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FREEMASONRY AND THE FAIR SEX.

IT is customary, and only natural, that with the thermometer at broiling point, the languid mind should revert to those scenes of quiet and leisure which experience has taught us do exist, even in our own country: and the spirit yearns to fly away to old-remembered sports where tiny ripples lave the sands upon the beach, where, under the spreading shelter of trees in forest glade, or of awning on the Spa, iced "drinks" form a fitting counterpart to the lightest of costumes and the most lazy of attitudes. Anywhere, out of this huge bakehouse of a City and the "dem'd horrid grind," as Mr. Mantalini would say, of business worry; to "fresh woods and pastures new," where the overtaxed mental and physical powers may be recruited and re-invigorated, and that rest secured which is so essential with the building up of the stamina which will be called into requisition when the holiday is over. Now that the Jubilee celebrations are nearly ended, and royal pageants have evoked all the loyal and patriotic enthusiasm which were to be expected of them, society seems to turn its eyes with free will and accord to "Leisureland," the wild dissipation of the coasts, the boating, yachting, and fishing, which are ever fresh and always stimulating, the seclusion of inland nooks, with their lakes and falls, and all their accompanying delights; rambles at eve on the breezy downs, and the thousand and one pleasures that are included in the category of "holiday." Happy is the man who, with quiver full of olive branches, can thus find time and means to take his month in life-giving recreation of the kind; for, with nerves re-strung and the mind relieved of the perpetual hum and bustle of business life, he returns to his ordinary vocations with redoubled zest and energies equal to any emergency that may arise. From a Masonic point of view, the tale may be told with equal appropriateness, for our Festivals and fêtes have all taken place, and in a vast majority of Lodges the Junior Warden's column stands erect. There can be no labour done in this sultry weather, and festivities, except they be of an *al fresco* nature, are simply out of the question. Thus the working tools are laid aside, together with the other paraphernalia of our speculative art, until the lengthened evenings bring the brethren once more together for the prosecution of those lofty studies which form the curriculum of our winter sessions. We congratulate those of our brethren who are so happily placed as to be able to hie away on the wings of relaxation for ever so short a period; though it cannot be concealed that amongst the numbers ranged under our banner there are not a few who must, perforce, be content with merely an occasional day in the country. These little breaks in the monotony of existence, particularly at this sultry season of the year, come none the less acceptable because of their infrequency. The schoolboy who gets his unexpected half-holiday once a month, extracts far more jollity out of it than he ever finds it possible on ordinary occasions of a respite from the desk and books; and so it is with children of larger growth who, finding themselves unrestrained and unfettered, throw their whole heart and soul into the enjoyment; and derive much more pleasure in the aggregate than if life were but one long holiday. Those who have gone away, out of the torrid heat of the "stuffy" City, or are awaiting

the approach of the cooler mornings and evenings of August and September, will alike find opportunities of renewing old, and making new, acquaintanceships, of grasping the hands of brethren whose hearts grow fonder by a twelvemonth's absence, and of forming other circles of friends amidst the amenities which are so characteristic of people when "on pleasure bent." There is a "free-and-easiness" about the whole affair which is its chief and most piquant recommendation. To fling yourself upon the sandy beach without fear of soiling your loose lounge jacket; to lie at length under the shadow of an old boat, while the breezes steal gently through your unbuttoned vest, dreamily watching the white-winged craft that pass silently along the panoramic scene; what could be more conducive to peace of mind or health of body? The early matutinal "dip in the briny," the meals which you are able to attack with a voracious appetite unknown in the conventional home circle; the band upon the promenade, and the cruising about in boats in the cool of the evening, are visions conjured up at this time of year by all of us who have experienced such a change of air and scene in days gone by. Sores as rain is needed just now in all parts of the country, let it be hoped that it will be vouchsafed to us at such times and seasons as will least interfere with the pleasure of our friends who are "on the wing," so that on their return, with countenances bronzed by the sun, and nerves braced up by the ozone of the sea, they may be better able to "buckle" to the work, both commercially and Masonically, they will be called upon to perform when the signal is given for a general return to labour.

There is one feature of this glad summer time always looked forward to with pleasurable anticipations, not only by the brethren themselves, but even more so by their spouses and sweethearts, and all their acquaintances of either sex. Within the next couple of months there will be witnessed a series of out-door entertainments, in which the ladies will take the most prominent, and of course the most charming, part; when the ripple of conversation and laughter will vie with the cadences of sweet music from between the shrubberies, in breaks amongst which the votaries of Terpsichore are plying their nimble feet, under the friendly shelter of umbrageous foliage. The banquet in cool and perfectly ventilated pavilion, the musical accompaniment, and—best of all, the briefest of after dinner speeches—combine to make up the staple bill of fare until the shadows lengthen on the greensward, and the gyrations of the waltz or quadrille can be indulged in with impunity up to the time when the glow-worm deems it proper to "light its tiny lamp"—aye and long after, even by the pale effulgence of the "parish lantern." It will be universally admitted by all classes of our readers that these summer meetings are most enjoyable of their kind, and many fair friends are smacking their lips over the gauziest of dresses they are making up for the approaching *réunions*. The Lodge of Prosperity, No. 65, leads off next with their annual trip to Brighton, where, as we have already mentioned, a most attractive programme will be presented by Bro. W. Walker, the popular Worshipful Master, and his coadjutors. According to present prospects nothing can prevent this gathering being a great success—surpassing, let us hope, the brilliant and happy day spent at the same place last year. There is no lack of means of enjoyment at this "Queen" of southern watering places, and no doubt the endless variety of pleasures included in

the menu will be made the very utmost of by the gay and festive company who have decided to go on Tuesday next. In the following week occurs the anniversary festivities of the Domatic Lodge, No. 277, the locale being Kempton Park, than which no more charming spot could be selected within an easy distance from the metropolis. The Worshipful Master of this solid old Centenary Lodge, Bro. Abel Simner, has already shown us the stuff he is made of, and his resolute ability in carrying out whatever he undertakes in Freemasonry; so that, under favourable circumstances as to weather, there can be no shadow of apprehension as to the *clat* which will attend this gathering. The Kempton Park Committee have again placed at the disposal of the Lodge the whole of their charmingly picturesque grounds, the grand stand, pavilion, &c., and those who were present last year will vividly recollect the pleasantries of that event, and look forward to Tuesday, the 19th inst., with all the greater avidity on that account. Several other Lodges are engaged in similar preparations for the delectation of their friends of both sexes, and we can only hope that each and all of them will go as merry as marriage bells. These meetings are calculated to produce vast and permanent benefit to the Craft, by promoting the interchange of kindly feeling and goodwill, and rubbing off those social knobs and excrescences which are apt to obtrude at times in all communities. Whilst, therefore, sending our heartiest good wishes along with those who have gone farther afield in search of rest and relaxation, we sincerely hope that those who are anticipating briefer respites from every day affairs may enjoy themselves to their heart's content.

THESE MUST BE DONE.

An Oration before the Grand Lodge of California, 13th October 1886, by Bro. Morris March Estee.

THERE is something sublime in the thought that behind the ages, in the gloom of the unremembered past, in the very boyhood of man, there was a Society whose principles were founded upon the equal rights of man, and that the time of the creation of this Society cannot be marked by any historical event. Conspicuous among the traditions of Masonry is the belief that it existed before any records of profane history, before Socrates taught his sublime philosophy, before Demosthenes thundered his orations against Philip of Macedon, before Rome existed, and long before the Christian era erected a new mile-stone on the highway of nations.

In Masonry the old and the new are blended, the monarchical government of the patriarchs and the freedom of modern republics are made to harmonise together, and the lessons of the remote ages serve to shed new light through the gloaming of the present. The quaint rituals of our Order and the faith which one Mason is taught to have in another, are lessons which indicate in a most marked degree the simple character of those who lived in the early period of man's existence; and these must have received their inspiration from the patriarchal age.

The old and the new differ in this, that the richer people become, and the more enlightened they are, the more doubting and commercial are their instincts. A warm heart does not often go with great business intellectual development, as business knowledge is principally the knowledge of dollars. In this age man believes what he sees more than what he is told. These facts would seem to carry on their face, if none others existed, the proof of the antiquity of our Order; but its antiquity does not alone inspire our veneration; it is not the number of its years, but its deeds, which we most admire.

Indeed, it matters but little whether Masonry existed only a few hundred years ago, or before the pyramids, for we do believe that it existed before books were printed, before gunpowder was invented, and before America was discovered or steamboats dreamed of. We know that railroads, telegraphs, telephones, and steam engines were not thought of when Masonry was being exemplified over a great portion of the world. We know that new nations have been created and old ones have passed away; that new and marvellous inventions have been made, and that the world's history has been written and re-written over and over again since Masonry was first taught to man; yet the principles of Masonry are but little changed, because time cannot destroy truth, and because the calls of

humanity and the emotions of the human heart are the same to-day as always. These are like the inspirations of religion, or the love we have for home and kindred.

Although our rituals are unchanged, Masonry has progressed. Masons have learned something during the recent past. Masonry has advanced with the tide of events, and progressed with the march of human intelligence. It has been a learner and teacher among men, but it has learned only in its business relations with the outside world. Its spirit, its soul, is the same as of old; and whether we note its lessons in practical Masonry, as exemplified in the construction of King Solomon's Temple, or its sublimer lessons in human charity and Christian benevolence, everywhere and in all ages it has been an educator.

To-day it is the same grand old Order as it was at the beginning. Its great age has not brought with it decrepitude or nurtured the seed of decay, for it survives now on what it does to-day. It carves out its own history as fast as the fleeting present passes by. We must admit that it is a human organization, with many human frailties, and not destitute of human faults; that it makes mistakes and corrects them; but the mistakes our Order makes are but the proof of our humanity. The remedies we afford come from the inspiration of a Divine Providence, and these represent the generous, the charitable side of man.

If we are to believe tradition, there is a peculiar romance about the early organization of our Order. It came into existence in the far East, amid the grandest specimens of God's handiwork, and in an age of faith that reached even beyond the skies. It was cradled under the fostering care of the patriarchs, and the sacred precepts of prophecy and religion formed the corner-stone of the edifice. Yet Masonry acknowledges no sect but the human race, no religion but that taught in the Bible, whose God was the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. In the early times Masonry was a peace-offering to the world, and indeed in war it has been a conspicuous messenger of peace. In peace it has been the advance guard in the march of human freedom. Founded upon inspired religion and controlled by law, it acknowledges alike its duty to religion, good order, and regular government. Though every Lodge is a little republic, yet it flourishes under the shades of monarchies, and amid the benign influences of the most perfect democracy, for the whole human family is its children, and the whole world its home.

It is especially suited to the practical charities of every day life, for ostentation finds no place in Masonry. Though it is a human organization and conforms to the customs of the peoples of all lands, yet its creed is, and ever has been, to "do unto others as ye would that they should do unto you." Its lessons give hope and courage to the poor and ignorant, and lower the pride of the rich and the envious. Whatever else may be said of it, it is a great leveller of men, but it seeks the highest plain for its level, and on that plain all are equal.

True, we are sometimes wearied with its plain and oft-repeated lessons as heard in the Lodge-room, as we become annoyed at the rays of the blazing sun; but, like the sun, this Order gives hope and life to all the world. No man can be a good Mason who is not a patriot and true to his country, yet Masonry has no pride, no distinct nationality. There is no boundary line that marks the limit of its usefulness, and the whole earth is its home. Still, each jurisdiction is within some national authority which Masonry is bound to obey. This is true because the language of Masonry is universal; it speaks in every tongue and is known in every land. The most benighted and most ignorant of men can understand its great truths and appreciate them. Its very simplicity is its greatest strength, for it is intended for all men and all ages, past and to come. It has been well said that Masonry has been the most remarkable and the most illustrious organization ever known in history, because it has brought, and still brings, into one family and under one control all classes of people, from the prince down to the humblest cottager. It makes no distinction of place, and confers no honour except for real merit, for after all its only glory is the good it does.

We often expect too much of Masonry, and we always expect too much of Masons. Masons are human beings, and Masonry can only make the Mason the best of his kind. The Masonic Order therefore cannot be any better than the men who compose its membership; but Masonry never made a man worse, and it has made many

men better than they would otherwise have been. It is true that Masonry is not intended to remedy all the ills of life, nor does it give without receiving, for its charities are not and cannot be universal. Necessarily they are limited to those who come within the scope of Masonic knowledge. To say that Masons, even in the distribution of their charities, make mistakes, is only to admit that they are human, and subject to the same errors that other human beings are; and though we do make mistakes we correct them without undue punishment or disgrace.

A Mason should never belittle the great character of the Craft by boldly defending those who possess neither character nor honour of their own, for the character of Masonry as an Institution is judged by the character of the men composing it. We do not expect to build a house except upon a firm foundation, but when the house is so built we would support its tottering walls against every blast that beats against it. Masonry does not defend crime or criminals, nor does it seek to hide them from the penalties which the law of the land imposes upon them; for the influence of Masonry should always be directed toward every good cause, in the Order or out of it, as the Masonic character is a good character, and can only be maintained by good works.

It therefore becomes all important for us to judge well of the character of those we admit into our Lodges. It is perhaps too frequent a thing that we increase the membership thereof by admitting into our ranks those who are ill-fitted to come amongst us; but we should not use the black ball to keep a good man out of the Order. Absolute justice is a living principle of Masonry. It is most important to guard against proselyting. It is not only important, but it is a direct violation of Masonic usages to ask any one to become a member of our Order. Let those who wish to know us seek us, and they will find what we are. Once let it be known that we are not trying to outnumber other associations, or to excel them in popularity, and good men will seek admission to the Craft, and bad men will avoid us. It is the best men we want, not the most. The great mistake after all is that we are trying to popularize Masonry too much. By this I mean that we try sometimes to make everybody like ourselves, and like the Institution of Masonry, when in fact we should only seek to deserve every good man's esteem and not to expect his praise.

Masonry is, however, the most important social Institution for still another reason—it organizes the moral forces of the people. It occupies a plain different to that of the churches (though it gives strength to them), because it has no religious creed. Its services in the field of politics are no less important (though it has no politics and belongs to no party), because it teaches respect to organised government and obedience to law, and because every Lodge-room is a little republic where each brother is taught that he is a unit in the great organization of which he is a member, and in which he may rise step by step to the highest position in its gift. Thus a laudable ambition is encouraged in the minds of the young, which reaches its full fruition in advancing years.

And so, too, in the Lodge-room the impetuosity of youth is softened by the milder counsels of age and experience. The old and the young in the Lodge are on an even plain, equal in their rights; and yet every member has to earn his reward by long and faithful service. Promotion in our Order is not often a matter of accident, and never should be gained by social position or electioneering devices. It comes as the breath of heaven comes, to strengthen and invigorate, not to weaken or destroy. Masonry holds out to every good man a higher and loftier aim in life than that afforded by the reward which comes of gratified ambition. It gives every member the opportunity to benefit his fellow men. The consciousness of duty performed; the belief that one has lived with a purpose, and that purpose a noble one; that he has made bright spots along the pathway of others; that he has given to the poor and cared for the sick; that he has buried the dead and made glad the heart of the stranger; are among the higher aims and loftier purposes of Masons and Masonry. Whatever else we leave undone, these *must* be done. Failing in these, we fail in all the best and noblest purposes of the Order.

BRO. LANE AND No. 79, ONCE MORE.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

SOMEHOW a rumour reached Boston that the only mistake in Bro. Lane's book was discovered by himself, and that the said mistake referred to something in the paragraph relating to Lodge No. 79. To my surprise, however, I find that Bro. Lane was doubly mistaken; for what he thought wrong was right, and *vice versa*. Briefly, the paragraph in Bro. Lane's book is given thus:

THE HOOP, IN WATER STREET, PHILADELPHIA - - 1731
This is the Dublin List of 1735. Warranted for America,
but probably Warrant never used.

CASTLE, IN HIGHGATE, LONDON - - - - 1732

Now the fault Bro. Lane found in the above was for placing "1731" at the side of the Philadelphia Lodge. He seems to have believed that both charters were issued in 1732, but the truth is, assuming that two charters with No. 79 were issued, or, as he once believed, but doubts now, that the Dublin reprinter of the "Pocket Companion" copied "The Hoop," &c., from the Lodge List of 1731, then the Philadelphia Lodge must have been chartered in 1731, for how could a Lodge that was chartered in 1732 have been engraved on a Lodge List of 1731?

The "Highgate," No. 79, must also have originated in 1731, for it is an indisputable fact that in all the Lodge Lists from 1731-2 to 1737 inclusive, No. 79 is on the said lists placed between Nos. 78 and 80, and as no one doubts that 78 and 80 were constituted in 1731, hence No. 79 must also have been constituted in 1731.

But, says Bro. Lane, the Highgate No. 79 did not pay for its warrant before November 1732, hence he imagines that it was chartered in 1732. However, I thank Bro. Lane for enabling me to show that his reasoning is not O.K., for his article in the *Freemason*, of 19th March, shows that Lodges constituted in June and in August 1732 did not pay for their respective warrants before 15th November 1732. Bro. Lane then proves in the first place that it was customary in those days to trust new Lodges for the payment of their Charters, and second, that the payment made by the said Lodge in November did not affect their real dates of constitution; hence our No. 79 at Highgate remained, and continued to remain, a Lodge constituted in 1731, though it did not pay for its Charter before 1732.

But the greatest mistake, and the parent of all subsequent errors Bro. Lane was led into, was, for putting any faith in the Dublin reprinter of the *Pocket Companion* of 1735. Among those errors was his denial that Lodge No. 79 did not hold its meetings in Highgate in 1731, and that the Grand Lodge of England chartered a multiplicity of seventy-niners, one of which Lodges was in Philadelphia, another in Highgate, and still another was in Little St. Martin's Lane. While I maintain that the Lodge at the Hoop, in Philadelphia, if there was a Lodge there, was never chartered by the Grand Lodge of England at any time, and that the Highgate Lodge of 1731—having been erased from the Lists during 1733 and 1734—was restored by the Grand Lodge in 1735.

From Anderson I learn that on the 19th February 1724 the Grand Lodge ordered that

"The Officers of particular Lodges shall bring to the Grand Lodge the list of the members of their respective Lodges, to be inserted in the Grand Lodge book."

A similar order was issued early in 1731, not for "particular Lodges," but for all the Lodges. The order was obeyed; a book was provided for that purpose, and one of its pages is headed with "No. 79, Castle in Highgate," which was followed with the names of twenty-six members. This I saw with my own eyes, in 1880, but of course did not examine the book with the care Bro. Lane did. Bro. Gould copied the headings from all the pages in the said book, which forms his List No. 11, at the head of which Bro. Gould quotes from the original, "List of the names of the members of all the regular Lodges," &c., and the last number on Bro. Gould's list is 104, and is followed with the List. Now, the same as I followed Anderson about the engraved Lodge Lists, I followed Bro. Gould also. I confess that I have made some mistakes elsewhere, when trusting to memory. In no case, however, was it done for the purpose of bettering my arguments, for it would not have made the slightest difference if I had been better informed upon the said

topic. While, therefore, I thank Bro. Lane for correcting my errors about side issues, yet I cannot help thinking that from the great importance he attached to my errors, and the air of superiority he put on, when admonishing my shortcomings, on his part he is not infallible. By this, however, I do not mean to depreciate his book. On the contrary, I mean to recommend its excellency wherever I can. Indeed, I believe that the Grand Lodge might worthily bestow £1000 on Bro. Lane for the service he has rendered to Masonic students by compiling so grand a work. But I claim the right to point out an error, which is calculated to confirm my good, innocent Pennsylvanian brethren in their delusion that Philadelphia had an English Charter either in 1731 or 1735. And I must add that if Bro. Lane was universally regarded as a very Moses in Masonry, I would not hesitate to fight him single-handed on the No. 79 question.

The next question is: Was No. 79 re-created from new materials in 1735, as Bro. Lane maintains? Or was the old Highgate Lodge of 1731 merely restored to its original rank in 1735? In order to show that dormant Lodges were restored by the Grand Lodge before 1735, I pointed out that Nos. 42 and 67 were vacant in the Lodge List of 1731-32. But in Rawlinson's Lodge List of 1733 the vacancies of both Lodges were filled up. And I further pointed out that no law existed in the forenoon of 24th February 1735 to debar the Grand Lodge in the afternoon of the same day from restoring No. 79 to its old rank. To the above argument Bro. Lane triumphantly replies thus:—

"The two blanks [of 42 and 67] on the 1731-2 List do not help Bro. Norton's case at all, but are strong evidence in corroboration of the inference I drew that there was a Lodge (I do not say where it was located) having No. 79 previous to that which subsequently appeared at the Castle in Highgate."

Bro. Lane, while still believing in a previous existing No. 79 has seemingly lost faith now that a No. 79 was in Philadelphia, and I venture to add that if his mind had not been addled by the Dublin blunderer of 1735, Bro. Lane would never have suspected of there ever having been more than one No. 79 in 1731, 1734, or at any other time.

"The Grand Lodge records (continues Bro. Lane) contain all the evidence I know of that will assist in the settlement of the question. No. 42, warranted 25th May 1725, at 'King Henry 8th's Head, St. Andrew-street, near ye Seven Dials,' appears only in the Grand Lodge minutes for three meetings—in June, November and December 1728. After that period it never attended, and it is out of the Lists in 1731-1733. A Lodge, however, appears on the 13th December 1733 at the Salutation, Billingsgate, which bore the same No. 42, no less than five years after the period when the original Lodge ceased to be represented."

Now, I ask Bro. Lane, what reason he has for supposing that the Lodge of 1725, after a suspension of five years, was not restored in 1733? Surely no law existed in 1733 to prevent the Grand Lodge from restoring the said Lodge, even after a suspension of five years; and if the Grand Lodge restored a Lodge that was dormant five years in 1733, why could it not restore No. 79 in 1735 after being asleep about two or three years?

Bro. Lane evidently perceived that his reasoning about No. 42 was not quite conclusive, so his more decisive battery he discharged against No. 67. He says,

"No. 67, again, is still more conclusive. Warranted on the 16th of April 1730, at Dick's Coffee House, Gravel-street, Hatton Garden: it attended Grand Lodge for the last time on the 28th of August in the same year. Then it ceased, its existence having been of very short duration, and was removed from the Lists. Late, however, in 1738 (I give this on the authority of Anderson, its first attendance at Grand Lodge being 31st January 1739), a Lodge appears at the Castle, at St. Giles, with the same number 67, an interval of eight years having elapsed since the attendance of the original Lodge. On Bro. Norton's own showing the old Lodge must have been erased by virtue of the Grand Lodge law of February 1735."

The statement above quoted, viz., that No. 67 had no existence for eight years; that is, from 1730 to 1738, naturally astonished me. I, therefore, not only re-examined Rawlinson's Lodge List of 1733, but followed it up with Pine's, as well as Smith's Lists of 1734, also Bro. Lane's infallible List, reprinted in Dublin in 1735, Picart's

engraved List of 1735, and the 1736 List in the "Four Old Lodges," and in every one of the said Lists I found No. 67 was located at the "Castle, in St. Giles'." And next I consulted Bro. Lane's own book, and on page 26 I found, the following:—

DICK'S COFFEE HOUSE, IN GRAVEL STREET	16 April 1730
HATTON GARDEN, LONDON	- - - - - 1730
Castle, St. Giles'	- - - - - 1733
	Blank 1737
Castle, St. Giles'	- - - - - 1738

Now which statement of Bro. Lane is correct? In the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE he virtually asserts that No. 67 was dead for eight successive years, and that the No. 67 of 1738 was not the original No. 67 of 1730, while in his own book he admits that No. 67 was alive at the "Castle, at St. Giles'," in 1733 and after; that it was erased, or "blank," in 1737, and that it was again at the "Castle, in St. Giles'," in 1738. Hence, instead of being absent from the List for eight years, it was absent only one year.

The next question is, why was No. 67 expelled in 1737? Bro. Lane, indeed, says, "On Bro. Norton's own showing the old Lodge must have been erased, by virtue of the Grand Lodge law of the 24th February 1735." But I showed no such thing, for I did not know that it was expelled in 1737; I really believe that if the said Lodge had been expelled in 1737, for violating the law of February 1735, that it would not have been restored in 1738. But may not the Lodge have been erased in 1737 for an offence which did not debar the Grand Lodge from restoring it to its original rank even after it was vacant more than a year? The Lodge of Antiquity, for instance, was erased from the Lists for many years, but when it repented and promised to sin no more, it was restored to its old rank. Now, we all know that between 1735 and about 1740, owing to some real or imaginary grievances, a number of Lodges rebelled against the Grand Lodge, and some of these Lodges were afterwards restored. For instance, in the No. 12 List of the "Four Old Lodges," the last Lodge in it being No. 152, dated 31st December 1736, I find but one blank, viz., No. 64; but in the next List (2nd edition of the Pocket Companion), wherein the last Lodge, No. 160, is dated 20th April 1737, I find the following numbers vacant, viz., 2, 17, 26, 28, 29, 41, 58, 64, 67, 100, 115, 116 and 120—sum total 13 Lodges, and twelve of these were erased within a little more or less than a year. On examining the 1740 List I find that Nos. 17, 26 and 67 were restored. The most probable conclusion I can, therefore, come to is, that most of the said Lodges were not expelled for ceasing to meet for more than twelve months; or, in other words, for having violated the law of February 1735, but they were expelled for rebellion, and among those so expelled were Nos. 17, 26, and 67. These Lodges having made submission, were restored; and from the unrestored Lodges sprang up afterwards the brood now known as "Ancients." Take it, therefore, all in all, I think that Bro. Lane's reasoning about No. 67 is as inconclusive as his previous reasoning about No. 42.

To show, however, that a newly-created Lodge could not have been suffered by the Grand Lodge of that time to assume the rank and number of an old extinct Lodge, I herewith give the law passed by the Grand Lodge, 27th of December 1726, viz.:—

"The precedence of Lodges is grounded on the seniority of their Constitution."

Now, with the above law before me, I cannot see how the Grand Lodge at any time could have allowed entire newly formed Lodges to take precedence of older Lodges by assuming the numbers of extinct Lodges. Such was, indeed, the practice among the Ancients, but I do not believe that the Moderns have ever done so.

BOSTON, U.S., 23rd May 1887.

A handsome stained glass window, from the studio of Mr. Taylor of Berners-street, has been erected in the Baptistry of Harleston Church, the gift of Mrs. Hazard, whose family have been generous donors to the Church in the past. The subject of the window is "Christ blessing little children."

FURNISHED APARTMENTS.

NORTH FINCHLEY.—3 or 4 rooms; separate kitchen; with or without attendance; piano; bath room; pony chaise kept; large garden back and front. Seven miles from London; under 1 mile from Woodside Park Station, G.N.R.; omnibus to West End four times a day. Z. Y. X., Office of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

THE PAST AND PRESENT OF FREEMASONRY.

LIKE everything that is good, Freemasonry in the past has not escaped bitter persecutions. The first case of this kind, since the Revival of 1717, occurred in Holland in the year 1735. In the fall of that year a crowd of fanatics broke into a house at Amsterdam, where a Lodge was accustomed to be held, and destroyed the furniture and ornaments of the Lodge. The States General, yielding to popular clamour, prohibited future meetings of all Lodges. One, however, continued to meet at a private house. Its officers and members were arrested and taken before a court of justice. The Master and Wardens defended themselves with great ability, and while acknowledging that they could not prove the innocence of the institution by a public exposure of their secret doctrines, they offered to initiate any person in the confidence of the magistrates, who might then give them information upon which they could depend. This offer was accepted and the town clerk was immediately initiated, whose report so pleased his superiors that shortly after all the magistrates and the principal persons of the town became members and zealous patrons of the Order.

In France, in 1737, the authorities harboured a fear that the Freemasons concealed in their Lodges designs hostile to the government, and meetings of Lodges were prohibited. This anti-Masonic feeling did not last long, however, as the last instance of government interference occurred in 1745, when a Lodge meeting was dispersed, the furniture and jewels seized and the landlord fined 3,000 livres.

In Germany the malice of a few females had been excited by their disappointed curiosity, and they succeeded partly in communicating their fears to the Empress Maria Theresa, who issued an order for the apprehending of all Masons in Vienna, when in Lodge assembled. The measure was, however, frustrated by the good sense of Emperor Francis Joseph I., who was a Mason, and exerted his power in protecting his brethren.

The persecutions by the church in Italy and other Catholic countries have been the most extensive and permanent, however. In 1738 Pope Clement XII. issued his famous bull against Freemasons. After reciting what he "had learned, and public rumour does not permit us to doubt the report," he proceeds to enjoin all Bishops, superiors and ordinaries to punish the Freemasons "with the penalties which they deserve, as people greatly suspected of heresy, having recourse, if necessary, to the secular arm." This "secular arm" was interpreted by functionaries of the church to mean "that no person shall dare to assemble at any Lodge of the said society, nor be present at any of their meetings, under pain of death and confiscation of goods, the said penalty to be without hope or pardon." The welfare against the Order under this bull was unrelentingly prosecuted but the vigilance of the priesthood abated in the course of time, and in 1751, thirteen years after the issuing of the bull, Lodges were openly in existence in the "Eternal City" itself!

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In the United States Freemasonry received its first serious shock about 1830. William Morgan, a dissolute character, and a resident of New York State, published a so-called exposition of Freemasonry. He had been imprisoned for debt, and as he disappeared shortly after being released, it was boldly charged by the enemies of the Order that he had been abducted, and anti-Masonic fanatics even asserted that he had been murdered; a most thorough judicial investigation, however, failed to find a particle of evidence upon which such an accusation could be founded. The anti-Masonic flame was fanned to a white heat, however, and anti-Masonic parties were formed, papers were started to disseminate anti-Masonic intelligence, and bitter prosecution began, which continued for nearly twenty years. The anti-Masonic feeling soon spread into Pennsylvania. In that State the excitement and ill-will was heightened by a malicious deed done by a number of idle young men of the city of Philadelphia—the cradle of Masonry. Their curiosity was excited by the so-called Morgan Exposition. They pretended to be Masons and for their amusement opened a mock lodge in a gloomy cellar. While feigning to initiate a young man of that city, they threw a bowl of burning alcohol upon him, so horribly burning him that he died a few days after in great agony. Thousands of people firmly believed that the youth

was a victim of the terrible mysteries of the Masons, and the excitement was so intense that it became necessary to officially repudiate the act. The anti-Masonic party in Pennsylvania, after repeated unsuccessful attempts, finally succeeded in electing a Governor, who, on being inducted into office, said: "The people have willed the destruction of all secret societies, and that will cannot be disregarded." A committee was appointed by the House of Representatives to investigate the evils of Freemasonry. Eminent brethren of the Order in the State were summoned as witnesses, but they protested against the authority assumed by the committee to compel them to appear. A resolution was then adopted authorizing the issue of attachments to compel the attendance of the delinquents. On being brought before the bar of the House, they refused to be sworn, and one of them, ex-Gov. Dalls, protested in the following ringing words: "I am a member of the society of Freemasons . . . I will not consent to hold my rights and liberties of private intercourse, private sentiments, and private business, subject to the domiciliary visitations, the changeable majority, or the ideal policy of any body of men, whatever." These manifestations of moral heroism on the part of the witnesses, and the fact that the inquisitorial committee had violated the supreme law of that commonwealth, caused a reaction, and it was prosecuted no further. This practically ended the anti-Masonic crusade.

From this time forward Freemasons have been permitted to practise their art unmolested, and the Order has been going onward and upward until it has attained its present lofty altitude, standing above things of its nature, like the "Statue of Liberty Enlightening the World."—*Freemasons' Repository*.

PROVINCIAL PRIORY OF KENT AND SURREY.

A MEETING of the Provincial Priory of Kent and Surrey was held on Tuesday, the 28th ult., at the Masonic Temple, Wilming-ton-street, Dartford, under the banner of the Lullingstone Preceptory. That Preceptory having been opened in due form and the minutes read, the E.P. elect, Sir Knight C. Vincent Cotterill, was ably and eloquently installed by Sir Knight Ward, P.E.P. of the Black Prince Preceptory of Canterbury, in the regrettable absence of the Great Sub-Prior, Sir Knight Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, who was announced to perform the ceremony, but was unavoidably detained at the last moment. The Officers were then appointed, and the V.E. Prov. Prior, Sir Knight General J. S. Brownrigg, C.B., &c., assumed the chair, and having declared Provincial Priory open, called upon the acting Registrar to read the minutes of the last provincial meeting, which was held at Richmond, July 1886, under the banner of the Harcourt Preceptory. These being duly confirmed, a vote of condolence was passed with the family of the late Registrar, Sir Knight Boor, who for many years had ably fulfilled the duties of Registrar, and the acting Treasurer's accounts were presented and passed, the same showing a satisfactory balance in hand.

The V.E. Prov. Prior then proposed Sir Knight Bateman as Treasurer; this was seconded by the Sub Prior; and no other name being submitted, that Sir Knight was unanimously elected to fill the office.

The V.E. Prov. Prior then appointed and invested the Provincial Officers, as follow:—

Sir Kt. Col. Haldane	-	-	-	-	Prov. Sub. Prior
" Rev. H. Cummings	-	-	-	-	Prov. Prelate
" Wood	-	-	-	-	Prov. Chancellor
" Cotterill	-	-	-	-	Prov. Constable
" H. Penfold	-	-	-	-	Prov. Marshal
" Bateman	-	-	-	-	Prov. Registrar
" Col. Hartley	-	-	-	-	Prov. Sub. Mars.
" Lawrence	-	-	-	-	Prov. Almoner
" Weddell	-	-	-	-	Prov. 1st Std. Br.
" Cobham	-	-	-	-	Prov. 2nd Std. Br.
" George	-	-	-	-	Prov. Herald
" Manelark	-	-	-	-	Prov. Capt. of G.
" G. Harrison	-	-	-	-	Prov. Equerry

The Prov. Sub. Prior called attention to the necessity of revision of the by-laws, and provincial forms of various kinds, and a Sub-Committee was appointed to carry out the same, consisting of Sir Knights Col. Haldane, Rev. H. Cummings, and A. H. Bateman.

A sum of £10 10s was voted to the Girls' School, on the proposition of Sir Knight Haldane, seconded by the V.E. Prov. Prior, and a similar sum of £10 10s was voted to the Mark Benevolent Fund, on the motion of Sir Knight Rev. H. Cummings, seconded by Sir Knight Bateman. Provincial Priory was then duly closed, and Lullingstone Preceptory being also closed according to ancient usage, the Sir Knights partook of refreshment, under the presidency of Sir Knight Col. Haldane, Sub. Prior, the V.E. the Provincial Prior being compelled to return to town, when the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were heartily honoured.

The visitors included Sir Knights Matier, Col. Saunders, Dr. Stewart (Indiana, U.S.A.); and amongst the members of the Priory present were Sir Knights Cummings, Wood, H. Ward, Cotterill, Hartley, Penfold, Lawrence, Weddell, Cobham, George, Manelark, Beech, and Bateman (Reg.)

PRESENTATION TO BROTHER T. J. RALLING, PAST A.G.D.C.

THURSDAY, the 30th ult., witnessed the largest attendance ever remembered in connection with the Angel Lodge, No. 51, Colchester, when, in addition to the installation of the new W.M., the proceedings were vested with special interest by the presentation of a valuable testimonial to Bro. T. J. Ralling, who has discharged the duties of Secretary to the Lodge since 1871, and who at the recent Masonic Gathering at the Albert Hall was honoured by the M.W.G.M. with the Past rank of Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies of the Grand Lodge of England. Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. A. S. B. Sparling, who was supported in the Wardens' chairs by Bros. G. Harrison and Frank Quilter. After disposing of the usual preliminary business, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Harrison P.M. 1828 was duly installed, the ceremony being admirably performed by the retiring W.M. On the re-admission of the brethren, the newly installed Master was saluted with full Masonic honours, and he then proceeded to invest his Officers for the year, as follows:—Bros. A. S. Sparling I.P.M., Frank Quilter S.W., F. Horsman J.W., Rev. W. Morgan Jones P.M. 697 P.P.G.C. Chaplain, Alfred Welch P.M. P.P.G.W. Treasurer, Thomas J. Ralling P.M. P.A.G.D.C. England P.G. Secretary Essex Secretary, F. Reichter S.D., S. D. C. Ablitt J.D., R. Haward Ives P.M. P.P.A.G. Secretary D.C., Charles Osmond P.M. P.P.G.O. Organist, E. C. H. Jones I.G., C. Grey, H. E. Williams and Harold Francis Stewards, Simon Munson Tyler, and Arthur Wright Assistant Tyler. Votes of thanks were accorded to the outgoing W.M. for the able manner in which he had performed the installation ceremony, and to the newly-installed Master for the gift of new Lodge Officers' collars. The W.M. was appointed a representative of the Lodge on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee. At the conclusion of business about sixty brethren and Visitors partook of a sumptuous banquet at the Caps Hotel, a most enjoyable repast being served by the manager, Bro. Edwards. The prefatory toasts having been duly honoured, Bro. Welch proposed the Grand Officers, and in the course of a lengthy and eloquent speech he referred to matters more intimately connected with the gathering of the day. He observed that the Province of Essex was justly proud of the distinction which the Grand Master had conferred upon it by selecting Brother Ralling to fill the high office of Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, and the cheers with which the members of the Angel Lodge and the Chapter greeted Bro. Ralling when the Prince shook hands with him on receiving his appointment was a true indication of the esteem in which he was personally held, as well as an evidence of the high sense of their appreciation of the honour conferred upon one of their own members. It was difficult to say in the presence of Bro. Ralling what he could do if he were absent; but he ventured to assert, without fear of contradiction, and in the full assurance that he should have with him the assent of every member of the Lodge, there did not exist in England a more indefatigable and thoroughly efficient Secretary than he had proved himself to be during the long period in which they had had the benefit of his services. When, several years since, he was elevated to the position of Prov. Grand Secretary, the appointment was hailed throughout the Province with general satisfaction and approval, and they all knew how thoroughly well his greatly increased duties had been performed. And now that he had attained the still higher distinction of becoming a member of Grand Lodge, there had been a generally expressed desire to evince in some tangible form the satisfaction with which the appointment had been received by the brethren, especially those of the Angel Lodge and Patriotic Chapter. An idea suggested itself to several of the members, that an appropriate way in which to testify to Bro. Ralling their hearty congratulations upon the honour he had received at the hands of our Grand Master, as well as to mark their high sense of the valuable services he had rendered to Masonry in the Province, that he should be asked to accept a present of the clothing worn by the Officers of Grand Lodge, together with a gold jewel of his office. The initiative of the idea was due to Bros. Turner and Ives, and in order that the presentation should be entirely divested of any mere formal character, it was decided that the matter should not be brought before open Lodge, nor any vote of its funds asked for the purpose, but that the subscriptions should be confined entirely to those personal friends who were anxious thus to testify their feelings of regard to their excellent brother. It was, however, very soon discovered that those who claimed to be personal friends of Brother Ralling comprised nearly every member of the Angel Lodge and Patriotic Chapter of the Royal Arch. The numerous letters addressed to the two brethren whose names he had mentioned would in themselves form a most gratifying and highly interesting volume. Every letter, without exception, bore testimony of the writer's appreciation of Bro. Ralling's valuable services to the cause of Masonry in the Province. They abounded in expressions of personal regard and hearty congratulation. The only regret mentioned—and it was one which frequently occurs—was that by the terms of invitation they had been precluded from making their subscription of a larger amount than the very modest sum which had been fixed as the limit. Under ordinary circumstances a presentation of this character would be made by the Worshipful Master, but he had with a graceful and generous magnanimity, foregone that pleasure in order to emphasise the fact that the initiative had not an official character, but was the spontaneous act of the brethren themselves.

Addressing Bro. Ralling, Bro. Welch said: In asking you, Bro. Ralling, to accept this jewel, together with the Masonic clothing of your rank, I need scarcely assure you of the unanimous and hearty good feelings which accompany the gift. You will have the proud satisfaction of knowing that there does not exist in the breast of any member of our Fraternity, however eminent he may be, or however great may be his claims to Masonic distinctions, the slightest tinge or trace of jealousy at the selection of yourself by H.R.H. the Grand Master for the signal honour which you have received at his hands—

an honour which the acclaim of the entire Masonic body in the Province testifies in your case to have been honourably won and most worthily bestowed. May the Great Architect of the Universe grant you many years of health and happiness, and may we long have the pleasure of numbering you amongst the members of the Grand Lodge of England and the Angel Lodge of Colchester. Brethren, I give you "The Grand Officers of England," and couple with that toast the name of Bro. Ralling.

The jewel having been affixed to Bro. Ralling's breast, amidst prolonged and hearty congratulations, the "guest of the evening" thanked the brethren of his "dear old Angel Lodge" for associating his name with the most important toast with which it could be connected, and he could assure them he felt very deeply the responsibility resting upon him. He believed he was almost the first initiate of the Angel Lodge—at all events, within living memory—who had been able to respond to the toast of the Grand Officers and he felt it to be a great honour and a great responsibility. The high honour that had lately been conferred upon him was one of which, no doubt, he had just reason to be proud, but at the same time he trusted he should never forget that it had not been conferred upon him for any personal worth, but that he had been made the humble medium of honouring the Province of Essex in this year of Jubilee. He confessed, however, that it was a source of great satisfaction to him to believe that in this matter he had the goodwill of the large majority of his Essex brethren, and he was warranted in this belief by the many kind, congratulatory letters he had received from all parts of the Province. But what perhaps had given him most pleasure was the very hearty way in which the members of his mother Lodge—those amongst whom his Masonic and public life was chiefly spent—had come forward with their good wishes. There was a trite saying that "a prophet has no honour in his own country." That certainly was not his case, for this was not the first occasion on which he had been marked out for special favour. Twelve years ago the brethren kindly presented him, as a mark of their esteem, with an address and a valuable watch, which he always carried with him, and showed to his friends with pleasure and pride; and the present occasion had been availed of by them to further assure him of their goodwill, in the handsome gift he saw before him. In one of their ceremonies they were reminded that "to reign sovereign in the arts and affections of men is far preferable than to rule over their lives and fortunes." From the time he first joined the Craft, and specially since he had had the honour to hold office in the Lodge, it had been his earnest endeavour to merit the goodwill of all. It was in the nature of things that at times they might not have seen eye to eye upon all matters; but that in the main his labours had given satisfaction was shown by this splendid token of their affection. He felt he did not deserve half the kind things Bro. Welch had said of him, but he thanked them all from the bottom of his heart for their great kindness, and promised them that, whether as an officer or in the "otium" of a P.M., it would as long as he lived be his great pleasure to serve the Lodge collectively or any individual member connected with it. He could not sit down without expressing his deep obligation to Bros. Turner and Ives for their kindness in reference to this matter. He felt sure it had been to them a labour of love; at the same time he appreciated very much the trouble they had taken in the matter, and he assured them he was deeply grateful. He thanked them all for the very handsome jewel and clothing. Whenever he wore it he should be reminded, not only of the kindness with which they had received him that night, but with which they always had and always did receive him. The jewel, which is of 18-carat gold bears the following inscription:—

"Presented by Brethren of the Angel Lodge, No. 51, and Companions of the Patriotic Chapter, to W. Bro. T. J. Ralling P.M. and P.Z. 51, P.G. Sec. Essex, together with the Grand Lodge clothing, upon appointment to the office of P.A.G.D.C. England, as a mark of respect and esteem, and in acknowledgment of his valuable services as Secretary and Scribe E."

Several complimentary toasts followed, interspersed with music, and a very happy and harmonious evening was passed.

Notes for Masonic Students.

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NORTON'S ORDINAL.

THE real date of the "Theatrum Chemicum" is 1652, not 1610, as appears in your last, owing no doubt to the indistinctness of my figures. I hope other correspondents of yours will contribute to the enlargement of your readers' "ideas" on this and cognate matters.

SPEKO.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey is fixed to be held on Wednesday, the 27th inst., at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, under the presidency of Bro. J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., Provincial Grand Master. The reception and entertainment of the Provincial Grand Lodge has, by command of the Prov. G. Master, been placed under the direction of the East Surrey Lodge of Concord, No 463, Croydon. The brethren will attend divine service at the Parish Church at half past four o'clock, when a sermon will be preached by Bro. the Rev. Herbert Turner, Rector of Sutton, Past Provincial G.C. The dinner takes place at the Greyhound, at six o'clock punctually.

GROVE LODGE, No. 410.

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge was held at the Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, on Saturday, 11th June, when the W.M. Bro. H. J. P. Damas was supported by Bro. General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., Provincial Grand Master, Bros. Charles Greenwood P.M. P.P.G.R. P.G. Sec., H. J. P. Damas P.G.D., Thos. Moreton, Geo. White, W. E. Potter jun., A. C. Greenwood, J. H. Hawkins, and four Visitors. Lodge having been opened in form, was advanced, when Bro. Alfred Craven Greenwood and William Eddy Potter were passed to the degree of F.O. Subsequently a banquet took place, when the customary toasts were honoured, and the brethren separated at an early hour.

RURAL PHILANTHROPIC LODGE, No. 291.

ON Friday afternoon, the 1st inst., the installation of Bro. J. T. Dunsford as W.M. of this Lodge took place at the Railway Hotel, Bridgwater, and was the occasion of one of the largest and most influential and representative gatherings of the members of the Craft that has ever taken place here. The W.M.-elect was presented for installation by Bros. A. Duckett I.P.M. and Dr. H. M. Kemmis P.M., and the ceremony was very ably performed by the Very Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. R. C. Else P.G.D. of England. The visiting brethren included Bros. Rev. Chas. G. Anderson P.M. 135 P.P.G. Chaplain, John C. Hunt P.M. 135 P.G. Secretary, C. Symons P.M. 135 P.P.G. Standard Bearer, J. B. Soper P.M. 135 P.P.G. Pursuivant, W. Adams 261 P.P.G.D.C., T. G. Williams I.P.M. 261, W. Bidgood P.M. 261, G. E. Alford W.M. 1222, W. Reece W.M. 1199, R. Jones W.M. 1295, W. M. Rice P.M. 1755, S. Spill W.M. 973, W. A. Woodley, S. J. Laver 1199, A. H. Stringfellow J.D. 1197, and C. R. Humphrey J.D. 2038. Several letters and telegrams of congratulation addressed to Bro. Dunsford W.M.-elect were read from other brethren throughout the Province, including one from Bro. James Cook P.M. 135. The W.M. appointed and invested the following as his staff of Officers for the year ensuing:—Bros. A. Duckett I.P.M., T. Floyd Norris S.W., C. L. Fry Edwards P.G. Treasurer J.W., Rev. J. C. Lyons Chaplain, J. Burnett P.M. Treasurer, E. Fry Wade P.M. Secretary, Dr. H. M. Kemmis P.M. D.C., T. H. Railton S.D., Dr. Peskett J.D., J. Bain Slacock I.G., T. M. Reed Organist, J. Holmes and T. Hicks Stewards, W. Woodward Tyler. The banquet which followed, under the presidency of the W.M., was of a *récherché* description, reflecting much credit on Bro. Kellaway, the guests numbering between forty and fifty. The customary toast list was gone through, the health of the W.M. being drunk with musical honours, and in responding to that of the Provincial Grand Lodge, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. Else announced that the Earl of Carnarvon R.W.P.G.M. would be present at the next meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge at Bridgwater on Friday, the 15th inst., when he hoped there would be a large muster of brethren from all parts of the Province. Congratulations were exchanged on the fact that at the recent annual Festival in connection with the Boys' Masonic Institution, Bros. Duckett and Wade, who went up as Stewards, contributed as large a sum as £130 from the Rural Philanthropic Lodge.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Saturday 2nd instant, at Freemasons' Hall, when there was a full attendance, under the presidency of Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., Patron, P.G.D. There was a large number of petitions for consideration. The list of candidates for the October Election, as far as possible, was prepared, and eleven vacancies declared. A grant towards the outfit of an ex-pupil was made, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the business.

We are frequently amused with the arrogance displayed by some of our self-constituted "supporters," but the genus exists elsewhere, if we may rely on the following, which we cull from an "exchange":—

"In the report of the meeting of Lodge — our readers will notice a remark made by Bro. —, a visitor to the Lodge, namely, 'That he had come to the conclusion that the paper (—) was not impartial; certain Lodges got column after column, month after month, while others were never even mentioned. This looked to him like cliquism, and while it existed he for one would not give the paper his support.' In reply, we may state that we cannot be expected to publish accounts of meetings we are never asked to visit. We are only too happy to receive notice of Lodge meetings. Secondly, as far as Professor — is concerned, the support afforded by him has been,—nil."

We need hardly add, we also have found the "deadheads" always the most difficult to satisfy, however zealously we may have striven to please.

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REVIEWS.

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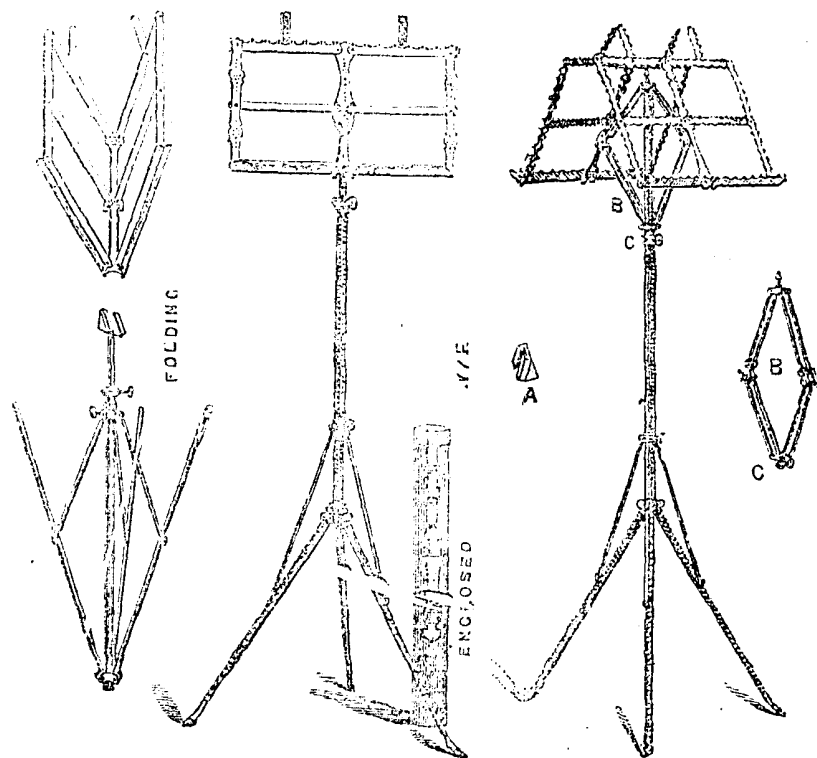
It may be rather late to speak of a production which has won the admiration of all who have seen it, both for elegance of design and comprehensiveness of matter; but those considerations in themselves must be our excuse for any apparent tardiness in the way of notice. The Jubilee number stands alone, as the concentration of an enormous bulk of information interesting to all Freemasons, and there is not a member of the Craft but should be in possession of a copy—i.e., if he can get it. The introductory pages give an elaborate sketch of "Royal Masons"—scions of Reigning Houses—who have donned the lambskin apron since A.D. 1717. A long list is given of the "Royalties" who have figured in the Craft, both in this and other countries; and the recapitulation is eminently valuable for reference on subjects that are often the matter of inquiry. Under the heading of "The Queen and the Craft," Bro. G. Blizard Abbott dilates on Freemasonry in English-speaking communities during the Victorian Era. Full information is given of previous Grand Masters, from the Duke of Sussex to the present date, with all the salient features of their respective reigns over the Craft. The Masonic Charitable Institutions and Associations are described, with elaborate returns as to the work each has accomplished; and these sketches are accompanied by views of the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and the Benevolent Institution, from photographs by Bro. Bedford Lemaire, of the Strand, Mark Masonry, Masonic Knight-Templary, and other Masonic Systems in the United Kingdom, the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, are also given, with portraits of eminent Masons in this and other countries. Bro. W. J. Hughan P.G.D. treats learnedly of Royal Masonic medals of England; and there is a lengthy and detailed record of the Masonic Celebration of Her Majesty's Jubilee at Albert Hall, of which all, whether present or not, will be glad to preserve an account. A great many other subjects are dealt with, in very interesting manner, and we repeat that no Mason should be without this standing work of information and reference. The marvel is that so valuable a collection of Masonic matter could have been brought together in such elegant form at the ridiculously low price of sixpence.

The 19th Anniversary Festival of the Benevolent Fund connected with the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons will be celebrated on the 20th instant, at the Holborn Restaurant. Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Amherst M.W. P.G.M. of M.M.M., and Prov. Grand Master of the Craft Province of Kent will preside, and a large and distinguished assemblage of Mark Master Masons is expected. Dinner will be served at six o'clock precisely.

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THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS of the Province of Middlesex and Surrey will be holden at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., on Tuesday, the 12th July 1887, when all the Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers, together with the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters and Acting Wardens of Lodges in the Province, are summoned to attend, and all Mark Master Masons are invited to be present.

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

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

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In the Chair.

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Names and addresses of Candidates, with name of Lodge and Chapter, must be sent in to the Prov. G. Sec., not later than the 11th July.

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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT OF THE GOVERNORS AND SUBSCRIBERS OF THIS INSTITUTION will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Monday, the 11th day of July 1887, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution, to receive and consider the approval of a list of 50 Candidates on the recommendation of the General Committee, from which 11 boys shall be elected at the Quarterly General Court to be held on Monday, the 10th October 1887.

Four additional cases are deferred for consideration by the Quarterly Court on the 11th inst.

The chair will be taken at 4 o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

By order,

FREDERICK BINCKES (P.G. Std. P.G.S.B.), Vice Patron,
Secretary.

2nd July 1887.

The R.W. Bro. VISCOUNT EBRINGTON, M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Devon, having most kindly consented to preside at the 90th Anniversary Festival, in June 1888, it is hoped that brethren attached to Lodges in the Provinces, and members of the Order generally, will not delay in forwarding their names as Stewards, in which capacity their services will be highly appreciated.

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NOTICE is hereby given that a **PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE** will be held at the "GREYHOUND" HOTEL, CROYDON, in the County of Surrey, on Wednesday, 27th day of July 1887, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

By command,

CHARLES GREENWOOD, P.P.G.R.
Prov. Grand Secretary.

N.B.—Morning Dress.

Albert Institute Chambers, Charles Street, Blackfriars Road, S.E.
27th June 1887.

P.S.—The Reception and Entertainment of the Provincial Grand Lodge has, by command of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, been placed under the direction of the East Surrey Lodge of Concord, No. 463, Croydon.

The dinner will take place at 6 o'clock punctually. For tickets apply to W. Bro. C. H. Woodward, P.M. P.P.G.W., 139 North End, Croydon, enclosing 7/6, which will not include Wine.

N.B.—Dinner will be provided for those only who have taken Tickets, and no Ticket will be issued after 23rd July.

The R.W.P.G. Master requests the attendance of the brethren at Divine Service, at the Parish Church, Croydon, at 4.30 p.m. A Sermon will be preached by the W. Bro. the Rev. Herbert Turner, Rector of Sutton, and Past Provincial Grand Chaplain. Brethren are to appear in Craft Masonic costume at Divine Service, and to clothe in the Girls' School room, adjoining the Church.

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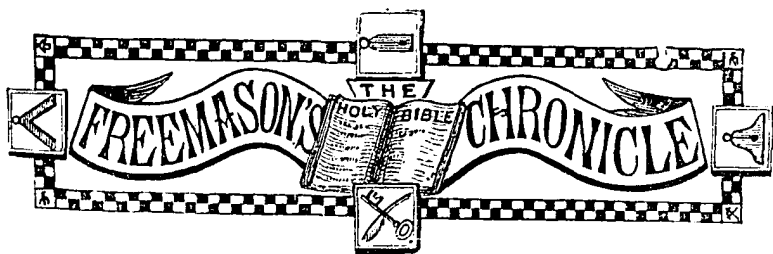
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MASONIC EXHIBITION AT PLYMOUTH.

A PUBLIC exhibition of Masonic curiosities, clothing, rare jewels, medals, and ancient records of various branches of the Order was recently held at the Hayshe Masonic Temple, Princess Square, Plymouth, by Bro. W. J. Hughan P.G.S.D. of England. Of the five exhibitions which have been inaugurated in England, the present is the third in importance as to extent, but in several respects its distinctive features are such as to render it unsurpassed by any of its predecessors. The selections from the large Masonic libraries and cabinets of Bros. Shackles, Lamb-Smith, De Feuvre, Gould, Lane, Whytehead, Coombe Masonic Library and others who as subscribing or honorary members of Lodges in Devon and Cornwall have placed so many valuable articles at the disposal of the Committee, are alone sufficient to make the Plymouth exhibition memorable and worthy of the united provinces. The special feature, however, of the collection being confined to brethren of Lodges in Devon and Cornwall (or to exhibits relating to the two counties), whilst it has prevented such a

large accumulation of curios as at Worcester and Shanklin, has resulted in the Committee obtaining information of many Masonic relics which otherwise might never have been known. The handsome Masonic rooms had been admirably laid out, W. Bro. William Derry having kindly placed a large number of beautiful plants and choice flowers at the disposal of the Committee. The work of arranging the exhibits, &c., had been executed by Bros. Gover, Lord, Goodall, Macey, Dillon, H. Pengelly, Wallis, Gidley, and G. Roseyare. The exhibits were over 1,000 in number, and the Committee of Management deserve credit for the taste which they have shown in displaying the same. Glass cases were kindly lent for the exhibits by Bros. Trevena, Wallis, Maton, and Tozer. The principal exhibit is the Grand Lodge clothing of the Duke of Clarence. Bro. Thomas Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes, kindly obtained the consent of the members of the Prince of Wales Lodge to the loan of this special exhibit, which to Devonshire Masons, especially those connected with the Three Towns, must prove of extraordinary interest. His Majesty King William IV. was initiated in the Prince George Lodge, Plymouth, on 9th March 1786, as his Royal Highness the Duke of Clarence, and the Grand Lodge of England on 7th April 1787 resolved that "In testimony of the high sense the Grand Lodge entertains of the great honour conferred on the Society, His Royal Highness be presented with an apron lined with blue silk, and in all future processions to rank as P.G.M." The Prince was Master of the Prince of Wales's Lodge from 1827 to 1830, and the patron of the Grand Chapter (R.A.) for many years, in honour of which a medal was struck, an impression of which is to be found in the exhibition. Bro. E. Bash 223, Bro. W. H. Macey 1847, and Bro. T. S. May 1099 lent some handsome and antique jewels. A curious watch, with Masonic emblems on "movement," of 1795, is the property of Bro. J. Cohen, of Devonport. Mr. R. Lavis, of Plymouth, shows a Masonic apron which belonged to his great uncle. The border is composed of a black ribbon with scarlet fringe, and, in addition to a dedication subscription, there are the mottoes, "Holiness to the Lord" and "Let there be light, and there was light." Bro. Alf. Greenham W.M. 1884, Isle of Wight, Hon. Mem. 70, has sent some valuable Masonic histories and MS., about thirty in all. Bro. L. A. Metham P.G.D. of England P.D. Prov. G.M. of Devon, has forwarded a handsome Rose Croix jewel, worn by Sir John St. Aubyn, Bart., when head of the Order in Cornwall. Bro. Hughan, in his editorial notes, says:—"This special exhibit is new to me, and, I presume, refers to the period when the 18th degree was conferred on Masonic Knights Templars and also the K.D.S.H. The worthy baronet was Prov. G.M. of Cornwall from 1785 until his decease, and was a most popular ruler of the Craft." The patent and clothing of the late Bro. G. D. Harvey as P.G.M. of Herts from 1803 up to the time of his resignation are shown by his son, Bro. H. M. Harvey P.P.G.S.W. of Cornwall. St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 1151, Lostwithiel, has contributed to the exhibition the mantle and square used by H.R.H. the Prince Consort on laying the foundation stone of the Orphan Asylum at Wanstead, on 24th July 1841, and by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., at the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the Truro Cathedral, 20th May 1880. Bro. John Chapman P.M. 1402 P.P.G.D. of Devon, shows photographs of an illuminated drawing by Bro. Chapman, setting forth his progress and rank in the several degrees of Freemasonry, and an emblematic kind of tracing board for several degrees in the Craft, taken from an illuminated glass transparency formerly the property of the poet Montgomery and now belonging to the exhibitor. A piece of an olive tree, with Masonic emblems carved thereon, found in one of the forts after the late bombardment of Alexandria, Egypt, by the late Bro. H. Peters, Royal Navy, is lent by Mr. S. Hoskins, of Saltash. Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre D.P.G.M. Hants, Hon. Mem. 1247, shows a grand collection of "Books of Constitutions" England, with all the editions issued from 1723 to the present time, only one other such complete set being known. Their value, rarity, and interest are so great that the promoters of this exhibition may well rejoice on having such a splendid series to introduce to the notice of the brethren in Devon and Cornwall. Equally valuable Masonic works, MS., curios, &c., are exhibited by the same worthy brother. The oil painting of Knights Templars taking the O.B., lent by Brother E. A. Northey, of Plymouth, is very fine. Bro. John Lane P.M. 1402, Torquay, has no less than 112 exhibits of Masonic works—some of which are exceedingly rare—medals, jewels, &c. The largest collector of Masonic medals in Europe, Bro. George J. Shackles P.P.G.S.D. Hull, Hon. Mem. No. 70, has sent over 200 specimens of English, Irish, German, French, Belgium, American, the Netherlands, Hungary, Austria, Canada, Denmark, and Switzerland Masonic coins. We will not attempt to enter into a description of this magnificent collection, which should be seen by all lovers of medallions. Bro. R. F. Gould P.G.S.D. of England, Hon. Mem. 1402, Torquay, has a good lot of Masonic relics. Freemasons' calendars from 1781 to 1813 are simply invaluable and unobtainable. The Lodge warrant of the Grand Lodge of Ireland for Dublin, No. 7, February 1731, is the oldest original warrant known or so far exhibited. Another Irish Grand Lodge warrant, issued in 1733, is shown. These two are said to be great curiosities, and have not been exhibited before. The Coombe Masonic Library, in connection with Lodge No. 450, Hayle, Bro. G. B. Pearce, Hon. Librarian, has a very good show. It includes some rare works, and the old St. Ives Lodge minute and treasurer's books. This Lodge was warranted on 16th July 1765, and was erased 1st February 1786, as No. 227. All the old Lodges chartered in Cornwall by the Grand Lodge, excepting the premier Cornish Lodge at Falmouth, have long been extinct. Bro. Controller S. G. Bake P.M. 1151 and 372 P.P.G.S.B. Cornwall, exhibits a statuette, supposed to represent Confucius, looted from the summer palace of Peking, when the allied armies took possession. It is made of yellow jade stone, as hard and heavy as steel, requiring to be worked with a carbon tool. It was broken at the time of the Tartar invasion, and bears the mark of its ancient repair. The figure is signed with a "scarlet Masonic apron;" on the upper part is the well-known square in relief, and

the string forms a triangle on either side. There are two Chinese pillars, and the sun, moon, and stars depicted. It is supposed to be of B.C. 1200 (Circa). The Mark certificate of Lieutenant John W. Bake, R.N. (uncle to the exhibitor), granted by Lodge 170 (now 105), dated 6th March 1829, a curious and interesting relic, which, if known at the time when the Fortitude Mark Lodge obtained its charter, would have placed it among the "Time Immemorial" Lodges which worked the degree prior to the formation of the Mark Grand Lodge. Three of the Officers who signed the certificate Bro. Hughan has traced as follows:—Dr. W. P. Baldy P.P.J.G.D. ("C.O."); A. G. Whitfield P.P.G. Reg. ("S.O."); and Sir George W. Magrath, M.D., P.P.G.S.W. of Devon, names familiar to the senior brethren of the Three Towns and to other old residents. Over eighty charming jewels of various degrees—medals, snuff-box, with chased silver emblems, paintings on ivory, &c.—are contributed to the exhibition by Bro. T. Lamb-Smith P.P.G.D. Worcester, Hon. Mem. 1247. These are of great variety and interest. Lodge of Love and Honour, No. 75, Falmouth, exhibit a Master's jewel with Freemasons' Hall medal attached, presented between 1770 and 1790, and the Volubian Chapter No. 75, ten Officers' Royal Arch jewels 1825, and five head-dresses for principals (same period). Miss Boger, 1 Penlee Villas, Stoke, has sent an interesting relic in the form of a handsome Rose Croix jewel, silver and paste brilliants attached to ring and black ribbon. The account which has been handed down with this souvenir is to the effect that Napoleon took it off his own neck and placed the decoration on the neck of Michael Mourning, a seaman on board the Northumberland, who pulled the "stroke oar" of the boat in which the Emperor was taken from the ship to the land when being conveyed to St. Helena. On the edge is the inscription "Napoleon 1st at Torbay, 28 July, 1815." By permission of Lodge Harmony, the fine oil painting of a Masonic procession of the province of Devon entering St. Andrew's Church in 1860, adorns the wall of the Lodge Room. The Associated Lodge Nos. 70, 105, and 156 contribute a curious and rare biographical sketch of H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex M.W.G.M. of England, in the form of an etching, with a portrait and biographical memoir of our Masonic sister Mrs. Aldworth. One of the finest, most varied, and most interesting collections in the exhibition is that shown by Bro. W. J. Hughan P.G.S.D. of England, the indefatigable editor of the catalogue, which is admirably compiled, and but for whom the exhibition would not have been held. The Masonic portrait gallery is exceedingly good, and the old Masonic certificates, histories, by-laws, &c., well worthy of attention. Other exhibitors are Metham Lodge No. 1205, Bros. Com. G. H. B. Reed, R.N., P.P.G.S.B. Cornwall, the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 320 P.M. and Chap. 189 P.P.G. Ch., the Misses Trego, Mutley, St. John the Baptist Lodge No. 39, Exeter (the senior Lodge in Devon, possessing the oldest original charter known in England), James Jerman P.P.G.S. Wks. Exeter, A. Hope 39 (who exhibited the original acacia plant), the Rev. G. E. Carwithen, M.A., Stoke, T. C. Betty J.W. 557, W. Gatley James, Trewarthan, Newlyn East, James McBryde 1254, Waterman 105, True Love and Unity Lodge 248, Brixham, St. John's Lodge 70, Fortitude Lodge 105, Harmony 156, St. John's Lodge 1247, Dandas 1255, Prudence 1550, Bros. H. Pole P.M. 1164 P.P.G.A. Secretary Cornwall, T. B. Whytehead P.P.G.S.W. York, hon. member 70, C. E. Mayer P.M. and chairman Library Committee Pennsylvania, U.S.A., hon. member 131 Truro, E. D. Anderton P.G. Secretary Cornwall, Mr. Beavil, Plymouth, Bros. Wm. Coath P.M. 893, J. Leonard 202, R. H. Rae 189 P.P.G.D., F. Westcott W.M. 70. The various banners, warrants, centenary jewels of Lodge, clothing and jewels of various degrees make a most pleasing show.

Bro. Hughan, in opening the exhibition, delivered a very interesting address. It afforded him great pleasure to welcome them there, on behalf of the committee, who hoped that the arrangement of the large number of exhibits was such as would conduce to their information and understanding as far as possible. Having referred to previous Masonic exhibitions, he said he thought it a remarkable thing that they should be able to get together from brethren connected with Devon and Cornish Lodges over 1,000 exhibits, many of which were unique in character and of priceless value. Bro. Hughan pointed out the chief and most important articles in the exhibition, and said the exhibition was not held for archaeological or Masonic inquiry, but to appeal to them on behalf of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund. He was gratified to find that there was an increasing interest among Masonic brethren in that excellent fund, but it was a great shame that in a province of fifty-one lodges so large a proportion of subscriptions should come from brethren of the Three Towns. It would be a disgrace to the province if the income of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund did not reach £500 per annum. In that room there was a chair belonging to Lodge Fortitude which there was every reason to suppose was sat in by the Duke of Clarence, afterwards William IV., after his initiation. Brunswick Lodge had sent a very antique Masonic chair, whilst the W.M.'s chair in the Temple was used by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales on the occasion of his opening the Guildhall. He had much pleasure in declaring the exhibition open.

Bro. Gover said the work of preparing the catalogue must have been enormous, and he only hoped that the success of the exhibition would be proportionate. On behalf of the committee and members of the Lodges assembled, he had great pleasure in thanking Bro. Hughan for opening the exhibition. There was no better or more enthusiastic Mason in the world than Bro. Hughan, and no better advocate for the Devon Masonic Educational Fund. He hoped after what had fallen from Bro. Hughan that other parts of the province would take an increasing interest in that fund.

Bro. Hughan, in reply, thanked Bros. Gover, Goodall (who had proved an excellent secretary), and Macey for the assistance they had rendered him. The catalogue reflected credit on Bro. Westcott, the printer, and he would conclude with "Success to the Plymouth Exhibition of 1887."

HISTRIONICS AT THE MASONIC SCHOOLS.

SPEAKING of the recent distribution of prizes at the Boys' Institution at Wood Green, the *Era* observes that:—

For some time past the study of elocution and histrionics has formed part of the curriculum at this school, and the result of this action on the part of the head-master and his staff has been made apparent on various occasions, when dramatic representations have been given by the youthful amateurs, as a means of enlivening the long, and otherwise dreary, evenings of winter. A fresh impetus has been given to this department of educational exercise by prizes offered by the Master of the Drury-lane Lodge, and the lads have shown their thorough appreciation of Bro. Harris's considerate kindness. Care has been taken by the preceptors not to overtax the capabilities of the youngsters, and the pieces selected for them have invariably been of a simple character. Still, with careful and judicious training, the lads have made the most marked improvement in their study of the art, and their efforts last Saturday were rewarded with rounds of genuine approbation by a "crowded house." The two pieces produced went with a swing and verve that would have done credit to older amateurs, and gave evidence of what can be achieved, in a comparatively short time, by encouragement such as that which Bro. Harris and his friends have given. The "make-up" of the youths who sustained the female parts caused the utmost amusement, not to say admiration, amongst the ladies in the audience, and the smartness displayed by the juvenile artists kept everybody in a constant titter of merriment.

The Stage, referring to the same subject, says:—

The cultivation of elocutionary powers seems to have taken a high place amongst the branches of education imparted at the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys at Wood Green. Twelve months ago special prizes were offered by Bro. Augustus Harris (now Worshipful Master of the Drury-lane Lodge of Freemasons) for the best English essay and for dramatic ability, and at the annual distribution of awards at that School, on Saturday last, the Secretary, Bro. F. Binckes, said he had much pleasure in announcing that the popular lessee of the National Theatre had renewed his substantial awards for those subjects. Reference was made to the progress many of the pupils had shown in histrionic ability, and this was in a great measure attributed to the stimulus given by Bro. Harris in presenting the prizes alluded to. Dramatic representations are frequently given in the members' rooms during the winter evenings, and the boys appear to have taken very kindly to this very wholesome form of relaxation. The programme included two farces, both of which went exceedingly well, and reflected great credit both upon the boys who undertook parts and upon their preceptors. The smartness of acting and the excellence of the make-up of the youths who sustained the female parts kept the house in a constant titter, and the young actors were rewarded with frequent and hearty applause.

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PHILADELPHIAN CLAIMS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Since I wrote my last a friend has pointed out that the word "announced" in Bro. Norton's letter to you, in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE of 25th June, ought to read "renounced." If so, all my criticisms of Bro. Norton's passage anent Coxo's Patent fall to the ground and are "out of Court."

Indeed he probably takes the same view as Bro. Gould and myself. The date of Coxo's Patent is not, as appears in your last, 5th June 1710, but 5th June 1730. I will call attention next week in your columns to Brother C. MacCalla's Review of Bro. Gould's History in his issue of the Philadelphia *Keystone* of 11th June.

Fraternally yours,

A STUDENT OF BRO. GOULD'S HISTORY.

WAS SHAKESPEARE A FREEMASON?

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I think there is evidence that Shakespeare was one of us; and I shall be glad if some of your readers will express an opinion on this interesting question.

Read King Henry V., Act II., Scene 1:—

Pistol (log). An oath of mickle might; and fury shall abate.

Give me thy fist, thy fore-foot to me give;

Thy spirits are most tall.

Nym. I will cut thy throat, one time or other, in fair terms; that is the humour of it.

Pistol. *Coupe le gorge*, that's the word?

Again, take this passage from Hamlet, Act II., Scene 2:—

Polonius. If circumstances lead me, I will find

Where truth is hid, though it were hid indeed

Within the centre.

Yours fraternally,

HENRY NASH, 211.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Grand.—Very much indebted are we to Mr. Charles Arnold, and his author, Mr. Clay M. Green, U.S.A., for the pleasant idyll in the *Adriondacks* which we are now permitted to enjoy in Islington. In telling the story we feel the proper form should be in old fairy tale fashion. Once upon a time, far away among the mountains, there lived a rich old gentleman with one lovely daughter, named Gladys. She had a kind heart, every one loved her, she was very generous to the poor; but she always did exactly as she liked and would not bear contradiction. Many fine gentlemen wanted to marry her; she would have none of them. Then she met Hans the Boatman, a wanderer from far-off Switzerland. He could sing and dance, and play all day long with the little boys and girls, and was always merry, always idle, so they fell in love, and when her papa was angry she did not mind, but went away and married her Boatman. Then years pass on, and Hans is just as merry and idle as ever, and they get very poor, and his rough companions with their uncouth ways make life weary to Gladys, who thought the future would be nothing but singing and love-making. Hans loves her, but he loves idleness better; the rent is unpaid, there is no money, and when she indignantly bids him go and earn it, he seeks consolation in a game of blind man's buff with all the little boys and girls of the neighbourhood, and then tells his tribulations to a young damsel who once was fondly attached to him, but has found consolation for his indifference in the devotion of the gallant Lieutenant Finch, U.S. The much-tried Gladys coming upon the pair in an equivocal position, believes Hans is false, and in the midst of her despair enters the traitor Darrell, who tells her she is betrayed; that she must fly to his sister, and he will secure her a divorce. She yields, and leaves her home, bidding farewell to her husband, he all unconscious of her actual intention. Then Hans romps with his little boy, who hides a powder flask in the grate. Shortly after, when the father would light a fire, an explosion is the result, and Hans falls sightless on the stage. With the third act we are once more in the *Adriondacks*. Gladys has refused the infamous proposal of Darrell, but meeting him near her old home entreats he shall fulfil his promise and marry her, since he has secured the divorce from Hans. Darrell refuses with contumely, then her father appears and she flies to him in her despair, but he is too much exasperated. He flings her off, and she falls fainting to the ground, to be presently discovered by Hans, who is led on by his faithful old dog. Of course, all readers of fairy stories will know how the tale ends, how Hans recovers his sight, how a big fortune comes to him out of the clouds, and how every one is happy, including kind friends in front, who were evidently well thoroughly pleased with this genial little picture of things Arcadian. Miss Amy MacNeill, as the heroine, showed great power and strength of suppressed passion, in her moments of disillusion and despair rising to true tragic intensity. Her bright little touches of comedy in the first act were delightfully girlish and spontaneous. She has a most sympathetic voice, and has delightful sincerity and freedom from self-consciousness. Mr. Charles Arnold intends to remind us of our beloved Jefferson, and very pleasantly does he do so. His German-English is perfect, and gives a delicious point to his quaint sayings. His two wee playmates, Miss May and Master Reed, two of the cleverest children we have ever seen on the stage, will bring all the mothers in Islington to see them. Miss Jenny Rogers, as the lively young friend of every one, was much applauded. She dances prettily, and is very bright and intelligent. Mr. George as the villain was very incisive and self possessed. Mr. Medlicott, Hans' unsophisticated friend, played with genuine unexaggerated humour. Indeed, the company is a thoroughly good one and well deserves the successful season they will assuredly enjoy at the Grand.

Vaudeville.—The successful drama "Held by the Enemy" was transferred last Saturday evening to this theatre from the Princess's, and here we may predict it is likely to continue its prosperous course for some time to come. Two or three changes in the caste have been made; foremost of these, Miss Kate Rorke now takes the part of Rachel McCreery. This young lady played with that earnestness and pathetic sweetness so characteristic of all she undertakes. Mr. Thorne makes the old servant interesting, without exaggeration. Mr. Charles Overton is now Surgeon Fielding, while Mr. Gurney takes his place as Major-General Stanburg. Of the others, we need but repeat what we have already said—they are efficient in every respect. In transferring the piece to the Vaudeville Mr. Warner has acted wisely.

Royal Agricultural Hall.—North London has no longer to journey to the far West of the metropolis for its recreation. To-day this spacious Hall, under the management of Mr. Harry Etherington, will develop an entirely new character, and not only assume but deserve the title of "Arcadia" (a veritable fairyland), the whole of the huge building being transformed into a garden of delight. Here, to the accompaniment of splashing fountains and rural cascades, the visitor may wander among flowers of the choicest description, shaded by the foliage of the palm and tree fern, lingering on rustic bridges or resting in cosy alcoves. The summer-house and the lovers' seat will doubtless be well patronized, and the great waterfall, pouring 120,000 gallons of water per hour, a depth of fifty and a width of forty feet, to be erected at a cost of £700, must tempt with its music the weary Londoner. The floral display will be on a scale of great magnitude, as may be gathered from the fact that silver cups and gold, silver, and bronze medals are offered to competing florists for the finest displays of flowers, ferns, and general foliage, and also to another branch of the trade for the rustic work in vases, seats, summer-houses, and the like. As a lounge, "Arcadia" will be the most charming place of resort in London, lighted at dusk by 10,000

fairy lamps and lanterns, à la Colinderies. In the centre of the beautiful garden will be given selections by leading military bands, relieved every alternate half-hour by a variety entertainment, which will, we have reason to believe, be given by some of the leading variety artistes of the day. In addition, flower shows, and every possible attraction of an ornamental, floral, and amusing character will be presented to the public, who will be admitted at a charge of one shilling up till 6 p.m., and at half that rate afterwards, when the evening programme will be invariably enhanced by the radiation of the waterfall in the manner familiar to visitors at South Kensington. We may anticipate that all London will flock to Arcadia from July till September.

THE OLDEST MASONIC CERTIFICATE IN AMERICA.

WE have been shown, by Bro. Singleton M. Brice, of Lodge No. 51, Philadelphia, what we believe is the oldest known Masonic certificate in America, and, of course, it was issued by a Lodge in Philadelphia. It belongs to Bro. S. M. Brice's father—Bro. Philip H. Brice, also a member of Lodge No. 51. This certificate bears date 31st March 1762, and was issued by "the Holy Lodge of St. John, No. 2, situated in Philadelphia." This is the Lodge of which Bro. James Pogrew was W.M. in 1749. There is, in California, in the possession of Hartley Lodge, No. 199, of Lakewood, a Masonic certificate issued by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, on the 1st November 1765, but the one now described is nearly four years older than it. It is a very curious and valuable Masonic record, and reads as follows:—

From the Holy Lodge of St. John, No. 2. Situated in Philadelphia. To the Worshipful Master, Worshipful Wardens and Beloved Brethren of all regular Lodges of the Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons to whom these may come.

GREETING.

Beloved Brethren: This is to certify that the bearer hereof, our Brother THOMAS BRICE, hath been by us Raised to the High Degree of Master Mason, whose zeal for the Royal Craft induces us to recommend him to all the truly faithful, wheresoever dispersed, and we have required our said Brother to sign his name in the margin of this Certificate so that the same may be demanded of him as a proof that it hath not fallen into Suspectful Hands.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Lodge, this 31st day of March, Anno Mundi 5762.

WM. CLAMPSTER, M.,
JOHN WILLIAM NABIN, S.W.,
ROBERT CARSON, J.W.,
WILLIAM GRISELIN, Treas.,
EMANUEL ROUSE P.M.

By order of the Master,

JAS. JOHNSTON, Secretary.

[With the Seal of the Lodge and the signature of Thomas Brice attached.]—*Keystone.*

The Knights Companions of the Provincial Grand Chapter and Lodge of London and the Metropolitan Counties (Royal Order of Scotland) will meet in Council at 33 Golden Square, W., on Saturday afternoon next, at half past two for three o'clock. The Provincial Grand Master desires the attendance of all duly qualified brethren. After the business the Knights Companions will take a trip to Greenwich, where the annual banquet will be served at the famous old Trafalgar.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, Provincial Grand Master of the Province of the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire, proposes holding a Provincial Grand Lodge and General Committee of Masons in that Province (on the invitation of the York Lodge, No. 236), in the Exhibition Buildings, York, on Thursday next, the 14th inst. The Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire and his Provincial Grand Lodge have fraternally united with this Province to celebrate the Jubilee of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen; and an address of congratulation is suggested. If, however, the precedent of other Provincial Grand Lodges be followed, viz., to embody all Masonic congratulations in the address passed at the Albert Hall, there may be some modification of the agenda. The brethren will march in procession at 2.15 p.m. for the Minster, when a special service will be held in the Nave, and a sermon preached by the Very Rev. the Dean of York, Brother A. P. Purey-Cust, Past Grand Chaplain of England. Masters of Lodges are invited to direct that their Lodge banners may be brought to the meeting and carried in the procession. Amongst other notable features of the gathering, a medal will be struck in commemoration of the event. A most interesting programme has been issued, including a visit to the Museum Gardens of the Yorkshire Philosophical Society, and a conversazione and concert after the banquet, in the Exhibition building, to which ladies are invited.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 9th JULY.

Quarterly General Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
M.M. 234—Brixton, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1890—Hampshire L. of Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, Landport, Portsmouth
2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 1443—E.a, Albany Hall, Twickenham
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

MONDAY, 11th JULY.

Quarterly General Court Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
1366—Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at (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.)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Morylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 239—Royal Naval, 84 Red Lion Square, W.C.

40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
589—Druids of Love and Liberty, Masonic Hall, Redruth
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dowsbury
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
1691—Quadratic, Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court
1966—Fidelity and Sincerity, Wellington, Somerset

TUESDAY, 12th JULY.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
167—St. John, Jack Straw's Castle, Hampstead
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
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)
1446—Mount Edgumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst)
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Bibra Restaurant, Cannon Street, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
1969—Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)

131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle (Instruc.)
463—East Surrey of Concord, Kings' Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield
503—Belvedere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Checkheaton
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury

726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup
903—G sport, India Arm Hotel, High-street, Gosport
1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sunkay, Greenhill Street, Warrington
1325—Stanley, 211 Great Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1414—Knob, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
1545—Baldon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baldon
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
2099—Ethelbert, Masonic Rooms, Beech Street, Herne Bay, Kent
R.A. 70—St. John's, Haysho Masonic Temple, Princess Street, Plymouth
R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover Street, Keighley
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds
M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy Street, Exeter
M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 13th JULY.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
13—Waterloo, Union Masonic Hall, William Street, W. olw ch
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Brompton, at 8. (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
223—United Strength, The Horn, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (In)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Barking-road, E. (Instruction)

820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Corner, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
902—Barroyme, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Church-yard, at 7. (Instruc.)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edvard, Mure 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)
1629—United, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1641—Londesborough, Berceley Arms, John Street, M. d. ur, at 8. (Inst.)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Chamberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
1986—Honor Oak, Moore Park Hotel, near Honor Oak Station

R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Church-yard, at 7. (Inst.)
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
M.M. 1—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. (T.I.)—Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
M.M. 234—High Cross, Seven Sisters Hotel, Tottenham

51—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham Street, Rochdale
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket Street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Atheneum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
708—Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
1248—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Broad-st., Gatham
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
1511—Alexandra, Horsea, Hull (Instruction)
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
2006—Tilbury, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex

THURSDAY, 14th JULY.

27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1278—Burdett Courts, Swan Tavern, Bedford Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1553—O. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)

1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1622—Rose, Spirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Wheatshed Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
2168—Derby Alleroff, Athenaeum, Camden Road, N.

R.A. 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
R.A. 619—Beacon, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
R.A. 1383—Friends in Council, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
35—Medina, 85 High Street, Dover
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward Road, Sunderland
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey Street, Sheffield
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland
516—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline Street, Brighton, Sussex
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
784—Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Park Street, Deal
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkcaldy, Liverpool
1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Bury New Road, Manchester
1093—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Trelegar, Mon.

1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Ly
 1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire
 1273—St. Michael, Free Church School Rooms, Sittingbourne
 1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala
 1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk
 1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn
 1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester
 1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Colehill
 1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
 1915—Graystone, Forester's Hall, Whitstable
 M.M. 16—Friendship, 2 St. Stephen's Street, Devonport

FRIDAY, 15th JULY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
 167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kow Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 975—Rose of Denmark, Greyhound, Richmond
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1118—University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canbury, at 8. (In)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pinlicko, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, 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)
 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 516—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
 641—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
 993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
 1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
 1993—Wolseley, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester. (Instruction)
 2005—Brooke, Forest Hotel, Chingford
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
 R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
 R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
 R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
 M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

SATURDAY, 16th JULY.

179—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)
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
 M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton
 1494—Felix, Clarence Hotel, Teddington
 1861—Claremont, Crown Hotel, Cherisey
 2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
 R.A. 1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton
 M.M.—Rose and Lily, Four Swans, Waltham Cross

FUNERAL OF THE LATE MR. J. SHAW.

ON Saturday last the funeral of the late Mr. John Shaw, J.P., the late Secretary of the South-Eastern Railway Company, took place at St. Mary's, Reigate. A special train left Charing-cross at 1.10 p.m., conveying the directors and principal officers of the South-Eastern Railway and the friends of the deceased. Mr. Shaw died on Tuesday, at the early age of forty-eight, at Bournemouth, his body being removed to his late residence at Redhill. Thence the cortege started, the general arrangements for the funeral having been carried out under the direction of Mr. Myles Fenton, the general manager, and Mr. George Whately, the chief accountant of the company. There were no fewer than forty carriages. The first two contained the following directors of the company: Sir Edward W. Watkin, Bart., M.P. (Chairman), Sir George Russell, M.P., Lord Hothfield, Colonel Surtees, Mr. A. M. Watkin, and Mr. A. Beattie; the following four contained the principal officers of the company: Mr. Myles Fenton, Mr. Whately, Mr. Francis Brady (engineer), Mr. Robert Hudson, Mr. M. D. Tyrwhitt, Mr. Charles Sheath, Mr. R. J. Cox, Mr. J. W. R. Stevens, Mr. J. Light, Mr. J. Barnes, Mr. J. Stirling, Mr. Wainwright, and Mr. W. Leonard; the next two contained the clerks in the late Mr. Shaw's office, and in the others were the friends of the deceased. On arriving at the church the procession was received by the Rev. Canon Alcock, vicar of Ashford, and the Rev. J. N. Harrison, vicar of Reigate. Preceded by the clergy and followed by the mourners, the corpse was conveyed into the church, where the principal portion of the beautiful "Order for the Burial of the Dead" of the Church of England was celebrated, the musical part of the service being rendered by the members of the Redhill Harmonic Society, of which the deceased was president.

In addition to the gentlemen already named, among those who were represented at the ceremony were Lord Alfred S. Churchill, Dr. E. Clapton, Dr. Berridge, Col. Hamilton, M.P., Mr. J. Joicey, M.P., Mr. J. B. Renton, Mr. Brackstone Baker, Sir Francis Truscott, Sir David Salomons, Sir Henry Edwards, Alderman de Keyser, General Brownrigg, C.B., Lieutenant-Colonel and Sheriff Sir A. Kirby, Sir T. Lucas, the Mayors of Maidstone, Folkestone, and Dover, Capt. Francis

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Sir John Monckton attended, and brought a message from the Lord Mayor, expressing his regret that a pressing engagement prevented his being present. Letters of regret at their inability to attend were also received from Lord Brabourne, the Hon. Jas. Byng, the Hon. A. Gathorne Hardy, Mr. J. Mellor, Mr. W. Mewburn, and Lord Folkestone (Directors of the South Eastern Railway), Major-General du Plat, Sir Somers Vine, Messrs. Mortimer, Harris and John Morgan (Chatham and Dover Railway), Mr. J. Aird and Mr. J. Grierson (Great Western Railway), Mr. F. J. Macanlay (South Western Railway), Mr. J. Bell (Metropolitan Railway), Mr. A. Powell (District Railway), Mr. E. B. Newton (North London Railway), Mr. J. Hadfield (Great Eastern Railway), Mr. G. Findlay (North Western Railway), and Mr. E. Ross (Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway).

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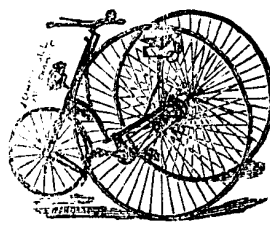
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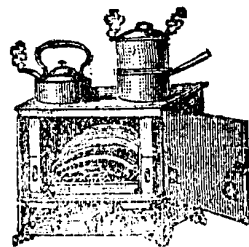
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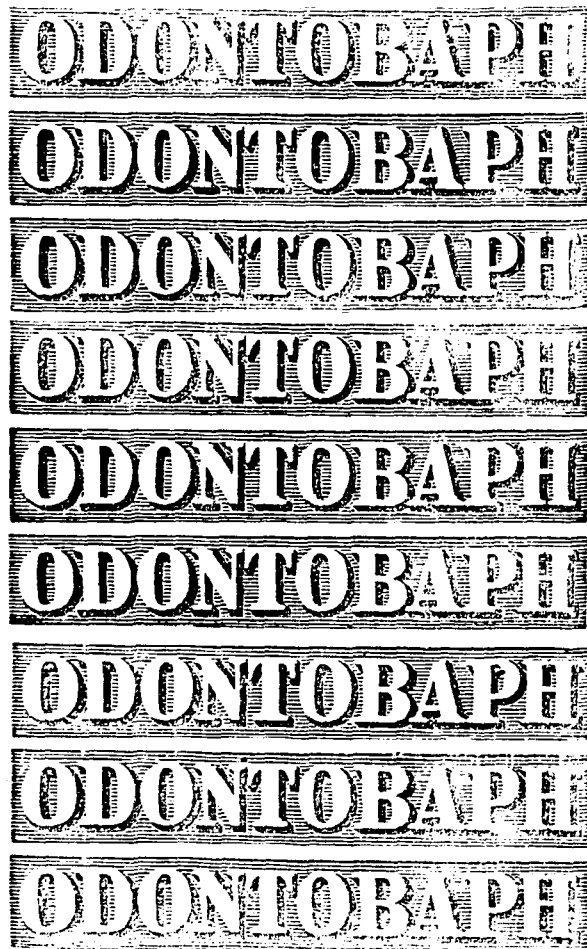
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