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THE PRESENT POSITION OF FREEMASONRY.

THE present position of Freemasonry (more properly speaking, Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry) is alike noteworthy and remarkable. Those of us who can remember, for instance, the status of Freemasonry in this country, say a generation or so ago, will we think realise what a difference there is between past and present.

Freemasonry, in this country and generation, was emerging, so to say, from the slumberous level in which various coincident and co operative causes had left it at the close of the last century and the commencement of this. English Freemasonry had suffered, as Freemasonry universally had done, from a condition of affairs combinedly created by ignorance, ridicule, persecution, and bigotry, and which is now happily a thing of the past. Even in our country the progress of Freemasonry had been comparatively slow, its position indeterminate, and certainly not commensurate with its real value and utility. The unsettled state of Europe and the world, the evil influence of the French Revolution, the fulminations of intolerance, and the general idea of Freemasonry, as to its aims, its scope, its outcome, had checked the progress of the Lodges, and by the prevailing effect of action and reaction had superinduced a sort of apathy, "easy-go-lucky" way of life amongst Freemasons themselves.

It is startling to note to-day the slow progress comparatively of Freemasonry, even under the favourable conditions of a Royal Grand Master, a zealous and able Freemason, the Duke of Sussex, the sequence, be it remembered, of 120 years of existence and work. Those of us who can recall Freemasonry in our own land, even what it was, how it exhibited itself, the aspect it assumed before the world, the proof it gave to the Craft and brethren of its vitality and its *raison d'être*, will heartily agree with us in deeming the change, both in the "spirit" of its "dream," and its normal development in Lodge life, Lodge activity, and the like, a very striking fact in the history of Institutional reality. To-day, on the contrary, on every side of us, rise up proofs, countless and assured, both of its social, its energetic, and its beneficial advance; the admiration it extorts from the world, the confidence it claims and receives from its own members.

The great difficulty now in Freemasonry, especially here at home, is to keep out unfitting and undesirable associates; to repress firmly but fairly, consistently but courteously, that intense and wide-spread desire to be admitted into the "mysteries," and partake of the "benefits" of Freemasonry. One great danger has always to be carefully guarded against, and incessantly watched over, the tendency, as in all human affairs, to turn good into evil, degrade higher motives by lower aims; and the intent and idea of Masonry being, and of our rendering it, a benefit society. Whenever that lowering theory and practice develop themselves in our midst, the glory of Freemasonry will have departed, and we shall, as an inevitable consequence, despite a few passing gleams of popularity and prestige, ere very long have to tell, and tell sadly, of "deserted shrines" and a decadent Order. At this time the social status of Freemasonry is very high, higher than it has ever been probably before; it has an attraction for many, and with many; it is in itself an

elevator for them, alike in the opinion of their fellow citizens and in their own self-valuation and self-esteem. Our English Lodges are specially just now flourishing and prosperous. The highest and greatest in the land do not hesitate to take part in our labours, to join our assemblies, to claim the name and wear the insignia of Freemasons.

We may point with justifiable pride to the fact, that however some may still misapprehend the aim, and therefore condemn the principles of Freemasonry (of which they are equally ignorant), we can boast of the accession and adherence to our ranks, and as marching under our banners, of a great Brotherhood, characterised by all those conditions of birth, culture, knowledge, worth, and brilliant parts which serve to sustain, compact and permeate, our great Institution in marvellous measure. The noble and the self-made man stand side by side on that one true equality of mental ability and moral worth which alone and by itself is one of the most characteristic and distinguishing features of Freemasonry, which gives force to its objects reality to its professions, and enhances the value of its technical labour, and its social harmony.

But here we must stop to-day. We may possibly, on some future occasion, dwell upon some other praiseworthy and striking conditions of the present aspect and position of Freemasonry.

FREEMASONRY AND ITS RELATION TO RELIGION.

OUT of the darkness of ignorance there occasionally comes a voice of doleful lamentation over the alleged hostile relation of Freemasonry to religion. It is even asserted that the Fraternity seeks to arrogate to itself the place of supremacy, and claims to be a substitute for Christian Faith. Just at this juncture, when the eminent Dr. McCosh and the eloquent Dr. Talmage are seeking to create among the ministers of the Church a sentiment against secret associations, and conspicuously Freemasonry, it seems eminently appropriate to state, in brief and comprehensive terms, the professed attitude of the Craft to religion. And that the statement be made by a pupil of one and a fellow-Presbyterian minister of both these anti-fraternity agitators will not detract from its interest. Whatever may be said against Freemasonry, it is presumable that it has at least, the right to define its own position and state its own claims.

1. Freemasonry is not inimical to religion. It is too intimately related to religion to assume toward it an unfriendly attitude. It is no conceivable motive in antagonising the Church, or in interfering with the religious convictions of anyone. There is nothing in the nature of the Society that necessitates the renunciation of a single sentence of any creed, the discontinuance of any religious customs, or the obliteration of a dogma of belief. No one is asked to deny the Bible, to change his Church relations, to withhold monetary or moral support from the Church, or to be less attentive to the teachings of his spiritual instructors and councillors. Freemasonry has nothing to gain by unfriendly relations toward religion; it is not

jealous of the position, power and influence of the Church; it does not influence any one to forsake the public organisation for the secret society.

2. Freemasonry is not a substitute for religion. It is not a religion in any sense; it is not a teacher of religious dogmas, and does not claim to have any opinion on subjects of dogmatic divinity. It scrupulously honours the convictions of each person, assumes that his own conscience and judgment are his best guides, and does not seek to reshape his theology. It does not offer any instruction which it claims is as good, or better, than the religious principles of the individual member. If a Freemason makes a religion out of the principles of the Society, or seeks to proselyte men from their faith, he acts contrary to the spirit of the institution. Freemasonry forbids any official action, resolutions, debates, argumentation, or authorised public statements calculated, in the least, to prejudice the mind of any member against his religion, or give the impression that Freemasonry is a substitute for religion. Nowhere in its ritual, liturgy, obligations, charters, unwritten traditions, or printed instructions will be found any intimation that Freemasonry is superior to the Church, or that it claims to be the world's religious instructor.

3. Further than this, the Fraternity is the avowed enemy of Atheism, non-religion and irreligion. Appreciating the physical and moral and revealed proofs of the existence and beneficent control of the Creator, Masons require every candidate, before passing through any of the ceremonies of initiation, to declare his trust in God. By no possibility can a professed Atheist become a Freemason. If any such should falsely say that he believed in God for the sake of admittance into the Fraternity, he would be on a level with those dissemblers in our churches who, while serving the devil, assume the role of saints. But as the Church is not correctly judged by the pious frauds that afflict it, so neither is Freemasonry to be held responsible for any possible excrescences. Immorality, libertism, sensualism, and all forms of vice are not only denounced in a general way, but when detected in the individual member, are disciplined and reprov'd. The Society arrays itself against impurity, intemperance, dishonesty, and the like, and does not hold itself accountable for any individual deflections from its rules, though it exercises its disciplinary authority over the detected transgressor.

4. Freemasonry is based upon the Holy Bible. This book is called, in Masonic language, the First Great Light, and no Lodge is opened without its presence on the altar to pour forth "upon the East, the West, and the South its refulgent rays of Divine truth." The Bible is to the Craft the exponent of the will of God, the rule by which every real Mason will endeavour to regulate his conduct, and the norm by which he will correct his failings.

The traditions, legends, significant words, and much of the symbolism of Masonry are from sacred history. Nor does the Order pervert these things, or put new and un-historic explanations upon them. The Society is neither "advanced" in its theology, nor "high" in its Biblical criticism. Freemasons are, as a rule, less interested in weakening the authenticity and credibility of the Old Testament than many modern Churchmen and professors in theological schools. For Professor Kuenen and the destructive critics of the Old Testament generally, Masons have no sympathy, but with Dr. Wm. H. Green, the conservative and learned Hebraist, of Princetown, they fully agree as to the historic reliability and trustworthiness of the Word of God.

5. What is asked, are the religious principles of Freemasonry? Though neither a religion or a substitute for religion, the organisation, from the nature of the case, has fundamental and vital principles which it maintains. It is a system of modified Theism, on which, according to conviction and preference, the individual member may graft his own views as to the ramifications and details of practical theology and the plan of salvation. Some will be interested then, in hearing why Freemasonry attaches so much value to the Bible, the chief aim of which is to enlighten the world about Jesus Christ. It is because Masonry desires to be ruled, in things, pertaining to the mission and work of the Society, by the recognised highest expression of God's will. Freemasonry existed before the Bible was completed or its canon defined, during which period the Fraternity held in greatest reverence the then highest recognised symbol or exponent of God's will, but when Jehovah caused His will to be revealed more clearly through the inspired penmen, then this written, authentic, and

permanent Word was excepted, and continues to be used, as the Great Light.

Being neither a religion nor a substitute for religion, it would transcend the object for which the Brotherhood exists, to convert itself into a propagandist of Christian principles. It receives the Bible as the symbol of the Divine will, but does not attempt to interpret it by the rules of any school of theology. There it is upon the altar and each Mason is expected to read it, and to interpret it according to the enlightenment of his own mind. The Society not only believes in, but enforces, the common Protestant truth concerning the right of private interpretation.

The ethical virtues of Freemasonry, dilated upon and solemnly inculcated, are Prudence, Fortitude, Temperance and Justice. But besides these, it lays emphasis upon every internal qualification of man that renders him nobler and more useful. It is not oblivious to the good and redeeming features of human nature, and seeks to turn them to the best account.

The distinctively theological tenets are faith in God, hope in Immortality, and Love toward humanity. The duties to God, mankind and self, are strongly enjoined. Freemasonry is orthodox on the subject of future rewards and retributions: it does not neglect to remind its members or the grim tyrant Death, or to tell them of the blessed immortality that awaits the well-prepared.

6. Seeing that Freemasonry has all these high virtues, and is the guardian of revealed truth, and is committed to a conservative position on the subject of Old Testament credibility, many persons will be interested in knowing why the Fraternity does not become a propagandist of Christianity.—*N.J., Royal Craftsman.*

WAS HENRY PRICE A PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER?

BY BRO. JACOB NORTON.

PRICE claimed to have been appointed in 1733 Prov. G.M. for New England, and in 1734 his powers were extended over all North America. Bro. Gould admits that no evidence exists in the English Grand Lodge records of any kind of a Deputation ever having been granted to Price either in 1733 or 1734. He agrees with my belief that the claimed extension of Price's power in 1734 was untrue; but as documentary evidence exists that the Boston Masons of 1733 and 1736 believed that Price was a Provincial Grand Master, hence Bro. Gould imagines that Price may have had a Deputation for New England in 1733, but, for certain reasons, the said Deputation was not recorded by the Grand Secretary.

Now, assuming that Bro. Gould's reasoning about the Grand Secretary's omission to be O.K.; the question still remains that if Price could have imposed on the Boston Masons in 1734 his pretended extension of powers, why could he not also have imposed on them in 1733 about being Grand Master of New England, &c.?

Again, Franklin visited Boston in 1733. Bro. Gould admits that Price did not then show Franklin his Deputation—and why?

Again, Portsmouth (New Hampshire) Masons petitioned Price for a charter 5th February 1736. The Boston Grand Lodge record assigns that event to "about" 24th June 1735, and it claims that Price accorded with their request, and that "Mr." (no name) was appointed Master of the Portsmouth Lodge. Bro. Lyman Spaulding, Grand Sec. of New Hampshire in 1804, in a sketch on the early history of Masonry in his Province, assigns the date of the Portsmouth petition to Price, to 24th June 1734, and adds that their prayer was granted; but he continues his narrative as follows:—

"Immediately after the appointment of the Right Worshipful Robert Tomlinson, in 1736, to be Prov. G.M. of North America, the Brethren of the Holy Lodge of St. John received a Charter by the name of St. John's Lodge, and were soon after constituted, and Officers appointed."

Harris's Masonic history of 1792 misled Spaulding about the year of the Portsmouth petition, and about Price's Grand Lodge having granted their prayer. But Spaulding could not have been mistaken in ascribing the Portsmouth Charter to Tomlinson; for, when the Grand Lodge of New

Hampshire was formed in 1789, the Portsmouth Lodge surrendered its old Charter to the new Grand Lodge, from which it received a new Charter. Hence, in 1804, when Grand Secretary Spaulding wrote his brief history, the old original Portsmouth Charter was in his possession; he, therefore, was in possession of the very best evidence that the said Charter was issued by Tomlinson; indeed, there is no doubt entertained about Tomlinson's granting the said Charter. Now, if Price had been a *bonâ fide* Prov. G.M. when the Portsmouth Masons in 1736 petitioned him for a Charter, Price, and not Tomlinson, would have granted that Charter.

Still again, Tomlinson was appointed in 1736 Prov. G.M. of England. Oxnard's Deputation, dated September 1743, was for all North America. In 1754 the Boston Masons petitioned the Grand Lodge of England to appoint Jeremy Gridley for North America; and in 1755 Price wrote to a friend in England urging the appointment of Gridley. After stating that he received from Viscount Montague a Deputation for "North America," (and said not a word about the second Deputation) he went on thus:—

"Now, with my consent, all the Brethren in North America—[meaning about a dozen Boston Masons]—have made choice of our Bro. Jeremy Gridley, Esq." In the same letter Price bragged that during the four years he held office, he constituted several Lodges (but, in reality, he constituted but one Lodge); and furthermore, he claimed that no less than forty Lodges have sprung from the Boston Lodge (while the truth is, when all counted, I do not believe that in 1755 there were more than about twenty-four Lodges in the whole Western Hemisphere.*) "Therefore (Price urged) we desire that our Deputation [for Gridley] may be made out for all North America, or over all North America."

After Gridley's death, in 1767, the Boston Grand Lodge petitioned the Grand Lodge of England for a Deputation for North America to be granted to John Rowe. Now, could any one suppose that the same Henry Price, who suffered Oxnard's Deputation of 1743 for all North America to go on without making any protest, and who so strongly urged Gridley's appointment for all North America in 1755, would have the cheek in 1767 to claim that he never resigned his Grand Mastership for all America at all? The Grand Secretary of England, however, who had never heard about Price's Grand Mastership, and as the 1733 Grand Officers were probably all gone, it was impossible to ascertain in 1767 anything about Price's claims; hence he wrote to Price in November 1768.

"I know not how your name should have been omitted in the List of Provincials; but Bro. Robert Tomlinson, Esq., is the first appearing in our book for part of America. * * * These mistakes might have been long since rectified if you had kept up, according to your Charter, a regular annual correspondence with the Grand Lodge. However, as it appears by some loose papers in my possession that you had resigned in favour of John Rowe, Esq., His Grace [the Duke of Beaufort] desires you will forward a letter to me relating to this point, per first opportunity, that the Provincialship may be properly settled."

In reply to the above, Price made no attempt to prove the extension of his powers in 1734, nor did he pretend to possess even a copy of the 1734 Deputation, nor did he give the date of his second Deputation. He, however, coolly challenged the Grand Secretary of England to prove that he (Price) had ever resigned his Deputation over all America; and then he promised to be in England next Fall, when he would explain everything face to face. In a previous letter, however, after relating how he got his Deputations in 1733 and 1734, and that he paid three guineas for his first Deputation to Thomas Batson, Esq., when, in reality, all that he had to pay in 1733 was two guineas for a Charter, he added in a postscript as follows:—

"Right Worshipful, I herewith send you an attested copy of my said Deputation [not copied from the original document, but] as registered in the Grand Lodge book of

* Twelve Lodges are claimed by the Boston petitioners of 1754 to have been constituted by them since 1733. The truth, however, is that six out of the twelve Lodges had no connection with Boston at all, and even the manufactured record of 1751 does not claim that twelve Lodges received their Charters from Boston. It was brag all round. Price was not the only braggard.

this place under the hand of our Grand Secretary, whose signature you may depend upon as genuine."†

I must here add that Bro. Dillon, the English D.G.M., undertook to get a Charter from Parliament for the English Masonic Fraternity, which scheme met with strong opposition from a number of English Lodges. Price, however, promised to get the Boston Grand Lodge influence in favour of Dillon's scheme, which, of course, brought him into Dillon's good graces. This, coupled with the supposition of the English authorities that Price's Deputation, copied from the original, was put into the Boston Record in 1733. It is, therefore, no wonder that Bro. Dillon inserted the following compliment into Rowe's Deputation, viz.:—

"Know ye that, we of the great trust and confidence reposed in our Right Worshipful and well-beloved Henry Price, Esq.," &c.

Price, by hook or crook, gained his point, but for all that I cannot doubt that he was an unscrupulous pretender about the first Deputation as well as the last. On the other hand, however, there is no doubt that the eighteen Boston Masons in 1733, who were either initiated by Price before he constituted the first Lodge or whom he found in Boston, must have seen a document Price displayed, signed and sealed, as the following preamble to their petition to Price in 1733 shows:—

"To the Right Worshipful Bro. Mr. Henry Price Deputed Prov. G.M. for these parts by our Right Worshipful * * * Bro. Right Hon. Ant. Lord Viscount Montague G.M. of Great Britain, as per his seal, and signed by our Right Worshipful Bro. Thomas Batson, Esq., D.G.M., G. Rooke, and J. Smythe, Esqrs., S. and J. Wardens, as per Deputation in London, the 13th of April Anno Dni 1733, and of Masonry 5733."

The above is undeniable evidence that Price had a document signed and sealed to show that he was Prov. G.M., not, indeed, of New England and its territories, but of "these parts." The question, therefore, is, what kind of a document did Price have? Before making any comments, I will just submit the following document, copied from Bro. Hughan's "English Rite," viz.:—

MONTAGUE G.M.

GREETING,

Seal.

Whereas a petition has been presented to us by several Brethren residing in and about the City of Exeter humbly praying that they may be constituted into a regular Lodge.

These are therefore to Impower and Authorise our Right Worshipful and well beloved brethren, John Bury, Esq., and Mr. Thomas Jeffreys, or either of them, to conven our Brethren at Exeter, aforesaid, who have signed the said Petition; and that the said John Bury, Esq., or Mr. Thomas Jeffreys do, in our place and stead, Constitute a regular Lodge in due form (they, the said John Bury, Esq., and Mr. Thomas Jeffreys taking special care that they and every of them have been regular made Masons) with like privileges as all other regular Lodges do enjoy: and that they be required to conform themselves to all and every the Regulations contained in the printed Book of Constitutions, and observe such other Rules and Instructions as shall from time to time be transmitted to them by us, or Thomas Batson, Esq., our Deputy Grand Master, or the Grand Master, or his Deputy for the time being; And that they do send to us, or our Deputy, a List of the Members of their Lodge, together with the Rules agreed on to be by them observed, to the end that they may be entrid in the Grand Lodge Book, And upon the due execution of this our Deputation, the said John Bury, Esq., or Mr. Thomas Jeffreys, is hereby required to transmit to us, or our said Deputy, a Certificate,

† In the 1733 petition to Henry Price, Price's Deputation is said to be dated the 13th of April, but in the Deputation as recorded, it is "Thirtieth Day of April." Franklin, in November 1734, wrote that he saw in the Boston papers that in August last the Grand Lodge of England extended Price's Deputation over all America. The Boston Grand Lodge record ascribes that event to about 24th June 1734; and C. W. Moore, in his life of Price, published in 1856, says that, "Franklin's warrant bears date 24th June 1734," and he goes on to say, "On the same day and year he (Price) also granted a Warrant for the Holy Lodge of St. John at Portsmouth. * * On the 27th of December 1735 he issued his Warrant (for) the first Lodge in South Carolina." As the last two Lodges were outside of New England, he goes on to explain as follows:—

"That early in 1734, he (Price) had received authority from the Grand Lodge of England to establish Masonry in all North America, or, in other terms, he had been appointed Prov. G.M. for the whole Continent, as were his two immediate successors, Robert Tomlinson in 1736, and Thomas Oxnard in 1742."

The above tissue of Moore's misstatements was for many years received as "Gospel truth" by all American Masonic writers; but, now, Bro. Parvin, of Iowa, is surprised that Bro. Gould should believe in Moore's statement that all the Generals in the American Revolution (except Benedict Arnold) were Freemasons, while the truth is all the Generals were not Masons, and Benedict Arnold was a Mason.

under both or either of their hands, of the time or place of such Constitution. In order that it may be entered in the Book of Regular Lodges.

Given under our hand and Seal of Office, this Eleventh day of July 1732, and in the year of Masonry 5732.

THOS. BATSON D.G.M.
GEO. ROOKE }
JA. SMYTHE } G. Wardens.

WILL REID, Secretary.

By the Grand Master's Command.

Bro. Hughan calls the above document "Warrant of St. John the Baptist's Lodge, No. 39 Exeter." It is, however, my opinion that it is just what it purports to be, viz., a Deputation for constituting a Lodge by parties therein named. In those early Masonic days, Grand Masters issued two distinct kinds of Deputations; one kind established a Prov. G.M. which was permanent, or at least until he was removed; of the second kind of Deputations the above document is, I believe to be a true specimen. Bro. Bury, Esq., or Mr. Jeffreys played the part of the Grand Master for the time being, and when they finished the ceremony of constituting the Lodge their high grand title ceased to exist. Now, in the second edition of Anderson's Constitution, on page 194, I find that G.M. Inchiquin issued just such Deputations as was granted to Brother John Bury, Esq. Viscount Montague also granted one Deputation "for constituting a Lodge at Valenciennes, and another for constituting a Lodge at the Hotel de Bussy, in Paris." G.M. Norfolk, however, granted three Deputations for Provincial Grand Masters, and Daniel Coxe was one of them; and other Grand Masters granted Deputations for both purposes. Thus, "G.M. Weymouth granted one to Lord Richmond, for holding a Lodge at his Castle de Aubigny, in France; another to Randolph Tooke, Esq., to be Prov. G.M. of South America; another to Bro. Geo. Gordon, for constituting a Lodge at Lisbon; another to Mr. Roger Lacy, for constituting a Lodge at Savannah, Georgia; another to Richard Hull, Esq., to be Prov. G.M. at Gambay, in West Africa."

In order to explain the necessity of such deputations, I must remind the reader that for the formation of a new Lodge, besides requiring a Charter from the G.M., the Constitution required the G.M., or his Deputy, to constitute the Lodge in due form; and as neither G.M. nor D.G.M. could afford to go to distant places for the purpose of constituting a Lodge, it was therefore necessary to empower a brother residing in the place where the Lodge was to be held to perform that duty on behalf of the G.M. And by such Deputies, that is, who were either to remain permanent, or "Pro Tempore," every Lodge both abroad and outside of London in England, was constituted. On page 192 of the 1738 Constitution, after enumerating the Provincial Grand Masters for English Counties appointed by Grand Masters Lovel and Craufurd, Anderson goes on to say:—

"These and other Grand Masters have also granted Deputations at the Request of some good Brothers in Cities and Towns throughout England for constituting Lodges," &c.

And he follows the above with a List of 47 country Lodges so constituted, among which I found, "Exeter, at the New Inn, 1732."

From the above, we may infer that in addition to a Lodge Charter, Price was furnished with a similar document, which the same Grand Officers sent the year before to Exeter, which was designed merely for the purpose of constituting the new Lodge. Price indeed claimed to have paid three guineas for his Deputation, but Bro. Hervey, the late Grand Secretary of England, assured me that nothing was charged for a Provincial Grand Master's Deputation before 1768. Even John Rowe paid nothing for his Deputation in 1768. Taking, therefore, into consideration all the fibs Price told first and last, his bare assertion if not supported by good evidence is, in my opinion, worthless.

Now, with such an imposing document as copied above, I think that an ambitious, crafty individual could find no great difficulty in making eighteen Masonic novices believe that he was appointed "Provincial G.M. for these parts." To those who persist in asking how the then Boston Masons could have been deceived, I answer by asking how could so many Masons have been humbugged everywhere by high degree mongers? We all know that within fifty years both English and American Masons believed in all the moonshine promulgated by Oliver,

Mackay, Moore, Morris and Co.; nor are all fools dead yet. The eighteen Boston Masonic novices in 1733 doubtless believed all the stories written by Anderson, and they believed that they were in possession of only a small portion of the science of Masonry, and were therefore anxiously looking out for more light; when all at once a Masonic Moses arrived direct from the Masonic Mount Sinai bringing with him the whole oral and written laws of Masonry. His worship, moreover, was recommended by the highest Masonic authorities. Viscount Montague, and his Deputy G.M., and Wardens styled Price as our "well beloved brother." The document he displayed bore their signatures, together with the seal of the Grand Lodge of England. It is pretty certain that the said Boston Masons had never seen such a document as Price displayed, and may never have heard of such an office as Prov. G.M." When, therefore, the so-highly recommended Bro. Price told the eighteen Boston Masons that by virtue of that document he was appointed Provincial G.M. of these parts, how could they have doubted it, and when once the eighteen founders of the first Boston Lodge believed it, the subsequent new comers of course took it for granted; and when the newspapers in 1834 announced Price's extension of his Deputation for over all North America, then the founders as well as the new comers alike took it all for granted.

Be it further remembered that up to 1751 no quarterly meetings were held by the Boston Grand Lodge, nor were any books kept. Charles Pelham, the first Grand Secretary in Boston, was not initiated before September 1744. Price doubtless supplied Pelham with the items for filling up his new record from 1733. Among the documents recorded in the new book was a copy of the petition of the eighteen brethren to Henry Price in 1733. As the original copy is preserved, and as it differs from the one in the record, I must infer that either Price or Pelham altered the copy. The copies of Price's, Tomlinson's and Oxnard's Deputations are also in the record. But as the first document was incorrectly copied, who knows whether the remainder were correctly copied? It is possible that Pelham may have connived at the fraud. It is also possible that when Price gave Pelham the copies of the three Deputations, that Pelham may have regarded them all as equally genuine and inserted them accordingly. Pelham's successor in 1752 was not made a Fellow Craft before October 1749, who of course received Pelham's record as gospel truth, and so did all his successors, and so did the Masonic historian, the Rev. Bro. Harris in 1792, and so did all the Masonic professional historians ever since.

When, however, Price's untruthful characteristics, combined with the worthlessness of the early Boston record are taken into consideration, I cannot see how an unbiassed man, who rejects Price's claim to the 1734 Deputation, could persuade himself that because a few new-made Masons in 1733 believed that Price was a Grand Master, that we must now receive their belief as evidence that Price's Grand Mastership was a historic fact?

Boston, U.S., 17th June 1887.

CONSECRATION OF THE EARL OF SUSSEX LODGE, No. 2201.

THERE was a large assemblage of brethren, not only those of the Provinces of Sussex, but also including a large number who came from London and other parts, to witness the consecration of a new Lodge in the Province of Sussex, it having been announced that the ceremony was to be performed by H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, who some twelve months since was installed Grand Master of the Province by his brother the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of English Freemasons. His Royal Highness travelled by train from Victoria, and was met at the Brighton Station by Bro. Gerard Ford, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Sussex, the Right Hon. W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., and Bro. C. W. Hudson P.G.S.W. A number of officers of the Grand Lodge of England arrived by the same train, including Bros. W. M. Bywater G. Sword Bearer, C. F. Matier P.G. Standard Bearer, W. C. Beaumont P.G.A.D.C., Rudolph G. Glover P.G.D.C., R. Turtle Pigott P.A.G.D.C., Thomas Fenn President Board of General Purposes, James Willing jun., &c., &c. Brother Sadler the Grand Tyler, who was in charge of the consecrating vessels, arrived by an earlier train from London Bridge. It may here be mentioned that the Earl of Sussex Lodge has been founded by a number of local Freemasons, the names of those who signed the petition for its authorisation being Bros. Alf. King P.P.G. Organist, C. W. Hudson P.G.S.W., Lieut.-General C. W. Randolph P.P.G.S.W., H. Kemball-Cook P.G.D.C., Major Mortimer Hancock, W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., Richard Clowes P.P.G.S.W., and H. T. E. Price P.G. Steward, and the

names of the Master and two Wardens designated in the petition were Bro. W. Gerard Ford Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Sussex to be Master, Bro. the Right Hon. W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., P.G. Steward, to be Senior Warden, and Bro. R. Clowes P. Prov. S.G.W. Essex, to be Junior Warden.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. Ford, opened the Lodge at about 11:30, Bro. Smith occupying the chair of Senior Warden, and Bro. Hudson that of Junior Warden. The Lodge having been opened in the three degrees, the whole assembly by command of the W.M. stood to order, and on the entrance of the Provincial Grand Master, the Duke of Connaught, he was hailed by the brethren with the greatest enthusiasm. On the approach of His Royal Highness Bro. Ford vacated the chair, which was then taken by the Provincial Grand Master. After the brethren assembled had sung the hymn "Hail, Eternal, by whose aid," the Right Worthy Provincial Grand Master rose and said: Brethren, a year has now elapsed since your most Worshipful Grand Master installed me as your Provincial Grand Master. I regret that since that time my absence upon duty in India has prevented me from coming among you, but I have now great pleasure in coming here for the purpose of inaugurating this new Lodge. I am sure that under the able guidance of Bro. Ford all success will attend the new Lodge. I selected Bro. Ford for the office to replace a much loved and deeply-lamented brother, Bro. Burrell, and I am sure that under Bro. Ford the Lodge will rise to a position worthy of this place, and attain a high position among the Lodges of this country. I will now proceed to commence this ceremony. The Provincial Grand Secretary then addressed His Royal Highness, informing him that certain brethren had petitioned to be constituted into a Masonic Lodge, whereupon the Presiding Officer directed that the brethren referred to should appear before him, and they were accordingly ranged in order in front of the pedestal. The Provincial Grand Secretary then read the petition and also the warrant, which had in consequence been granted by the Grand Master, stating the names of the Master and Wardens chosen for the first year. His Royal Highness inquired of the brethren before him whether they still approved of the appointment of the officers named in the warrant, and they having signified their assent in Masonic form, the Prince called upon the Provincial Grand Chaplain for an oration regarding the principles of Freemasonry. The Provincial Grand Chaplain said that time would not permit him to enlarge upon the principles of Masonry, or on the import of Masonic words, but he might be allowed to congratulate the brethren of the Lodge now being erected on the fact that it commenced its career in the Jubilee year of the reign of her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, and would be one of the Jubilee Lodges of the Province of Sussex. It was also a subject of congratulation to-day that they had the advantage of the presence of the Right Worthy Provincial Grand Master H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, and he was quite sure that under the care and guidance of Bro. Ford, the new Lodge would enjoy a large measure of success. He would not dilate there on the principles of Freemasonry, which was familiar to all of those present, but the occasion would remind them of the day when they were brought up to the pedestal seeking and asking for light, and they should now ask themselves whether they had since that day acted up to the principles which were then imparted and explained to them. Those principles were embodied in the volume of the sacred law, and if Masons acted up to that law, no brother could possibly err. It was there duty to rejoice with them that rejoiced, and to weep with them that wept. There was just one other thought: this happened to be the Provincial day of St. Swithin. Their Lodge had met in sunshine, and he prayed that the sun from Heaven might shine upon the Lodge, and that the brethren constituting it might form a Lodge abiding in prosperity and happiness.

The oration was succeeded by the singing of the anthem "Behold how good and joyful a thing it is for brethren to dwell together in Unity." The more solemn part of the ceremony was then proceeded with by the Duke of Connaught, and it is not from any spirit of flattery, because the P.G.M. is an exalted personage, it is simply an honest admission of the truth to say, that we never heard the dedication prayers or the invocation delivered in so devotional, heartfelt and impressive manner as that in which they came from His Royal Highness's lips on this occasion; and from a reference to the ceremony which he made in a speech at a later period, it was plain that he was acutely alive to the solemnity of the occasion. It is sufficient to say, that the whole ceremony was conducted to its close with the greatest earnestness and precision, and after dedicating, the Lodge in ancient form, the Provincial Grand Master declared it to be duly constituted, and the ceremony was brought to a close by the singing of the hymn, "Glory be to God on High." By command of the Right Worthy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clarke, Grand Secretary, assumed the Master's chair, and proceeded to install Bro. Gerard Ford P.M. 271 P.G.D. and Deputy Provincial Grand Master, to be Master of the Earl of Sussex Lodge, a ceremony which, it is needless to say, he performed with the greatest precision. The newly-installed W.M., then proceeded to invest his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Gen. Randolph as I.P.M., Rt. Hon. W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., P.G. Steward, S.W., R. Clowes P.P.G.W. Essex J.W., V. P. Freeman Secretary, W. H. Hallett Treasurer, Ford S.D., Major Hancock J.D., H. Kemball-Cook D.C., H. E. Price I.G., C. W. Hudson and C. B. Warre Stewards, Hughes Tyler. The ceremony was brought to a close by the Grand Secretary reciting in a masterly manner the three orations to the Master, the Wardens, and the Brethren of the Lodge. It was proposed by the S.W., and seconded by the W.M., that H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Bro. Shadwell Clarke be entered on the books as hon. members of the Lodge in recognition of the part they had taken in the ceremonies just brought to a close. H.R.H. and the Grand Secretary having acknowledged the compliment, the thanks of the Brethren were tendered to the Worshipful Master for a very handsome banner which had been presented by him to the Lodge, and, in replying, the W.M. tendered Bro. Marriot and the other Officers for their co-operation with him, and expressed a hope that this noble little army that had just been enrolled would march under that glorious banner for many, many

years. The Lodge was then closed, and the company adjourned to luncheon. The musical arrangements were under the management of Bro. H. S. Gates Prov. G. Organist. In proposing the toast of the Queen and the Craft, Bro. Ford said that it was the first time in his life that he had had to propose Her Majesty's health in the presence of one of her sons. In proposing the health of the M.W.G.M. the Prince of Wales, the Chairman said it was unnecessary for him to expatiate on the Grand Master's Masonic excellencies, as they were so well known to all the Brethren, but he must inform them that the Duke of Connaught would make a point of informing the Prince of all that had taken place that day. He was sure that the Prince would take great interest in hearing of their doings. The Prince of Wales, they would remember, came down to Brighton last year, when the brethren had the pleasure of seeing him instal their Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, but for which ceremony the Duke of Connaught would not have been before them now. He concluded by saying that he thought the Prince of Wales was the pride of Freemasons both there and throughout the world. The Chairman said he would now proceed to give them toast number three on the list of toasts, the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master the Right Hon. the Earl of Latham, and Officers of the Grand Lodge, past and present. The toast was one which was always honoured in Masonic meetings, where the services of the Earl of Carnarvon, the Earl of Latham, and the other Grand Officers were always recognised. He was sorry to see that the Earl of Carnarvon found it would be necessary for him to go to the antipodes on account of his health. As regarded the Grand Officers as a body, they knew that in the past, and they hoped that for the future, they would always have the right man in the right place. The Officers of the Grand Lodge were often among them at Brighton. By their presence, and their precept, and their example the brethren of the Province benefitted a great deal. They were glad to have their good advice, and glad also to follow it. Bro. Fenn, Chairman of the Board of General Purposes, whose name the Chairman had associated with the toast, said that in obedience to the W.M. he rose to respond to the compliment which had been paid to the Grand Officers. He had hoped that the Chairman would have connected the name of Bro. Clarke with the toast, because, after the prominent part he had taken in the proceedings of the day, he had much more claim to the honour. The Earl of Carnarvon and the Earl of Latham must both regret their absence on this occasion, but on behalf of the Grand Officers, he was sure he was speaking their sentiments in saying that they were extremely happy to have been present on an occasion which must be very dear to His Royal Highness. He would not, as time was short, detain them by any lengthened remarks, but he was sure that all the Grand Officers, whether present or unavoidably absent, would watch the future progress of this Lodge with the greatest interest. The Chairman next rose to propose the health of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, &c. The Province was honoured by having His Royal Highness as its chief, and he ventured to think that His Royal Highness's gratifications in being connected with the Province of Sussex was second only to that of the brethren in having such a ruler. His Royal Highness was only here for a short time; he was going back to the Indian climate, where they all hoped he would enjoy health and happiness. However, the Chairman said he trusted that he might soon again return to these shores, and that they might again have the pleasure of seeing him presiding over them. His Royal Highness had done the speaker the honour to depute him to act for His Royal Highness in his absence. He felt himself unworthy of the position, especially after having seen him perform the work he had done that day. He was only echoing the sentiments of the whole of the Province when he said that the brethren bid His Royal Highness most loyal and paternal welcome, and considered it a great kindness on his part to come among them. He would only add that they heartily, sincerely, and Masonically wished the Right Worthy Provincial Grand Master long life and happiness. In reply, the Duke of Connaught said: Worthy Master and brethren, I find it difficult to find words in which sufficiently to express how deeply I feel the very hearty manner in which you have received me here in this Province. Having been away ever since the time when I was appointed Grand Master, you will naturally feel some disappointment at my not being among you but the reception you have given me to-day has shown me how kindly and how very warmly you look upon one who has the honour to stand at the head of this Province. The ceremony of to-day has been one of the most interesting ceremonies I have ever witnessed, and the important part that your Provincial Grand Master was enabled to take in the ceremony has impressed him, and I hope it has impressed us all, with the deep solemnity of the ceremony we were then engaged in. Few things could be more striking than to see the whole of the ceremony. It was very gratifying to be able to come here to-day to show you how truly and thoroughly I have the interests of all Masons in the Province at heart. The Duke again rose to propose the next toast. He said a most pleasing task had devolved upon him; it was that of proposing the health of the Worthy Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. Gerard Ford P.G. Deacon, and also the health of the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, present and past. He was very pleased to have been asked to propose the toast, and to be able to thank his Worshipful Brother, Bro. Ford, for having so ably carried out the business of the Province in his (the Master's) absence. From Bro. Ford's and Bro. Ford's family's connection with Masonry, he had every confidence in his attachment, judgment, and therefore it afforded him (the Provincial Grand Master) the very greatest pleasure to be able to give his health, more especially as he was also Master of the new Lodge, which they had that day inaugurated. He was sure that Bro. Ford was ready to promote anything that was for the good of the Craft, and he did not know anything that could give him greater pleasure than the prosperity of the Lodge of which Bro. Ford was the first Master. His Royal Highness went on to say that he would now be allowed to congratu-

late Bro. Ford on the honour conferred upon him at the great meeting at the Albert Hall. It was an honour not only to himself, but it was an honour to the Province. Time was short, and it would ill become him (the speaker), in the presence of the Master, to depart from his ruling, but he hoped the brethren would all join him in most heartily drinking Bro. Ford's health, both as Deputy of the Province and Master of the Earl of Sussex Lodge, and the health also of the other Officers of the Province. Bro. Ford said he hardly knew how to find words to express the great kindness that had been done him in the expression of confidence that had been made as to his ability to carry on the work of the Province in the absence of the Grand Master. He ventured to assure His Royal Highness that he would endeavour to carry on the business in his absence as in his presence. No body of men could be more anxious to carry on their duties than the Masters and Officers of the Lodges of the Province, but with such a body of Officers as they had it was scarcely possible that things could go wrong. The Right Hon. W. T. Marriott, Q.C., Senior Warden, proposed the health of the Visitors, associating with the toast the names of Bro. Paleston, M.P. for Devonport, and Bro. Farncombe, Mayor of Lewis, both of whom, he said, liked Brighton so well that one of them lived there altogether, and the other came as often as he could. It was the first time for years that they had a Mayor who was not a Mason, and he must say that the Mayor was very much concerned at being unable to take part that day in welcoming His Royal Highness. He was pleased, however, to see that the son of the Mayor was present. Bro. Palestone, M.P., and Bro. Farncombe having acknowledged the compliment, Dr. Pigott proposed success to the Earl of Sussex Lodge, coupled with the name of Bro. Hallett, the Treasurer, who responded. The Worshipful Master then proposed success to the Masonic Charities, and, as they were not otherwise represented, coupled the name of the Grand Secretary with the toast. Colonel Clerke responded, and said that he hoped in a day or two to hand a cheque for about £2,103 to each of the three charities as the outcome of the great gathering in the Albert Hall. The Tyler's toast was then given, and His Royal Highness left amidst enthusiastic cheering.—*Brighton Gazette.*

PICNIC AT SHEARWATER.

THE Masonic Lodges in Wiltshire had a combined picnic on Wednesday, the 12th instant, at Shearwater, by the kind permission of the Marquis of Bath. The event was organised by a committee representative of the various Lodges, to whom Brother G. J. Farrington, of Bradford, acted as Hon. Secretary, and the arrangements, necessarily of great detail, were carried out most admirably. Parties from all parts of the county travelled by rail to Warminster, the railway company having been induced to offer them special facilities, but a few from the neighbouring towns did the journey by road, Norris's well appointed drag going from Trowbridge. At Warminster Station, a number of breaks were in attendance, and the party were soon on their way to Shearwater. Just after their arrival at the rendezvous, a slight rain fell, but the weather was fine throughout the remainder of the day. Luncheon, provided in a tent, was partaken of by about 100 members and friends, the catering of Brother W. H. Atkins, of Warminster, giving the utmost satisfaction. In the unavoidable absence of the D.P.G.M., Sir Gabriel Goldney, the chair was taken by Bro. R. Dear W.M., of Salisbury. The toast of the Queen, and that of the Grand Master of Freemasonry, the Prince of Wales were given from the chair, and met with a most enthusiastic reception. Other toasts included the Chairman, the organisers of the picnic, the ladies and the caterer. Afterwards the party drove through the park to Heaven's gate, thence to Horningsham, and next to Longleat. The noble owner admitted the visitors to the mansion, and the gardens were also inspected. The party next proceeded to the boat house, where they partook of a substantial tea. The boats having been brought into requisition, numbers were soon rowing on the lake, whilst others enjoyed themselves in the park, and some indulged in a dance, selections of music being rendered by a capital band under the direction of Mr. H. Millington, of Trowbridge. Shortly after eight o'clock, the bugle sound came all to soon for the departure. The visitors from the direction of Salisbury and Swindon drove back to Warminster Station, while those from Trowbridge and Bradford returned *via* Frome, by the last train. Among the Masonic Brethren present, most of whom were accompanied by ladies, were Bros. R. and J. H. Dear, W. Flower, T. S. Futeher, J. W. Calcin, E. Hale, G. Fullford, E. Bartlett, G. G. Nann, W. G. Knight, H. Blake, J. W. Newton, F. Griffen and Gerrish (Salisbury), A. H. Lapham (Chippenham), I. Janes (Corsham), F. Kelland, J. H. Foley, T. S. Hill, H. Applegate, H. Millington, H. R. Chapman, A. G. P. Foley, H. Mundy and C. Roberts (Trowbridge), H. Mead (Westbury), W. H. Burt (Devizes), W. N. C. Wheeler, J. Sparks, W. E. Taylor, H. S. Wilkins, G. J. Farrington, G. Taylor, C. J. Jones, C. W. Bryant, A. Wallington, W. J. Wilkins and J. Taylor (Bradford), T. Turner and W. G. Shemilt (New Swindon), J. Smith, J. Hall and E. J. Langston (Warminster), Trotman and Flower (Taunton). The picnic, it need scarcely be added, was thoroughly enjoyed, and numerous hopes were expressed that there will be a similar gathering annually. We have been asked by members of several Lodges to express their appreciation of the indefatigable exertions of the Hon. Secretary, Bro. Farrington, to whom must be attributed, to a very large extent, the unqualified success which attended the picnic.

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

DOMATIC LODGE, No. 177.

THERE are few events in the "annual round" more eagerly anticipated than the Summer Banquet of the Domatic Lodge, which is admitted on all hands to be one of the favourite items of the recess. This centenary Lodge has of late come rather prominently before the Masonic world, and deservedly so, for the leading members of it have shown the material of which the Lodge is composed, and the manner in which it has supported the Charities is an acknowledged fact amongst those who are most intimately connected with the affairs of our Institutions. But it is not to-day our duty to repeat the records of good deeds that have been given of the "good old Domatic," but to give some idea of the happy day that was spent on Tuesday last at Kempton Park by nearly two hundred of the members and friends of the Domatic Lodge. Every arrangement that could possibly have been conceived which could conduce in any way to the comfort and enjoyment of the party had been studied to a detail, and there was no single "hitch"—as the reporters say—"to mar the pleasures of the day." To speak of the weather is a rather hackneyed and somewhat objectionable theme; but after the rains of Sunday and Monday it was delightfully refreshing to see the dust had been so removed from the trees and hedgerows that surround the charming enclosure of Kempton Park. With their customary kindness and courtesy the directors of Kempton Park placed the whole of their charming place in the Thames Valley at the disposal of the Committee, and when it is recollected that the extent of the picturesque grounds is over three hundred acres, an idea may be formed of the area at the disposal of the happy company. There are those of us who attend Kempton Park under very different, though nearly as jovial, auspices, when the taste of such men as Bros. George Everett, Harry Nelson Price, and others, forms the mainspring of success and *eclat* of many a suburban "Meeting" in which Masonry has no particular prominence. But the influence of those gentlemen is equally potent when there is "a lady in the case," and we sagely opine it is to their exertions that the directors of the Estate were so amicably disposed towards the Domatic Lodge. A volume may of course be written as to what Bro. George Everett—"dear old" George Everett—has done for the Domatic Lodge. But have not the golden deeds of his been written in the chronicles of the Centenary? Suffice to say his actions have been emulated by Bro. Harry Nelson Price, whose presidency over last year's picnic, was so eminently successful; and this year by Bro. Abel Simner, whose Mastership has been marked, perhaps by the greatest stability that can ever be recorded on the books of the Domatic or any other Lodge. Special arrangements were made by the South Western Railway Company for the conveyance of the guests to and from Kempton, and this act of courtesy was much appreciated by the brethren who had charge of the affairs of the day. It was a lovely afternoon, as the cheery party assembled, the light costumes of the ladies lending their accustomed gaiety to the scene. The brief journey down—we will not say interspersed with strawberries and cream, and angelic smiles—was thoroughly enjoyable; and on arriving at the station, the avenue of rose trees and ornamental plants through which the visitors had to pass gave a preliminary zest to the pleasures that were to follow. Nothing could exceed the urbanity and "extreme jollity"—there is no other word for it—of the Worshipful Master, as he moved about, here, there, and everywhere, asking and convincing himself that all were happy. Luncheon was partaken of by many of the company, whilst others disported themselves over the grounds, which are now in the brightest of their summer livery. A variety of entertainments was provided, including performances by the 10th (Prince of Wales's Own) Hussars, under the direction of Mr. B. E. Green, bandmaster. During the interval some very fine groups of the company were taken by Bros. H. and R. Styles, of 8 High-street, Kensington, of which we shall have occasion to speak when we receive copies. The banquet was held in the Pavilion at four o'clock, and a capital repast was provided by Bros. Bertram and Roberts, the well-known contractors. Bro. Abel Simner, W.M. presided, and the usual toasts on such an occasion were honoured, the health of the Worshipful Master being proposed by Bro. Fredk. Binckes, and enthusiastically received. After banquet, an Ethiopian entertainment took place on the lawn in front of the Grand Pavilion which was followed by a capital concert, under the direction of Bro. Carl Riechelmann. Dancing commenced shortly after seven o'clock, and was kept up until the time came for the visitors to disperse. Amongst those present we noticed the following:—Bro. A., Mrs., Miss, and Master Simner, Mr. and Miss Owen Pearce, Mr. Samuels, Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins, Mr. Robinson and the Misses Robinson, Bro., Mrs., and Miss Thwaites, Bro. Watts, Bro. G. L., Mrs., and the Misses Everett, Mr. Peall, Miss Annie Clark, Mr. W. J. and Mrs. E. N. Everett, Bro., Mrs., and Miss Wardley, Bro. and Mrs. Jowett, Bro. and Mrs. Trodd, Mr. and Mrs. G. Renton, Mrs. Coles, Mrs. Winsor, Bro. John Barnett, Bro. W. J., Mrs., Miss, and Mr. Innes jun., Miss Flemming, Mr. and Mrs. Archer, Mrs. R. Mould, Mr., Mrs., and the Misses Hyde, Mr. and Mrs. H. Martin, Mrs. Rapley, Mrs. Rogers, Mr. Costello, Bro. and Mrs. Chapman, Bro. and Mrs. Peacock, Bro. and Miss Gardner, Bro. F. Walden, Bro., Mrs., and Mrs. Henry Hollingsworth, Bro. and Mrs. Nagle, Bro. G., Mrs., and Miss Locksley, Bro. and Mrs. Hewatson, Mr. and Mrs. Whitton, Bro. and Mrs. Ball, Bro. Carl and Mrs. Riechelmann, Bro. Salmon, Miss Ward, Bro. T. H., Mrs., and the Misses Goodfellow, Bro. and Mrs. Wigmore, Bro. and Miss Duff, Mrs. Cooper, Mr. George and Mrs. Vears, Bro., Mrs., and Miss Berrecloth, Bro. and Mrs. MacLean, Bro. and Miss Binckes, Bro. J. Barnett jun., Bro. Stoller Wood, Bro. Knott, Bro. Magee, Bro. C. Smith, Bro. Ernest, Mrs., and the Misses Smith, Bro. and Mrs. Southgate, Bro. J. Patterson, Bro. Frank Smith, Mr. J. H. and Mrs. Stalman, Mr. George Smith, Bro. and Mrs. Blake Lewis, Bro. Harry Price, Mr. George Price, Bro. and Mrs. Pouking, Bro. Spurrell, Bro. Farman, Bro. Chapman, Bro. R. Harvey, Bro., Mrs., and Miss Morris, Bro. M. Lean, Bro. S. Knott, Bro. Stiles, Bro. and Mrs. W. Lake,

Miss Ethel Grammar, Mr. W. F. and Miss H. E. Morgan, Mr. Fred. Stephens, Mr. W. F. Packer, Mr. E. Gatfield, Miss Spencer Jones, &c. Letters expressing regret at not being able to attend were received from Bros. Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary and R. Eve Grand Treasurer.

ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 211.

IT had been thought that the emergency meeting a month ago, finished the work of this ancient Lodge, so far as the present Session was concerned; but, inasmuch as a candidate for initiation had been prevented by his professional engagements from being present on two prior occasions, and was most desirous of entering the "preliminary stage," it was deemed advisable to call yet another meeting, particularly as there was other work that required to be dealt with. The attendance was not large, but that was no matter of surprise at this season of the year, when most of our Lodges are in abeyance, but the Worshipful Master, Bro. F. T. Bennett, was supported by Bros. W. Radcliffe P.M. Secretary, A. Green P.M. Treasurer, F. J. Hentsch P.M., Usher Bach P.M., W. W. Morgan P.M., A. Withers P.M., Orton Cooper, J. T. Harrison, J. Withers, Orlando Harley, F. J. Horscroft, C. Greenwood, and others. The visitors included Bros. C. Everett, J. A. Collings, Titherden, Herbert Schartau, &c., &c.

Lodge having been opened, and the preliminary business disposed of, it was advanced to the second degree, and Bro. Joseph Withers, who has already made himself popular among the Brethren, was passed. The ballot was then opened for Mr. John Thomas Harrison, who had been nominated by Bro. Horscroft, seconded by Bro. W. Radcliffe P.M., and the voting being unanimously in his favour, the candidate was duly initiated in the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry. Lodge was then opened in the third, and Bro. Orlando Harley raised, the whole of the ceremonies, particularly the last named, being rendered in the most able and impressive manner by the Worshipful Master and the Officers who assisted him. Notwithstanding the amount of work to be got through on such an oppressive evening, Bro. Bennett gave the charge in the first degree with his usual clearness and expression, which was much appreciated by the Brethren. At the close of the business the customary good wishes were interchanged, and the Brethren afterwards partook of supper, which was supplied in the "Albion style." The Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and brief complimentary speeches were the order of the evening, interspersed by a more than ordinarily excellent selection of music. Bros. Horscroft and Collings are both known as efficient aides at meetings of the St. Michael's Lodge, but on this occasion their masterly performances on the pianoforte were supplemented by the brilliant efforts of Bro. Harrison, who consequently came in for more than an Initiate's usual share of honours. Besides these, Bro. Herbert Schartau put in an appearance later in the evening, and played and sang several pieces. Bro. A. Green, P.M. Treasurer, sang the E.A. song, and altogether there was a most agreeable preponderance of music over speaking.

The summer festival of the Lodge was held on the following day, at the Crown Hotel, Broxbourne Bridge, Hertfordshire, when the Brethren were favoured with brilliant weather, escaping the heavy thunderstorms that broke over London on that afternoon. The party assembled at Liverpool Street Station, about a quarter to eleven o'clock, and arrived at Broxbourne after a very pleasant journey. There luncheon was provided, and the company enjoyed boating, driving, and rambling over the surrounding country, reassembling at six o'clock for the banquet, which was admirably served. The Worshipful Master presided, supported in the vice-chair by Bro. W. W. Morgan P.M., and the toasts were brief and imbued with the utmost cordiality. An interesting feature of the day was that the choir of St. Nicholas, Cole Abbey, were enjoying their summer outing on the same day; and with the interchange of amenities usual on such occasions, they sang one or two selections, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Shuttleworth, who accompanied them. It is scarcely necessary to remind our City readers that this is one of the finest choirs in the metropolis, and their readiness to add to the enjoyment of the Masonic party was much appreciated. Mr. Churchwarden T. C. Cross also extended the right hand of fellowship to the ladies and gentlemen of the Masonic company, his hospitality being duly reciprocated, and the day was thus pervaded with the utmost harmony and good feeling in every possible way.

LEBANON LODGE, No. 1326.

THERE was a good assemblage of members and visitors at the installation meeting, held on Saturday, the 16th instant, at the Railway Hotel, Feltham. Lodge having been opened by the Worshipful Master, Bro. W. R. Vassila P.P.G.Std.Br., and the minutes read and confirmed, the Audit report was received and adopted. Bros. Schofield and Mayes, of the Citadel Lodge, No. 1897 having been raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, the installation ceremony was proceeded with. Bro. Jas. Lawrence S.W. having been presented as W.M. elect was duly installed into the chair according to ancient custom. The Officers for the ensuing year were appointed as follows:—Bros. E. A. Smith S.W., C. W. Baker J.W., S. Page Treasurer, J. W. Baldwin P.P.G.D. P.M. Sec., Wm. Walters S.D., W. H. Walters J.D., J. A. Wilson I.G., J. C. Goslin Dir. of Cers., S. Wheeler Assist. Dir. of Cers., F. Dastan Org., G. H. Eaton, A. Lawton, J. R. Cox, and E. J. Whelan Stewards, J. Gilbert Tyler. At the conclusion of the investiture of Officers, Bro. Vassila I.P.M., the Installing Master, delivered the customary addresses in a very creditable manner. The Worshipful Master then presented Bro. Vassila with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, and after expressing the pleasure it afforded him to perform this duty, he eulogised the important work done by their I.P.M. both in and out of the Lodge. He also presented Bro. Vassila with a P.M.'s collar, the gift of several members of the Lodge as a further token of their appreciation and esteem. Brother Vassila, in suitable terms,

acknowledged the gift, and assured the brethren of his willingness to do anything to further Masonry generally and of their Lodge in particular. Routine business having been transacted, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet. A very pleasant evening was spent, under the genial presidency of the Worshipful Master, and the usual toasts were duly honoured. It transpired during the proceedings, and is worthy of notice, that of £1,200 subscribed to the Masonic Charities at the three last Festivals by the Province of Middlesex, £200, or one-sixth, was contributed by this Lodge. Amongst the brethren present, not mentioned above, were Bros. W. H. Lee Prov. Assist. G. Sec. Middlesex, F. T. C. Keeble P.M. 1426, C. J. Fox S.D. 1743, J. H. Mayes 1897, J. Brand 1984, Egbert Roberts 1623, H. Dehane P.M. 1543 P.P.G.D. Essex, W. W. Lee 1897, J. Sims P.M. 830, H. W. Mayes P.M. 1897 P.P.G.P. Middlesex.

EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

THE regular monthly Lodge was held in the Hall, St. Saviourgate, York, on Monday, the 11th inst., when there were present Bros. W. Brown W.M., T. B. Whytehead P.M., J. Blenkin P.M., M. Millington P.M., S. J. Dalton J.W., G. Balmford P.M. Treasurer, J. Kay Secretary, W. Lackenby S.D., G. Lamb J.D., C. G. Padel P.M. Org., W. Storry I.G., J. H. Shonksmith, P. Pearson, and J. D. Irving Stewards, J. Hall Tyler, W. M. Briggs, W. S. Child, J. Thorpe, W. Routledge, J. Shaw, F. H. Vaughan, L. Beaumont, A. Archer, W. Ream, H. Chapman, R. Ware, W. G. Penty, W. Sharp, and G. G. Pook. Visitor—Bro. John Marshall P.M. 660. After the reading of the minutes, Bro. T. Milner was passed to the degree of a F.C. by the W.M. The W.M. announced that a party of American Masons, headed by Bro. Chas. E. Meyer, of Philadelphia, would visit the Lodge on Tuesday, the 19th inst., and that he should call a special Lodge to receive them, at which Bro. Shaw should be raised to the third degree, and he hoped to have a good attendance of members and visitors. Bro. G. Lamb presented to the Lodge a statute of H.M.G.M. Queen Victoria, with a pedestal for the same, and was heartily thanked for his Jubilee gift. Bro. Whytehead P.M., also presented to the library copies of the Rev. J. Inwood's "Masonic Doctrines," the Rev. T. M. Harris's "Masonic Morality," and Dr. Ashe's "Masonic Manual," emblematically bound, and also presented on behalf of Bro. Hughan, a catalogue of the Masonic Exhibition a Plymouth, and on behalf of Bro. John H. Goddard, a "History of St. Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin." Votes of thanks were passed for these various gifts, and after the close of the Lodge the brethren adjourned to the smoke room, where they enjoyed a musical evening, enlivened by the voices of Bros. Meunell, Blenkin, and others.

BANK HOLIDAY RAILWAY FACILITIES.

IN accordance with their usual custom, the Great Western Railway Company have made arrangements for the issue of tickets during the week preceding August Bank Holiday, at their City and West End offices, viz.: 193 and 407 Oxford-street, 23 New Oxford-street, Holborn Circus, 29 Charing Cross, 26 Regent Street, 5 Arthur Street, London Bridge, 82 Queen Victoria Street, 43 Crutchedfriars, 67 Gresham Street, and 4 Cheapside. The booking offices at the Paddington Station will be open all day on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, when passengers can obtain tickets at any time for use on either day. To meet the expected additional traffic by the ordinary trains on Saturday, 30th July the Company will run in duplicate, the 9.0, 11.45 a.m., 3.0, 5.0 and 9.0 p.m. trains from London to the West of England, and the 12.0 noon train to Weymouth, Hereford, and South Wales. The first portions of the 9.0 a.m. and 5.0 p.m. trains will leave Paddington at 8.55 a.m. and 4.55 p.m. respectively, but the first parts of the other trains will leave at the advertised times, and the second a few minutes afterwards, the long distance passengers being as far as possible taken in the first portion, but with a few exceptions both trains will stop at the advertised stations to take up and set down passengers. On Friday, 29th July, an excursion train will leave Paddington at 8.5 a.m. for Gloucester, Cardiff, Newport, Swansea, New Milford, &c.; passengers will also be booked at excursion fares to certain stations in the South of Ireland. A fast excursion train for the West of England will leave Paddington at 8.5 a.m. on Saturday, 30th July, leaving Exeter in five-and-quarter hours and Plymouth in seven-and-half hours; and excursions will also be run on the same day to Bath, Bristol, Dorsetshire, Weymouth (for the Channel Islands), Cheltenham, Worcester, Malvern, Hereford, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Shrewsbury, Chester, Liverpool, Manchester, and other stations on the Great Western system.

The second Annual Summer Festival in connection with the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614, will take place on Thursday, 28th inst., at the Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend, under the presidency of Bro. T. A. Dickson, W.M. 1614, supported by Bro. Harry W. Kedgley I.P.M. A banquet will take place at 6 p.m. Tickets, 21s each, including return fares, Gravesend (Saloon Carriages), excursion to Cobham and surrounding district in brakes, and banquet with wine, may be had of the W.M., Bro. T. A. Dickson, Bro. Harry W. Kedgley, I.P.M., or of any of the Stewards.

The usual Summer entertainment to the residents of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, will take place on Thursday, the 28th instant, at Croydon, by permission of the House Committee.

SURREY.

Prob. G. Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons.

The R.W. Bro. Gen. J. STUDHOLME BROWNRIGG, C.B.
PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

NOTICE is hereby given that a PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE will be held at the "GREYHOUND" HOTEL, CROYDON, in the County of Surrey, on 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.

Down Trains from London Bridge, 2.5 and 2.25.

" " Victoria, 2.5 and 2.14.

Up Trains from Croydon to London Bridge, 9.50 and 10.10.

" " " Victoria, 9.50 and 10.10.

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The R.W. Comp. Gen. J. STUDHOLME BROWNRIGG, C.B.
Grand Superintendent.

NOTICE is hereby given that a Provincial Grand Chapter will be held at the GREYHOUND HOTEL, CROYDON, in the County of Surrey, on Wednesday, the 27th day of July 1887, at Two o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

By command,

CHARLES GREENWOOD, P.Z.
Prov. Grand Scribe E.

N.B.—Morning Dress.
Albert Institute Chambers, Charles Street, Blackfriars Road, S.E.

Dinner at 6 o'clock punctually.

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The Grand Superintendent requests the attendance of the Companions at Divine Service at the Parish Church, Croydon, at 4.30 p.m. Companions are to appear in Craft Masonic costume at Divine Service, and are to clothe in the Girls' School room, adjoining the Church.

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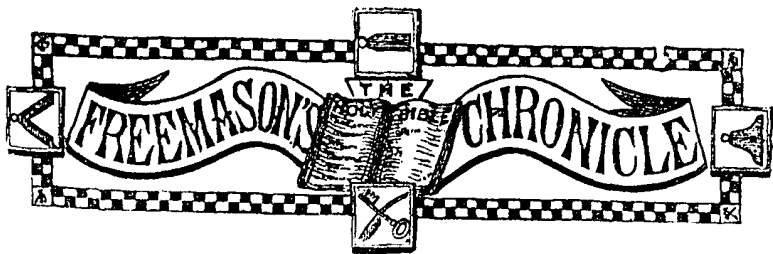
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FESTIVAL OF THE MARK BENEVOLENT FUND.

THE Nineteenth Anniversary Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund was held on Wednesday last, in the Venetian Salon of the Holborn Restaurant, W.C., Bro. Earl Amherst, M.W. Past Grand Master of Kent, presiding. He was supported by the Marquess of Hertford, Dep. Grand Master, and Bro. A. F. Gordon, M.P., Grand Master of Worcestershire. The result of the Festival proved in every respect a success, something like 200 ladies and gentlemen being present to do honour to the occasion. In announcing the result, Bro. C. F. Matier said that that day's result was the largest every received on behalf of the Mark Benevolent Fund, the amount collected being £2,260. Dinner was served under the direction of Bro. Hamp, and gave general satisfaction. After grace had been sung, the Chairman proposed the health of the Queen and the

Most Worshipful Grand Master His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, after which he gave the Pro Grand Master Lord Egerton of Tatton, the Past Grand Masters, and the Deputy Grand Master the Marquess of Hertford, and the rest of the Grand Officers. The Marquess of Hertford, in reply, said it was with a feeling of the due sense of the responsibility attached to the high office that he accepted the Deputy Grand Mastership when it was offered to him by the Grand Master; but he knew that, whatever his faults might be, in Mark Masonry he should be well supported not only by all the Grand Officers, but by all the brethren, who would enable him, to the best of their power, to do his duty. Mark Masonry would not have attained its present high position and popularity if it had not been for the great exertions of, and the work done by the Past Grand Officers. He thought he might speak for the present Grand Officers, and assure the brethren that they were trying to do their best to keep Mark Masonry in the high state to which it had been raised by their predecessors. He had no doubt that they would be followed by others equally desirous to do their duty, and he felt certain that Mark Masonry, which was progressing day by day and year by year, not only in the metropolis, but all over the country, would continue to do so by this means. Bro. A. F. Godson then proposed the health of the Chairman. Referring first to his own Chairmanship of the Festival of 1886, Bro. Godson said he did on that occasion the best he could, although he was called upon almost at the last moment to fill the chair. It was, however, a great pleasure to him to do so. But there was another great pleasure for him now, to propose the health of Earl Amherst. It was not an unknown man he brought before them, but a man, who like his collar, had seen good service, not only in the Craft and in the Mark, but in the outside world. He had made for himself a name which was well known and respected. What Earl Amherst was in the outer world he was in the Craft, and also in Arch and Mark Masonry. Wherever good work was to be done Earl Amherst was there, and whenever he came to the front the brethren were always found to support him. In times gone by he presided at a Festival of the Craft—the Festival of the Boys' School—at which his Province of Kent he knew could be relied upon for subscriptions, the total of which was that year larger than had ever before been known. In a smaller degree he had expected a large attendance and a large subscription that night, but, on the other hand, the Mark Benevolent Fund had not such large and heavy demands upon it as the Craft had. The Mark was quite content to go on in a small way, but still in a way that increased year by year. He hoped that that night would tell an increasing and a flattering tale. Earl Amherst had done so well in the past and his Province of Kent has also done so well, that he hoped they would set as glorious and noble example as they had set before. Earl Amherst, in reply, said Bro. Godson had been pleased to allude to the well-worn collar he had on, but he might say he considered it quite good enough for him to wear, and he was proud of it, for it was good enough to wear at a time when the Mark Degree was trying to make its way, and he certainly should not be ashamed of it now. As regards the business of the evening, he was glad to have done anything to forward it interests of Mark Masonry and of the Benevolent Fund. That was what they were gathered together for, and that led him up to the next toast, success to the Mark Benevolent Fund, which they now intended to promote. He could not help reflecting on what small beginnings they had sprung from and proceeded to the present state of prosperity. When they celebrated the first Festival of the Fund it was a new thing, and they realised under £100. It had been less subsequently, but it had gone on increasing as the Mark Degree had gone on increasing, until now they felt they had enough to satisfy the demands upon them, and, he trusted, left something to be laid by. That, he thought, was a thoroughly wholesome position for any body, whether Craft or Mark, because they all knew there might at any time come an occasional gust of ill-fortune, when subscriptions might fall off and the receipts not be so large. If they had a reserve fund to fall back upon, their status was more assured. Since 1869 they had expended £1,730 in various modes of relief; 36 children had reaped the benefit of the Educational Fund. At the last meeting of Grand Mark Lodge it was decided to have more. These were good figures; but there was one thing he wished them all to lay to heart, and he was glad there

were ladies present, who were always ready to assist, and who were not members of the Order. Masonry never was, and never was intended to be, a Benefit Society. No doubt in a large Society like Masonry many who had joined it joined it in prosperous circumstances, and they might have subsequently fallen through no fault of their own, and might have wanted relief. Whenever such an event occurred it was the desire of Masons to help these cases. Anyone who joined Masonry thinking that certain funds fell to his share made a great mistake. Masonry, as they knew, was a system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols. Charity was one of its great objects, and Masons endeavoured to carry it out by helping those who, since they joined it, had fallen from their high estate, and appealed to the benevolence of their more prosperous brethren. He confidently felt that those who were present would assist the fund to the utmost of their ability; but at the same time, he wished to be seriously understood by those outside the ranks of Masonry that brethren had not a vested interest in the large sums which might be collected, and that becoming a Mason entitled a man, or his widow or children, whom he had made no effort to provide for, to a portion of the funds. Masonry gave relief to deserving cases; but it was not like the Oddfellows' or Foresters', which had grown up alongside, and on which members had a legal claim. The virtue of thrift was one well deserving of encouragement, and he wished all the brethren to observe it. Masonry had its objects—objects which were known to every brother present. Every brother agreed in those objects, and he asked them to support them. He called upon Bro. Berridge, who had performed long and faithful service to the Order, to respond to the toast. Bro. Robert Berridge said he had not had an opportunity of preparing a reply; but still, for the Board of Stewards, he thanked the Chairman for the toast, and he hoped that the announcement of the lists would be the largest which this Fund had yet had. This little Benevolent Fund was one that had sprung up by degrees. From small beginnings it had gone on to a large fund. With the Old People, the Boys' and the Girls', they formed a broad platform; but it had been left to the Mark Benevolent Fund to put the arch, or keystone, to it, and so form the whole structure, which, he was sure would last. Bro. Matier then read the list of subscriptions, which amounted to £2,260. The Chairman next proposed the health of the Stewards. In replying, Brother Dawson said he had been exercising his mind to find out the reason of his being selected as Treasurer of the Fund. It had occurred to him that it was in order that he should have the honour and privilege of returning thanks for this toast. The Stewards had done all the work, and he had done nothing, and therefore he was sure he would be acquitted of egotism when he said the Stewards had done nobly on the present occasion, and had performed an inestimable service to the Mark degree. The Chairman had performed a most graceful act in proposing the vote of thanks to the Stewards, but he could not help saying they deserved those thanks. The Ladies were next given by Bro. R. A. Spice and responded to Brother Frank Richardson, who said that as a single man it was very difficult thoroughly to appreciate the feelings of the ladies, but he thought he was at liberty to say they reciprocated all Bro. Spice's kindness. No doubt the ladies were the fountain of Charity, and without them Charity would come off badly. The ladies had not many opportunities of joining in Masonic festivities, but they, like Freemasons, enjoyed gaiety and a little banquet now and then, and they looked forward to these entertainments of Mark Masons with very pleasurable feelings. He trusted this would not be the last muster, but that they might meet the brethren for many, many years to come. The toast of the Visitors was replied to by Bro. McKay. He said the Chairman had done him an honour by including him in the toast, which was always considered the principal toast, although slightly vicarious, in every Masonic Lodge in this kingdom. They had heard words from various brethren on the present occasion, who had talked about brethren unrepresented and misrepresented, and so on; and he thought a Scotch brother should have more to say on that subject than other people who had not so much to say. The Scotch Masons were supposed to be not so ritualistic or so clever as the majority of the brethren who lived further south, and he could assure the brethren that with regard to the Canongate Kilwinning, No. 2, they endeavoured to keep up those traditions of which they had an archaeological

framework in their own Lodge. As far as another observation was concerned about Federation, he thought there was nothing finer. It was a pleasant idea in a country where they paid taxes, the dog tax for instance, in a country on whose dominions the sun never set, to think federation, and if they could manage that Masonically, colonially, it would be not only magnificent for their fellow countrymen generally, but for Masons in particular. "Our next Merry Meeting" was given by Earl Amherst, after which the company dispersed.

For list of amounts collected see next page.

Notes for Masonic Students.

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2.—THE INIGO JONES MS.

AS a good deal has been said about this MS. lately, it seems advisable to realise what is known about it. It does not seem to have been heard of or known to Masonic students at all until it was purchased from Messrs. Pickering by Bro. Woodford, Messrs. Pickering having obtained it at a sale, by Messrs. Puttick and Simpson, of the Library of an architect, or professional man. It has been called Inigo Jones MS. for the following reason,—that in the catalogue of Messrs. Pickering it was claimed that it had a drawing by Inigo Jones. There is a frontispiece to the MS., which represents operative Masons at work, and at the bottom are the words which declare that Inigo Jones was the draftsman of the frontispiece. The inscription is, however, clearly of late chirography, and in no way proves that Inigo Jones was the draftsman. It has been suggested by a high authority that if search was made, either in the public or private collection of Inigo Jones's drawings, &c., the original of this sketch might yet be discovered. The date of 1604 is given to the MS. in MS.

There is no other allusion to a connection with Inigo Jones, the only other available link of evidence having been taken away. There are on the interior cover at the end marks of something having been sewn into the paper. In all probability this was what is sometimes seen in copies of "Institutes of the Order of the Bath," and the like,—a piece of ribbon with a seal or medallion attached. Had this not been unfortunately taken away, we might have found a note of its early history, for of that we are thus far utterly ignorant. The MS. is bound in the Regius binding of the Caroline period—that is, between 1660 and 1700, and the paper is what is known as the official paper, used in documents between the Restoration 1660, and the reign of William and Mary. About 1680-5, seems to be the safest date to assume for the transcription. Any theory of an eighteenth century transcription is for various reasons inadmissible; not so much perhaps absolutely as regards the actual writing, which is a clear, clerical hand, of to some extent indeterminate date, but because paper, binding, and calligraphy all seem to point conclusively almost to pre-eighteenth century transcription.

The MS. has been apparently much read at some time.

That Anderson or any of our authorities knew of it there is as yet not the scintilla of a proof, though we may find similarities and analogies in these various copies of the Guild legends, on which too much cannot and ought not to be based, which may be merely after all accidental and coincidental, without any further real importance whatever. In dealing with MSS. we should always be on our guard against the too often fatal tendency to flatter ourselves we can decide the age of MSS. by internal evidence. All experts laugh at such a theory as utterly unsound and unscientific.

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GENERALS OF THE REVOLUTION.

WE extract the following letter from the *Liberal Freemason*, Boston Mass:—

Cedar Rapids, 27th May 1887.

DEAR SIR,—I note in Gould's most valuable "History of Freemasonry," Vol. VI, page 419, this paragraph:

"According to the late C. W. Moore, all the American Generals of the Revolution, with the exception of Benedict Arnold were Freemasons."

That unfortunate paragraph, carelessly penned years ago by Brother Moore, has done infinite mischief, in that it has gone round the world and turned up everywhere, till now the most careful of writers has swallowed the bait.

The paragraph contains two gross errors: all the Generals of the Revolution were not, nor were all the "Major"-Generals, as usually quoted, ever Masons. And what is worse, Benedict Arnold was a Freemason.

In my address delivered before our Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery at Keota, 1875, and in an article I published in the "American Historical Magazine" of New York, a few years ago, I proved, by historical and documentary evidences infallible, the falsity of both these statements.

It is bad enough to have our festival orators repeat the story; I regret to see it in so good an historic work, as now the falsehood will have a new run for many years.

Please publish this letter, as it may partially check the evil propagated, if not started, years ago in your city.

T. S. PARVIN.

[What does Bro. Gould say to this.—ED. F.C.]

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 23rd JULY.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
1384—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1541—Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1824—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1679—Henry Mugeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
1777—Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1982—Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom
2048—Henry Levander, Station Hotel, Harrow
R.A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, nr Todmorden
R.A. 1777—Royal Hanover, Town Hall, Twickenham

MONDAY, 25th JULY.

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)
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.)
1823—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
1745—Farringdon, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1801—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
899—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 189—Sincerity, St. George's Hall, East Stonehouse
R.A. 210—Faith, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton.
R.A. 310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle Street, Carlisle
R.A. 321—Faith, Crewe Arms Hotel, Crewe
R.A. 331—Loyal Cornubian, Masonic Hall, Truro
R.A. 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham
R.A. 1205—Elliott, 1 Caroline Place, East Stonehouse
R.A. 1222—Inkerman, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare

TUESDAY, 26th JULY.

Audit Committee Girls' School, at 4.
155—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
265—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst.)
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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)
1441—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road
1446—Mount Edgecombe, 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, Horsey 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)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 8.30
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
21—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle 7.30 (In)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
463—East Surrey of Concord, Kings' Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
788—Crescent, Island Hotel, Twickenham
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1566—Ellington, Town Hall Maidenhead
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1636—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1675—Ancient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
2025—St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, Devon
R.A. 47—Abbey, George Hotel, Nottingham
R.A. 91—De Landon, Freemasons' Hall, Queen Street, Sunderland
R.A. 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
R.A. 418—Staffordshire Knot, Freemasons' Hall, Hanley
R.A. 815—Blair, Town Hall, Hulme, Manchester
R.A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 262—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
K.T. 114—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Cannon-hill, Luton

WEDNESDAY, 27th JULY.

3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
224—United Strength, The Hope, 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)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
754—High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Page Green, Tottenham
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Barts-road, E. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.
398—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruct)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
1601—Ravensbourne, George In , Lewisham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30 (In)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Cumberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent street, at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 3
Provincial Grand Chapter of Surrey, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 2
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott, Lancashire
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Lond.
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
778—Bard of Avon, Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby. (Instruction)
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moseley, near Manchester
1219—Strangeways, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1283—Ryburn, Central Buildings, Town Hall Street, Sowerby Bridge
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley Street, Bury, Lancashire
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1967—Beacon Court, Ghuzee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent
R.A. 236—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York
R.A. 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Arms Hotel, Glossop
M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
M.M.—Northumberland and Borwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
M.M. 19—Fowke, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
M.M. 24—Roberts, Masonic Rooms, Ann Street, Rochester
K.T. 16—Prudence, Freemasons' Hall, Ipswich

THURSDAY, 28th JULY.

General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, Colledge-street, L. moor, at 8 (Instruction)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Canning, at 7.30. (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1278—Burdett Courts, Swan Tavern, Botolph 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—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1802—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of
Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8 (Inst)
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creston, Wheatshof Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
M.M. 13—Hiram, Greyhound, Richmond
111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
214—Hope and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Breatwood, Essex
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, a. s. (Instruction)
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bicyup
337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
394—Devonshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
659—Elagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth
784—Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Park Street, Deal
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre Street, Norwich
904—Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington Square, Salford
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Staff.
1164—Elliott, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1325—Stanley, 211 Gt. Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1337—Liberty of Havering, Rising Sun, Romford
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, nr Manchester
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1576—Dec, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1580—Cransbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1992—Wellington, King's Arms Hotel, Camberwell. (Instruction)
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M.M. 32—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
K.T. 8—Stams of Hamer, Bull Hotel, Bury

FRIDAY, 29th 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, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbrooke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
 R.A. 134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
 R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square,
 Paddington, W. (Improvement)
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
 K.T. 74—Harcourt, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond
 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 566—St. Germain, Masonic Hall, The Crescent, Selby
 810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
 R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster

SATURDAY, 30th JULY.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 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. (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
 303—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
 1462—Wharnclyffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
 1985—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent

THE "OLD MASONIANS."

A BRIEF, but interesting report of the doings of the "Old Boys" from our School at Wood Green has just been issued, and it is only due that we should congratulate the President, Bro. Frederick Binckes, and the Committee upon the very satisfactory position of affairs which they are able to announce. The Association was established just a year ago, the main object being to keep together the pupils of the Boys' Institution after they had left the School and thus to retain that *esprit de corps* which is so essential amongst members of all similar communities. When the lads leave the hands of the Head Master, who has done his best to fortify them for the battle of life, they are by no means lost sight of. The same kindly consideration which attended their early school days follows them after they have passed through their course of training and thus we find that they are brought together in frequent communication now that they are ranked with the seniors. It is almost impossible to expect that every boy on quitting the school should become a member of the Association. By the accident of circumstances some are drawn away to distant parts of the country, or even abroad, while others may be placed in such a position as to render it inconvenient for them to become attached members. Nevertheless, we cannot but think the old pupils are all heartily in unison with the aim of the Association so timely conceived and so assiduously promoted by Bro. Binckes, and that so many as seventy-four of the Old Boys have enrolled themselves as members is a most convincing proof that they desire its success, and the practical support given by several Freemasons on the occasion of the annual dinner augurs well for the future of the Association. During the winter season social evenings have been held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, and these are pronounced in the report as having been "generally successful and satisfactory to all concerned;" and thanks are tendered to those gentlemen who have always shown themselves willing to assist in making those evenings so thoroughly enjoyable. The annual dinner, the proceedings at which were reported in our columns at the time, was not attended by as many members as was hoped, but the Committee express their belief that the absence of many of the boys was not due to any lack of interest in the Association, but rather their inability to attend. The President, Bro. F. Binckes, was supported on the occasion by several Freemasons, who, at the close of the dinner, following the example set by the Chairman, contributed in all nineteen guineas to the funds. According to the balance-sheet, the Association is in a fairly good financial position. The preliminary expenses were of necessity heavy; and, though the funds will benefit to this amount next year, the Committee point out that the increase of members correspondingly increases their ability to be practically useful. They, therefore, urge upon all members to make known the existence of the Association, and thereby add to its numbers. Anyone interested in this movement—and it is one which should have the cordial sympathy and support of the Craft—may learn particulars on application to the hon. sec., Mr. Alfred Watkins, 6, Brussels Road, New Wandsworth, S.W.

The St. Cecilia Lodge gave a garden party on Tuesday last, at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, the western lawn and the lower rooms being devoted to the purpose. Invitations were sent out to all the leading Masons of the Province, and several hundreds were present. In the evening the grounds were brilliantly illuminated.

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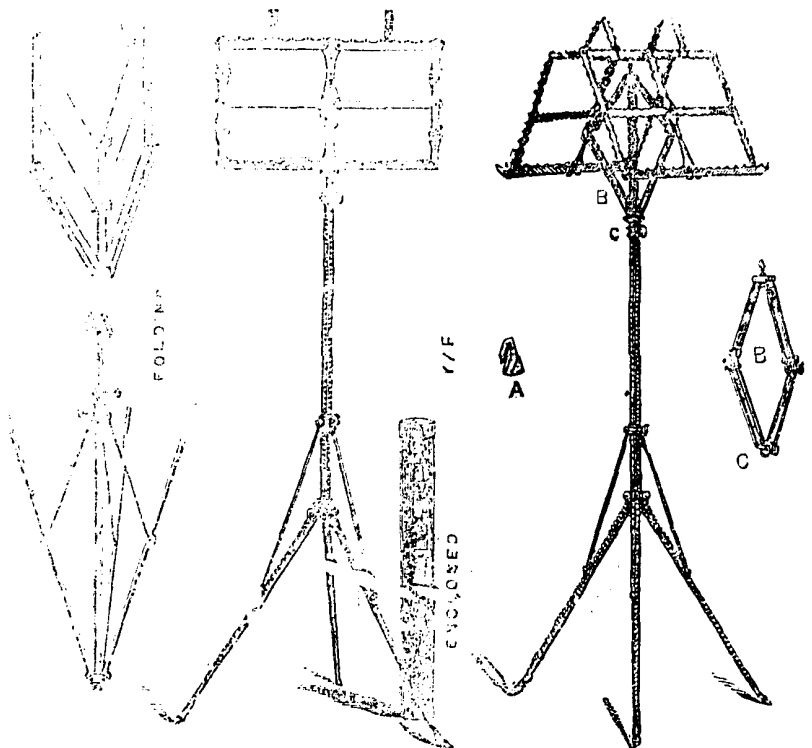
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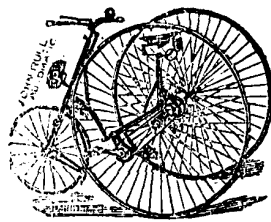
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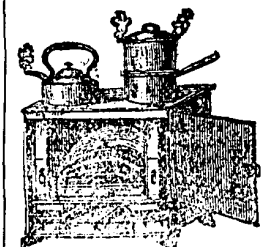
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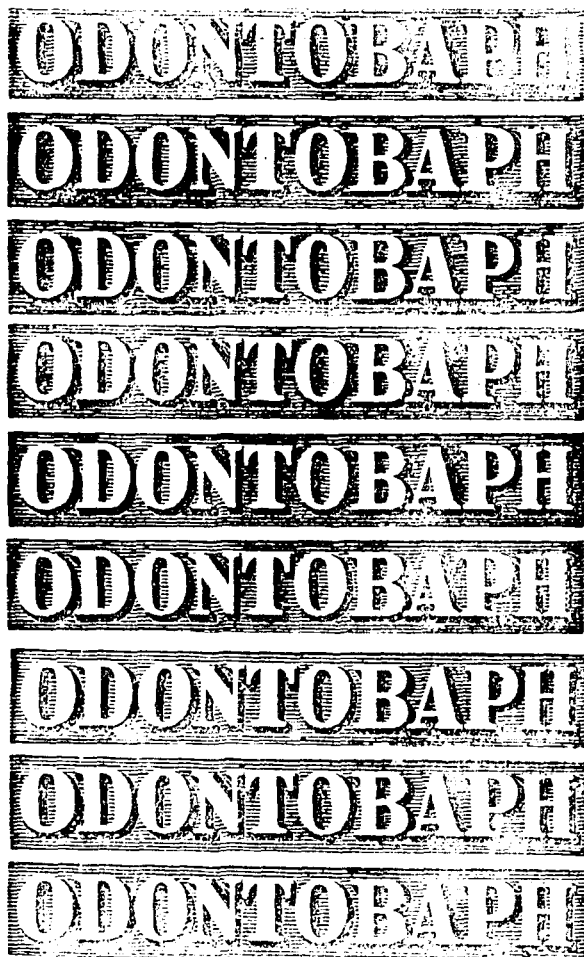
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