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THE M.W. THE GRAND MASTER AT
YARMOUTH.

IN the midst of the multifarious duties which our Most Worshipful Master is called upon to discharge, in his regal and Masonic positions, His Royal Highness found time, on Wednesday last, to pay a visit to Great Yarmouth, where he laid the foundation stone of a new local hospital with full Masonic ceremonial. It may be assumed that with his hands so employed in anticipation of the Jubilee festivities, in addition to the usual pressing demands upon his time and attention, the Prince of Wales has quite enough to do, but from his intimate association with Norfolk, where a considerable portion of his property is situated, it is only in the natural order of things that he should entertain a lively regard for any philanthropic or public movement that may originate within its borders. Thus for the sixth time His Royal Highness found himself the honoured guest of an enthusiastic and loyal populace, nor could his visit be regarded as partaking of that distinguishing characteristic of the Masonic profession—an object of true charity and benevolence. By the Freemasons of the Province the event was regarded as especially interesting, and they testified to the honour once more conferred upon them by according their illustrious chief a welcome such as must have been highly gratifying to him, as it was to all concerned. Although the weather was far from being proverbially "royal," rain falling at the time, the streets were lined with crowds of enthusiastic spectators, who accorded to the Prince a most loyal and hearty reception as he drove to Shadingfield Lodge, South Beach, where he has stayed on each occasion of a visit to Yarmouth. His Royal Highness was accompanied on his journey by Lord Charles Beresford, M.P., Past J.G.W. of England, Lord Henniker Prov. Grand Master of Suffolk, Admiral Sir H. Keppel, K.C.B., and Major General Teesdale, V.C. On the arrival of the distinguished party they were met at the Southtown Terminus by Lieutenant-Colonel Lord Suffield, K.C.B., Provincial Grand Master of Norfolk, Lieut.-Col. the Hon. Harbord Harbord, Colonel Wood (commanding the local regimental district), Colonel Shuttleworth, R.A., and a guard of honour of the Second Brigade Eastern Division R.A., of which the Prince is Honorary Colonel. Upwards of three hundred brethren in full regalia assembled at the Town Hall, where a Prov. Grand Lodge of Norfolk was held, the Provincial Grand Master Lieut.-Colonel Lord Suffield presiding, supported by a distinguished array of Grand Officers from the surrounding Provinces. At the conclusion of Provincial Grand Lodge His Royal Highness, accompanied by the brethren, proceeded to the site of the hospital, where the corner stone was laid, in accordance with the ancient rites of the Craft. Amongst the company present was the Mayor (Mr. T. Burton Stewart), the members of the Corporation, and a large number of the leading inhabitants of the district. A loyal and grateful address was presented to the Prince by the Recorder of the Borough, Mr. Simms Reeve, to which His Royal Highness replied. He said he had experienced much gratification in being able to visit their ancient borough for the sixth time, and was exceedingly pleased to have received so cordial a welcome from the loyal inhabitants. He thanked the Corporation very sincerely for the kind terms in which they had alluded in their address to his desire to assist by all means in his

power all charitable works. He assured them it was a great pleasure to him to be present on that interesting occasion, and to lay with Masonic rites the foundation stone of an Institution so much needed in that locality as the Great Yarmouth Hospital was. He appreciated their expressions of loyalty to the Queen, and hoped Her Majesty might long be spared to rule over a great and prosperous kingdom, as wisely and as successfully as she had done since she commenced her reign. This hope, he was sure, would be re-echoed by all English hearts. The brief address of our Most Worshipful Grand Master was cordially applauded, and the architects to the Hospital having been presented, a silver trowel was handed to His Royal Highness by the Mayor. In acknowledging a hearty vote of thanks, the Prince expressed a hope that this might not be his last visit to Great Yarmouth. Later in the day His Royal Highness visited the Royal Naval Asylum, was present at an Illuminated Fête in St. George's Park, for the benefit of the hospital fund, and patronised performances by Mr. J. L. Toole and his London Company at the Aquarium. On Thursday the Royal visitor inspected the Artillery Brigade, and in the evening the Officers gave a grand ball in his honour. It will thus be seen, that the praises showered upon our Grand Master on every occasion of a Masonic gathering are well deserved, for he never shirks an occasion when he can take a leading and prominent part in advancing the cause of Charity. Though necessarily involved intimately in the responsible duties of the affairs of State, he is ever prepared to lend a hand when his Royal presence is a means of stimulating the influences of benevolence, and in this way he is fulfilling in an eminent degree the functions which pertain to the exalted position he holds as the head of English Freemasonry.

SOME COMMON OBJECTIONS TO
FREEMASONRY.

THE V.W. Bro. Dr. Thomas Cartwright Smyth, Senior G. Chaplain of England, delivered a lecture bearing this title before the members of Lodge Prudence, Leeds, No. 2069, of which Lodge Dr. Smyth is I.P.M., on Saturday, the 14th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds. He said,—Although atheists, infidels and renegade brethren have exerted themselves to accomplish the ruin of Masonry; sovereign pontiffs and right reverend prelates of the Romish Church have levelled against it the thunders of their dark and once dreaded anathemas; able politicians and eminent ministers of all denominations have applied the lever of their talents and influence to topple it down from its high position in the hearts of thousands through the length and breadth of the civilised world; still, however, as a widely ramified and powerful community has it ever continued to lengthen its cords and strengthen its stakes, affording in the failure of its baffled detractors irresistible evidence of its innocency and excellence. Levity may attempt to soil its beauty, and sophistry to mar it, but like those pillars in the temple of the Deity which it nobly typifies it stands, and will stand, upheld by Truth, and admired in its Wisdom, Strength and Beauty by the wise and unprejudiced. Time will permit me on the present occasion to allude to but one or two of the opponents of our noble Fraternity.

Ludwig Greismann, a Dominican monk and lecturer on biology, endeavoured to prove, at Aix la Chapelle, in a course of sermons preached during Lent 1779, that the Jews who crucified Christ were Freemasons; that Pilate and Herod were Wardens of a Lodge; that Judas Iscariot, before he betrayed his Lord and Master, was initiated in the Synagogue, and that when he returned the thirty pieces of silver to the Priests he did no more than pay the fees for admission to the Order. Paul Cullen, Roman Catholic Archbishop and Primate of all Ireland, in November 1851, declared that "all Catholics who join the society of Freemasons are subjected to the penalty of excommunication—cut off as rotten branches from the Church of God, and if they die in this deplorable state are doomed to eternal perdition." One Major Allyn published some years ago a book, in America, against the Order, in which he declares: "Its bloody picture exhibits a combination of principles the most inveterately opposed to free inquiry and individual rights that ever stained the annals of infamy. You may search the blackened character of the Holy Volume, or invoke the archives of the secret tribunals of Germany, where torture yells and grinds her bloody teeth, but your exertions would be vain, you could not find a case to match this masterpiece. The Holy Inquisition, that harbinger of Hell's most dreadful attribute—vengeance, alone may strive for the mastery." Major Allyn became an itinerant lecturer against the Order, and spent many months delivering addresses before crowded audiences in New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Philadelphia. In the course of these lectures he boasted that thousands seceded from the Order. His barefaced imposition was at last detected, and he was pelted off the stage in disgrace. He pitifully describes his most suitable reward of violating his Masonic obligations. Declaring himself a man of high standing, he confesses that he was "mobbed, insulted, stoned, imprisoned, abused, while he sought in vain the protection of the law." That many-headed body the *profanum vulgus* generally awards more pelting than pence to falsehood and perjury, and so Major Allyn appears to have found it. It is frequently asserted that Freemasonry encourages dissipation and intemperance of the worst description, as evidenced to the world by the evil lives of many of its members. I can scarcely imagine that a really unprejudiced and sensible person could admit such an argument against any community. Can we point through the world to a single Institution so perfect and infallible as to possess the power of excluding from its ranks objectionable members. If Masonic Lodges in different countries, as is doubtless the case, have in certain instances disgraced their meetings by evil deeds, the blame in all fairness must rest with themselves, and not with the Order whose primary principle it undoubtedly is to urge on its members with the fear of God. "The practice of every domestic as well as public virtue, that prudence may direct them, temperance chasten them, fortitude support them, and justice be the guide of all their actions." Connected also to this objection may be viewed the argument that the fruits of Masonry do not appear in every brother as regards peculiar eminence in the objects proposed by the Craft. I proceed in the next place to notice the objection that whatever is secret must consequently be bad; all secrecy, as some would argue, implying evil. If Masonry be really replete with every moral principle, it is asked by many,—why is it not given indiscriminately to all, that all may be benefited by its valuable privileges? Now I utterly deny that secrecy can fairly be imputed as a crime, inasmuch as every age of the world has considered it an excellence, when judiciously exercised. Are we not taught by the wisest of men that "a tale bearer revealeth secrets, but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter." Is not secrecy, also, not only desirable, but absolutely requisite in properly conducting all worldly affairs, and do not all incorporated bodies enjoy this liberty without impeachment? An apprentice, for instance, is bound to keep the secrets of his master, a friend to consult the interests of his company, and not to disclose in common society the mysteries of his profession; secret committees and privy councils are solemnly enjoined not to publish abroad their debates and resolutions. In courts martial all the members are bound to secrecy, and in many cases for more effectual security an oath is administered. As we are united in general society by our wants and infirmities, and a variety of circumstances contributing to our necessary dependence on each other, so particular

societies, of whatever denomination, are all conjoined by a sort of cement, by bonds and laws that are peculiar to each of them, from the highest to the lowest. Consequently the injunctions of secrecy among Masons can be no more unwarrantable than in the cases and societies alluded to. Added to this, were the secrets of Masonry universally known, the design of the art, which is to include the honest and virtuous, and those alone, in the bonds of its principles would be utterly subverted, and becoming familiar, like many other important matters, would lose its value and speedily sink into disrepute. "Why," it has been asked in reference to this very subject, "do men lock up precious things, except to keep them from unhallowed hands?" The universality of our Order, moreover, extended as it is over every division of the habitable globe, must make it requisite that certain tokens and signs should exist by which brethren of different nations and languages may without difficulty be known to each other, and though we act upon the principle of excluding all known immorality, our Lodges are open to every good and worthy man, and our secrets are hidden from none but those whose presence among us would prove to the Order of doubtful benefit. We do not invite adherence, and therefore none can be disappointed. It is further alleged by objectors to our Order that on every occasion of admitting a member we bind him by an oath, under solemn obligations, with heavy penalties, which they stoutly maintain is an unwarrantable proceeding. Now, if certain persons have bound themselves into an organisation, with the laudable aim of constantly improving in useful knowledge, and also of promoting universal benevolence and the social virtues of human life, and have bound themselves by a solemn obligation to conform to the rules of such Society, where is the folly, immorality or impiety of such a proceeding? An oath taken under such circumstances is surely lawful and obligatory. A voluntary oath is more binding from being voluntary, because there is no stricter obligation than that which we willingly take upon ourselves. Let us further remember that a person by the fact of requesting permission to enter Masonry admits our authority as accredited custodians of certain secrets, which secrets we surely have a right to protect. I proceed in the next place to notice the objection that by admitting Mahomedans, Jews and Parsees we ignore the great Head of religion. This assertion is based on the generally received but erroneous assumption that while Freemasonry embraces that universal system in which all agree—while the infidel and atheist are excluded from its pale—it ought to be viewed as a religious sect. It is simply a peculiar system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols, uniting its adherents as well in the bonds of brotherly love, as well as in the constant practice of scientific attainments. It cannot therefore be justly denominated a religious society, except as far as it derives its authority of universal benevolence and charity from such parts of God's word as existed at different periods of time, when the various decrees of the Order were established; ancient Masonry having come into existence far antecedent to the Christian era, the name of Christ is not consequently essential to the formulas of the Craft or of Royal Arch Masonry. It has also been gravely asserted by some that our Order is dangerous as a political association; such an accusation is refuted by quoting the words contained in the charge to an E.A., "Your obedience must be proved by abstaining from all topics of political discussion," &c. "I am to enjoin you as a citizen of the world to be exemplary in the discharge of your civil duties, by never proposing or at all countenancing any act that may be a tendency to subvert the peace and good order of society and by paying due obedience to the laws of any State which may for the time become the place of your abode or afford you its protection." When societies of Jacobins and disaffected persons were common in England during the sanguinary French revolution the arm of the law was brought into action to put them down; but the Order of Freemasons was especially exempted by the Act of Parliament which then was passed, "for the more effectual suppression of societies established for seditious and treasonable purposes." Well might it be so when the Government possessed so strong a guarantee for the loyalty of the Order as was furnished by the names of such of its members as the Duke of Wellington, Canning, and Wilberforce, and well may we point with pride in evidence of its firm devotion to the Throne and the law in these our days to a countless host of worthies so eminent as the Prince of Wales, the Earls of

Carnarvon, Lathom, &c., to our own Provincial Grand Master (Bro. Tew), the Dean of York, and thousands of others. Can it be supposed that such as these would glory in owning fellowship with a body of secret traitors, banded together for the hindrance of justice—divine and human? I now proceed to notice the last objection to our Order upon which I propose to touch at present. Our opponents assert that if there is not possible harm in it there is really no benefits, the principal object of those who embrace it being to enjoy the good things of this life and to deck their persons with gaudy ornaments. While we believe that God in His beneficence has given us the things of this present world ever to use as not abusing them, we are bound most stringently to fix rational limits to our hours of enjoyment. Nor do we deviate from the ordinary usages of other societies in wearing badges and such distinctions as the Craft may confer on its members for their laudable progress in its noble principles. Such are the brief replies which time has permitted me to offer to the leading objections against our Order, an Order which has cheered for many a year my leisure hours, which fostered the piety of William of Wykeham, which developed the genius of Wren and of Vanbrugh, which soothed, amid the turmoil of war and the cares of Government, that dauntless soldier and patriot Wellington, who raised on the shores of the Western world the standard of the Empire. Finally, I believe, in regard to Freemasonry that God has indeed been in the midst of her, and therefore has she not been removed—God, who in many a bygone age has guided her back through the mists of idolatry, the shoals of infidelity, and the billows of faction. And sure am I that the Lord of Hosts will still be with her, and the God of Jacob still prove her refuge, while she continues true to herself in teaching her votaries generosity to the fallen, sympathy with the suffering, the love of peace, subordinate only to the love of freedom and the glorious principles of a vast philanthropy, embracing all nations; which shall have its completion in the Lodge above, where the Great Architect of the Universe reigns as the Eternal Grand Master, and the wise and good of every age and every clime shall meet as brethren to part no more.

FREEMASONRY AS A SOCIAL INSTITUTION.

VALUES are both absolute and relative. The intrinsic worth is one thing, and the comparative worth may be quite another. Thus in the Masonic system there can be no question as to the importance of those principles, moral and religious, which distinguish it, as compared with forms and ceremonies of a mere ritual observance. But these last-named features have their place and value in this system, and Freemasonry would be left poor indeed were these elements taken away. From a like point of view we can see how Masonic history, literature, symbolism, command the first place in the judgment of intelligent Craftsmen, and that it is along the lines of intellectual and moral expression that we find the glory of Freemasonry revealed.

But these principal things do not exhaust the benefits of the organisation. There are Masonic helps and ministries of higher and lower order, and even those that lie on the material side are not to be despised. So it is we are moved to offer an urgent plea in favour of Freemasonry as a social force. That is not its highest or chief function, but it has value and is worthy of being considered and fostered as an adjunct of that which represents more of dignity and usefulness. Some Lodges make the mistake of over-estimating the social features of the Masonic system. Fellowship and good cheer seem to be the primal virtues, and they cultivate with the utmost assiduity the graces of hospitality, friendliness and sociability. They eat oysters and drink coffee together on every possible occasion; they sit around the banquet tables, partake of the good things provided, smoke and chat, tell stories and gossip about the matters of local interest, and then go home feeling that the chief mission of Freemasonry is to provide occasions when the social nature can be thus ministered to in connection with the eating and drinking generally found to be conducive to the expression of a fraternal feeling. It goes without saying that the Institution is lowered in its aims when too much is made of the

merely material and social elements. There is danger in the way of an excess of the good fellowship that the social board or the Masonic banquet room provides.

On the other hand, however, there is an unwise rigidity and constraint just as much to be avoided. Freemasonry is not to be interpreted and applied as though it only stood for instruction and devotion; as though it was only fitted to man's intellectual being, and must always be expressed in solemn precise forms. Pleasure and social enjoyment make much of the zest to life. It strengthens and helps a man to unbend sometimes, to take his place among congenial associates, eat a good dinner, and listen to a song or story, or join in friendly conversation. It is not wise to neglect these ministries because they are of comparatively slight importance. They have their uses in broadening and blessing human hearts, thus making the pilgrim way of earth a little less cheerless than it otherwise would be. They constitute a bond of union among Brethren. Other things being equal, that Masonic Lodge which makes ample provisions for sociability and friendliness among its members will be the most prosperous, and will be the most likely to appreciate the higher aims of the institution and do the best work for philanthropy and human good. Let it not be forgotten that Freemasonry is a Social Institution.—*Freemasons' Repository*.

BROTHERHOOD.

THE word Brotherhood sounds the keynote of all true Freemasonry. When a Lodge realises that it is a family of brothers, bound to each other by a common tie, having unity of interest in all that pertains to moral culture, material prosperity, and unblemished good name, it will find little difficulty in performing fully all its covenants, for they all grow out of the spirit of Brotherhood—the spirit of mutual protection and charity.

A spirit of devotion to our Institution will be increased and ennobled if members of the Order conform to a just conception of it, for while it is adapted to meet the needs of all, there is nothing narrow or bigoted in its character. It has come down to us from the dim past, venerable with age and honour; it stretches out its wide embrace to enclose men of every country and clime. In its catholic charity it excludes no creed, no political opinions, rank or condition. Making common cause with all that tends to elevate dignity and purify humanity, it is the rival of no institution that has these objects in view.

Religion, above all, finds in true Masonry its firmest friend. Its leading truths lie at the foundation of our Institution, and its system of morals is the same as that which is inculcated by all creeds. Its sacred oracle is the accepted rule by which we profess to guide and amend our lives. Hebrew and Christian brethren alike find the page they revere spread ever open upon our altar. Every rite points to the holy volume as its source; and every covenant is sanctioned by invocation to the Great Architect of the Universe.

Our Institution recognises the mutual dependence of one upon the other, through the varied vicissitudes of life, and for all the kind offices which justice and mercy require, its members should aid, sustain and uplift each other by mutual assistance and acts of kindness, for good deeds need no other praise than the acts themselves.—*New York Sunday Times*.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, when the President, Bro. R. Grey, occupied the chair, and was supported by a large attendance. Recommendations made at the April meeting, amounting in the aggregate to £450, were confirmed; the new list, containing 57 applications, was then considered. These were relieved, with a total of £585, consisting of two recommendations of £50 each, five of £40 each, seven of £30 each; grants of £20 each to ten petitioners, £10 each to eleven petitioners, and £5 each to eleven petitioners. Several cases were dismissed or deferred.

A Reuter's telegram informs us that Prince Albert Victor of Wales, accompanied by the Governor of Gibraltar, attended a ball given there on Tuesday night, by the Spanish Consul, to celebrate the first anniversary of the birth of King Alfonso XIII.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE Annual Meeting was held on Friday, the 20th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C., under the presidency of Bro. Edgar Bowyer, Past Grand Standard Bearer, Patron and Trustee of the Institution. The following is the Report, which was presented and adopted:—

REPORT.

THE Committee of Management has much pleasure in submitting a report of its proceedings during the past year to the Governors and Subscribers of the Institution.

The Annual Festival was held, by direction of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., Grand Patron and President, on Tuesday the 22nd February last, W. Wither B. Beach Esq., M.P., Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight presided, and the Board of Stewards, 384 in number, which supported him, were successful in raising amongst them the magnificent sum of £19,229 10s Od. This grand total, which considerably exceeds the amount subscribed at any previous Festival in behalf of this Institution, cannot be otherwise than gratifying, not only to the general body of the English Craft, but likewise, and in an especial degree, to the Right Worshipful Brother in the chair and the Stewards who laboured so earnestly and energetically to promote his advocacy. Moreover, large as the sum undoubtedly is, there are grounds for anticipating that, before the year is ended, it will be supplemented by many further contributions. The Province of West Yorkshire is engaged in raising 2,000 guineas (£2,100) to enable it to purchase the right of two perpetual presentations to the Widows' fund; that of East Lancashire has entered upon a similar task, and the Province of Cumberland and Westmoreland has resolved on contributing 1,000 guineas (£1,050). These undertakings, which are already in progress, furnish the best of reasons for believing that the subscriptions obtained during the Jubilee year of Her Majesty's reign will approximate closely to, if they do not exceed, a total—including the grant of £1,000 from United Grand Lodge, of £24,500, or about £1,500 more than has been realised at any Anniversary Festival held in behalf of a Masonic Institution. Under these circumstances it becomes the duty of the Committee—and it is needless to say the duty is fulfilled with the most genuine pleasure—to place on record its deep sense of gratitude to the Right Worshipful Brother W. B. Beach, M.P., and the numerous body of Stewards, for their successful services on the occasion. The Committee has also to report that in consequence of the unprecedented success attendant on the unceasing and urgent appeals on behalf of this Institution, the sum of one hundred guineas was presented to the Secretary, in acknowledgment of the zeal shown by him during the past twelve months.

At the Election in May 1886 there were upon the Funds of the Institution 375 annuitants, namely, 173 men and 202 widows. To-day there are 128 approved candidates, of whom 51 are men and 77 widows, and the Committee, having determined at its meeting in February that there should be elected from this list 9 men (6 immediate and 3 deferred) and 28 widows—that is to say 25 additional to be admitted immediately, and 3 deferred, who, in the then entire absence of vacancies, would otherwise have been the only Widows to be balloted for on this occasion—the total number of annuitants will now be 400, namely, 173 men and 227 widows.

But in the interval that has elapsed since the February meeting, there have died 2 men and 13 widows, so that as regards the former there will have to be 11 men elected, while as regards the widows the number to be elected will remain at 28, it having been resolved that such annuities as might fall vacant during the interim should be considered part of the authorized increase of 25. When, however, the Committee came to this determination it was not foreseen, nor could it have been anticipated, that the Festival of the year would have been productive of so splendid a total, and as it seems desirable that the overwhelming disproportion still existing between the number of applicants and the number of vacancies—particularly in the case of the Widows' Fund—should be reduced as far as possible, consistently with the future financial security of the Institution, the Committee considers itself justified in recommending that the 13 vacancies in the Widows' Fund caused by death should be filled up, and to further increase the number of male annuitants by 5. In the event of this recommendation being adopted, there will then be 178 annuitants, each receiving £40 per annum, on the Male Fund, and 227 annuitants, each receiving £32 per annum, on the Widows' Fund, the total sum annually distributable amongst these 405 annuitants amounting to £14,384. To this must be added a further £200, divisible under Law 9 (Male Fund) among the Widows, ten in number, of recently deceased male annuitants, so that the annual expenditure on account of annuities only will henceforth amount to £14,584, and the Committee trusts this large outlay will suffice, at all events for some years, to meet the average demands on the resources of the Institution. A time must come when it will be impossible, without serious risk, to further increase the responsibilities that have been incurred.

The Committee takes this opportunity of recording its sincere thanks to United Grand Lodge, both for the grant of £1000 from the Fund of General Purposes, and its renewed subsidy of £70 towards providing the residents of the Institution at Croydon with coal during the winter months.

It is also desirous of conveying its cordial thanks to the honorary surgeons of the Institution, Henry J. Strong, Esq., M.D., and R. Peroy Middlemist, Esq., for their invaluable services and unremitting attention to those among the annuitants, both resident and

non-resident, who have been unfortunately compelled to seek medical advice and assistance.

It is likewise most gratifying to the Committee to be in a position to report that the building at Croydon is in a complete state of repair, and only needs that care and supervision which are requisite in the case of all similar buildings.

The Audited Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st March 1887 is appended, and in laying it before the Governors and Subscribers, the Committee, while inviting the most rigorous examination of its details, is confident it will be found that a scrupulously just economy has been exercised in administering the Funds of the Institution. It therefore hopes that the appeals which it will be its duty to address to the Governors and Subscribers for a continuance in the future of that generous support which has been so loyally accorded to it in the past will not be made in vain.

It remains for the Committee to express its earnest hope that the English Craft generally will be as liberal as heretofore in contributing the large amount of funds which is indispensable to the maintenance of the Institution in its present high state of efficiency. So long as Freemasonry remains among our most cherished Institutions in this country, so long will there be a number, more or less considerable, according to the varying circumstances of the times, of indigent brethren and widows of brethren, whose sore distresses it was one of the proudest privileges of our Society to alleviate as far as possible; and the Committee is persuaded that no existing Masonic Organisation is able to cope so readily and efficaciously with those distresses as the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. May a continuance, even in an enhanced degree, of the support so imperatively needed be always forthcoming.

After the other business of the Institution had been transacted, the brethren proceeded to the election of 16 Male Annuitants from an approved list of 51 candidates, and 41 Female Annuitants from an approved list of 77 candidates. Later in the day the result was declared as regards the Female Annuitants; but in the case of the Males, a question of accuracy arose; a scrutiny was demanded, and the result will not be officially declared till Tuesday or Wednesday next. Under these circumstances our readers will readily excuse us from giving details.

A banquet in connection with the Derby Allcroft Lodge, No. 2168, was given on Thursday evening, at the Holborn Restaurant, in celebration of Her Majesty's Jubilee. The chair was filled by Bro. John Derby Allcroft Past G. Treasurer, Worshipful Master, who was supported by a distinguished company of Officers and Brethren. The affair was a brilliant success, the speeches being interspersed with a selection of vocal music, under the direction of Bros. J. F. Haskins and J. Kift, assisted by Bros. H. Schartau, Arthur Thompson, and R. Grice. We are reluctantly compelled to hold over our full report until next issue.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—SURE Relief.—The weak and enervated suffer severely from nervous affections when storms or electric disturbances agitate the atmosphere. Neuralgia, gouty pangs, and flying pains, very distressing to a delicate system, may be readily removed by rubbing this Ointment upon the affected part after it has been fomented with warm water. The Pills, taken occasionally in the doses prescribed by the instructions, keep the digestion in order, excite a free flow of healthy bile, and regenerate the impoverished blood with richer materials resulting from thoroughly assimilated food—wanting which, the strongest must inevitably soon sink into feebleness, and the delicate find it difficult to maintain existence. Holloway's Ointment and Pills are infallible remedies.

Obituary.

BRO. JAMES EDELL.

WE regret to announce the sudden death, by apoplexy, after an illness of only three-quarters of an hour, of Bro. James Edell, solicitor, of King-street, Cheapside, E.C., and Clapton. Deceased was in his 68th year. He was initiated in London Lodge 108, and here became a P.M. He was also a member of the City of Westminster Lodge, 1563. In both Lodges, and indeed out of the Craft, our deceased Brother was universally respected, as a genial, urbane, upright man and Mason. His remains were deposited on Monday last, at the City of London Cemetery, Ilford, after a special funeral service had been held in the parish church, Hackney. Here about two hundred friends had met to pay a tribute of regard to our worthy Brother. Among the many we noticed Bro. J. E. Shand Secretary 1563 and 2030, Eastgate P.M. 1563, Ward 2030, Charles P.M., old friends of the family. The coffin and hearse was covered with wreaths and flowers. The funeral arrangements were conducted by Bro. Ayton, of White-chapel Road, E., and was furnished with every taste and solemnity for such an occasion. Our deceased brother leaves a widow, two sons, and six daughters, to all of whom we offer our deep sympathy. We trust the Grand Architect of the Universe will console and give them fortitude to bear their great and irretrievable loss.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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YORK LODGE, No. 236.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, the 16th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, York, when there were present Bros. T. Gerard Hodgson W.M., W. Smith S.W., Samuel Border J.W., C. Linley acting Chap., J. Todd P.M. Treas., E. W. Purnell Secretary, Mungo Bryson acting S.D., J. B. Sampson J.D., T. Watkinson I.G., W. G. Calvert Tyler, Major McGachen P.M., George Kirby P.M., J. Sykes Rymer P.M., George Balmford P.M., David Lockwood, Tom Arohey, Charles Anderson, J. Biscoombe, H. P. Hopton, E. Carter, E. B. Kendall, A. Jones, T. Rawling, C. Livesey, E. R. Dodsworth, H. L. Swift, N. Stimpson and others. The minutes of the last regular Lodge, and the Lodge of emergency held on the 2nd instant, were read and confirmed. A ballot was successfully taken for Bro. Eugene George Nicholson, of 1449, as a joining member. Bro. Kendall was then raised to the sublime degree by the W.M., assisted by Bro. Todd P.M. The W.M. announced that he should represent the Lodge as Steward at the forthcoming Festival of the Boys' School, and Bro. Todd gave notice that he should propose a sum of twenty guineas be voted at the next meeting from the Lodge and Charity Funds, to be put on the W.M.'s list. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren retired to the banqueting room, where the remainder of the evening was spent in harmony.

LODGE OF CONCORD, No. 632.

THE usual monthly meeting of this successful Lodge was held on 10th May, at Trowbridge. Amongst those present were Bros. F. Kelland W.M., J. E. Hayward P.M., R. De M. Lawson P.P.S.G.W., C. Gauntlett P.M., W. J. Mann P.P.G.S., H. E. Bishop P.M., T. S. Hill P.M., J. H. Foley I.P.M., G. L. C. Palmer S.W., J. Pocock J.W., H. Applegate, F. Selve, W. R. Brown, A. Cox, H. H. R. Chapman, H. White, T. B. Barnes, H. Mundy, G. Snailum, J. Gouldsmith, Wear, J. Lansdown, and several visiting brethren. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. Offer was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, after which Bros. W. Walker and S. Pickard were passed to the second degree. The ceremonies were most impressively performed by the W.M., who at the close of the proceedings rose and said that he had still another duty to perform, and one of a highly pleasing and gratifying character, viz., to present to Bro. Foley a Past Master's jewel, subscribed for by the members of the Lodge. The Worshipful Master spoke in a most appreciative manner of the great interest Bro. Foley took in Masonry, and of the urbanity and courtesy which always marked his conduct, making special allusion to the able manner in which he filled the chair during his year of office and of the impressive way which he performed the installation in January last. Bro. Foley, in accepting the jewel, said he was completely taken by surprise, and, in a few appropriate remarks, referred to the great interest he felt in Masonry, believing that it was calculated to make us all better men. The Lodge was then closed in due form, and for the summer recess. The brethren then adjourned to the George Hotel for refreshments, during which Bro. Gibson, a visitor from a Lodge in the North of England, spoke of the great pleasure it had given him to see the very able manner in which the Lodge had been conducted that evening.

LILY LODGE OF RICHMOND, No. 820.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 11th inst., at the Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, under the presidency of Bro. G. T. Salmon W.M., who was supported by Bros. Richard Pye S.W., E. Liebmann J.W., C. Hubbard P.M., G. C. Young P.M., Myers P.M., Forster Reynolds P.M., Philips P.M., J. Heath Secretary, H. Seymour-Clarke S.D., J. Pelham J.W., C. Robson I.G., G. Cook D.C., several other members of the Lodge, and the following visitors:—J. G. Twinn W.M. 1306, H. Sprake 813, A. E. Sarti S.W. 180, R. P. Forge W.M. 1693, H. Jones 193, S. Smither J.W. 193, N. L. Western P.M. 1693, Th. Fürst 269, J. F. Bliss 1440, G. R. Soper P.M. 1365, H. Thompson 890, W. McDonald P.M. 1445, T. J. Cusworth P.M. 813, W. Cook P.M. 22, J. Cogan P.M. 1365, J. Hobbs P.M. 749, E. F. Snook S.W. 1693, W. J. Crutch W.M. 1580 P.G.D. Herts, E. Cattermole 217, J. Tickle P.M. 1702 P.P.G.R. Middlesex, W. Pierpoint P.M. 813, G. T. Holdom P.M. 1306, R. B. Harding 1471, J. Godwin J.D. 1579, J. Herron 1524, Sidney Tower 1441, John Ambrose 2032, E. Holsworth S.D. 1607, F. Kennedy P.M. P.P.G.D.C., B. E. Blasby P.M. 780, E. Downs P.M. 788, Fountain Meen P.M. 1707, J. A. Robson P.M. 1445, &c. Lodge having been opened with the usual formalities the ballot was taken for Bro. F. Moufllet as a rejoining member, and he was duly admitted. The installation of Bro. Richard Pye having been completed, the following were appointed as Officers for the year:—Bros. Seymour-Clarke S.W., Robson J.W., Hubbard P.M. Treasurer, Heath Secretary, A. Combes S.D., G. Cook J.D., Young P.M. Organist, W. T. Laws I.G., A. Oliver D.C., Reynolds P.M. Steward, A. Copping Assistant Steward, and J. Gilbert Tyler. The tickets for the celebration at the Albert Hall having been disposed of by vote of the Lodge, a Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Salmon, the Immediate Past Master, who in reply tendered his sincere thanks for the many kindnesses he had received. He considered it would be his duty to attend the Lodge as often as lay in his power, while he should endeavour to promote its interests and advance its welfare to the best of his ability. A Past Secretary's jewel was presented to Bro. Myers, and then the Lodge was closed. A banquet followed, and in due course the customary toasts were

honoured. The loyal ones having been disposed of, Bro. Salmon gave that of the Worshipful Master, a sentiment he felt which would be endorsed by all. The Worshipful Master of the Lodge was an excellent man and a most excellent Mason. He had shown his zeal and kindly feelings on many occasions. He had the welfare of the Lily Lodge thoroughly at heart, as was evidenced by the trouble he had taken for weeks past to ensure the success of that day's meeting and the enjoyment of the members and visitors who might be present. The Worshipful Master tendered his thanks. He did not know what was the height of a Mason's ambition if it was not the office in which he had that day been installed. He was particularly pleased to be surrounded on such an occasion by so many personal friends as he saw around him. He hoped he should carry out his duties in such a way that twelve months hence the brethren would be able to say he had worked with credit to himself and for the benefit of the Lodge. The Past Masters were next toasted, the Worshipful Master referring to the qualifications of each, and particularly thanking Bro. Myers for the ability he had shown in performing the installation ceremony that day. Bro. Myers felt the Worshipful Master must be recognised as a good man and a worthy brother, or he would never have risen to his present high position. Bros. Salmon, Hubbard, Young, and others also acknowledged the toast, which was followed by that of the Masonic Institutions, which was acknowledged by Bro. Pierpoint P.M. The health of the Visitors was next proposed, the Worshipful Master tendering a hearty welcome to the many guests who had honoured the Lodge with their presence. Bro. Tickle in a measure regretted the Lily Lodge was not included in the Masonic Province of Middlesex; in such a case it might not only bear the designation of Lily of Richmond, but also be recognised as the Lily of the county. Bros. Crutch, Twinn, Soper, Cusworth, Forge, and others also responded, and other toasts having been given the proceedings were brought to a conclusion. A very enjoyable musical programme was arranged for the evening, the artistes being Miss Ada Patterson, Bro. Sidney Tower and Bro. Arthur Combes, while Bro. Fountain Meen presided at the piano. The various songs were rendered in splendid style.

AMHERST LODGE, No. 1223.

A LARGE number of well-known Masons attended to witness the installation of the Master of the above Lodge, at Riverhead, near Sevenoaks, on Saturday, the 6th May. There were present:—Earl Amherst the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Bro. J. Smith Eastes Past Grand Deacon the Very Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bros. Rev. T. S. Curteis Prov. Grand Chaplain, T. S. Warne Prov. G.S.W., Charles Graham P.P.G.S.D. Middlesex, R. S. Wilmot P.P.G.R., G. B. Chapman P.M. Egyptian No. 27 and W.M. 298, W. C. Cripps P.M. Holmesdale 874 and Wor. Master 2200, I. G. Calway P.M. Sackville 1619 Secretary Holmesdale 874, A. Young P.M. 1414, E. Sweeney P.M. 706, J. Hillhouse P.M. 228, C. Coupland P.M. 913, S. L. Green P.M. 1414, S. Clarke P.M. 706, H. H. Shirley P.M. 1491, W. J. Collins P.M. 766, W. T. Hammond W.M. 874, G. F. Varty W.M. 1854, C. Holcroft W.M. 1414, W. Drewitt S.W. 889, W. J. C. Brooks J.W. 22, J. W. Jull J.W. 1414, N. H. Turner J.D. 2000, C. Broad Steward 1632, J. M. Broad 1743, T. Whiting 22, M. Heath J.W. 766, G. Graham Bell 144, J. Morgan 1826, and the following members of the Lodge: E. S. Strange W.M., J. J. Birch S.W., W. Sparrowhawk J.W., R. Dartnell P.M. P.P.G. Sup. of Works Treasurer, J. H. Jewell P.M. P.P.G.O. Secretary, A. H. Lee S.D., J. Hamlin J.D., F. P. Lee I.G., P. S. Darnell D.C., C. Hooker A.D.C., W. H. Pascoe Organist, and South Tyler; P.M.'s E. J. Dodd P.P.G.O., A. W. Duret P.G. Steward, C. E. Birch, C. J. Craig, G. T. Thomas; Bros. N. Strange, Potter, Ryder, Hanmer, Staite, Grunwell, J. Willmot, R. Stevenson, J. Fyfe, L. G. Smith, T. Baker, H. S. Strange, H. Crane, E. Pilliner, G. Dixon, S. Newman, T. F. McGeagh, W. Barfoot, and P. G. Towand. After the Deputy Grand Master had entered the Lodge and had been saluted by the brethren, the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, Earl Amherst, was announced, and the Provincial Grand Officers and the Past Masters met him, and a procession was formed. The Provincial Grand Master having taken his seat he was saluted in the usual way. The W.M., Bro. E. S. Strange, then proceeded to instal his successor, Bro. A. W. Duret P.M. P.G.S. acting as Director of Ceremonies. The ceremony was performed in such a manner as to elicit a general expression of satisfaction, and the Provincial Grand Master, who assumed the chair after the ceremony, said he did so in order that he might express to the brethren how much he was pleased with the work of Bro. Strange, and that he always liked to see a Master of a Lodge instal his successor. Lord Amherst expressed his regret that he would be unable to remain to the banquet, on account of pressing private business. He was loudly applauded by the brethren. The Officers were then appointed by the W.M., and hearty good wishes having been given all round, the brethren adjourned to a first-rate banquet, supplied by the landlord of the Amherst Arms Hotel, Bro. Waller. Bro. Birch, the new W.M., was supported by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Provincial Grand Chaplain, and the Provincial G.S.W., and the other Provincial Grand Officers. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. J. Smith Eastes, responded for the Grand Officers, and was received enthusiastically by the brethren. He also responded to the toast of the Provincial Grand Officers. His remarks about Lord Amherst having taken the chair at Grand Lodge only a short time back were also received with delight. The Provincial G.S.W., Bro. Warne, made a very amusing speech, in which he said that the Provincial Grand Chaplain was to follow him and was preparing a speech. The Rev. Bro. Curteis, also replying to the toast, denied the soft impeachment. The other usual toasts having been drunk, the brethren dispersed, highly pleased with one of the most successful meetings in the history of this rapidly increasing and highly popular Kentish Lodge.

ROYAL COMMEMORATION LODGE, No. 1585.

THE installation meeting was held at the Fox and Hounds Hotel, Putney, on Wednesday, the 4th inst., when there were present Bros. R. R. Collick W.M., Williams S.W., Strong J.W. W.M. elect, Robinson P.M. Sec., Watkins Treas., Wing S.D., Harding J.D., Sandalls I.G., Oliver Steward, Collins P.M. D.C., and Bowler Tyler. Pardoe I.P.M.; P.M.'s Boehr, Smith, Mansell, and Whitley, and about 30 members. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. Walters P.P.G.D. Middlesex P.M. of 865, Williams P.P.G.D. Middlesex and W.M. of 865, Wingfield W.M. 1360, Causton P.M. 1726, Pardoe P.M. 511, Ginger P.M. 901, Beard P.M. 101, Room P.M. 2090, Swan Steward 865, Heath D.C. 1642, Renter 879, Grant 1656, Clarkson, 1604, Aldridge 1475, and Bishop 1319. The Lodge being opened and the minutes read and confirmed, Bros. Munston, Warlow and Moore were raised by the W.M., in his usual impressive manner. The chair was then taken by Bro. Collins P.M., when Bro. Strong was examined and obligated. A board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Strong duly installed in the chair of K.S.; he was afterwards proclaimed and saluted in the three degrees. The various charges to Master, Wardens and Brethren were most ably and impressively rendered by the Installing Master. The W.M. named and invested his Officers, as follow: Bros. Williams S.W., Wing J.W., Robinson P.M. Secretary, Watkins Treasurer, Harding S.D., Sandalls J.D., Oliver I.G., Hooy P.M. Steward, Collins P.M. D.C., Stacy P.M. Organist, Windsor Assistant Organist, and Walkley Tyler. A ballot was then taken for Mr. Charles Baker; it proved in his favour, and he was initiated by the new Master, in a manner which speaks well for the future working of the Lodge. The Auditors' report (which showed the funds to be in a satisfactory condition) was taken as read. The Secretary read the communication from Grand Lodge on the subject of the Jubilee Gathering, and after some discussion it was decided that the Royal Commemoration Lodge be represented at the Albert Hall by Bros. Strong W.M., Wing J.W., Collick I.P.M., Watkins Treasurer, and Price. The question of subscribing to the Imperial Institute was arranged to be left to the members' discretion. Any sum subscribed to be sent in the name of the Lodge, without any lists of names. The votes of the Lodge for the Masonic Benevolent Institution were given to Bros. Pardoe and Robinson, for the aged members and widows respectively, and to prevent the splitting of them. Bro. Watkins generously placed ten of his votes in the hands of Bro. Smith P.M. Bro. Williams S.W., proposed, and Bro. Wing J.W. seconded, that a hearty vote of thanks be given to the W.M. for the splendid present he had made to the Lodge, in the shape of a set of gauntlets (three pairs), such vote of thanks to be recorded on the minutes; carried unanimously; and with "Hearty good wishes" the Lodge was closed in accordance with ancient custom. After discussing the good things provided by Brother Page for the fourth degree, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were briefly given, but heartily accepted. The I.P.M., Bro. Collick, in proposing the health of the W.M., wished him every success in his year of office, and complimented him on the excellent manner in which he had begun. The W.M., in responding, promised to do his utmost for the welfare of the Lodge and the comfort of the brethren. The W.M. next gave "The Installing Master," and remarked what an impressive ceremony it had been to him, coming in the manner it had done from Bro. Collins. Bro. Collins replied, and said he had always great pleasure in carrying out, or assisting in any ceremony in his power for the good of the Lodge or the assistance of its Officers. The next toast was "The Initiate," and Bro. Baker responded in a few well chosen words, pleading the lateness of the evening as his excuse for being brief. "The Visitors" followed, and with the toast the W.M. couched the names of Bros. Walters P.P.G.D. Middlesex, Williams P.P.G.D. Middlesex, Causton, Beard, Room, and Bishop, remarking how highly honoured he felt at seeing such a distinguished gathering to grace his installation. The brethren named each briefly responded, and paid a high compliment to the W.M. for his hospitality; to the Officers for their ability; to the Brethren for their sociability; and to the Lodge at large for its prosperity. In proposing the health of the I.P.M. Bro. Collick the Worshipful Master remarked what a very successful year the Lodge had just terminated, there having been 16 members join in the year; he concluded by decorating Bro. Collick with the P.M.'s jewel voted him by the Lodge for his services, wishing him years of health and prosperity and usefulness to the Lodge. Bro. Collick responded; he thanked the W.M. for the way he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for the manner they had accepted it. The jewel he should always prize, as a memento of many happy hours spent with the brethren, and as long as he lived nothing would give him greater pleasure than to meet with and assist them as far as possible in promoting the welfare of the Royal Commemoration Lodge. Bro. Pardoe responded to the toast of the Past Masters. The Wardens and Assistant Organist replied for the Officers. The Tyler's toast closed a long but pleasant evening of labour and refreshment. During the evening the proceedings were enlivened by harmony, Bro. Windsor officiating at the piano, songs being rendered by Bros. Page, Coleman, and the W.M. Bro. Bishop recited "The Showman;" Bro. Boehr played a solo on the zither.

EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held at York, on the 9th inst., when there were present Bros. W. Brown W.M., T. B. Whytehead P.M., J. S. Cumberland P.M., G. Simpson P.M., M. Millington P.M., J. T. Sellar P.M., J. Blenkin P.M., W. B. Dyson S.W., G. Balford P.M. Treasurer, J. Kay Secretary, W. Lockenby S.D., J. H. Shensmith Steward, C. Pearson and J. D. Irving Assistant Stewards, W. Storry I.G., J. Hall Tyler, J. Thorpe, F. H. Vaughan, J. Shaw, J. W. Blenkin, L. Beaumont, A. Archer,

E. Thackray, G. G. Pook, H. Chapman, W. Ream, J. Smith, W. T. Nance, G. Chapman, and W. Sharp. Visitors—Bros. T. Myers I.P.M. 304, and W. F. Tomlinson P.M. 304. After a successful ballot for a candidate, the Secretary read a letter from Bro. John Lane, of Torquay, thanking the brethren for his election as an honorary member, and Bro. Whytehead, on behalf of that brother, presented to the Lodge a copy of "Ahiman Rezon," 1807, and a vote of thanks was passed for this valuable gift, as also a gift from Bro. Whytehead of a Moira apron mounted for framing. Bro. Cumberland P.M. expressed the pleasure he felt at once more meeting in Lodge so many of his old friends in Freemasonry, and said how glad he was to see the Lodge making such good progress, working so well, and acquiring such a valuable collection of Masonic books, engravings, and curiosities; at the rate its collections were increasing it would soon be far ahead of any Lodge in the North. Subsequent to the closing of the Lodge there was a right merry meeting in the smoke room, when the old familiar ring of Bro. Cumberland's songs once more enlivened the hearts of the Eboracums.

SAMSON LODGE, No. 1668.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 10th inst., at the Regent Masonic Hall, Café Royal, Regent Street, W., when among those present were Bros. R. A. Kingsbury W.M., John Miller J.W., M. D. Loewenstark P.M. Treasurer, Baron D. Barnett P.M. Secretary, Henry D. Casperd P.M., C. Ochse P.M., I. Quincey P.M., S. Lancaster S.D., J. Levy J.D., Henry Moss D.C., and J. Van Praagh Steward. Visitors—J. Stroud 1227, J. D. Barnett 185, E. Austin W.M. 1791, John Manger W.M. 1017, J. D. Smith P.M. 1658, S. Chubb W.M. 2029, J. Field 917, R. S. Darter 87, M. Siegenberg 188, G. A. Vennell W.M. 165, R. H. Rogers I.P.M. 1791, S. R. Speight P.M. and Secretary 147, H. A. Borgen 177, A. M. Welsh, Joseph Levey, &c. The Lodge having been opened and the minutes of the last regular Lodge and of a Lodge of emergency confirmed, the ceremonies of raising and initiation were performed, Bro. Hengst being the candidate for the third degree, and Mr. Albert Clark the initiate of the day. Lodge having been resumed, Bro. J. S. Miller, the W.M.-elect, was presented, and in due form was installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. Having received the greetings of the brethren the W.M. appointed the Officers for the year, as follow: Bros. Quincey S.W. (pro tem), Lancaster J.W., Loewenstark P.M. Treasurer, Barnett P.M. Secretary, Moss J.D., Van Praagh I.G., Moss D.C., Casperd Steward, &c. Before the closing of the Lodge Bro. Ochse gave notice that at the next meeting he would propose that the Lodge resume its monthly meetings, as heretofore. The sum of three guineas was voted from Lodge funds to the Imperial Institute, and a vote of thanks having been passed to the Installing Officer the Lodge was closed, the brethren repairing to banquet. At the conclusion of the repast the customary toasts were honoured. The Queen and the Craft having met with a hearty reception, that of the M.W.G.M. was given. The Prince of Wales had always taken a great interest in the Craft, and that that interest was maintained was evidenced by the appointment of his son to the high office of Senior Grand Warden of England. The next toast was the Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers, all of whom, the Worshipful Master considered, did their duty most ably. Bro. Kingsbury I.P.M. proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. He considered this the most important duty of the evening. The toast was one he was sure the brethren would be pleased to adopt, and he was equally certain the Worshipful Master would most efficiently fill the chair during the coming year. He would find the duties onerous, and he might say almost unbearable unless he received the support and assistance of the members of the Lodge, but there was little to fear on this point and he felt that the duty Bro. Miller had taken upon himself would prove pleasurable to himself and of benefit to the Lodge. Their present Worshipful Master had worked from the lowest office in the Lodge to the highest dignity it was in the power of the members to confer. Bro. Kingsbury felt the members all sincerely wished their ruler every prosperity which God Almighty could bestow on him, and which they as members of his Lodge could enhance. The Worshipful Master in acknowledgment tendered his most hearty thanks to the brethren for having elected him to the high office he then occupied, and further for the enthusiasm they had shown towards him that evening. He was afraid they had great expectations of him, and he was afraid it was more than likely they would be disappointed, yet he hoped to satisfy them by doing his best in the proud position to which they had raised him. He next proposed the health of the initiate. He always felt that the drinking of this toast was drinking prosperity to their own Lodge, for they would not be able to get on without initiates. He felt, from the way in which their newly-admitted brother had received the ceremony, that they had made an impression on him and that he was likely to prove a worthy member among them. He hoped he might never regret having been made a member of the Order. Bro. Clark replied, tendering his thanks for the reception which had been accorded him. On his part he hoped the Lodge would never regret having admitted him as a member. The Worshipful Master then gave the health of the Visitors, a toast which it was most important to do full justice to. He well remembered how he was received in the Samson Lodge on the occasion of his first visit to it. He was so pleased that he determined to apply for admission to the Lodge, with the result that he was now at its head. Since that day he had seen many Masters in the chair of the Lodge, and many visitors welcomed, and the best wish he could express was that he should be able to give the guests of his year as hearty a welcome as any had received in the past. Bro. Manger was the first to reply. The visitors fully appreciated the kindness shown by the Lodge that night, as was evidenced by the fact that so many visitors were still present, although it was very late. There were many matters which might be learned from visiting, and he felt that

he should go away that night having learned something. Bro. Barnett followed. He had been reminded that he was an old member of the Samson Lodge, a fact which was both distressing and pleasing to him; distressing because it signified that he was really getting old, and pleasing because it called to mind many happy hours spent in the Lodge, of which he was proud of being a Past Master. It was also a pleasure for him to be present that night and witness the progress of the Lodge. It must be gratifying to any Mason to see the affairs of a Lodge managed as theirs had been that day. Bro. Vennell was the next to reply. He considered the name given to the Lodge was a most appropriate one. It suggested the Lodge had some backbone to it, and from what he had seen he felt it was equal to its name. True Masons loved to see hearts knit, and the brotherhood and unity of Freemasonry exemplified, as it had been that day in the Samson Lodge. They loved Freemasonry, the language of which appealed more to the heart than any other language, from the fact that it united the hearts of its members one to another. The health of the Immediate Past Master, Bro. Kingsbury, was next given. The way in which he had performed the ceremony of installation that evening was really faultless. Personally the Worshipful Master had been surprised at the ability displayed by his predecessor in the chair, and it made him feel nervous lest he should fail to continue the work as that brother had left it. A pleasing duty devolved upon him, to present to Bro. Kingsbury the jewel which the Lodge had voted him, as a memento of his year of Mastership. Bro. Kingsbury, in reply, scarcely knew what to say for the very kind way in which the members of the Lodge had expressed themselves in regard to the inadequate way in which he had performed the duties of his office. He felt it was a great honour to be decorated as the brethren had that evening decorated him. He assured the Worshipful Master that the duties of his office were arduous, but he might also assure him that, like those who had gone before him in the chair, whatever he did would be kindly received by the brethren. He thanked all for their kindness to him during the year he had reigned over them. He had sometimes felt he should be unable to discharge the duties of the chair without giving offence, now he felt that instead of making an enemy he had cemented the friendship of all. So long as he lived he should be grateful to the Lodge for having been allowed to preside over its destinies. During the past year he had studied Freemasonry more than he had ever done before, and had arrived at the conclusion that the more it was studied the more must it be regarded as of service in making a man better in the world than he would be without it. He sincerely trusted that all Masons, and he in particular, might be known to the world as those to whom the distressed might pour forth their sorrows, while he would have them recognised as being better men from the fact of being members of the Masonic Brotherhood. Other toasts followed, and the proceedings were brought to a conclusion in the usual way.

HAMPSHIRE LODGE OF EMULATION, No. 1990.

THE annual meeting for the installation of W.M. for the ensuing year was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Landport, on Saturday, 14th inst., when the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master for Hants and Isle of Wight (Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.) installed Bro. R. J. Rastrick P.G. Treasurer. The Lodge is composed of Past Masters of the Craft, of whom a large number attended, and the Provincial Grand Officers and Worshipful Masters of local Lodges were present by invitation. The Provincial Grand Master was attended by Bros. J. E. Le Feuvre D.P.G.M., G. F. Lancaster P.G. Registrar, E. Goble P.G. Secretary, H. Lashmore P.G.S.D., F. Powell P.G.D.C., W. J. Rix P.G.S.B., H. Kimber P.G. Std. Bearer, J. Jackson P.G.P., D. G. Gilmour P.G.S., F. Sanders P.G.S., J. A. Foster P.G.S. There were also present Bros. M. E. Frost, E. M. Wells, T. Page, W. Gunnell, A. Cudlipp, H. Croncher, H. W. Townsend, J. Purnell, F. Court, R. Glasspool, J. E. Buck, W. G. P. Gilbert, W. A. Hill, W. Beuttell, J. W. Boughton, J. J. Bascombe, G. Whiteball, E. Pratt, I. S. Gardner, F. Binckes (Royal Masonic Boys' School), J. Mason (Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution), A. Caink, E. E. Street, Major W. Stanley, T. P. Palsgraves, H. P. Holley, T. F. Hall, A. Wendover, C. G. Adams, G. F. Brown, G. T. Cunningham, T. Good; and the following members of the Lodge:—Bros. S. R. Ellis, F. Newan, A. Barfield, T. Francois, E. S. Main, Major Hooper, T. H. Williams, J. Gieve, R. W. Beale, A. R. Holbrook, J. W. Gieve, G. L. Stobbs, W. Miles, E. Naylor, Dr. C. Knott, J. A. Elverston, J. T. Craven, J. G. Niven, G. A. Gale, H. Cawte, and R. W. Mitchell. Letters of apology were announced from Bros. W. D. King (Mayor of Portsmouth), Lord Charles Beresford, Lord John Taylour, Canon Portal, Colonel Crease, R. Eve Grand Treasurer of England, R. L. Loveland, &c. The ceremony of installation having been concluded, Bro. Rastrick appointed the following as his Officers:—Bros. Barfield I.P.M., F. Newman S.W., T. Francis J.W., Rev. J. N. Palmer Chaplain, T. H. Williams Treasurer, J. W. Gieve Secretary, J. Brickwood S.D., R. W. Beale J.D., J. E. Le Feuvre Dir. of Cers., W. Miles Organist, G. L. Stobbs I.G., G. Bond and S. Wheeler Stewards, G. Carter Tyler. The banquet was subsequently served in the dining hall, and was followed by a smoking concert, at which Bro. D. Lovegrove officiated as accompanist, and also gave two pianoforte solos, in masterly style.

Each Masonic jewel, each implement of our Craft, each piece of furniture in the Lodge room, each symbol, each official title, each Masonic ceremony, from the least to the greatest, is an object lesson to the Craftsmen, a truth-teacher. They point Godward, Masonward and selfward. They teach us our obligations to the Grand Architect of the Universe, our Maker; to our brethren, our equals; and to ourselves, of whom alone we need to be afraid. We should love our Maker, love our fellows, and fear only ourselves.—*Keystone.*

MARK MASONRY.

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BRIXTON LODGE, No. 234.

THIS Lodge met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., on Saturday, 14th inst., and although the attendance suffered through so many being at the Royal ceremonial at the East end, there was a very fair muster of members. The Lodge met at four o'clock, and the principal business, that of advancing Bros. A. Gibson and Rushton Odell to this interesting degree, was ably performed by the Master, Bro. R. E. Johnston and his Officers. At the conclusion of the ceremony the W.M., in presenting the Lodge with a volume of the Sacred Law, which was one of great antiquity, said it gave him great pleasure to call the attention of the brethren to the rest of the furniture which had been presented since last meeting to the Lodge by Bros. Holliday, Axford, W. Potter, A. J. Potter, Vickers, and Baxton. A most enjoyable evening was spent after refreshment, through the efforts of Bros. J. Holliday, R. Johnston, E. Storr, R. Odell, F. W. Smith, and others, who gave a very excellent selection of songs, duets, &c. The well-known musical capabilities of this Lodge has received a great acquisition to its strength in having Bro. Odell among its members, who, in addition to his merits as a vocalist, has no mean reputation as a composer. Among those also present were Bros. Brighten P.G.S., &c., McKay, Holliday, J. J. Pilley, Catterson, C. Q. Cooper, A. J. Potter R.M., W. F. Potter S.O., &c.

At the convocation of the Albert Edward Chapter, No. 1780, held at the Masonic Hall, Southampton, on Tuesday, Comp. Grant was installed as Z., Comp. T. Walton and Comp. A. Algar taking the second and third chairs. The installation ceremony was performed by Comp. Berry, to whom a vote of thanks was accorded for his services as installing Principal, and as Z. for the past year. The other Officers appointed were Comps. Berry S.E., A. M. Bailey S.N., E. Warren P.S., R. Reid and J. Slaten A.S., and W. Vare Janitor.

A MASONIC ALPHABET.

XVII.—QUIETNESS.

When toiling Day is over, with its troubles and its cares,
And Nature, for its needful rest, rejoicingly prepares;
When Night extends her curtains over all of life below,
And hangs her countless lamps above, their kindly light to show;
When the darkness hems us in with its gloomy shadow walls—
'Tis then upon the spirit perfect rest and quiet falls.
Forgotten are the crosses, and the dangers of the light,
And we feel the soothing presence of the restfulness of Night.
And so, within our Lodge's walls, should Harmony and Peace
Let over all their influence continuously increase;
And cares of life be cast aside, and hopes and wishes vain
Give place to gentle sympathies, and Order's pleasant train,
The world without may revel, may rampage, and may roar,
But "Quietness" holds solemn reign upon the chequered floor.

XVIII.—RELIEF.

In the 'leagured city rays of Hope are dying,
Despair's dark clouds are shrouding all their light;
E'en Courage falters in the bold defying,
Whilst Valour shrinks to join the lengthened fight.
The daylight brings the desperate resistance,
And every soldier turns to stay the foe;
The darkness brings no symptom of desistance
In bold attempts the town to overthrow.
When bursting through the enemy surrounding,
They see their well-known banner bravely fly;
And Hope revives, and hearts again are bounding,
For in their need Relief is drawing nigh!
And oft the Mason Brother, sorely needing,
Resists the foe fast sapping life away;
In his distress sees hope of aid receding,
But still too proud for any help to pray.
'Tis then the bands of want and woe are broken
By words of kindness, and the generous deed;
They burst their way, and though no word be spoken,
Relief is given in their utmost need.

WM. H. ORR,

Wor. Master Lodge Edinburgh, No. 10, Grand Bard.

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Further particulars will be duly announced.

The services of Brethren as Stewards are earnestly solicited.

FREDERICK BINCKES (P.G. Steward, V.-Patron),
Secretary.

Office—6 Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
9th May 1886.

PROVINCE OF MIDDLESEX.

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Representative from the Grand Lodge of Ireland.
PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

A MEETING of the PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE will be held
on Saturday, the 4th June, at Three o'Clock p.m., at the King's Head
Hotel, Harrow.

By command of the Provincial Grand Master,

J. F. H. WOODWARD, P.M. P.Z.
Prov. Grand Secretary.

Comberton, Mowbray Road, Norwood, S.E., 19th May 1887.

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Chester, North Wales, Preston, Bolton, Blackburn, Southport, Morecambe,
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On MONDAY, 30th May, a CHEAP EXCURSION will be run from London
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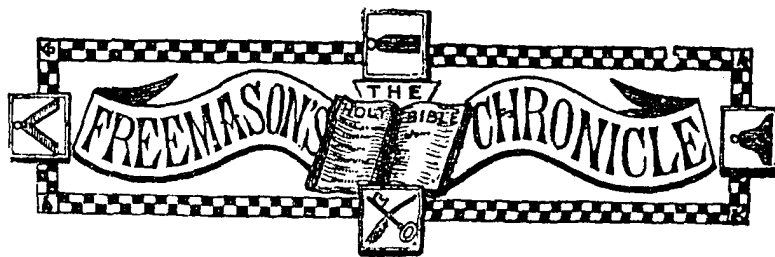
Bro. FREDERICK BINCKES (P.G. Std., Sec. & V. Pat.
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All those gentlemen who take an interest in the welfare of the Institution are
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PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF MIDDLESEX.

THE Annual Convocation of the Prov. Grand Chapter
of Middlesex was held on Saturday, 14th instant, at
the Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore, under the presidency
of Comp. Colonel Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. Grand
Superintendent, who was supported by Comps. Raymond
H. Thrupp Prov. Grand H., Rev. S. T. H. Saunders Prov.
Grand J., J. T. H. Woodward Prov. Grand Scribe E., J. T.
Briggs Prov. G.P.S., C. H. Webb Prov. Grand Sword
Bearer, W. H. Lee Prov. Grand Assist. Scribe E., and
J. S. Fraser Prov. Grand Organist. There were also
present:—

Comps. F. Sumner Knyvett G. Sword Br., A. W. Duret P.Z., 382,
G. E. Clark jun. P.Z. 1777, C. E. Keyser P.Z. 404, G. J. Dunkley P.S.
1503, G. L. Wingate M.E.Z. 1423, Jas. Ollerhead M.E.Z. 946, J. J.
Marsh M.E.Z. 1326, C. Veal P.Z. 1849, C. L. Smiles P.P.G.R. 1503,
W. Fooks M.E.Z. 1691 P.P.G.Reg., W. Taylor P.P.G.J., W. A. Rogers
1519, B. Haynes J. 1549, R. H. Blackford P.Z. 1549, G. Gregory P.Z.
2148, J. Ferguson P.Z. 1691, R. Pasco 1549, J. C. Smith 1507, T. C.
Edmonds S.N. 1507, A. H. Scurrah 2048, J. H. R. Cama 1503, E. G.
Lewis Z. 1237, W. M. Stiles M.E.Z. 2048, H. Stiles P.Z. 1507, G.
Moody 1507, R. F. Hosken 1503, W. W. Lee 1524, D. R. Soames
1519, E. Cowley 1549, J. Etherington 619, E. Y. Jolliffe J. 1194,
W. W. Morgan, &c.

Provincial Grand Chapter was opened in form, and the
roll of Chapters in the Province having been called, the
minutes of the previous Convocation were read and con-
firmed. On the motion of Comp. W. A. Scurrah, the
report of the Audit Committee, which showed a balance in
hand of £34 6s 9d, was adopted. Companion Raymond
H. Thrupp was then re-appointed as Provincial Grand H.,
and the Grand Superintendent appointed and invested
Comp. A. W. Duret P.Z. 382 as Provincial Grand J.
Companion H. Lovegrove, in his unavoidable absence, was
unanimously re-elected Provincial Grand Treasurer, and
the following were appointed and invested as the Provincial
Grand Officers for the year:—

Comp. J. F. H. Woodward (re-appointed) ...	Scribe E.
J. Ferguson 1691 ...	Scribe N.
W. M. Stiles Z. 2048 ...	Prin. Soj.
C. E. Keyser Z. 1549 ...	1st Asst. Soj.
G. L. Wingate 1423 ...	2nd Asst. Soj.
C. L. Smiles 1503 ...	Registrar
G. Clark jun. 1777 ...	Sword Bearer
J. Ollerhead Z. 946 ...	Standard Bearer
Dr. Rogers 1549 ...	Director of Cers.
J. J. Marsh Z. 1326 ...	Assist. Dir. of Cers.
W. H. Lee P.P.G.Std.Br. (re-appointed)	Assist. G. Scribe E.
G. J. Dunkley P.S. 1503 ...	Organist
J. Gilbert ...	Janitor

On the motion of Comp. Thrupp, seconded by Comp. Duret, a Committee, consisting of Comps. Ferguson, Tickell, Scurrah and Lee, was appointed to frame a code of bye-laws for the Provincial Grand Chapter. Reference was then made to the Calendar which had been so ably compiled by Comp. H. Lovegrove, Provincial Grand Treasurer, a work that involved considerable trouble, and Companion Thrupp observed that a majority of the Secretaries had willingly given Comp. Lovegrove all the information they could. He wished, however, to impress upon the Secretaries and Scribes the desirableness of furnishing the fullest particulars, as the Pocket Book was a very great assistance to the Prov. G. Officers and the Companions generally. At the same time he reminded them it was a labour of love on the part of Companion Lovegrove, and that all profit on the work was generously devoted to the Masonic Charities. These observations were endorsed by Companion Woodward, who also pointed out the great inconvenience which often arose from Companions and Brethren not supplying the fullest details as to their respective Chapters and Lodges. Prov. Grand Chapter was then closed in the usual way, and the Companions subsequently partook of an excellent banquet, when the customary Loyal and Royal Arch toasts were honoured. In proposing His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, First Grand Principal, the Prov. Grand Supt. said it was a toast which would come to the hearts of all. They regarded him as one of themselves, and the manner in which he carried out the duties of his high position won for him the most profound admiration. His Royal Highness was one of the most distinguished members of the Order, and was always ready to advance the true interests of Freemasonry. He then gave the Grand Officers, and in doing so said they included some of the most distinguished members of Royal Arch Masonry; the three Grand Principals, who look after the well-being of the Order, were looked up to and esteemed by all; they were ever ready to discharge their duties to the very best of their ability. Having referred to the way in which Comp. Lord Leigh and the other Grand Officers performed their duties, and how instrumental they had been in raising the Order to its present high position, he expressed the pleasure it afforded him to see present to-day Comp. Knyvett, Grand Sword Bearer, who had rendered valuable service in many ways, and he would associate the name of that excellent Companion with the toast. Comp. Knyvett, after acknowledging the complimentary manner in which the toast had been proposed, endorsed all that had been said with regard to the Grand Principals. As to the other Grand Officers, they had but one object in view, and that was to promote the interests and to maintain the ancient landmarks of the Order. Their greatest reward was to merit the approbation and esteem of the members. Comp. Raymond H. Thrupp then proposed the toast of the evening, their Provincial Grand Superintendent, Colonel Sir Francis Burdett, Bart. It would be a difficult task to do ample justice to the toast, but, fortunately, Sir Francis was well-known to all present, and therefore it would require but few words from him to expatiate upon his merits, or his qualities as a Mason and a gentleman. Whenever he appeared in the Province he was always most cordially received, for he was universally recognised as a good Mason; he gave the hand of fellowship to all, even to the youngest initiate. By his geniality and kindness he had made himself one of the most popular Provincial Grand Masters and Provincial Grand Superintendents in the Kingdom. They all rejoiced exceedingly to see Sir Francis amongst them again, with recovered strength, and they all trusted that the Great Architect of the Universe would bestow upon him good health and spare him for many years to come. The toast was most warmly received, and Comp. Col. Sir Francis Burdett said he found it somewhat difficult to find words to return thanks for the kind and eulogistic manner in which the

toast of his health had been proposed by Comp. Thrupp. When he saw such a large assembly he assured them he could not adequately thank them for the reception they had given him. Comp. Thrupp had said much in his praise that he did not deserve, but not more than he wished to do for the advantage of the Province, and the general welfare of the members. It always afforded him the greatest pleasure, although he had not many opportunities, to meet the Companions, and feel they were companions and brethren, as they ought to be all over the world. He had heard with gratification what had been done in the Stanmore Chapter, which had met immediately previous to the Provincial Grand Chapter, and could only regret that he was not present. But he had been informed by those who were in attendance that they were very gratified at the way in which the work had been done, and he was sure there was scarcely a Chapter in the Province that would excel the working of the Stanmore. He sincerely thanked the Companions present for their hearty reception, and hoped to have the opportunity of meeting them on many future occasions. He then proposed the Provincial Grand Officers of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Middlesex, warmly thanking them for the manner in which they had supported him. He had always found energetic Officers, but he could not say sufficient of those by whom he was at present surrounded. Comps. Thrupp and Woodward were his most able supporters; all the brethren were aware of their good qualities, and how they exerted themselves for the general well-being of the Province. It was a matter of regret to him that he was not able to be amongst the Companions more often, but he was confident that the work was left in good hands, and that the duties would be efficiently carried out under their direction. Comp. Thrupp, whom they all loved and respected, had for a length of time occupied the position he now held, and he hoped for many years to have the benefit of his services, and the continuation of the kind assistance he had always rendered. As long as he had been associated with this Province he had never had any more able supporter than Comp. Woodward. He had not only served most ably, but had carried out his duties in a manner that had endeared him to every Companion and every Brother. He was proud of him, and was proud of every one of his Provincial Grand Officers, for he felt they were ready and anxious to support him. Comp. Thrupp, in the course of his response, said he considered it an honour and pleasure to serve under their Provincial Grand Superintendent, for with such a head over them they were bound to do everything they could to support him and to promote the welfare of Royal Arch Masonry in the Province. The Provincial Grand Officers would, he was sure, unite with him in upholding the interests of the Province, and they were grateful to the Provincial Grand Superintendent for having appointed them. He assured them it was the desire of the Prov. Grand Superintendent to know who were the most zealous, and although not constantly with them he had always the Province in mind, and was the guiding spirit in everything that concerned its welfare. A cordial welcome was extended to the Visitors, and in responding Companion H. Stiles, P.Z. 1507, tendered sincere thanks for the very enjoyable time they had spent, and said he was only echoing the sentiments of the visiting Companions when he said they hoped to have the distinguished honour of meeting them again. The Companions of the Province ought to be very proud of having a gentleman such as their Provincial Grand Superintendent to preside over them. He hoped that on a future occasion he might be one of them, and again thanked them for the kind reception they had given to the Visitors. The Prov. Grand Superintendent, in proposing the Principals of the Stanmore Chapter, said he was sure the toast would meet with an enthusiastic reception. That Chapter had not been long established, but it had existed long enough to make itself well known, and his only regret was that he was not present earlier in the day to see its working. He felt convinced the Province would be proud of such a Chapter; he had heard that Companion Keyser had carried out the work in a manner that had given the utmost satisfaction to all. He sincerely trusted the Chapter would maintain its position for many years to come. Companion Keyser said the members of the Stanmore Chapter felt deeply grateful for the kind remarks of the Provincial Grand Superintendent. They certainly did their best, but he did not know they deserved all the praise bestowed. They would have been exceedingly

pleased if the Provincial Grand Superintendent had honoured them with his presence, but trusted that on some future occasion the Provincial Grand Chapter or Provincial Grand Lodge would again visit them, and that they would not only be pleased with their working, but would also have a fitting reception. The proceedings of a most agreeable evening were enlivened by some excellent songs by our genial friend, Comp. Dunkley (G. S. Graham), who presided at the pianoforte, whilst Companions Pasco and W. W. Lee contributed to the musical selections by which the toasts were interspersed.

CONSECRATION OF THE STRIGUIL LODGE, No. 2186.

THE consecration of this new Lodge, whose title is the ancient name of the manor of Chepstow, took place on Friday, the 13th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Chepstow, and the gathering was one of the most influential and largely attended that has ever taken place in the Province of Monmouth, about 130 brethren being present. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Colonel C. Lyne, Provincial Grand Master for Monmouthshire, assisted by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Brother Captain S. George Homfray A.G.D.C., William Watkins P.S.G.W., E. W. Evans D.C., Rev. J. W. Osman Provincial Grand Chaplain, A. MacMahon Provincial Grand Secretary, and many other Provincial Grand Officers. The brethren assembled at half-past two o'clock in the ante-room, and walked in procession to the Lodg1 room, where they took their respective seats, and the Presiding Officer on his arrival was received with the customary honours. He then appointed the Wardens pro tem, and Lodge was opened in the three degrees, the opening hymn being "Hail, Eternal!" The Presiding Officer then addressed the brethren on the nature of the meeting, and called upon the Chaplain to offer prayer. After the address of the acting Secretary and the reply of the Presiding Officer, the brethren of the new Lodge were arranged in order, and the petition and warrant were read. The brethren having approved of the Officers named therein, an eloquent oration on the nature and principles of the Institution was delivered by the Chaplain, followed by the anthem, "Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is for the brethren to dwell together in unity." The dedication prayer was said, and after the usual devotional exercises, the Presiding Officer dedicated the Lodge, and the brethren chanted the anthem "Glory be to God on High." After the constitution of the Lodge the anthem, "Glory to God in the Highest" was sung, the musical arrangements being admirably directed by Bro. W. B. Broad P.M. 457 Past Provincial Grand Organist of Monmouth. At the conclusion of the ceremony Lodge was resumed in the second degree, when Bro. the Rev. D. G. Davies P.M. P.P.G.C. was installed by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master as the first W.M. of the Lodge, which is the ninth in the Province. The following brethren, who with the W.M. constituted the seven founders, were invested as Officers:—Bros. Alexander Miller S.W., Cuthbert W. Whalley J.W., Callaghan Treas., A. K. Griffiths Sec., C. M. King S.D., and C. J. Lindam J.D. The addresses to the Master, Wardens and Brethren were delivered in impressive manner by the Presiding Officer, and several names were handed in as joining members and candidates for initiation. After disposing of some routine business, Lodge was closed, amidst fraternal good wishes, and the brethren and visitors afterwards partook of an excellent banquet provided at the Beaufort Arms Hotel. The loyal toasts were duly honoured, and the health of the Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy, and Provincial Grand Officers each received their due meed of recognition. The Provincial Grand Master, in proposing prosperity to the Striguil Lodge, observed that it was the seventh constituted in the Province within the nineteen years he had been connected with it, and he expressed a hope that Striguil, though the youngest, would not be behind the other Lodges in the exercise of all the objects, duties, and virtues of Freemasonry. The enjoyment of the brethren was materially enhanced by some capital singing and recitations, Bro. Broad presiding at the pianoforte.

The Masonic fraternity has never faltered in its efforts to promote "Peace on earth, and good will toward men." Its vital principles teach this and nothing less. The time is coming when the whole world will be full of the knowledge of these teachings. They are quietly working their way. Every year adds to the momentum of the chariot of brotherly love. It will continue to move on until men will fully comprehend the fatherhood of God, and the brotherhood of man.

As the human soul cries out to the Father of us all for daily food, so should we also remember all the sons of men in that cry. Those oppressed by tyranny, either on the part of rulers, or their own appetites. No true member of an order based upon a faith in God can put the cup to his neighbour's lips, and lure the weak to destruction.

THE MASONIC ORDER.—If the Brother who has lost the freshness of his first love for Masonry, who has neglected the Lodge room and gone off after the "strange gods" of glitter and novelty; if such a Brother was placed in a situation where he had nothing to read for a while except the Proceedings of the various Grand Lodges, he would experience a strange and salutary awakening. He would come to the conclusion that himself and not Masonry had been standing still and doing nothing. He would be compelled to admit that time had not diminished nor age weakened that powerful conservative influence which Masonry has for ages past exerted upon all the affairs of civil, religious and political life.—G. E. Dodge, Arkansas.

THE PROPOSED MASONIC HALL AND CLUB FOR PLYMOUTH.

A MEETING of the W. Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, and intending shareholders in the above undertaking was held in the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princess-place, Plymouth, on Saturday evening, to receive a communication from the Committee, who will report that eligible premises, No. 1 Princess-square, have been purchased. W. Bro. John Parkhouse W.M. 156, was voted to the chair, and there were present:—Bros. John B. Gover P.M. 70, J. R. Lord P.M. 1247, D. Cross P.M. 1205, S. Jew P.M. 105, J. T. Bond W.M. 2025, E. Aitkin Davis P.M. 1099, J. Neno P.M. 223, J. Hily P.M. 223, J. Hoyton P.M. 223, F. Goodyear P.M. 223, W. Trevena P.M. 1255, W. Lavers P.M. 1255, Thos. Goodall P.M. 1550, W. H. Macey P.M. 1847, J. Y. Avery P.M. 156, J. W. Cornish P.M. 223, J. Gidley P.M. 2025, F. W. Westcott W.M. 70, N. Radmore W.M. 159, C. F. Dunsterville W.M. 189, H. Rogers W.M. 1099, T. R. Olver W.M. 1247, J. Wallis W.M. 1255, J. Maton W.M. 1550, Bros. W. H. Dillon 1099, J. Goad 70, F. R. Thomas 189, Thomas Eyre 1247, G. Milford 159, A. C. Titherly 1550, H. Chapple 1550, J. T. Rook, 1847, and J. Moore 1847. W. Bro. J. T. Bond W.M. 2025, the solicitor to the company, said, in pursuance of the directions of the general committee, the sub-committee had continued their labours. They had purchased No. 1 Princess-square, standing at the corner of Windsor-lane—the present house for the purpose of a club and the land behind to be utilised for the erection of a massive hall. A deposit had been paid, and the purchase would have to be completed by Midsummer next. He moved the following recommendations of the sub-committee, which were carried:—"That the name of the company be the Devon and Cornwall Freemasons' Hall and Club Company; that the shares be £1 each, 5s payable on application. 5s on allotment, and the balance to be called up at the discretion of the directors; that the qualification for directorship be ten shares; that the number of directors be twelve (inclusive of the chairman), and that each Lodge taking an interest in the hall be represented as far as possible on the directorate." It was explained that the directorship would be purely voluntary, and the selection of the Provisional Board of Directors would be in the hands of a sub-committee. Some questions were asked as to when the hall would be ready for occupation. It was hoped, Mr. Bond said, to get possession of the premises between Midsummer and Michaelmas, and then Bro. Trevena added it would take six months to erect the building. The sub-committee was instructed to have plans prepared at once, so that there should be no delay when once they got possession of the premises. W. Bro. D. Cross P.G. Treasurer, expressed a hope that brethren would bring the question forward in their respective Lodges, with a view of getting brethren to take an interest in the project. He should also like to have, as soon as convenient, some definite information when it was probable the foundation stone could be laid, as he had suggested to P.G. Lodge that they should celebrate the Jubilee by laying the stone with Masonic honours and marching in their regalia to church. Various matters were discussed for the benefit of the movement, and the meeting separated with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

REVIEWS.

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Masonic Calendar for the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. Edited by Bro. Edgar Goble P.M. P.G.S. and Bro. Rev. A. A. Headley P.M. P.P. Grand Chaplain. Southampton: Hants Advertiser Company.

THIS is the most bulky of all the Calendars that have as yet come to hand, and the compilers might probably have studied the convenience of the brethren who do not care to carry a big book in their pockets, had they paid a little more regard to size. However, there is this to be said—the manual is stocked with more than the ordinary quantity of information, and being printed in very clear and legible type, is otherwise in every respect admirably got up. After the usual list of existing Lodges in the Province, those which have become extinct are enumerated, from the "Masonic Records" of Bro. Lane, with the dates of their warrants, meeting-places, and numbers of Lodges when they became extinct. The Calendar proper is very completely made up, showing the dates of Lodge and other meetings, installations, and so on in the Province; and then follows a list of the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hampshire from 1833 to 1869, and of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight since that date. All necessary information is given respecting the Craft and Mark Lodges, Chapters, &c., in the Province, and a record is also given of the voting strength of the Province in respect of the respective Charities.

As a benevolent association, Masonry differs from most organizations established for a like purpose. It strives to prevent the needs of charities by teaching men how to live and be self-supporting. It teaches its members to be prudent in expending, and assists them to be aggressive and prudent in acquiring. It does not, however, neglect those whom the fatalities of life render helpless, but ministers to their needs with a liberal hand. This is true benevolence. It is not true charity to encourage negligence by fostering it. It is no true benevolence to care for the physical wants of those who do not try to take care of themselves.

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LONDON VOTES FOR THE MASONIC CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Looking through some old papers I have this week come across a copy of the proposed rules of the "London Masonic Voting Association," which it was suggested should be established some years back, but which was never fairly started. Having had a hand in drawing up those rules I may perhaps be a prejudiced party, but I still regard them as a good basis on which to work a London organisation, and believe that if they were strictly adhered to it would be possible for a body of brethren to make sure of success at either of the elections much more readily than it would be without combination.

Since these proposed rules were drawn up we have seen the establishment of a London Voting Association, and although it did much at first I believe it is now defunct, or if not absolutely defunct, virtually so; and I believe that the rock on which it came to grief was one particularly guarded against in the rules of the Association I with a few others had in contemplation; and which, I am egotistical enough to believe, led to the establishment of the Association referred to above, and which was actually set working.

I do not believe any London organization would be successful which went in for indiscriminate borrowing of votes, and it was to prevent this our proposed Rule 9 stipulated "that not more votes be borrowed at one time than can be repaid at the next election."

As we never went beyond proposition, it is of course impossible for me to say how this rule would have worked, but personally I should not care to take any active part in an Association which disregarded such a law, as I believe any Association must inevitably end in ruin unless some check be put on the—shall I say—excess of charity exhibited by its committee, who are being urgently appealed to for aid, which it is easy for them to afford if they do not mind getting their Association into debt for the purpose. My experience is, that it is tolerably easy to borrow votes at any of the elections if one's credit is good—and in the case of a really representative London Association it should be good to any extent—the danger to be guarded against being the borrowing of votes beyond what it is possible to repay at next election without again borrowing for purposes of repayment.

I am yet in hopes of seeing something done to secure a better understanding in regard to Metropolitan voting power, but very stringent rules in regard to borrowing would have to be adopted before I should consider any Association had a chance of continued success.

I am, &c.

EX PROMOTER.

CLIQUISM IN LODGES AND CHAPTERS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—I was lately present at a convocation meeting of a Chapter, and regretted exceedingly to witness as discreditable a proceeding as can well take place under any circumstances in Masonry. I shall not mention names, because the victim of this piece of cliquism must certainly desire that he should not be further associated with the proceedings, and as for those who have benefited—well, perhaps, when they know that the proceedings have the reprobation of such of the members of our Craft who have heard of them—they may also be heartily ashamed of what took place.

I will now endeavour to state my case. A worthy and distinguished member of the degree, who is a warm supporter of our Masonic Charities, and who is an able and experienced Freemason, is next on the rota for high office in a Chapter. He has been required to obtain an intimation from authority that there will be no difficulty in his holding the office if elected, by reason of his holding a similar office in another Chapter, and he does so. Not a word of opposition is breathed to him, and he allows himself to be placed in nomination for the position, which he is justly and properly entitled to, when, owing to some mysterious machinations, another Companion, who is not eligible for the office, is elected by a majority. The same scene is enacted with regard to a second Officer, with the same result; it is now proposed to associate this Companion's name in a further election, thus heaping up the insult, while the victim himself warmly protested against his name being bandied up and down the whole gamut of offices. I support warmly the elective principle, when properly carried out, but I think that neither a Chapter nor a Lodge is justified in departing from the principle of rotation, unless in the case of incompetence, the misconduct of the Brother or Companion, or his unwillingness to serve. If there is not some such code of honour recognised, deserving members of our Craft may render good service to their Chapters and Lodges and at last be at the mercy of a clique, or cabal, or some other combination, and that simply because they may not be boon companions with some influential persons connected with their Chapters or Lodges. In this particular case I noticed that the Companion performed his work with great ability, and in a manner calculated to impress any new member of the Order, and, above all, that it was not done in that

mumble-jumble style which is too often heard when a Brother or Companion speaks as though he had a plum in his mouth, or as if he thinks that it is only necessary for him to spin out a given number of words in the shortest space of time. I listened also attentively for any word of regret from the successful Companions, but in vain; apparently advancement in the Order was their object, no matter how it came. The incident, however, provoked a great deal of comment, as may well be imagined, and it is not likely to tend to the advantage of the Chapter. Happily, in this case the Supreme Grand Chapter must be appealed to for dispensations in at least two cases, to enable the Companions to pass over offices they have not held, and I can only hope that in the interests of Royal Arch Masonry in general, and the herein referred-to Chapter in particular, Grand Chapter will unhesitatingly mark its view of these discreditable proceedings, by refusing to assist the Chapter out of these difficulties, its own creation.

Yours fraternally,

A COMPANION.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Gaiety.—Before a small but friendly audience Mr. J. L. Shine introduced, at a matinée, on Wednesday, the 11th inst., "an original three act farce," entitled "Blue Ribbons," the joint work of Messrs. Walter Browne and J. E. Soden. The authors cannot be congratulated on the success of their collaboration. At times the piece runs heavily; unquestionably we have material for a one act farce, but we question whether more can be made of it. There is some smart writing, but the bad so predominates that the authors' labour may be pronounced as lost. Now as to the plot: Mr. Drinkwater Dewlap has a public-house, "The Blue Ribbon Banner," left him, at Potney, as a legacy; he goes to see it, and finds a waiter conducting himself as the master. This Mr. Dewlap resents, and tells the said waiter to clear out; he thus realises he has to wait on the customers himself. Among them he finds his daughter and her lover; also his manservant and a canting blue-ribbonite clergyman; and eventually his own wife; all of whom, however, have arrived on different errands, the wife imagining it to be a meeting place of a branch of the Blue Ribbon Army; while the others have attended to see the 'Varsity boat-race. Dewlap endeavours to pass himself off as a twin brother, and is not recognised; but eventually is arrested for stealing his own cigars and champagne, he being mistaken for a former waiter who is notorious for a partiality for perquisites. In the next act all is explained, and Dewlap turns the public house over to his brother-in-law, who marries the barmaid; thus matters are arranged to the satisfaction of all. Mr. J. L. Shine as Mr. Dewlap worked hard, and scored an undoubted success, though throughout the piece he seemed over anxious. Second honours are due to Mr. L. Rignold, whose get-up and acting, as the country parson, Mr. Frederick Gutteridge, is deserving of all praise. The other parts, all fairly played, call for no remark, if we except that of Miss Barlow, who made a very attractive barmaid. At the end there was a call for the authors.

Prince of Wales's.—Miss Clifford, a young actress, recently gave a matinée here, when she undertook the part of Juliet. The lady showed some promise, but at times lacked pathos and feeling. Still, taken all round, it was a creditable performance, and will doubtless lead to further efforts. Valuable assistance was accorded by Mr. F. Cooper, who gave a fine conception of Romeo, more especially in the third act. When we state Mr. James Fernandez was the Friar it goes without saying the part was well acted. Mr. Bassett Roe gave a careful and interesting rendering of Mercutio, while Mrs. Sydney was a capital Nurse. Messrs. Henry Vernon, Charles Carrington, and Miss Helen Leyton did justice to the parts severally allotted them.

Grand.—We are pleased to be able to notify that Mr. Charles Wilmot, the lessee of this theatre, is ever exerting himself to secure a good programme for his patrons. During the last fortnight, Miss Leslie, fresh from her successes at the Strand, has been delighting crowded audiences, while on Monday next, that charming fairy tale, "Alice in Wonderland" will be produced. That this effort on the part of Mr. Wilmot will be patronised we feel sure; it certainly deserves to be. Later on Mr. Wilmot will offer "The Beggar Student."

CHANGE IN TEMPLAR UNIFORM.—The *Masonic Advocate* of 1st February says: "The Grand Commandery of Illinois has dispensed with the baldric and gauntlets as a part of the Templar uniform in that jurisdiction. While there will be a small saving in the expense, and perhaps greater comfort by this change, we cannot but feel that much of the attractiveness of the uniform has gone with it. Without the baldric and gauntlets the *chapeau* becomes a top-heavy affair in appearance, as it has always been, in fact, to the wearer. It is the most expensive and uncomfortable of all the Templar toggery. If there is to be a change in the full Templar uniform, let it be one that will ensure greater comfort and less expense. We are not yet prepared to vote for a change, for we have never seen anything that excelled in appearance a Commandery of Knights Templar when in full uniform, as now worn."

DANCING.—To Those Who Have Never Learnt to Dance.—Bro. and Mrs. JACQUES WYNNMANN receive daily, and undertake to teach ladies and gentlemen, who have never had the slightest previous knowledge or instruction, to go through every fashionable ball-dance in a few easy lessons. Private lessons any hour. Morning and evening classes.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

SATURDAY, 21st MAY.

- 1179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
 1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
 1624—Eccleson, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
 1767—Kensington, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W.
 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. 1572—Carnarvon, Albion, Aldersgate Street
 M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton
 1494—Felix, Clarence Hotel, Teddington
 1556—Addiscombe, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon.
 1861—Claremont, Crown Hotel, Chertsey
 2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
 R.A. 68—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
 R.A. 1194—Royal Middlesex, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
 R.A. 2048—Henry Levander, Railway Hotel, Harrow

MONDAY, 23rd MAY.

- 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
 45—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)
 183—Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 802—Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 805—De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
 1425—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.)
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
 1663—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
 1828—Shepherds Bush, Athenæum, Goldhawk road, W.
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 188—Joppa, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
 R.A. 1237—Enfield, Cour House, Enfield
 48—Industry, 31 Denmark-street, Gateshead
 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
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 411—Commercial, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
 R.A. 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham

TUESDAY, 24th MAY.

- 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)
 141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
 165—Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hotel
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 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.)
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
 1441—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road
 1446—Mount Edgumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 1472—Hewley, Three Towns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
 1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst)
 1719—Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
 2108—Empire, Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.3
 R.A. 21—Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
 R.A. 180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 1612—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 R.C. 29—Palatine, 33 Golden Square, W.
 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle 7.30 (In)
 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 Survey 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—Terlan, Town Hall, Plaignton
 1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
 1506—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
 1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1636—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 1675—Ancient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 2025—St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, Devon

- R.A. 74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn Street, Birmingham
 R.A. 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
 R.A. 159—Adam, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Shaerness
 R.A. 175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John Street, Ryde, Isle of Wight
 R.A. 510—St. Martin's, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
 R.A. 815—Blair, Town Hall, Hulme, Manchester
 R.A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, 25th MAY.

- 2—Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barabury, 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, Borough, at 8. (Inst)
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C.
 224—United Strength, The Hope, Station Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (In)
 533—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
 720—Panmure, Batham Hotel, Batham at 7. (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
 754—High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Page Green, Tottenham
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
 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.
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 56 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
 174—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
 1611—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30 (In.)
 1682—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1681—Londesborough, Berlev Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
 1768—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1923—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. 17—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. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 163—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
 872—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
 996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
 1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
 1083—Townley Parker, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby. (Instruction)
 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
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THURSDAY, 26th MAY.

- General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 34—Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 89—Shakespeare, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 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)
 766—William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
 861—Finsbury, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
 1278—Burdett Counts, Swan Tavern, Betnal Green Road, E., 3. (Instruction)
 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
 1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1428—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
 1554—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
 1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Tenterden 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—Tredgar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
 1658—Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1791—Creston, Wheatheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1974—St. Mary Abbots, Town Hall, Kensington
 R.A. 5—St. George's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 29—St. Albans, Albion, Aldersgate Street
 R.A. 157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 657—Canonbury, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 766—William Preston, Cannon-street Hotel, E
 R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1601—Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford
 M.M. 13—Hiram, Greyhound, Richmond
 51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
 78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
 111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
 240—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup

348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
 784—Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Park Street, Deal
 807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre Street, Norwich
 904—Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
 935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Istington Square, Salford
 986—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
 1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, nr Manchester
 1605—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1690—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1628—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
 1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carsnaughton. (Instruction)
 R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
 R.A. 292—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
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 R.A. 732—Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 R.A. 1395—Weyside, Masonic Hall, Woking
 M.M. 32—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 K.T. 8—Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley

FRIDAY, 27th MAY.

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.)
 197—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 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
 831—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)
 1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
 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. 95—Eastern Star C. of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Lambhall Street
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, 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.)
 K.T. 74—Harcourt, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond
 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
 1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
 1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
 2039—Londonderry, Y.M.C.A., John Street, Sunderland
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at
 R.A. 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
 R.A. 397—Loyalty, Masonic Buildings, Hall Street, St. Helens
 R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
 M.M. 164—Southdown, Station Hotel, Haywards Heath, Sussex
 K.T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 28th MAY.

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)
 1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
 1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1541—Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
 1679—Henry Muggerridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
 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-st., W., at 8
 R.A. 176—Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate Street
 R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1462—Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
 1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
 1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
 1777—Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
 1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent
 1982—Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom
 R.A. 176—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan

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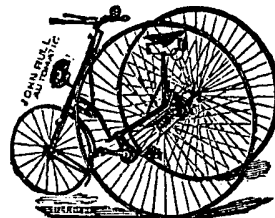
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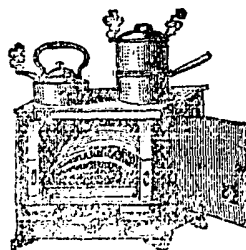
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