting statistics of the newspaper and periodical press, comes an exhaustive directory of representative organs and of subjects, interests, professions, trades, classes, religious denominations, sciences, &c., represented in the British and Irish newspapers and periodical press. These are all alphabetically arranged, with conspicuous headings, so that the finger may be placed at once upon any class of publication upon which information is desired. Classified lists are also given of directories, almanacs, calendars, &c., and of metropolitan class and trade organs, commercial and mercantile journals, prices currents, mail summaries, literary, critical and social reviews, &c., together with the London addresses of provincial newspapers. These latter and periodical publications are alphabetically arranged under the towns in which they are published, together with the publishers' names and addresses, the price and politics of each, and the days on which they are issued; and a useful addition to these lists is an index to provincial newspapers which have not the name of a town as the leading word of the title. The advantage of this is obvious to every newspaper man. Space is devoted to existing newspapers of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, arranged chronologically, with interesting notes on the subject from researches in the British Museum and elsewhere; old newspaper hands will study with interest the titular amalgamations that have taken place in journalistic history. All necessary information is given respecting English newspapers published in the Colonies, British India, the chief towns and cities of the United States, and on the Continent; public societies, associations, &c., with their representative organs, and a vast amount of other useful information to the trade. The increase in the number of advertisements throughout the work is an index of the advancing popularity of "May's," which is on all hands admirably compiled, complete, and exhaustive in all its details, and one of the best works of reference of its class extant. It is indispensable to every man whose business brings him in contact with the newspaper and advertising world, and Bro. James Willing jun. (F. L. May and Co.) is to be congratulated upon the great success which has attended the work since its first issue, seventeen years ago.

THE LONDON HORSE SHOW, AT THE NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL HALL, KENSINGTON.—The Horse Show, to be held at Olympia from the 14th to 20th May, promises to be one of the events of the London season. The prizes offered are upon a most liberal scale, amounting to £1,200, £415 being set apart for hunters, and £180 for hacks. One of the popular features of the show will also be the four-in-hand and tandem classes. Jumping competitions will take place daily, many of the animals being ridden by lady riders. The great building, four acres in extent, is absolutely perfect for a horse show, it adjoins the important junction of Addison Road, Kensington, where there is direct railway communication, without changing, with all parts of the country, horses will thus be able to step out of their boxes within a few yards of their destination. Many of our principal breeders will probably embrace the opportunity afforded them for disposing of high-class animals by entering them at this show with the view to their being sold at the sale which will take place on the last day, conducted by Messrs. Tattersalls. Intending purchasers will also have the advantage of seeing hunters over fences and hacks and harness horses under saddle or harness any day during the show before 11 o'clock.

£20.—TOBACCONISTS COMMENCING.—An illustrated guide, regd. (136 pp.). "How to Open Respectably from £20 to £2000." 3 stamps. H. MYERS & Co., Cigar and Tobacco Merchants, 107 to 111 Easton Road, London. Wholesale only. Telephone No. 7541. General Shopfitters. Estimates free.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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GROVE LODGE, No. 410.

A MEETING was held on Saturday, the 16th inst., at the Sun Hotel, Kingston, when there were present Bros. J. Eastace Smith W.M., H. J. F. Dumas S.W., H. J. P. Dumas J.W., Hawkins S.D., W. Worrell J.D., C. Greenwood P.M. Secretary, W. E. Potter, C. D. Lister. Visitors—Bros. Whitehouse and E. Farman. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Mr. Alfred Craven Greenwood, a son of the late Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Surrey, was a candidate for our mysteries. He was proposed by Bro. Charles Greenwood, and seconded by Bro. H. J. Hawkins. The result was in favour of the candidate, who was duly initiated by his brother, the Provincial Grand Secretary, Brother C. Greenwood. A report was presented by the Audit Committee, and Bro. Worrell was elected an honorary member. The Brethren afterwards adjourned to a banquet which was capitally served by Bro. Bond.

DORIC LODGE, No. 933.

THE last meeting of this Lodge for the season was held on Tuesday evening, the 12th instant, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street. The following were present: Bros. A. Calver W.M., J. West I.P.M., C. Giddins S.W., J. Smith J.W., Wainwright P.M. Treasurer, J. Bowron P.M. Secretary, J. Hall Brown S.D., J. Grey J.D., W. Smith I.G., G. T. H. Seddon P.M. Organist; P.M.'s T. J. Barnes, S. Crane, Geo. Hollington, E. Williams, R. Tucker, G. A. Payne, R. Ayton, G. Edney; also Bros. F. Johnson, W. J. Harris, Scott, W. A. Hine, W. Caslake, C. J. Dance, J. L. Dale, J. Barber, E. E. Pearson, J. R. Hunt, J. Denn. Visitors—J. G. Monro P.M. 36, J. H. Brown 1598, J. W. Miller 1491. The Lodge having been opened in the first degree, a variety of correspondence was submitted by the Secretary, including an application from a former member, which, after consideration, was endorsed by the W.M. and chief Officers for submission to the Board of Benevolence. Two candidates were proposed for admission, and Lodge closed and adjourned until October. The brethren then repaired to a well-served dinner, after which the customary toasts were honoured. A special toast was "The Joining Members," which gave these brethren the opportunity of giving a hearty welcome to Mr. W. J. Harris, who aptly and appropriately responded. The proceedings were interspersed, as usual, with songs and recitations, by the W.M., Bros. J. L. Dale, J. Smith, W. Smith, Giddins, Miller, and Scott; Bro. G. T. H. Seddon officiated at the pianoforte.

JOHN HERVEY LODGE, No. 1260.

THIS Lodge met on Wednesday, the 13th instant, at the Freemasons' Tavern, the occasion being the installation of Bro. S. H. Barker as W.M. Prior to the event of the day, there was considerable work, Bro. Frank Tayler, C.C., in closing his year of office as W.M. having a good amount of work to do, in passing the Rev. R. C. Lewis, M.A., to the second degree, and initiating Messrs. F. G. Woods, E. A. Brock, and H. V. Cherry. The installation ceremony was conducted by the retiring W.M., with the assistance of Bro. Latreille P.M., J. B. Sorrell P.M., and others. About 70 brethren were present, and amongst them were Bros. H. Evans P.M., Jas. Evans, W. F. Potter, Tucker P.M., and Scott. The installation ceremony having been impressively performed the W.M. invested the following Officers for the ensuing year: Bros. H. F. Frost S.W., W. Henry J.W., Dr. Jabez Hogg P.G.D. P.M. Treasurer, Orlando L. M. Latreille P.M. Secretary, Rev. R. C. Lewis, M.A., Chaplain, F. J. Dangerfield S.D., Walter F. Potter J.D., Walter Symes Harris I.G., Major J. Heaton P.M. D.C., Walter C. Fox A.D.C., Geo. Collins W.S., T. C. Stevens A.W.S., S. K. Eldridge Organist, F. Varley Assistant Organist, Freeman Tyler. Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to a *récherché* banquet, after which the customary toasts were honoured, the evening's enjoyment being materially augmented by the musical arrangements, made by Bro. W. Henry J.W., who was assisted by Madame George, Miss Hipwell, and Bro. Wallis.

STOCKWELL LODGE, No. 1339.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday last, the 19th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road. There was a very large attendance of Craftsmen to do honour to the occasion, and our popular Bro. James Pain, the well-known Pyrotechnist, whose services are fully appreciated by the members of the Stockwell Lodge, could but be gratified with the influential attendance of those who were present in his honour and that of his son. Bro. Herbert Moss, the retiring Worshipful Master, presided, supported by Bros. H. J. Pain S.W. and Worshipful Master elect, Past Masters J. M. Klenck (Hon. Member), H. E. Frances Secretary, Jas. Pain (Treasurer), W. F. Masters, &c. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. Percy Wallis Prov. Grand Warden Derbyshire, Frederick Binckes P.G.S., Richard Eve Grand Treasurer-elect, Edwin Storr P.M. 167, W. A. Scurrah I.P.M. 2048, W. M. Stiles P.M. 1744, J. Youldon W.M. 1981, J. J. Thomas J.W. 753, T. Colman S.W. 1265, J. J. Humphress W.M. 733, M. S. Latham P.M. 1216, J. Stephens P.M. 1425, John Ions S.W. 860, W. T. Winsor 1950, G. W. Knight W.M. 1507, W. W. Wesley S.W. 186, E. C. Massey P.M. 1297, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, J. W. Curtis J.D. 733, H. Doherty 51, H. Dickey W.M. 1744, A. G. Cann P.M. 1539, J. Hearsom I.G. 167, A. W. Lanc 167, T. G. Scott 933, J. H. Woods 145, Edgar H. Minns I.G.

1932, John Humphrey 55, Andrew Holmes P.M. 548, G. Gosling 1673, W. Newman 1385, J. Glass P.M. 453, Philip Sharpe S.D. 869, L. L. Attwood 1391, C. Evans W.M. 1922, Arthur Ball 1707, G. Downie Sec. 2147, J. D. Smith P.M. 1658, A. Doig S.D. 1539, W. Youldon P.M. 1658, H. Mills 548, Baker J.W. 2030, Fryer 1624, &c. Lodge having been opened and the minutes read, the ballot was requisitioned for Mr. Louis Francois Godard; it was unanimously in favour and the candidate was duly initiated into the Order. Advancing to the second, Bro. Gomm was passed to the degree of F.C., the work being creditably carried out by Bro. Moss. The report of the Audit Committee, which was a satisfactory one, was submitted and approved, after which Bro. Moss vacated the chair in favour, of Bro. H. E. Frances P.M. P.P.S.G.D. Surrey, the Secretary of the Lodge, who officiated as Installing Master. The impressive ceremony was performed in the most elaborate and painstaking manner by Bro. Frances, and at its conclusion the newly-installed Worshipful Master was proclaimed, and saluted with full Masonic honours. The following Officers were invested for the year:—Bros. Herbert Moss I.P.M., A. G. Boswell S.W., G. Myers J.W., James Pain P.M. Treasurer, H. E. Frances P.M. Secretary, R. J. Cullen S.D., H. Tyrer J.D., J. Pollard I.G., R. Templeman P.M. D.C., E. Horsey A.D.C., and A. Bowers Steward. The addresses to the Masters, Wardens and Brethren were delivered in eloquent and impressive style by the Installing Officer. It was then resolved that a vote of thanks be accorded to the Worshipful Master for presenting his banner to the Lodge, and that the same be recorded on the minutes. The newly-installed W.M. next presented to his immediate predecessor a Past Master's jewel, which had been unanimously voted to him by the members of the Lodge as a mark of esteem, and in recognition of the valuable services he had rendered during his year of office. He said it was a very agreeable duty to ask Bro. Moss's acceptance of that token of their esteem. The Lodge hitherto had been peculiarly happy in the selection of its Masters, but he thought they would all agree with him that they had never had one more popular, more up to his work, or more beloved than was Bro. Moss. He therefore affixed the jewel to his breast with the heartiest good wishes of the brethren, and personally he expressed the hope that Bro. Moss might live long to enjoy the respect and esteem of all by whom he was surrounded. Bro. Moss briefly thanked the brethren for the kind token of their appreciation of his services; it would give him great pleasure to wear it, and it would remind him of the many pleasant hours he had spent amongst the members of the Stockwell Lodge. At the close of the Lodge the members and visitors sat down to an excellent banquet, under the presidency of the newly-installed Worshipful Master, when the Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed. In speaking to the toast of the Grand Officers, Present and Past, the W.M. said they had with them on that occasion the Grand Treasurer-elect; this was the only Grand Office which the Blue Masons had the privilege of electing a candidate for. Bro. Eve had been chosen this year by an overwhelming majority. He was not vain enough to think that Bro. Eve came there to do him honour, but it was gratifying to find that the Grand Treasurer-elect had honoured the Stockwell Lodge by his presence. Bro. Eve said that all that the W.M. had said of the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of England was not too much for him to re-echo. The Grand Officers were deserving of all his encomiums, and the thanks of the brethren. They discharged their duties fairly, faithfully, and well, and looking at the list of Grand Officers, it must be admitted that His Royal Highness had made a good selection. He (Bro. Eve) thought the W.M. had gone a little beyond the strict line in calling upon him to respond, as, although elected, he had not yet been invested; but he felt the office to be the most honourable that any brother could desire to attain. To be elected by the thousands, he was going to say hundreds of thousands, of brethren over whom the Grand Master swayed his sceptre, was an honour which he last year had no thought of attaining. He had to thank many brethren present for contributing in no small degree to that result, and he should be wanting in love of Freemasonry if he did not endeavour to discharge the duties of his office with efficiency and zeal, and in such a way as would reflect credit on the choice the brethren had made. He was not sure that in one view the duties did not outweigh the honour, because a Grand Officer was bound so to act as to show that Freemasonry was something more than a mere name. He felt that Freemasonry had a great work before it; it had done a great deal in the past, and it had got still greater things to do in the future. He thanked the brethren for the way they had received him. Bro. Frances proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. Bro. H. J. Pain had been elected by the unanimous vote of the Lodge, and considering that he was a son of Bro. Past Master James Pain, the Treasurer and one of the founders of the Lodge, the duty of proposing his health was a double pleasure. Their newly-installed Master was a child of the Lodge; he had been initiated in it, and had gone through all its offices. He was a good worker, and one of his (Brother Frances') pupils. Bro. Frances concluded by apologising for the manner of his speech, which must fall flat after that of Bro. Eve, who, he said, must have learned his eloquence in paradise, and practised it ever since. The W.M., in responding, said he would not detain them with a long speech; he would simply and heartily thank them for the kind manner in which his health had been proposed and received by the brethren. Exactly seven years ago he was made a Master Mason; at that time he had no expectation of becoming Master of a Lodge, but as they had placed him in the position, he would strive to leave the Lodge in the same good repute as that in which he had received charge of it. He would do all he could to promote the interests of the Lodge. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Initiate, whom he was pleased to see admitted a member of the Stockwell Lodge, and trusted he might prove himself an apt student of the Masonic art. Bro. Godard, in responding, said he esteemed it a honour to have been admitted to the Lodge, and he should strive to do his utmost to become a useful member of it.

Bro. F. Binokes, in the course of his response for the Visitors, said it was not his desire to trespass long upon their attention or to monopolise the thanks which were due from, and sincerely felt by, those who had witnessed the excellent working of the Lodge and the unstinted hospitality that followed. He would prefer to leave that duty in the hands of his esteemed friend Bro. Percy Wallis, Prov. S.G. Warden of Derbyshire, whom he was very pleased to have brought with him on a visit to the Stockwell Lodge. He believed the reception given to the Visitors, and all the kindly expressions used towards them by the Worshipful Master were perfectly sincere, and he need hardly remind them that sincerity was a great and valuable feature of Freemasonry. He was fully convinced that in the performance of their duties Freemasons were actuated by this principle of sincerity; that they were sincere in promoting the best interests of the Craft in general and of their own Lodges in particular; and that the same guiding spirit of sincerity averted and inspired them in supporting the three great Institutions of the Craft. He also was sincere when he tendered them his most hearty thanks for the kindness and cordiality with which he and the other Visitors had been received, and for their welcome, which he believed to be as genuine as it had been cordial. Brother Percy Wallis, Prov. S.G.W. of Derbyshire, also suitably responded, and in the course of his remarks observed that this was the first time he had visited a London Lodge; it had afforded him the utmost gratification to have been a guest of the Stockwell brethren. He paid a high tribute of admiration to what he had seen of the proceedings, and spoke felicitously of the generous hospitality which had been extended to his brother Visitors and himself. He should go back to his own Province and relate to the brethren there the pleasure and edification he had derived from this visit to the metropolis, and in the event of any of those present coming into his neighbourhood he could assure them of an equally cordial welcome at the hands of the Derbyshire brethren. The services of the Past Masters were duly recognised by the W.M., and responses were made by Bros. Moss, Frances and J. M. Klenck, the latter of whom, in the exercise of his professional capacity, put up the contents of the charity box to auction, and the highest bid reached 35s. The Officers of the Lodge severally responded to the toast of their health, and the proceedings were shortly afterwards closed by the Tyler. A choice selection of vocal music was given, under the direction of Bro. Henry Baker, assisted by Madame Worrell, Madame Florence Winn, and Bro. Lawrence Fryer; Mrs. Henry Baker presiding efficiently at the pianoforte. Madame Florence Winn sang, in exquisite style and voice, Sinclair's "Here's to the year that's awa'," and in response to an enthusiastic encore, sang with equal success "Caller Herrin'." Madame Worrell was also in good voice, and sang, with her accustomed grace, "Golden Love" (Milton Wellings), and O. Barri's "Is it for Ever?" A most successful and agreeable evening was enjoyed.

PRUDENCE LODGE, No. 2069.

THE usual monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on the 16th inst., at Leeds, when as usual there was a large muster of members and visitors. The W.M., Bro. C. L. Mason P.M. P.P.G. Treasurer, was supported by the following Officers and Brethren of his Lodge: Bros. Tudor Trevor P.M. S.W., W. Watson P.M. J.W., Dr. Smyth I.P.M. Prov. Grand Chaplain, C. Middleton Secretary, R. Abbott Treasurer, Scott Young S.D., J. J. Fretwell J.D., M. W. Jameson I.G., L. Howarth Organist, Atkinson and Storey Dir. of Cer., Butterworth and Milling Stewards, Rev. J. Rosser Chaplain, R. Craig P.M. P.P.G.D., Alf. Cooke, R. A. Smithson, B. S. Bailey, Cryer, and Bentley. Lodge Goderich No. 1211 was entertained, being represented by its W.M. Bro. W. H. Bradford, P.M.'s Bros. Jaques and Scriven, and other Officers. Bro. J. B. Jowell S.D. 306 and other visitors were also present. Bro. Harris R. Abbott was passed to the second degree by Dr. Smyth, the working tools being given by Bro. Craig. The ballot having been declared clear, Mr. John Pendleton, journalist, was impressively initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by the W.M., the working tools being explained by Bro. Watson, and the charge delivered by Bro. Trevor. Bro. J. R. Dare P.M. 750 was then called upon to deliver his lecture, entitled "Obsolete words in the early versions of the Bible used in Masonic Ritual." In the course of an address displaying deep research and a thorough grasp of his subject Bro. Dare said the volume of the Sacred Law was highly prized amongst Masons. On it we obligated our candidates and when it was unfolded our Lodge became perfect. It was the first object pointed out to the newly enlightened initiate, and he was recommended to a careful perusal of its contents. In every degree in Freemasonry the volume of the Sacred Law was very highly valued. He should not, for want of time, attempt to speak on the Bible anterior to the days of printing, but he should commence with the earliest version in the English language, which was translated by Tyndal. This was followed by a translation of the Pentateuch, by the same translator, in 1530. In 1535 Coverdale translated the Bible. Then followed Matthew's, in 1537, which was compiled by Rogers. Then came Taverner's Bible, which had for its basis Matthew's, though it varied in a great many particulars. In 1539 came Cranmer's Bible, though all Cranmer had to do with it was the writing of the preface and epilogue to the one issued the year following, and all subsequent editions were erroneously known as Cranmer's Bible from this circumstance. In this Bible the Psalms appeared as they are now enshrined in our prayer book. After Cranmer's Bible came a remarkable little Testament, by William Whittingham, a layman, afterwards Dean of Durham. Then the Geneva Bible came, which was known as the Breeches Bible. Afterwards, in 1568-9-72, other versions appeared, which were entirely free from the objectionable notes contained in the Geneva Bible. Then we had James's Bible, known as the authorised version, though the only really authorised version was Matthew's. No doubt it occurred to most thoughtful Masons to turn up their Bibles to

verify quoted passages which were given to them in the Lodge, and when they found that these quotations differed from those found in the authorised version they were led to question the antiquity of Masonry, when if they were better acquainted with the subject their doubts would disappear. Having given several specimens of words, such as *hele*, which are still used in our ritual, and which are to be found in earlier versions, he said it was fair to assert that when we used in our Masonic ritual words now obsolete, but which were in common use 400 years ago, that this was a convincing proof of the antiquity of the system. Some remarkable instances of this kind having been given, Bro. Dare in conclusion said that Freemasonry was a subject which deserved the very closest investigation, and the more it was studied the more apparent became its beauties and its unity. Since he had been a member of the York College a study of Masons' marks had convinced him completely of the antiquity of the Order. On the motion of the W.M., seconded by the I.P.M., a cordial vote of thanks was passed to the lecturer, and a hope was generally expressed that at no distant date he would return to the subject. The W.M. then made the gratifying announcement to the Lodge that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales the M.W.G.M. had offered to Dr. Smyth the exalted post of Grand Chaplain of England. Hearty congratulations were conveyed to Dr. Smyth, who already is Grand Chaplain to the Mark degree, and who has filled a variety of offices in the Lodge and the Province both in England and India. Dr. Smyth suitably acknowledged the compliments of his brethren, and hearty good wishes having been passed round, the brethren adjourned to high tea. Bro. Watson, the Charity Steward, announced that Provincial Grand Lodge had sanctioned the raising of £2,100 to provide two perpetual presentations to the Widows' Fund, for the Province, to mark Jubilee year. He invited subscriptions, when 15 guineas were at once promised. It may be interesting to state that during the two years of its existence Prudence Lodge has sent up to London over £200, besides nobly supporting the Leeds Benevolent Institution.

CONCERT OF THE GALLERY LODGE, No. 1928.

ON Saturday evening last the members of the Gallery Lodge gave their second Annual Concert, at the Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton, in aid of their Charity Fund. There was a good attendance, and during the interval between the parts tea and coffee was served to the audience in the large supper room. The arrangements were, in the unavoidable absence of the Worshipful Master (Bro. W. O. Goldsmith), in the hands of Dr. R. J. Griffiths, chairman, and Bros. R. J. Albery and Basil Cooke, Honorary Secretaries of the Concert Committee. The programme, which was rather long, commenced with a Grand March on the organ by Mr. Merton Clark, who also played a Sonata in F (Morandi) on the same instrument in the second part, and a voluntary during the interval. Mr. Frederick Bevan sang with great effect "For ever and for ever," and "Hearts of Oak," besides a duet from *Rudwigore*, "I know a youth," with Miss Ethel Winn, which was deservedly applauded. Miss Lily Rowe's rich contralto voice was displaced to advantage in her two songs, "Land of Little People" and "L'Indovina," which last was encored, when the lady gave "Auld Lang Syne." Miss Ethel Winn's solos, "The Wind is awake" and "The sun whose rays" (from the *Mikado*), were well received, the latter being encored. Mr. Connel Baile's splendid rendering of Handel's "Honour and Arms," and F. Watson's "Thy Sentinel am I," were much appreciated and elicited great applause. Miss Annie Morley, who possesses a well trained and effective contralto voice, gave "The better land," and "Left unrolled," both by Cowen, in capital style, and as an encore to her second song "Home Sweet Home." Madame Merton Clark rendered Bishop's popular ditty, "Lo! hear the gentle Lark" in a pleasing manner. Mr. James Akers was good in his two songs, "The Rolling Wave" and "Queen of the Earth." Miss Edith Cooke, who was too hoarse to sing her song, played a banjo solo. A strong comic element was ably sustained by Messrs. R. W. Heney, Fred. H. Cozens, and Fred. W. Stephens. Mr. Fred. H. Cozens conducted, and the programme was successfully carried out. Messrs. J. Broadwood and Sons kindly lent one of their grand pianos for the occasion.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—At the Cock Tavern, Highbury, N. On Monday, 4th inst. Bros. Forge W.M., Snook S.W., Stretch J.W., Collingridge S.D., Richardson I.G., Trewinnard Preceptor. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the two last Lodge meetings were read and confirmed. Bro. Monk 228, a new member, answered the questions leading to the second degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Monk candidate. This brother also answered the questions leading to the third degree. Bro. Trewinnard gave the lecture on the tracing board, with his usual impressiveness. Bro. Forge moved that the Lodge be adjourned from the end of April to the commencement of September; this was carried. Bro. Snook was elected Worshipful Master for Monday, 25th inst.

OLD KINGS' ARMS CHAPTER, No. 28.

A REGULAR Convocation was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on Monday, 4th inst., when a conclave of Installed Principals was held by Comps. De Ferrieres M.E.Z., P.Z.'s Farnfield, Colls, Ebner, Paas, and Terry 228. Comp. E. M. Money was installed into the chair of Z., H. Pritchard H., E. W. Parkes J. Companion W. Paas was re-appointed Treasurer. The remaining appointments made were R. Sudlow N., A. E. Craven P.S., H. T. Gordon Assr. Soj. A Past Principal's jewel was presented to Comp. Baron De Ferrieres. The following visitors were present:—Comps. Terry P.Z. 228, C. Martin Prince of Wales Chapter, and J. Boulton H., 898.

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, ST. JOHN'S HILL, BATTERSEA RISE, S.W.

Chief Patroness:
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Grand Patron and President:
HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., M.W.G.M.

Grand Patroness:
HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

AT A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT OF THIS INSTITUTION, held at Freemasons' Hall, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C., on Saturday, 16th April 1887,

Bro. H. B. MARSHALL, J.P., Treasurer, in the Chair.

After the general business was disposed of, the following 28 Girls, being the whole of the Candidates on the list, were declared duly ELECTED:—

Proudfoot, E. L.	Browne, A. M.
Sutton, E. J.	Jensen, L.
Rawlings, L. G. S.	Stead, L. A.
Harris, G. L.	Tims, H. C.
Craft, E. A.	Phillips, G. A.
Melhuish, E.	Worriolow, G. H.
Longshaw, H. M.	Grindley, K. B.
Phenix, G.	Wilkinson, E. M.
Harnden, F. M.	Sissons, F. B.
Gurney, A. E. C.	Kemp, H. M.
Richardson, I.	Cooper, N.
Wade, H. K.	Crosby, M. E.
Harvey, N.	Saville, F. A.
Gregory, M. L.	Bailey, C. A.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

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Great Queen Street, W.C.
16th April 1887.

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, WOOD GREEN, LONDON, N.

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President:
HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., M.W.G.M.

AT A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT OF THE GOVERNORS AND SUBSCRIBERS, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Monday, the 18th day of April 1887,

Bro. WILLIAM ROXBURCK, G.S.B., and Patron-Trustee, in the Chair.

A Ballot took place for the ELECTION of TWENTY-SEVEN BOYS from an approved List of Forty-five Candidates, the following being declared successful:—

No. on Poll	No. on List		Votes
1	43	Webber, F.	2094
2	29	Marsden, J. H.	2009
3	32	Patience, H. A.	1863
4	34	Horner, L. G. M.	1853
5	24	Parker, P.	1852
6	25	Aitken, G. R. H.	1851
7	13	Woolf, C. H.	1850
8	33	Adkin, R. L.	1837
9	12	Johnston, G. P.	1821
10	16	Stoward, T. D.	1819
11	45	Harrison, H. M.	1816
12	44	Fawcett, J.	1814
13	38	Mitchell, J. McCallum	1768
14	31	Wilson, H. S.	1759
15	35	Moss, W. H.	1746
16	37	Atkinson, J. W.	1741
17	26	Johnson, C. T.	1725
18	7	Collinson, W.	1711
19	3	Matthews, P. H.	1710
20	15	Grace, A. E.	1709
21	30	Stephenson, A.	1700
22	20	Doughty, R. C.	1625
23	5	Angier, H. N.	1579
24	39	Glenny, F. N.	1562
25	23	Staden, C. G.	1519
26	36	Dixon, W. B.	1513
27	40	Tombs, R. J.	1265

Lists of Candidates (successful and unsuccessful), with full particulars of polling, &c., may be had on application at the Office. Votes of unsuccessful Candidates will be carried to the credit of those qualified for election in October next.

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

Office—6 FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
18th April 1887.

THE EIGHTY-NINTH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL WILL BE HELD AT THE END OF JUNE.

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The Right Honourable the **EARL OF CARNARVON**,
Pro Grand Master, in the Chair.

Tickets may be obtained of the Grand Stewards; but no Tickets will be issued after 4 p.m. on 26th April.

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THE NINETY-NINTH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL of this Institution will take place

On **WEDNESDAY**, the 11th MAY next,

UNDER THE PRESIDENCY OF

Sir OFFLEY WAKEMAN, Bart.

R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Shropshire.

Board of Stewards.

President.

R. G. VENABLES, Deputy Grand Master Shropshire.

Acting President.

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Treasurer.

R. EVE, P.G.W. Hants and Isle of Wight, G. Treasurer elect.

Secretary.

F. R. W. HEDGES.

Chairman of Ladies' Stewards.

Rev. J. W. PALMER, Grand Chaplain.

*** Brethren willing to serve the office of Steward are *very urgently* needed; they will much oblige by forwarding their names as *early as possible* to the Secretary, who will gladly give any information required.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

Office—5 Freemasons' Hall,
Great Queen Street, London, W.C.

MAY ELECTION, 1887.

The Votes and Interest of the Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents and Subscribers of the

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION

are earnestly solicited on behalf of

BRO. LEOPOLD RUF,

(Late of the Lowther Arcade, Strand),

Who was initiated into Masonry on the 9th December 1849, in the Fortitude and Old Cumberland Lodge, No. 12, London. He was a Subscribing Member for 34 years; W.M., and Treasurer for 15 years; he served the Stewardships for the Girls' and Boys' Institutions; he is a Life Governor of both of them. He is in his 73rd year, and unable, from the long illness of his late wife and loss of business, to support himself.

The case is strongly recommended by the following Brethren:—

*D. NICOLL V.P. of the Institution, P.G.S. P.M. No. 60, Café Royal, Regent Street.

*RAYNHAM W. STEWART P.G.D., Life Governor, P.M. Nos. 12 108 and 453, 110 Cannon Street, E.C.

*JOSEPH CLEVER V.P., P.M. 12 and 171, P.Z. 12 and 171, P.G.S.B. Essex.

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*O. F. PEAL W.M. No. 12, 4 Jeffrey's Square.

*A. LILLEY P.M. No. 12, 12 Clement's Lane, E.C.

*W. H. SMITH P.M. 108, 68 Mark Lane, E.C.

*A. SNELLGROVE P.M. No. 12, 12 M o gate Street, E.C.

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*T. L. GREEN P.M., 8 Rite Street, Queen's Road, Chelsea.

*W. ROXBURCK P.P.G.T., G.S.B., P.M. 29 463 and 1998, P.Z. 1104, West Lodge, Acton.

*F. W. RAMSAY, M.D., P.M. 778, P.Z. 78, Constitutional Club, S.W.

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AMELIA M. MAHOMED,
(AGED 64 YEARS),

WIDOW of the late ARTHUR AKLIBAR MAHOMED, 14 years member
of the Royal York Lodge, No. 315, Brighton, whose Father first
introduced the Shampooing and Vapour Baths into England, in 1784.
The son continued the Baths in the King's Road, Brighton, with the
assistance of the present applicant, until his sudden death, in 1872.
Up to the present time the candidate has earned her living as a
medical rubber, but her health having broken down, she is compelled
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THE CASE IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED BY

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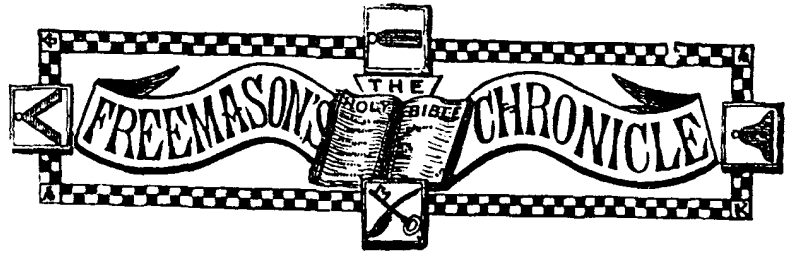
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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CHESHIRE.

THE meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge, held on Friday, the
15th inst., at the Town Hall, Chester, was attended by an un-
precedentedly large number, over 800 brethren being present,
including prominent representatives of Grand Lodge, East and West
Lancashire, Kent, Shropshire, and other Provinces. Bro. the Earl of
Lathom D.G.M. of England, and Prov. Grand Master of East Lanca-
shire, was the Installing Master; Bro. Earl Amherst Prov. Grand
Master of Kent acting as Deputy Prov. Grand Master, supported by
Bros. Col. Le Gendre Starkie, Sir Offley Wakeman, Hon. W. Sackville
West, Rev. G. R. Portal, and Judge Horatio Lloyd. The brethren
assembled in the large hall, and when the Installing Master and
Grand Officers entered they were received with the customary
honours. Prov. Grand Lodge was then duly opened, Bros. T. Mar-
wood 537, Prov. S.W., and J. Wilson 533, Prov. J.W., occupying the
chairs of their respective offices, and assisting in the opening. In
addressing Provincial Grand Lodge, Brother Lord Lathom stated
that the object of the meeting was for the purpose of filling
the vacancy caused by the resignation of their most worthy
and well-beloved Provincial Grand Master, Bro. the Right Hon. Lord
de Tabley, an event which would be regretted by every Mason in
the Province of Cheshire, more especially as his Lordship's resigna-
tion had been caused by ill-health. It had been earnestly hoped
that Bro. Lord de Tabley would continue to rule over the Province
for many years, but this wish was not to be fulfilled. While, how-
ever, deploring the loss of their former Prov. Grand Master, he
heartily congratulated the brethren of the Province on the selection
which had been made by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. in
having designated Bro. Lord Egerton to fill the important office. The
Prov. Grand Pursuivant then announced the arrival of the Prov. G.
Master Designate, and the Installing Master instructed the P.G. Dir.
of Cers. to retire and ask his Lordship for his patent. This having
been obtained, it was presented to Lord Lathom, who directed seven
Masters and Past Masters to attend the Prov. G.D.C. to introduce
the R.W. Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton, while the Master Masons
received him standing. The P.G. Secretary read the patent of
appointment, signed by the Prince of Wales, and after prayer had
been offered by the Rev. Canon Portal G.C. the "Gloria" was sung.
The Installing Master then addressed the P.G.M. on the nature of his
duties, the qualifications for the office to which he had been
appointed, and then inquired of him whether he could conscientiously
undertake these duties. Lord Lathom particularly referred to the
importance of care in the selection of his Prov. G. Officers, who would
be most likely to maintain and advance the reputation of the Craft
for its pure and sincere Charity. He congratulated the new Prov.
Grand Master on his elevation to his high office, and expressed the
great pleasure he felt in being present that day to instal a kinsman.
After the customary formalities, the Prov. G. Master was conducted
to the right of the Installing Master, by whom he was invested
with the apron, chain and jewel of office, and inducted into the chair.
After the usual proclamation the P.G.M. was saluted, and the Prov.
Grand Secretary read the minutes of the last Provincial Grand
Lodge, which were confirmed, and it was agreed that the letter of
resignation received from Lord de Tabley should be entered on the
records of the Provincial Grand Lodge. Lord Egerton briefly
thanked the brethren of the Province for the cordial reception which
had been extended to him on his appointment. He was quite
sensible of the honour which had been conferred upon him, and he
assured them that he would employ his best efforts to follow in the
footsteps of his esteemed predecessor by endeavouring to promote
the general welfare of Masonry throughout the Province. During
the last twenty-one years the roll of Lodges and the sums voted for
the Masonic Charities had greatly increased, and he trusted that the
same record would be maintained during his term of office. He was
certain the brethren of the Province would, as heretofore, rally round
the Provincial Grand Master, and help him to carry out the duties of
his office. He concluded by cordially thanking his relative (Lord
Lathom) for attending that day as Installing Master, thereby adding
lustre to the ceremony. The roll of the Provincial Grand Officers
and Lodges were called over, every Lodge being well represented.
The Provincial Grand Master then announced the appointment of
Bro. His Honour Judge Horatio Lloyd as Deputy Provincial Grand
Master, and he was presented and invested with the ordinary Masonic
insignia. Bro. Simms was re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer, until the
annual meeting in September. Bro. T. Marwood was re-appointed
P.G.S.W., Bro. J. Wilson P.G.J.W., and Bros. Roberts, Tait, Paris,
Humphrey, Finchett, and Rush P.G. Stewards. Charity jewels
were presented to Bros. Parr, Woodhead, Miller, and Marwood. A
congratulatory telegram was read from the Provincial Grand Lodge
of Cumberland and Westmoreland, and it was resolved to reply by
wire. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Dean and Chapter of
Chester for the use of the Cathedral, and to the Mayor and
Corporation for their kindness in placing the Town Hall at
the disposal of the brethren. Provincial Grand Lodge was
then closed, and the brethren went in procession to the
Cathedral, which was crowded. After the service, an eloquent
oration was delivered by the Rev. Canon Portal, Grand Chaplain of
England, who founded his discourse on 1 Kings vii. 15, "He cast two

pillars of brass." At the close of the service a collection was made for the Benevolent Fund of the Provincial Grand Lodge. Later in the day about two hundred brethren sat down to a banquet, at the Town Hall, under the presidency of Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton P.G.M., who was supported by the great majority of the more distinguished visitors present at the business portion of the proceedings. The customary toasts were proposed, interspersed with a choice selection of music.

MARK MASONRY.

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LEICESTER, NORTHAMPTON, DERBY, AND RUTLAND.

WE have perused with interest the report of the proceedings at the Annual General Communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Masters, held at Leicester, last May, and which is to be laid before the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, at Ilkeston, on Wednesday next. The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge and General Communication of Mark Master Masons of the Province was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, under the banner of the "Fowke" Lodge, No. 19, on Thursday the 27th May 1886. The chair was occupied by the then Prov. Grand Master, Bro. William Kelly, who was supported by a full attendance of Prov. Grand Officers and other brethren. The Fowke Lodge having been duly opened, the Prov. Grand Master and the Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge entered the Lodge-room, and were received in due form, and the customary salutations were made. On the roll of the Lodges being called, only one was found to be unrepresented; and when the roll of Prov. G. Officers was called, in each case the absentees had sent satisfactory apologies. After the reading of minutes, and some other routine business had been disposed of, the Worshipful Masters of Lodges and the Prov. Grand Secretary (Bro. Clement E. Stretton P.G. Steward), presented reports, which showed that every Lodge in the Province was working very efficiently, particularly the Derbyshire Lodges. The General Purposes Committee reported that Mark Masonry continued to make progress, and the prosperity of the Order was evidenced by the satisfactory accounts which had been received from the several Lodges. During the year a new Lodge had been consecrated in Derbyshire, held at Ashbourne, and named the Dove Valley Lodge, No. 353. The Prov. Grand Registrar's (Bro. J. H. Lawson) summary of the returns showed a considerable increase in the number of subscribing members, and such increase would be even more apparent had not a number of members whose subscriptions were some years in arrear been removed from the rolls. The statement of accounts presented by the Prov. Grand Treasurer (Bro. S. Cleaver) showed that the financial position of the Provincial Grand Lodge continued satisfactory. A vote of thanks was accorded to Brother S. Cleaver Prov. G. Treasurer, for his valuable services, and after he had thanked the Prov. Grand Lodge for the compliment he was unanimously re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year. In a lengthy and interesting address the Prov. Grand Master observed that in Northants the most noteworthy event had been the recent advancement, in the Simon de St. Liz Lodge, No. 245, of Bro. Butler Wilkins, P.G. Standard Bearer, the highly esteemed Deputy (and in reality the acting) Prov. Grand Master of the Craft Province of Norths and Hunts. Many of the older members of the Craft in the different towns of that province had hitherto stood aloof from Mark Masonry, but he trusted the accession to its ranks of so popular and distinguished a P.G. officer as Brother Wilkins would have a great effect in making the Mark Degree more popular in that Craft Province. Speaking of Leicestershire, he mentioned that the Howe Lodge, No. 21, which had met since 1868 at Melton Mowbray, had been authorised by Grand Lodge to hold its meetings also at Market Harborough and Oakham, each in turn. By this arrangement the county of Rutland had been brought into the Mark, as it had long been under the Prov. Grand Lodge of the Craft. This led him to remark that the seal which had long been in use in the Prov. Grand Mark Lodge of Leicestershire, as it still is, was quite inappropriate heraldically, and was quite unworthy of the present Province, having on it the arms of the Masons' Company

of London, in use before the Union of 1813, and having only "Leicestershire" upon it. It was formerly an old silver seal of St. John's Lodge, Leicester, which, after being lost for many years, and the present seal substituted for it was altered to suit its present purpose. He had been in communication with the Grand Mark Secretary on the subject of a proper seal, and it had been suggested that, as the county of Rutland had just been brought into this Province, they should adopt the arms of Leicestershire, Northants, Derbyshire, and Rutland on a keystone quarterly, surrounded by the names of the four counties. This the Prov. Grand Master considered would be a very appropriate design, and if the assembled brethren agreed in that view, he should be happy to superintend its being carried into effect. Turning to the abstract of the Treasurer's accounts it was seen that, beginning the year with a balance in hand of £43 0s 1d, after paying the ordinary expenses, &c., in addition, a grant of £10 10s to the Mark Benevolent Fund and £4 4s for the very handsome State sword, to-day officially used for the first time, they ended the year with a balance of £50 8s 1d. Reference was made to the enforced retirement of Bro. Stretton from the office of Prov. Grand Secretary, in consequence of the pressure of professional engagements; and a warm tribute was paid to him for the efficient manner in which he performed his duties during the years that had elapsed since the death of our lamented Bro. McAllister. The only way in which the Prov. Grand Master could mark his high appreciation of Bro. Stretton's services was by appointing him to the office of Provincial Grand Senior Warden for the ensuing year. With regard to the highest office in his gift, that of Deputy Prov. Grand Master, held for the past three years by Bro. the Rev. Dr. Saunders, as representing Northamptonshire, he had now a few observations to make. In the county of Derby the Mark Degree had spread so rapidly that it already had four Lodges (as many as the old Province itself) with the probability of a fifth being founded very shortly at Ilkeston. With every desire to do his duty as the ruler of the Province by visiting as many of the Lodges as possible, he now found that from his advanced age and somewhat impaired health, it was beyond his power to do so much in this way as he formerly did, and could wish to do still. He therefore felt it due to the Derbyshire brethren, so long as they might honour him by remaining under his rule as a constituent part of the Province, that they should have an efficient and respected Past Master of their own as the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, to take a general supervision of, and to pay those visits to, their Lodges which he should be pleased and bound to do if he were able. He had selected for that honourable and important office Bro. Thos. Cox P.P.G.J.W., a Past Master of the Derby Lodge, No. 302, and who, he believed, was the first brother advanced to the Mark Degree in Derbyshire. Bro. Cox was then conducted to the East, and his patent of appointment having been read by the Provincial Grand Registrar, he was duly obligated, installed, proclaimed, and saluted as Deputy Provincial Grand Mark Master Mason of the Province. The Provincial Grand Officers were then appointed and invested; and, on the motion of Bro. Thos. Cox, seconded by Bro. S. S. Partridge, it was resolved that R.W. Bro. William Kelly be recommended to the M.W.G.M. for re-appointment as Provincial Grand Master for the ensuing three years. A committee was appointed to revise the bye-laws of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and the selection of a new seal was left in the hands of the Provincial Grand Master. The sum of five guineas was voted to the Mark Benevolent Fund, and after some routine business Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in due form, and the work of the Fowke Lodge resumed.

Wednesday next will be an interesting and busy day at Ilkeston, when the new Mark Lodge referred to above, the Ilkeston, No. 373, will be consecrated by the Prov. Grand Mark Master Mason, Bro. W. Kelly, F.S.A., &c. Bro. C. Maltby W.M. 302 is the W.M. designate, Bro. J. E. Whitehead, 302, S.W. designate, and Bro. W. Fletcher, 302, J.W. designate. The Consecrating Officer will be assisted by Bro. Thomas Cox D.P.G.M.M.M. and the Officers of the Prov. Grand Mark Lodge. At the close of the day's business there will be a banquet at the Rutland Hotel.

BOARD and RESIDENCE.—Ladies, Gentlemen, or Married Couples; every home comfort. The house is most pleasantly situated seven miles north of London; large garden; pony chaise kept, saddle horses can be hired. A, B., the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE OFFICE.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Avenue.—Prettily dressed, admirably staged, and perfectly rehearsed, the revival of Offenbach's "Madame Favart," as produced on Monday, is sure to prove successful. That the management will have no cause for regret in having revived this opera we feel sure; playgoers will be glad of the opportunity thus afforded to see and hear so pretty a work again. A feature has been secured in the engagement of several of the ladies and gentlemen who aided in the success achieved when the opera was first produced. The story is not without interest, while the music is singularly tuneful. In short, the revival will be heartily welcomed, and it should draw for some time to come. As we have already stated, several of the old favourites are in the caste, foremost of whom is Miss Florence St. John, who essays the title rôle. Miss St. John's bright face and winning ways are admirably suited to such a part, while her singing is everything that can be desired. Mr. Henry Ashley is still the Marquis de Pontsablé, and as funny as ever, while Mr. Joseph Tapley sings well as Hector. As Charles Favart Mr. Arthur Roberts has taken a step in advance. Here he has music of the highest order to sing, and he must not take liberties; his latest effort is a welcome change. Miss Phyllis Broughton makes a sprightly Suzanne; Mr. C. H. Kenney, a capital Biscotin; while Mr. Lewins is again the Major Cotignac. We trust "Madame Favart" will continue to delight her audiences for some time. Now a start has been made, the revival of other old operas will doubtless follow.

Royalty.—Mr. Mark Melford, the author of the successful farce "Turned Up," with his latest work, "Ivy," is hardly likely to become so popular as by previous efforts. The work now under notice is styled a three-act comedy, and it was produced on Saturday evening, but received far from a favourable reception. The plot is weak, while the business "pitchforked" in for Mr. Edouin and Miss Atherton retards progress, and so far from interesting the audience rather does the reverse. Certainly Mr. Melford this time has made a mistake. The story, not a new one, shows how Sir William Grainger, after denouncing his daughter for marrying contrary to his wish, goes abroad, where he dies, but he leaves a will, which entitles John Sherwin, his faithful steward, to a fortune of £5000, the rest of his money going to his disobedient daughter. This will gets into the hands of the daughter's husband, and by him is destroyed, but eventually the steward produces another will, which disinherits the daughter, who turns out to be an adopted child only. The deceased baronet's estate now passes to his nephew, a gentleman who has set his affections on Ivy, the afore-said steward's daughter. In the third act a pretty scene is introduced; here some school children appear, and this feature of the entertainment gained the approval of the audience. That Mr. Edouin and Miss Atherton were amusing goes without saying, still we regret these clever artistes ever attempted to pull such a piece through. Mr. Edouin displayed genuine humour as the steward, while Miss Atherton acted with spirit as his daughter Ivy. Miss Olga Brandon played gracefully as the disobedient daughter, while Messrs. Edward Emery, Walter Erskine, and Eric Lewis made the most of their parts. A call for the author was, after a time, responded to by Mr. Melford.

Miss Grace Hawthorne having returned from Paris, after a visit to M. Sardou, will open at the Olympic Theatre, on Tuesday evening next, the 26th inst., with Mr. James Mortimer's popular adaptation of M. Dumas' "La Dame Aux Camelias," "Heartsease," sustaining her original character of Marguerite Gantier. Miss Hawthorne will be supported by a powerful company, including M. Maurice Gally, for several years leading actor with Madame Sarah Bernhardt.

Mr. Fred Leslie will appear at the Gaiety Theatre, on Monday afternoon next, in a new and original Comedy-Drama of domestic interest, in three Acts, entitled "Twice Married," by Clement O'Neill and Henry Sylvester. He will be supported by Messrs. E. D. Ward, Geo. Shelton, Percy Lyndal, W. T. Elworthy, Chas. Wilson, Misses Henrietta Lindley, Lilian Gillmore, and Cicely Richards.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—On 22nd March last, the St. John Globe of 23rd March says: "Seven of the nine R.A. Chapters in New Brunswick met in St. John, and took steps to form a Grand Chapter, electing Comp. B. Lester Peters of St. John, First Grand Principal, and other officers."

The 125th Anniversary of the introduction of Freemasonry in Maine was celebrated on Tuesday, 22nd March 1887, by a banquet at the Falmouth Hotel, Portland. Among the distinguished Freemasons present were Past Grand Masters Day, Drummond, Burnham and King. The celebration was under the auspices of Portland Lodge. The menu was very choice. On the removal of the cloth admirable addresses were delivered by W.M. Bro. Leach, and Brothers P.G.M. Fessenden I. Day, D.G.M. Dr. Sleeper, Grand Commander Shaw, P.G.M. King and P.G.M. Josiah H. Drummond.

The Kentucky Masonic Home, at Louisville, has over two hundred inmates. 22nd June next will be "Templar's Day" at the Home, when the two Louisville Commanderies will have charge of the proceedings, and present their gifts.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—As spring approaches a most favourable opportunity offers for rectifying irregularities, removing impurities, and erasing blemishes which have arisen from the presence of matters forbidden by winter from being transpired through the pores. This searching Ointment, well rubbed upon the skin, penetrates to the deeply seated organs, upon which it exerts a most wholesome and beneficial influence. Well nigh all the indigestions give way to this simple treatment, aided by purifying and aperitive doses of Holloway's Pills, round each box of which plain "instructions" are folded. Bilious disorders, loss of appetite, fullness after eating, lassitude, gout and rheumatism may be effectively checked in their painful progress, and the seeds of long suffering eradicated by these remedies.

GLEANINGS.

MASONIC HOMES.—Bro. Cornelius Hedges, of Montana, commenting on the indefinite postponement, in Indiana, of a proposition to build a Masonic Home, solaces himself by saying: Perhaps we do not need any Homes or Asylums at all. Perhaps our own homes are all the asylums that are needed. There are very few so utterly helpless that they cannot provide for themselves with a little assistance; perhaps a little good advice and encouragement is all that is needed. It is a good educating influence to have some charitable work on hand at all times and to keep the objects that need charity in sight. Every Mason's heart ought to be a Masonic home, a fountain of charity watering its vicinity and multiplying these oases of society till they all run together, covering the dreary desert of life with pleasing verdure and productive life. There is this to be said about a diffusive charity that is not always understood and never sufficiently appreciated, the worthiest cases of charity seldom receive attention, because they seek to avoid rather than to attract attention. Beggars generally are unworthy, and the deserving poor suffer in silence. Whatever sort of Masonic homes we may establish, we could never get the most deserving objects of charity into them. There is nothing to take the place of domiciliary visits, if we would find where the most meritorious want and suffering hide themselves.—*Keystone.*

FREEMASONRY NON-PARTIZAN.—A brother writes: "Not a thousand miles from your city I recently heard a lively political talk in a Lodge room. Is such a theme admissible upon the carpet." In reply we say most emphatically, no. It is the wisdom and strength of our noble Order that it is non-partizan. With a man's political opinions and religious convictions as well as his avocation, if it be legitimate, it makes no attempt to interfere. Whether a man is a democrat or republican, whether he is a member of this church or that, whether he earns his bread with head or hand, are questions that should never cross the threshold of a Lodge room. And in the amenities due each other as members of the fraternity no such considerations should for a moment be allowed to enter. A brother who entertains them is grossly disloyal to both the spirit and letter of the Order.

AUTHORSHIP.—The vocation of the author is a high and holy one; woe, therefore, to him who abuses it to gain popularity or pecuniary gain! Ever it behoves all men to be truthful, but the literary man most so of all, for who can say where his influence ends—whether for good or evil?—*Bro. Markham Tweddell.*

MEN AND BEES.—We never see two bees contending for the same flower, as we poor fools contend for this morsel of profit, or for that man's paltry share of trade, instead of opening up fresh sources of real wealth for ourselves and the community.—*Peter Proletarius.*

The beauties of Masonry consist chiefly in the lives and fellowship of its members; there is a mystic cord that binds them together, whether in prosperity or adversity, in sickness or in health, in life or in death, at home or abroad; and death itself does not rend asunder this silver cord—for as long as the descendants of a Mason ask in his name "help" it is freely given! When a man becomes a true Mason, the fountain of charity is opened up in his heart, and, like the pure waters gushing from a rock, continues to flow, dispensing happiness and joy.

WHAT HE BROUGHT.—A candidate having petitioned a Masonic Lodge for initiation, and on being asked, rather by way of jest, what good things he brought with him to render his petition acceptable to the Masonic Fraternity, thus nobly answered: "I bring what Cæsar never had, and Napoleon vainly sighed for, a heart unsullied, a conscience clear, a mind serene. These are my portion." We need not add that such a man was acceptable, nor nor will it be a matter of surprise to any reflecting Mason to be told that the record of the Lodge in which that man was initiated, when it alludes to his too early death, calls him by the honourable name of Past Grand Master.—*Freemason's Journal.*

The persons admitted members of a Lodge must be good and true men, free born, of mature and discreet age, no bondmen, no women, no immoral or scandalous men, but of good report.

Grand Lodges, being our highest tribunals, hold jurisdiction over all subordinates within the limits of the Government, State or Territory in which they are located. Their authority is coextensive therewith. All, however, are governed by our "Ancient Charges," held as the germ embodying the constituent elements embraced within the written landmarks of the Order, and which are regarded by them with the most scrupulous veneration, as they are the groundwork upon which their own Constitution and laws are framed. No Grand Lodge would presume to make innovations upon these time-honoured instruments.

Man's natural desire is to seek happiness, and he will attain it in proportion as he cultivates virtuous habits, and lives in obedience and conformity to their just and rational requirements.

SUNDAY.—Masons should remember the Sabbath day and try and keep it religiously. It is highly improper for them to meet in their Lodges on this day for instruction or practice. Every Mason is taught to obey the moral law, and cheerfully conform to the laws and customs of the country in which he lives. The members of the Order cannot consistently openly violate and outrage the acknowledged moral and religious customs of the place and age. To do so tends to degrade the participants, lower the Order in the estimation of good men and bring disgrace and reproach upon the whole fraternity. Let our young brothers who attend bass ball games, slugging matches, races and kindred amusements on Sunday ponder this matter in the light of the teachings of our Order.—*California Record.*

The avaricious man is like the barren, sandy soil of the desert, which sucks in all the rain and dews with greediness, but yields no fruitful herbs or plants for the benefit of others.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 23rd APRIL.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1384—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1624—Eccleson, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
R.C. 42—St. George, 33 Golden Square, W

1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
2048—Henry Levander, Station Hotel, Harrow

MONDAY, 25th APRIL.

4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
26—Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
46—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
875—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
1349—Friars, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
1426—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1686—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
1698—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1801—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, St. Andrew, George Street, Baker Street, W., at 7.45. (Instruction)

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
899—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1894—Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough
R.A. 189—Sincerity, St. George's Hall, East Stonehouse
R.A. 210—Faith, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton.
R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle Street, Carlisle
R.A. 321—Faith, Crewe Arms Hotel, Crewe
R.A. 331—Loyal Cornubian, Masonic Hall, Truro
R.A. 1205—Elliott, 1 Caroline Place, East Stonehouse
R.A. 1222—Inkerman, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare

TUESDAY, 26th APRIL.

Audit Committee Girls' School, at 4.
14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
92—Moira, Albion, Aldersgate-street
141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
165—Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hotel
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1348—Ebury, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kenning on. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Kenley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Horsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst)
1719—Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1744—Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1940—Nixon, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
2108—Maire, Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 8.30
R.A. 7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 513—Wellington, White Swan Hotel, Deptford
R.A. 701—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 1269—Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton
R.A. 162—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbrooke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst).
I.M. 2—Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.C. 67—Studdholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
463—East Surrey of Concord, Kings' Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
788—Crescent, Island Hotel, Twickenham

1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Plaiton
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1636—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
2025—St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, Devon
R.A. 47—Abbey, George Hotel, Nottingham
R.A. 94—De Lambton, Freemasons' Hall, Queen Street, Sunderland
R.A. 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
R.A. 418—Staffordshire Knot, Freemasons' Hall, Huxley
R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
R.A. 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 168—Keystone, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
M.M. 262—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
K.T. 114—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds

WEDNESDAY, 27th APRIL.

GRAND FESTIVAL, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 8
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Brixton, at 8. (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (In)
539—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)
882—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Inst.)
898—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruc.)
1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1056—Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
1540—Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria St., S.W., at 7.30 (I)
1682—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
1818—Clapham, Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria Station
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
R.A. 13—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
183—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1083—Toynbee Parker, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby. (Instruction)
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1219—Strangeways, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1283—Ryburn, Central Buildings, Town Hall Street, Sowerby Bridge
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley Street, Bury, Lancashire
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
1953—Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Church, Somersetshire
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K.T.—Alpass, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
K.T. 16—Prudence, Freemasons' Hall, Ipswich

THURSDAY, 28th APRIL.

General Committee Girls' School, 1, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
66—Grenadiers', Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87—Vivian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
8—Shakespeare, Albion, Aldersgate-street
141—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.)
507—United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
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)
859—South Middlesex, Beaufort House, North End, Fulham
861—Finsbury, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
871—Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
1153—Southern Star, Pheasant, Langate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1278—Burdett Courts, Swan Tavern, Beconal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1332—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1563—The City of Westminster, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1602—Sir Angus Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1625—Freemasonry, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bury, E., at 7.30. (In.)
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)
1741—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creston, Wheatheat Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1951—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1973—St. Mary Abbots, Town Hall, Kensington
R.A. 534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
R.C. 97—Rose and Lily, 33 Golden Square, W.

51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
 78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancas hire
 111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
 214—Hope and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Brentwood, Essex
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, n. s. (Instruction)
 286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bicap
 348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
 807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre Street, Norwich
 904—Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
 935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington Square, Salford
 966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
 1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
 1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 1437—Liberty of Havering, Rising Sun, Romford
 1450—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, nr Manchester
 1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
 1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
 1894—Earl of Clarendon, Corn Exchange, Watford
 2131—Brownlow, Town Hall, Ellesmere, Shropshire
 R.A. 67—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
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 M.M. 34—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

FRIDAY, 29th APRIL.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
 167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
 768—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1156—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1186—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
 1385—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Grayhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
 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)
 M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In.)
 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
 1303—Pelham, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes
 1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
 1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
 R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
 R.A. 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock Street, Newport, Monmouthshire
 K.T. 125—Sussex, Southdown Hotel, Eastbourne

SATURDAY, 30th APRIL.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
 1462—Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
 1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent
 R.C.—Stanhope, Queen Hotel, Chester

THE GREAT PRINTER—BENJAMIN FRANKLIN.

WE read with some interest the reprint of a communication to the *Saturday Evening Post*, of this city, urging the erection of a monument in Philadelphia to the memory of Benjamin Franklin. It has been reproduced in the *Southern Trade Gazette*, and is dated at Cincinnati in 1853. The writer urges that the monument should be erected over the remains of the great philosopher in the graveyard of Christ Church, at Fifth and Arch-streets.

It is now thirty-four years since the communication was written, and the grave is as unmarked now as it was then. Save the opening of an aperture in the wall of the old graveyard, which enables the passer-by to obtain a better view of the tombstone, nothing has been done to commemorate the spot where his ashes repose. Indeed, it is not venturing too much to say that there are thousands who daily pass this corner without being aware of the fact that the dust of the most illustrious American of the last century, save Washington, lies almost beneath their feet.

The city of Philadelphia, in which the greater part of his active career was passed, and which owed so much of its early development to his thought and enterprise, has never done justice to his memory. It certainly is not creditable to our patriotic spirit that we have permitted his grave to be neglected. Many years ago, when the old Philadelphia Library was erected on Fifth-street, a statue of Franklin was placed in a niche in the front wall of the edifice. When George W. Childs purchased the present *Ledger* building, he caused a statue of the great printer to be placed on the corner of the second story. Beyond these two memorials there is nothing conspicuous in the way of a statue or monument to show that Franklin is

remembered—nothing which may be said to represent the public in general.

We know that it has of late become the fashion in some circles to belittle Franklin. There are some writers who of late have been active in endeavouring to point out blemishes in his character. Indeed, we fear that much of that old-fashioned admiration which was once felt for him has of late years passed away. There was a time when his life was an incentive to our young men; when they adopted his maxims in business, and when they regarded him as an exemplar of the race of self-made men. It is not altogether a good sign that the present generation has in some degree forgotten him.

But, however much literary critics may disparage him, there is one fraternity which should not now permit his illustrious career to be forgotten—the printers. There is no follower of the typographic art who cannot make himself a better man by studying the life of the working-man who made the name of printer respected when printers were much less thought of than they are to-day. To every beginner in our craft we would commend the life of this great man as a book which should be read and re-read. It will cure the working-man of to-day of many false notions of labour and social economy. We believe that there would be much less trouble than there now is between employers and employes if the autobiography of Franklin should be as much read as it was in the last two generations.

We have been led to these thoughts by the reading of the appeal which we have mentioned above. This appeal holds as good in 1887 as it did in 1853. We should indeed like to see the time when the statue of the great printer, philosopher, and statesman, worthy of his grand career and his noble deeds, shall stand in the splendid plaza which surrounds the new public buildings of our city. Franklin was pre-eminently our first great citizen, and no greater has succeeded him, and in that place a statue to him would be a just emblem of civic pride.—*Printers' Circular*.

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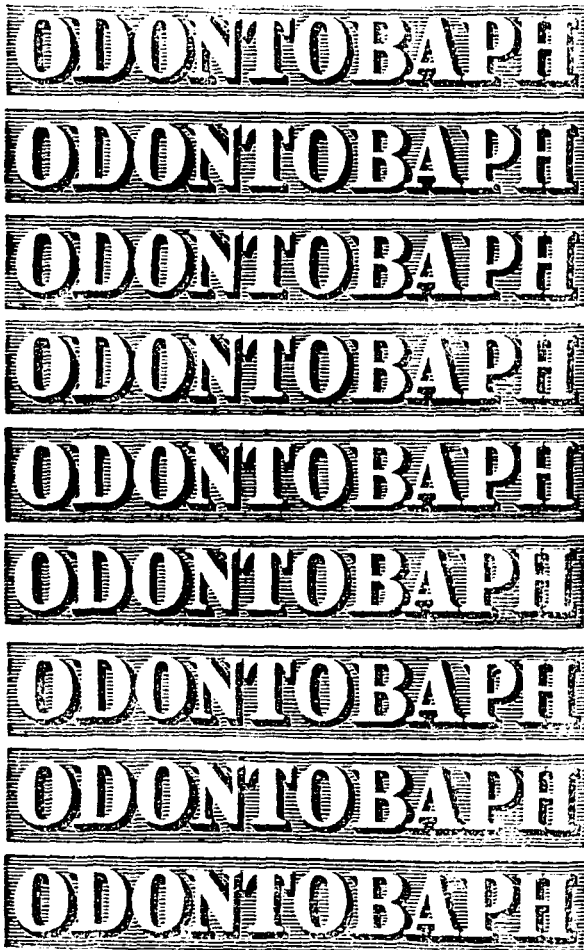
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