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THE WOOD GREEN PROPERTY OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

IT will be remembered that a few weeks since—on the occasion of the Quarterly General Court in April last—the supporters of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys were asked to contribute a sum, not exceeding £100, towards a Guarantee Fund then being raised for the purpose of promoting a Bill in Parliament for the separation of Wood Green from the existing Tottenham Local Board, the proposed separation affecting the land, buildings, &c. of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which is situated in the district referred to. Previous to the meeting we expressed our views in regard to the proposal—we could not see that fair value was being offered for the £100 applied for, and we considered it unfair the Institution should be asked to guarantee so large a sum, which was out of all character, when the value of the property possessed by the Charity was compared with the total value affected by the proposed separation. We were, therefore, fully prepared for the manner in which the proposition was dismissed by those assembled at the Court—it was rejected in the most forcible manner—but we were surprised that a better case was not made out by those advocating the grant. In our remarks on the proposal we said it might be unwise for the Institution to stand out of any feasible organisation common among its neighbours, and had a reasonable sum been asked for we should have felt disposed to advise its being granted. We now know such a view would have received support, and believe it was the excessive amount of the proposal which led to its rejection, coupled with the insufficiency of the facts brought forward in its support. Perhaps at some future time—should it be necessary—a different decision would be arrived at, and with the view of preparing the way for further discussion on the subject, and with the object of keeping the Craft informed, we devote a portion of our present issue to details of what has so far been accomplished, and to consider to what extent it may be said to affect the property owned by the Institution, which throughout the controversy has been referred to in a prominent and not always complimentary manner.

It appears there has long been a grievance as to the work performed by the Tottenham Local Board in Wood Green, the two being justly described by the promoters of the Bill as entirely distinct neighbourhoods. It has been urged that Wood Green has not had a fair return for the rates it contributed, its share often being expended on other parts of the large parish. This is accounted for by the “separators” on the ground that Wood Green, although including one-third of the total rateable value, and consequently contributing one-third of the total rates collected by the Tottenham Local Board, had the right to elect only three members to the Board, which consists of eighteen members. In consequence the three were always outvoted when any proposition was submitted particularly affecting the property they represented. This unsatisfactory state of affairs led to a proposal for separation, and this, to all intents and purposes, is now secured, for the only opposition to the Bill came from the Tottenham Local Board, who, after three days proceedings before a Committee of the House of Commons decided that, as it was desirable to get rid of a dissatisfied constituency, they would be willing to let Wood Green go in peace provided

some minor points could be arranged. There is no doubt these matters will be adjusted, and that before many months have elapsed Wood Green will be a distinct district and its more prominent inhabitants will have ample opportunity of proving the truth of their recent promises.

The question may naturally be asked, how far does this affect the property of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys? and for answer we shall give our own opinion—that it affects it to a great extent; and next explain our reasons for arriving at that decision. It appears the total rateable value of the property in Wood Green is estimated at £109,000, and that the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys is rated at about £1,200, so that this Charity of the Craft is really one-ninetieth part of the whole district, and as such may be excused if it takes a prominent part in local affairs. That, however, it is not likely to do; but we have already said it would be unwise for the Institution to stand out of any feasible organisation common among its neighbours, and now that we see so much unanimity and apparent co-operation over this scheme, we certainly think it would be unwise to stand aloof. Our opposition of last month was conscientious, and it is only in consequence of our having gone fully into the subject since that we are now disposed to advise different tactics. Of course very heavy expenses have been entailed in connection with this separation scheme, and as the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys is interested to the extent of one-ninetieth share, it would not be unreasonable to bring the matter again before the Subscribers who, doubtless, would listen to a fair proposal. However, as we said before, the matter should be first submitted to one of the Committees of the Institution, with the request that they would lay it before the general body of Subscribers.

We have touched thus fully on this subject because we believe the members of the Craft are desirous of acting fairly in all their dealings, both with each other and the world at large, and because we do not like to see the Institution particularly interested, together with its managers, held up to public ridicule, as they have been. On the other hand we think the promoters of the scheme have dealt too severely with the decision of the April Quarterly Court, which might have been far different if a reasonable proposal had been submitted, and fair arguments adduced to support it. Of course we cannot promise them any greater success in the future, should they decide to make another application, but we are convinced that if they put their case properly before the Craft they will receive much stronger support than was the case a few weeks since, when their claims were not understood, and they did not seem to think it necessary they should be fully explained.

THE SCOPE AND PHILOSOPHY OF FREEMASONRY.

WHAT is it, and why do we concern ourselves about it, and seek to build it? Whence does it come, and what is it that called it into being? What is it that maintains it, and what important purpose does it promote among mankind? These queries present themselves to the mind, in all their varied forms, and are by no means easy to answer.

The Institution of Freemasonry is speculative, and hence symbolical, to be considered and studied irrespective of the

material and physical wants and needs of humanity; it rears no buildings, employs neither brick nor stone in the construction of its edifice, nor mortar in its operations, and fashions no abiding habitations, as does its prototype, Operative Masonry. But, however employed, it is a speculative science, which, under the name of Freemasonry, has become a wide-spread and far-reaching organisation, bearing within itself the most convincing evidence that it was formed for worthy purposes and to promote among men peace, harmony, good will, mutual sympathy, relief and brotherly love; to inculcate love of country and respect for its rulers and laws, and to discountenance rebellion against its constituted authorities or becoming social enjoyments.

To comprehend the real philosophy of Freemasonry we must turn from the outer, the material Man, to the interior invisible nature which forms the superstructure upon which rest Man's spiritual and intellectual being.

Freemasonry is the product of civilisation, refinement and knowledge, and while based on the spiritual, and interwoven in its structure with the social and sentient nature of man, it is only developed as the mind expands, strengthens and becomes fully ripe for new and enlarged enjoyments, to be found in its hidden recesses and the intricacies of thought. It appeals to and captivates the inner man, furnishes food for reflection and study, charms and entices men to attach themselves to it in all climes and countries, and among the people of all nations where there exists that advanced sentiment which we term civilisation, hence the conclusion that it has in its organism, character, modes of procedure and work that which pleases Man, wins the regard of his higher and better nature, satisfies the craving of his mind and the higher aspirations of his soul.

The strongest intellects have studied the scope and character of the teachings of Freemasonry, admitted their force and power for good, and lent their willing efforts to perpetuate the institution; the purest minds, in recognition of the morality and virtue of its inculcations, have yielded to its influence, and sought to propagate it as a thing that is good and true and lofty, and thus, "through a great many years, it has been transmitted from generation to generation," until it has spread to all parts of the habitable globe, where intelligence prevails.

Freemasonry has withstood the fierce assaults of religious bigotry and the vindictive hate of political denunciation. It has been calm and silent, amid the unprovoked assaults of either priests, demagogues, or the vile creatures animated by partizan fury and filled with envy and innate wickedness which pertain to "men of the baser sort;" great men, wise and renowned statesmen, devout and Christian divines and teachers, have stood firm in its defence, and without fear or misgiving avowed their love for, and confidence in it.

There must then, in the nature of the case, be something peculiar, something extraordinary in its nature and character, which adapts it to all classes and conditions of good men, and which for long years have given it strength, power and influence among the best and most enlightened of mankind. It must strike a chord in human nature, well nigh universal, which causes a quick response, and which was implanted in the heart by the All Wise for a good and beneficent purpose.

It is this mental machinery, this unseen reasoning force that comes into action and binds men, strong in every faculty, cultured to the highest point, to Masonry, and gives them enjoyment and satisfaction in a participation in its ceremonies, in loving, teaching and expounding its nature and principles, and perhaps while they may not tell how or why it is so, nevertheless they feel the inspiration and are neither ashamed of it nor willing to ignore it. The profane may assure the initiate that its ceremonies are frivolous, and without practical benefit, yet he who has knelt at its altars and penetrated its mysteries is at once impressed with the solemnity of its ritualistic observance, and the utility of its lessons of wisdom and virtue, tending to smooth the rough pathway of life and pointing to that unending bliss of the higher and real life reserved for the just and good.

And thus, as we mused and felt that Freemasonry is an institution designed to meet a need of human nature, of society, of civilisation, and to be cherished as one of the lifting forces to make men better, wiser and happier, and although our labour may be comparatively feeble, yet perchance some heart may be cheered, some brother or com-

panion made happier and better by it, and with God's blessing we will do what we can "to promote so noble and glorious an undertaking." —*Liberal Freemason.*

CONDITIONS OF FUTURE PROSPERITY FOR OUR INSTITUTION.

FREEMASONRY has a bright and attractive record. We read its history to note the wonderful progress it has made, its attainment of great influence, and the large and varied services it has rendered; not only within the lines of its own membership, but in wider regions where its benign power has been exerted for the good of man. It has been a productive institution, fruitful in ministries that adorn and bless the related life of the world, and it has prospered according to its deservings. Its past, all so luminous and inspiring, in our inheritance. Well may we rejoice in its prestige and in its accomplishments. The fathers established Freemasonry on a firm foundation; they wrought worthily in building and adorning the structure they have left for our use; and with an equal sense of gratitude and responsibility should the Craft of to-day receive the gift thus transmitted.

Freemasonry, however, cannot live and thrive on this glory of the past alone. We may cherish a glad, exultant feeling as we connect our Fraternity with the great names that adorn its history and hold prominent place among its traditions, but however strong and abiding this feeling may be it will not ensure future prosperity. We may call over the noble and pure teachings of the Masonic system, as it has made expression of itself in the past, and the blessed work it has done in the name of truth and humanity, but we cannot secure a desired progress by dwelling on the merits of the fathers and magnifying their labours. They have sent down to us a precious heritage, an organisation of large resources and possibilities for good, well equipped for social and moral helpfulness, and our obligations to preserve the institution and make it of more use among men are correspondingly increased. It is our duty—the duty of the latest generation into whose hands this heritage comes—to make a bold, clear, practical expression of the power of Freemasonry, and so transmit it with new and brighter lustre to coming generations, that it may remain to cheer and bless the world to the latest period of time. Is this obligation sufficiently realised? Is there felt broadly and deeply, as there should be, the need of studying the signs of the times, and of adapting the Masonic system and organisation to the movements in social and public life that call for increased effort in certain directions, and a possible modification of methods in some particulars? All this may be done without disturbing essential landmarks, and without doing injury to the fundamental principles and purposes of Freemasonry. We are conservative as any, and we should feel called upon to resist strenuously any attempt to re-organise or greatly change the character and objects which are distinctive in the Masonic system. We believe, however, that Freemasonry is a progressive institution; and consequently we hold that it may adapt itself to the movements and needs of society, as these are constantly presenting themselves in varied forms, add to its rules, improve its methods, and broaden its lines of operations. The zealous Craftsman should remember, as much as the faithful worker in any other worthy association, that—

"New occasions teach new duties,
Time makes ancient good uncouth;
They must upward still and onward
Who would keep abreast of truth."

If asked to specify some of the conditions on which the future prosperity of the Masonic Institution largely depends, we should name the following:

1. More insistence upon the intellectual features of the system. There need be no innovations upon the ancient landmarks, or changes in the accepted ritual in an endeavour to make the intellectual side of Freemasonry more prominent. Philosophy and science, art and literature, are recommended to the attention of every brother at a very early stage in the ceremony of his induction into the Order. His attention is called to natural science, to the profound themes of philosophical inquiry, to the importance of logic and intelligent reasoning in passing upon great subjects put before the mind, and to architecture, painting, music, with other branches of learning and accomplishment that

appeal specially to the mind and the imagination. But these primary suggestions are not followed out in any subsequent lessons to the young Craftsman; nor is he much appealed to after he has entered upon his Masonic career to use his mental powers in the way of study on any of the grand themes named. Freemasonry as a system, and under the forms and practices of its present organisation, does not greatly stimulate its members to investigate truth, to acquire knowledge, or become specially interested in the arts and sciences. Might it not properly attempt something more of suggestion and influence, perhaps of practical teaching in this direction? Might it not become more of a school of intelligence than now? What harm would come if lectures and discussions pertaining to the subjects named were arranged for in the Lodge—if papers were read before the members by eminent specialists in Science—and considerable more attention given to awakening and quickening the intellectual nature? Freemasonry can hardly hope to live and thrive in the twentieth century merely as a club; it must have, as justly belongs to its character—the expression of its true genius—more abundant ministries; those that provide for the mind as well as the body. “If I had but two loaves of bread, I would sell one of them and buy hyacinths to feed my soul,” was the declaration of one whom the world has pronounced exceeding wise, and his declaration is at least suggestive of the proposition affirmed that Freemasonry can flourish most efficiently only as it emphasises and presses into use its intellectual ministries.

2. It must do more and better benevolent work. This is not saying that Freemasonry has not rendered a grand service in the way of enlightened philanthropy in the past. Its works of practical charity, in feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, burying the dead, educating orphans and relieving distress, go far beyond any computation that may be made of its expenditure of means. There has been personal help as well as institutional, according to what are the teachings with which every intelligent Craftsman is familiar. But with all that has been done for charity's sake there is still a demand for increased service. Freemasonry must go well to the front as a working force in the relief of human suffering, or it will not prosper according to what are its possibilities. Within every Grand Lodge jurisdiction there ought to be an Asylum, a home for aged brethren who may be reduced to poverty, and for the wives or widows of such; and there ought also to be a school for children left in destitution, where they may be cared for and trained in the things that make for worthy living. If in any jurisdiction there are happily so few indigent brethren, or those belonging to the families of such a class, that there seems no special call for the home and school, still let these ministries be provided, and, so far as possible, given to the public, in accordance with the prompting of that universal benevolence which every Mason is taught to respect.

3. The most vital essential of Masonic prosperity is that the Institution shall stand for the law of practical righteousness. Freemasonry rests upon a moral basis. It inculcates moral obligations; it imposes moral restraints; it places full in view before its members and before the world a high standard of moral excellence. Its decadence will come only when these principles and rules are forgotten or ignored. Just now, with the tides of intemperance, licentiousness, and selfishness, running with so much force in society, there is a special call that Freemasonry in its organic life should adhere to the law of practical righteousness, and count no man a true Mason, or worthy of its honours, who does not rigidly observe the moral law. It must make the binding force of its great principles to be felt by all who bear its name or represent its powers and interests. Selfish and base men, the indolent, undeserving, sensual and vile, must be kept without its lines; or, if perchance any of this class gain admission, they must be quickly reformed or sent to the rear. Only thus will Freemasonry become in practice what it is in name—a great moral institution—only thus will it observe one of the most important conditions on which its future prosperity depends.—*Freemasons' Repository*.

REVIEWS.

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The National Sin of Literary Piracy. A Sermon, preached by Henry Van Dyke, D.D., Pastor of the Brick Church in New York. New York: Scribners. 1888.

THE Text of this discourse is the following:

Righteousness exalteth a nation:
But Sin is a reproach to any people.

Prov. xiv. 34.

“The central idea of it,” to quote the opening words of the preacher, “is the moral accountability of nations. Men are responsible for their collective conduct, as well as for their separate action. Governments, states, laws, organized societies, are to be tried by ethical standards. The ultimate question in regard to them is not, what is actual, nor what is expedient, but what is right?”

One of the stock arguments relied upon by those who differ in opinion from Dr. Dyke is thus disposed of by him:—“It is altogether idle and irrelevant to talk of the lonely rancher in Dakota and the humble freedman in the South, and their consuming desire to obtain cheap literature. The question is, how do they propose to gratify that desire, fairly or feloniously? My neighbour's passionate love of light has nothing to do with his right to carry off my candles.” Many of the points are extremely well put, for example—“If the man who prints and binds the book which you wish to possess has a right to be paid for his labour, has not the man who writes that book a right to be paid for his labour?” Also, the following: “The facts of American history belong to you and me and every man. There they are, recorded in documents, and preserved in traditions. You may go and dig them out, and make what use of them you please. But suppose you say, ‘That is impossible. I am too busy in making shoes or hats, in building railroads, or in keeping a bank. I have neither the time nor the skill for historical research. If I should undertake it, my business would suffer and my children starve?’ Well, then, here is a man who takes the time and cultivates the skill. He gives up other occupations, and exhumes the story of your country, and sets it in order, and writes it in a book. Are you so mean that you will take that book from him without paying him for it?”

With one further quotation, we shall terminate our review of this powerful address: “Our country professes to be founded upon justice, upon the desire to secure to every man his natural rights; and yet it refuses to recognize the rights of intellectual property within its borders, if the owner is a citizen of another country. What must be the effect upon the moral sense of the nation? It will not differ one whit from the effect which will be produced upon the moral sense of your boy, if you tell him, ‘My son, it is a sin to steal a pin, but it is not a sin to steal a book from an Englishman.’”

The Board of Benevolence held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, at the Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Robert Grey P.G.D., President of the Board, presided. Bro. James Brett P.G.P., and Bro. W. H. Perryman P.G.P., Vice-Presidents. Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clarke G. Sec., Pendlebury Asst. G. Sec., Dodd, Neville Green, and Lee attended from Grand Secretary's department, and among other brethren present were Bros. Mathews, Brown, Read, Dairy, Spaul, Mercer, Garrod, Whitmarsh, Cull, Hogard, Gieve, Bywater, Woodward, Binckes, Murton, Dr. Hogg, Adams, Davis, Taylor, Cundy, Britten, Dale, Linscott, Baskett, Cash, Richardson, Webb, Room, Payne, Noyes, Simmons, Wright, Johnson, Coombs, Gladwell, Spurgin, Walfentadt, Johnson, Watts, Massey, Welch, Dawson, Lemon, Bunker, Goodall, Edmonston, Porter, Weston, Wyon, Westley, Lane, Todd, Bullock, Chamberlain, Wilson, Frewen, Holah, Parkhouse, Fisher, Haslett, Hislop, Darby, Burgess, Perceval, Escott, Pinchin, Ball, Tongue, Wicks, Bridges, King, Lewis Thomas, Snow, Holcroft, Spiegel, Graham, Langley, and Sadler G. Tyler. The agenda paper for G. Lodge of 6th June was laid before the Board of Masters. The President, after the agenda had been read, informed the brethren that since the last meeting it had been found necessary to sell out £3,000 of invested funds to meet the calls made. At the Board of Benevolence the brethren confirmed recommendations to the Grand Master made at the April meeting of the Board to the amount of £320. The new list contained the names of 52 petitioners. Four of these cases were dismissed, and six were deferred. The remainder were relieved with a total of £1,015, which was composed of the following sums: Two recommendations to Grand Lodge of £50 each, six to the Grand Master of £40 each, and eleven of £30 each; thirteen grants of £20 each, seven of £10 each, and three of £5 each.

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In Memoriam.

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BROTHER THE REV. A. F. A. WOODFORD, M.A.

Past Grand Chaplain of the United Grand Lodge of A. F.
and A. Masons, England.

Born 9th July 1821.

Called to the Grand Lodge above 23rd December 1887.

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SINCE the publication of part II. of these *Transactions* Death has again been busy with his sickle, and to the name of Bro. Budden must now be added that of Bro. Woodford, as having passed away from us, and being numbered with our Fraternal Dead.

The Rev. Adolphus Frederick Alexander Woodford—born 9th July 1821—was the eldest son of the late Field Marshal Sir Alexander Woodford, and was gazetted to a lieutenancy in the Coldstream Guards in 1838. Three years later, however, he retired from the army, and matriculated at Durham University in 1842, was ordained Deacon in 1846, and Priest in 1847, being also presented in the latter year to the rectory of Swillington, Leeds, which he held until 1872.

Our brother first saw the light of Masonry in 1842, while on a visit to his father, at that time Governor of Gibraltar, in the Lodge of Friendship, then No. 345, and on his return to England joined in succession a variety of Lodges, the names of which have been already given on the second page of these *Transactions*. The highest office held by him in the Craft, was that of Grand Chaplain, to which he was appointed by the Earl of Zetland, Grand Master, in 1863. In the following year, 27th April 1864, the foundation stone of the new buildings at Freemasons' Hall was laid with Masonic honours, by the Earl of Zetland, Grand Master, and in the official proceedings of that occurrence it is recorded "that the Junior Grand Chaplain delivered an Oration on the Dignity of the Order and the Principles of Freemasonry."

This is again referred to in the printed "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of England" for 1st June 1864, from which the following is an extract:—

"Bro. McIntyre said he had a Third Resolution to propose, and hardly knew how to find words adequate to express the gratitude which he personally felt towards the excellent Brother Woodford, whom he might designate as the *Vales Sacer*, and who delivered the Oration on that occasion [27th April]. All were delighted with the excellence of that Oration, and its applicability to the circumstances under which they were assembled. It was with great pleasure he moved—

"That this Grand Lodge desires to record its hearty and grateful thanks to the V.W. Brother the Rev. Adolphus F. A. Woodford, Grand Chaplain, for the eloquent and instructive Oration delivered by him on the occasion of laying the Foundation Stone of the New Buildings."

"The motion was seconded, and carried unanimously."

In the same month and year as those in which the Oration last referred to was delivered, a most instructive article from the pen of Bro. Woodford was printed in the *Freemasons' Magazine and Masonic Mirror*. This was entitled "The Archives of the York Union Lodge," and though long since superseded by the more elaborate investigation of the same documents by Brother Hughan, it gave an excellent inventory of the old records of York, while the value of the article as a contribution to Masonic research, was enhanced to students of those days from the circumstance that the writer, in his examination of the ancient writings he described, had been assisted by the late Bro. E. W. Shaw, one of our most diligent antiquaries, and who in some special studies may be said to have neither rival nor successor.

Our brother was a frequent contributor to the *Freemasons' Magazine*, while that periodical continued to exist, and on taking up his residence in London, after the resignation of his clerical preferment in Yorkshire, became editor of the *Freemason*, which together with the *Masonic* [latterly the *Monthly*] *Magazine* he continued to conduct, the former from 1873 until 1885, and the latter from its first establishment in July 1873, until its dissolution in December 1882. During these periods a memoir of the editor is inseparably interwoven with the literary merits of the two publications under his control, and of the latter it

would be difficult to speak too highly. But the labour he imposed upon himself was too great. Articles, essays, reviews, notes, queries, and even a large number of poetical effusions flowed from his facile pen. Nothing came amiss to him, and in the *Magazine* especially, his singular versatility, wide learning, and graceful diction, combined with an appetite for work which no amount of literary labour could appease, enabled him to present month by month, with but little aid from contributors, and uncheered by an adequate list of subscribers, as choice and instructive a Masonic Serial as can be paralleled in the annals of the Craft.

His chief recreation appears to have consisted in a change of employment, for we find him, in the midst of such arduous and unceasing duties, assisting our Bro. Hughan in his "Masonic Sketches and Reprints" (1871), by writing an excellent essay on "the Connection of York with the History of Freemasonry in England," also the same brother in his "old Charges of British Freemasons" (1872), by contributing a masterly Preface, of which it is not too much to say that it was absolutely exhaustive, so far as research had then extended, as well as a monument of orderly classification and literary execution. In the same year he edited Sloane MS. 3329, and in 1874 there appeared his "Defence of Masonry." Some years then passed without the publication of any separate work, but our brother was diligently engaged in the preparation of his *magnum opus*, the "Masonic Cyclopædia," which saw the light in 1878, and was followed within the year by Volume I. of Kenning's *Archæological Library*, also edited by Bro. Woodford.

During all this time, and indeed, until the very year of his death, our brother figured very frequently as Grand Chaplain at the Consecration of Lodges, and his Orations on such occasions—upon which the readers of "Ars Quatuor Coronatorum" are enabled to pass their own judgment by referring to an earlier page—were always deemed models of grace and lucidity.

Besides the occasional verses which Bro. Woodford wrote from time to time in the *Masonic Magazine*, many of which were of rare elegance, he published at some period of his life an entire volume of poems, but the date of its appearance I am unable to supply, neither have I seen the book, and the same remark holds good with regard to a selection of Sermons printed by him during his incumbency of Swillington. We are, indeed, concerned very little with his attainments either as a poet or theologian, though if in the one instance his capacity be tested by the glimpse afforded us in the *Masonic Magazine* of his proficiency in more than a single form of metrical composition, and in the other by the loftiness of thought and vigour of diction which pervade his prose works, there can be no room for doubt that he acquitted himself in both rôles with an equal degree of ability to that which has always characterized his writings as a great teacher in the Craft. Of bigotry or sectarian prejudice there was not a trace in his composition, and the following lines, which occur in Pope's *Essay on Man*, were strictly applicable to his turn of thought:—

"Slave to no sect, he takes no private road,
But looks through nature, up to nature's God."

One of his most remarkable characteristics was the tenacity of his memory. Nothing he ever read seemed to have been forgotten by him, and when appealed to, as he constantly was, to earmark a passage or reference, the exact *locale* of which had faded from the recollection of some one of our number—the information sought, was invariably given without a moment's hesitation, and could always be relied upon.

It has been well observed, "that after all other difficulties are removed we still want some one to bear with our infirmities, to impart our confidence to, to encourage us in our *hobbies* (nay, to get up and ride behind us), and to like us with our faults."

Whatever faults, indeed, may have been chargeable to our dear brother, were not easily discernible, and of his particular idiosyncrasies, it may be safely affirmed that he was beloved by us all, not in spite of, but rather on account of their existence.

Like the other members of the Lodge he had his hobbies, but they were never ridden too hard, and it was a pleasure at any time, on his fraternal invitation, to get up behind him, and be carried gently along throughout the whole course of his peregrination.

Hermeticism, and the antiquity of Masonic degrees, were, perhaps, the two subjects that occupied the fullest share of his thoughts, and on both he has expressed himself very felicitously in the current volume of our Transactions. Bro. Woodford was, also, a most accomplished ritualist, and a lecturer of great power.

The institution of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge gratified a wish that he had expressed many years previously, and happily he was not summoned to his final rest without being afforded the intense satisfaction of seeing crowned with perfect success the daring experiment of founding a Lodge on the joint basis of Masonry and intellectuality—in which, beyond the shadow of a doubt, there belouged to himself a priority of conception, over and above all the other charter members of No. 2076.

In the Lodge, each one of us looked up to him as an elder brother. He presided over us with dignity, and no subject was ever discussed at those meetings which he was able to attend without there falling from his lips a weighty contribution to the general fund of debate. Nature had been bountiful to him. He was endowed with a fine presence, a graceful delivery, and a rare eloquence. Indeed, whether regarded as a speaker or a writer, it may be said of him with equal truth:—“*Nihil erat quod non teligit nihil quod teligit non ornavit.*”

Bro. Woodford died—23rd December—after a brief illness, and may indeed be said to have literally thrown away his life, as the immediate cause of death, an attack of blood-poisoning, was occasioned by a slight injury to his foot, altogether uncared for and neglected, which by a few days perfect rest, or even a moderately early appeal to medical science, would have resulted in the preliminary ailment being now long since forgotten, our brother enjoying his usual health, and the Lodge still having on its roll one of its chief ornaments.

How deeply he is lamented by his brethren of the Quatuor Coronati I shall not attempt to portray, though I must not fail to place on record that the loss we have sustained is regarded with nearly as much sorrow by the Outer as by the Inner Circle of the Lodge. His genial manners and kindly disposition were of course only fully understood by those who had the privilege of actually knowing him in the flesh, but his name and fame were “household words” among the Craft at large, and as such will long remain enshrined in the memories of those for whom he laboured so diligently, and whose appreciation of his own arduous exertions in their behalf, would have so delighted him, could he have lived to know of it—I allude to the ever-increasing band of readers and supporters of *ARS QUATUOR CORONATORUM*.

R. F. GOULD, W.M.

In Thursday's issue of the *Daily Telegraph*, our contemporary's Paris correspondent writes as follows:—

Freemasonry is so important a factor in the politics of this country that the step which some of its leading members have just taken is deserving of particular notice. M. Colfrava, late President of the Council of the Order, and several other Masters of Lodges, or “Vénérables,” as they are called in France, have issued invitations to their colleagues in all the Lodges to assemble on the afternoon of Sunday, June 3, at the Cirque d'Hiver, for the purpose of discussing the dangers with which France and the Republic are menaced by the “plebiscitary and Caesarian movement.” Ordinary members of Lodges in Paris and its environs are to be allowed to attend, but extraordinary measures will be taken to guard against the intrusion of any alien to the Craft. Outside the building “free and accepted Masons” will be stationed to distinguish the wheat from the chaff, and within its walls the proceedings will be conducted on the “close-tiled” principle. I may remark that General Boulanger is not a Freemason, though a few weeks ago it was reported that he was in *parlance* with a view to entering a Parisian Lodge. As, however, this very Lodge almost immediately adopted a resolution condemning his agitation, the idea was abandoned. I need hardly remind you that the attitude just assumed by the Masonic leaders is in strict accordance with the principles of all their Lodges. The Empire had no more bitter foes.

The Lodge Celtic, Edinburgh, and Leith, No. 291, held a funeral Lodge in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, last week in memory of the late Brother Alexander Hay, a Past Master of that Lodge, who had for a long period of years held office as Treasurer, and been one of the most active members of the Celtic.

Messrs. Dean and Son (160A Fleet-street, E.C.) have in the press a new work entitled “England's Battles in the Peninsula.” It forms one of the “Deeds of Daring Library,” and is from the pen of Mr. Roscoe Morgan, B.A., author of “Our Warrior Princes.”

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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LODGE UNANIMITY AND SINCERITY, No. 261.

THE celebration of the Centenary of Lodge Unanimity and Sincerity, No. 261, took place at Taunton, on the 16th instant. The Lodge was established in May 1757, at Ilminster, under the name of Lodge Unanimity, and was held at the Swan Inn in that town. It migrated to Taunton in the latter part of 1797. The hundredth year of its existence was accomplished on the 6th of the present month, but it was not found practicable to hold the celebration on that day, owing to the presence in the town of the Yeomanry, &c., and it was therefore postponed until the ordinary Lodge meeting, which fell due on the 6th inst. The records have been uninterruptedly kept since the first meeting, and on application to the Grand Lodge there was no difficulty in obtaining the Centenary Warrant. The brethren met at two o'clock at the Central Schools; and, having formed in the usual Masonic processional order, entered the church of St. Mary Magdalene by the west door, where they were met by the vicar and choir. They occupied seats in the nave of the church. A shortened form of service having been gone through, including an appropriate anthem by the choir, a sermon was preached by the Rev. J. A. Lloyd, Grand Chaplain of England, and one of the P.G. Chaplains of Somerset. The brethren then re-formed the procession, and having disrobed proceeded to the Masonic Hall, where the Worshipful Master, Col. A. W. Adair, who is also Past Provincial Grand Master of Somerset, was presented with the first Centenary Jewel of the Lodge. Certain routine Masonic duties were gone through, and then a brief history of the Lodge since its foundation was given by Bro. S. G. Williams, Past Master. Afterwards the brethren dined together in the hall, under the presidency of the W.M., and there was a very large gathering of brethren from all parts of the province.

ST. AUBIN'S LODGE, No. 958.

THE installation meeting was held in the Masonic Temple, St. Heliers, Jersey, Channel Islands, on Tuesday, 15th instant. The Lodge was opened in due form at 4:30, by Bro. Osborne Le Gallais. The minutes of last regular meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was advanced, and a brother raised to the sublime degree by the W.M., assisted by Bro. Past Master Pallot, who gave in a most eloquent and masterly manner the traditional history. The W.M. elect Bro. Col. E. C. Malet de Carteret Prov. Grand Master was announced; he was received with full honours by the brethren. The Installing Master Dr. J. Le Cronier, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, was now announced, and he was conducted to the chair of K.S., and commenced the installation proceedings, which were carried through with great ability and to the great satisfaction of the newly-installed Master and a large gathering of Provincial Officers. The Master then invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Le Bas S.W., Sergt. Major Priestwood J.W., W. H. Chapman P.G.S.W. as Treasurer, Walden P.P.G. Reg. was again invested as Secretary—this was a very popular appointment, Bro. Walden being a very old and active Mason, one who ever remembers the significance of the cross pens, and always ready to do his best for the good of Freemasonry. Bro. Binet was next invested as S.D.; Bro. J. Ford was appointed J.D., but owing to his absence the investiture was deferred; Bro. H. Becker I.G., and the Stewards appointed were Bros. De La Porte and Maguire, but for some reason the latter was not invested. Bro. Rogers was again appointed, and invested for the twenty-second year as Tyler. He is a worthy Mason, held in the highest esteem by the members of the Lodges meeting in the Temple, who during the last twelve months have given him their sympathy during his sad family bereavements,—the loss of a most amiable wife, and the further loss of a young member of his family. Bro. Rogers is Hall Keeper, and on every occasion is ready and willing to conduct Masons, their wives, families or friends, over the Masonic Temple at Jersey. This is a sight well worth seeing; the building is truly Masonic in architecture, contains splendid rooms, and is kept in cleanly condition; in short, it will compare with any Temple in Great Britain. The banquet was laid in the large dining-room of the Temple, and catered for by Bro. Rogers. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were gone through. The health of the W.M. was proposed by the I.P.M. in few but appropriate remarks; it was received by acclamation, as it might well be by so many visitors from the sister Lodges in the Island; and more especially so by the brethren of the Lodge, who cannot but appreciate the high honour done them by the acceptance of office by a brother holding the distinguished rank of Provincial Grand Master. Moreover Bro. de Carteret holds the office of Jurat at the Royal Courts, the senior Magistrate of the Island. The W.M. responded, and assured the brethren that he esteemed the further honour he had acquired that day; he should always do his best for the St. Aubin's Lodge; it was his mother Lodge, and twenty years ago he had been its W.M. Other toasts were honoured, but our reporter, owing to engagements with the ladies visiting the Island with him, could not remain. We learn, however, that the evening passed off most harmoniously. A vote of thanks was deservedly passed to Bro. Dr. J. Le Cronier Deputy Prov. Grand Master for his services as Installing Master, and the compliment was gracefully acknowledged by the Doctor. Bro. Campbell, the well-known and highly respected guide entertained the brethren with a selection on the concertina. Brother Campbell is a perfect master of this instrument, and also an accomplished singer.

MERLIN LODGE, No. 1578.

THE installation of the Worshipful Master of the Merlin Lodge, was held on 14th inst. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. Marmaduke Tennant) conducted the ceremony throughout, and

installed Bro. W. R. Perrott, of Tylorstown, as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The following Officers were appointed:—Bro. W. R. Davies S.W., Joseph Davies J.W., D. Francis Chaplain, A. S. Cobb Treasurer, J. W. John Organist, J. F. McClune Secretary, John Evans Director of Ceremonies, John Davies S.D., D. Phillips J.D., W. Davies Treherbert I.G., T. R. Phillips Senior Steward, W. T. Davies Junior ditto. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Captain Williams for his valuable gift to the Lodge of a chair for the Worshipful Master, and to Mrs. Matthew Wayne Morgan for the portrait of her late husband—one of the first Masters of the Lodge. The annual festival was held in the evening, when the usual toasts were honoured.

SALOPIAN LODGE, No. 262.

A VERY interesting event took place at the Music Hall, Shrewsbury, on Monday, the 14th inst., when this Lodge celebrated its Centenary. The Lodge was formed on the 13th day of May 1788, and has been in continuous working since that date. The original founders were William Neale, Thomas Barkley, William Cottom, John Beck, John Brackley Pritchard, John Hall, and Edward Innys, and the roll of the Lodge contains the names of most of our distinguished townsmen and many men of distinction in the county. The Centenary was celebrated by an initiation, when a newly-elected member was initiated by the W.M., Bro. John Avery, assisted by the R.W. P.G.M. Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart., and by Bro. W. E. Harding P.M. P.P.G.W. Afterwards, an interesting history of the Lodge, from its foundation to the present day, compiled from the old minute-books of the Lodge, was read by the Secretary, Bro. A. R. Craig P.M. P.P.G.R. The Centenary Warrant granted by the M.W.G.M. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was then presented to the Lodge by the R.W. P.G.M. Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart., in suitable terms. The brethren afterwards dined together. There were present on the occasion: Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart., P.G.M., John Avery W.M. in the chair, Berkeley S.W., Lloyd Oswell J.W., Deedes S.D., Smith J.D., Harding Treasurer, Craig Secretary, Gray I.G., Ashdown Chaplain, Lascellos Southwell D.C., Bratton Organist, John Pee Tyler, Clarke P.M., Arthur Lowcock I.P.M., White P.M., Stooke P.M., Peele P.M., Ponting Cox, Thomas, Minor Kilvert P.M., Southam, Dovaston, Hickman, Clement Southam, James, Slaney Eyton, Graham, Patchett P.M., Eddowes P.M. Visitors: Richard Evans D.P.G.M. Hereford, Spaul P.G. Sec., Rowland G. Venables D.P.G.M., Crump 117, Cooksey 1621, Roff King P.P.G.S. of W., Lewis 117, Chas. Drew 1124, Deedes 1479, James Vine 117, Hicks 601, Townsend 117, Akeroyd 1432, Major 117, Deakin 117, Darlington 117, Westcott 1621, Baxter 117, Newman 117, Cox 611, Calwell, Boulton Cote 1121, Chubb 1120, T. P. Deakin 117, Belton 117, Roberts 611.

WILLIAMSON LODGE, No. 949.

ON Monday, the 14th inst., the annual meeting was held in the Lodge-room, Monkwearmouth, for the installation of the W.M. and the investiture of the Officers for the ensuing year. The W.M. Bro. Fred Maddison presided. Bro. George Porteous P.M. officiated as Installing Master, and the W.M.-elect, Bro. George Washington Bain, was presented by Bro. F. Maddison. Bro. Bain having been duly installed by Bro. Porteous, in a very able manner, the following Officers were invested: Bros. Maddison I.P.M., Hewson S.W., Baker J.W., Kirtley Treasurer, Chatt Secretary, Remigius Blake S.D., George Hudson J.D., Lemuel Davies I.G., George Porteous D. of C., Simpson S., Swain Tyler.

LEIGH LODGE, No. 957.

A MEETING was held on the 14th inst., at Freemasons' Tavern. Bros. P. J. George W.M., R. W. Moffrey S.W., Fredk. Klein J.W., J. Diprose Treasurer, C. Cottebrune P.G.P. Secretary, W. Hewitt S.D., W. Densham J.D., F. P. Marx P.M. Dir. of Cers., T. C. Pratt P.M. Steward, H. Bridges I.G., J. T. Woodstock Tyler; P.M.'s Woodroffe, Corby, Von Joel, Bramley, and a good muster of brethren. Visitors—Bros. Major Lambert Past Grand Sword Bearer; P.M.'s Scurrah, Vincent, G. Dunkley, Walter Dunkley, Coleman, Tovell, and many others, with W.M.'s Stockall of the Crasaders, H. Diprose of the Caxton, and a large number of others. The business comprised the raising of Bro. Hamblyn, and the installation of Bro. R. W. Moffrey as W.M. The latter ceremony was performed in an impressive manner, after which the following Officers were invested:—Bros. P. J. George I.P.M., Frederick Klein S.W., W. Hewitt J.W., John Diprose P.M. Treasurer, C. Cottebrune P.M. Secretary, W. Densham S.D., G. C. Hughes I.G., T. C. Pratt Stwd., J. T. Robins Asst. Steward, F. P. Marx Dir. of Cers., Walter Blunt Asst. Dir. of Cers., J. T. Woodstock P.M. Tyler. The installation banquet followed, and was voted an absolute success.

ARNOLD LODGE, No. 1799.

THE members celebrated their tenth anniversary on Tuesday, the 22nd inst., at Bro. Dorling's, the Clifton Hotel, Walton-on-the-Naze, and the result was a very successful meeting. The ceremonial business on the agenda was a passing and a raising; the former ceremony was performed by the W.M. Bro. W. Finer, in his usual correct style, after which the W.M. elect Bro. G. Candler was installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. Welch, of Colchester, P.P.J.G.W. for Essex, who performed the ceremony much to the gratification of those present. Opportunity was taken by the new W.M., on investing his I.P.M., to present Bro. Finer with a P.M.'s collar and jewel, as a memento of the year of office he had just completed, and as a token of the esteem of the members of the Lodge. Bro. Finer has served every office in the Lodge, and initiated more candidates into Freemasonry during his year than any other Master since the establishment of the Arnold. The W.M. appointed the following brethren as Officers:—Bros. W. Finer I.P.M., J. M. Scarlett S.W., H. Wilkinson J.W., E.

Osmond Treas., R. Scott P.M. Prov.G.A.Sec. Sec., R. Pollard S.D., E. Grocock J.D., A. J. Rickarby P.M. P.P.G.P. Essex Director of Ceremonies, C. P. King I.G., C. Randall Steward, J. James Tyler. Previously to the closing of the Lodge the new I.G. Bro. C. P. King presented to the Lodge a mahogany "broken column," which was mounted with a silver plate with a suitable inscription. The thanks of the Lodge was voted for this present. On the conclusion of the business the Brethren retired to a banquet, prepared by Bro. Dorling P.P.G. Sec. Suffolk, with his accustomed taste and liberality. Amongst the brethren who supported the W.M. were Bros. Ralling P.G.S.B. Prov. G.S. Essex, Welch P.P.J.G.W. Essex, Foxcroft W.M. of St. Osyth Priory Lodge, C. T. Townsend P.P.S.G.W. Suffolk, and several other visiting brethren from Lodges in the Province.

HAMPSHIRE LODGE OF EMULATION, No. 1990.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge, which is composed of Past Masters of the Province, took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Commercial-road, Landport, on Saturday, 12th inst., when those present included Bros. Le Feuvre D.P.G.M. P.G.D. of England; the Rev. J. N. Palmer Grand Chaplain of England, Francis Newman P.P.S.G.W., Cawte P.P.G.J.W., Lancaster P.P.G.R., Williams, Gieve, Brickwood, Miles, Stobbs, Bond, Dr. Knott, Francis Powell, Wilmott, Gilbert, Buck, Mitchell, Nayler, Saunders, German, Campbell, Bevis, Hewett, Scott, Groves, Laity, Kaink, Firth, Butt, and Lowe. Owing to the unavoidable absence of the Worshipful Master (Bro. J. R. Hooper-Rastrick, P.G. Treasurer), Bro. G. F. Lancaster acted in his stead. The ceremony of installation was most ably performed by Bro. the Rev. J. N. Palmer P.P.S.G.W. of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, and P.G. Chaplain England, who installed Bro. Newman P.P.S.G.W. as the W.M. for the ensuing year. The W.M. then appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Francis S.W., Brickwood J.W., the Rev. J. N. Palmer Chaplain, Williams Treasurer, Gieve Secretary, Holbrook S.D., Stobbs J.D., Dr. Knott D.C., Powell I.G., Miles Organist, Willmott and Nayler Stewards, Carter Tyler.

THE ANGLO-AMERICAN LODGE, No. 2191.

THE election meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 15th inst., at the Criterion, Piccadilly, under the presidency of Bro. Brackstone Baker P.G.D. W.M., who was supported by Bros. Major George Lambert P.G.S.B. acting I.P.M., Rev. J. S. Brownrigg P.G.C. Chaplain, Adolphus Clark S.W., Frederick Kedge J.W., J. B. Cumming Treasurer, George Reynolds Sec., W. Hancock as S.D., J. J. Woolley J.D., G. H. Reynolds I.G., H. Wilkie Jones D.C., John Skinner and James Woodward Stewards, T. H. Tilton P.D.G.M. New York, Corby P.M., Dr. Zacharie, &c. Among the visitors were F. Binckes P.G. Sword Bearer, W. M. Bywater P.G. Sword Bearer, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, H. Jenkins S.W. 860, A. C. Dowding S.D. 1297, A. G. Wulff 1361, H. G. Gush P.M. 1541, W. C. Smith P.M. 1563, W. W. Lee 1897, T. C. Seary 1997, E. Solomon 1997, &c. The minutes of the April meeting having been confirmed, Bro. C. O. Burgess was passed. A Committee was appointed to audit the accounts. The report of the Special Committee appointed to consider the suggested new bye-law was considered, and on the motion of Brother Corby, adopted. This new bye-law empowers the Lodge to elect Honorary Affiliated Members, being brethren belonging to a Foreign Jurisdiction visiting this country, and not being permanent residents therein. The election of W.M. was then proceeded with, and resulted unanimously in favour of Bro. Adolphus Clarke S.W., who said he was exceedingly obliged for the honour conferred upon him. He was not wholly unacquainted with the duties appertaining to the chair, but he was reminded that that was no ordinary Lodge, and that it required in a Worshipful Master something more than the ability to initiate, pass and raise candidates. He should have hesitated had he not known that he could rely on the forbearance of the members, and he therefore accepted the office with gratitude, and many thanks. Bro. J. B. Cumming was re-elected Treasurer, and Brother Potter Tyler. The Worshipful Master said he owed a few words of thanks to the brethren for supporting him so well during the past twelve months. He need not tell his successor that he would have his moral support; he only asked for Bro. Clark the same tolerant spirit and kindness of heart he had received. He must confess that he had felt some misgivings in accepting the office, but he did it to establish the principle—which had long been dear to him—of establishing Masonic communication between English and American brethren. Having enjoyed Masonry in the States, and being a Canadian Mason, he felt it would be desirable to form that Lodge, and therefore he hailed with delight the idea of being a petitioner on behalf of the Anglo-American Lodge. He had asked their indulgence, for it was 26 years since he took the chair in his own Lodge, and he accepted the office of first Master with reluctance, hoping he should have their kind favour, and that they would overlook his shortcomings. He now returned his hearty thanks for the kindness extended to him, and should always look back to the pleasant time he had spent in the Lodge. Bro. Cumming Treasurer said a most pleasing duty had fallen to his lot. It was to ask the brethren to vote a jewel to their Worshipful Master for the duties he had performed. Under the circumstances it was doubly his due, considering Bro. Baker had already borne the heat and burden of the day in Masonry. Every brother knew he had performed his duties worthily, and it was but an act of grace on their part to show their kindly feelings towards him. Bro. Tilton, in seconding the motion, said the members already knew how delighted the American brethren were that they had placed in the chair of the Anglo-American Lodge a brother who represented so many Grand Lodges of America, well knowing it would be the stepping stone to success. The proposition was carried unanimously, and briefly acknowledged by the W.M. Bro. Reynolds Secretary proposed that a jewel should be voted and presented to Bro. Major Geo. Lambert,

in consideration, not only of his services as acting I.P.M., but for his kindness to the Lodge and to the members. Bro. Lambert had made the Lodge Life Governor of the Boys' School, and the members were to be congratulated on being supported by two such veterans as the Worshipful Master and Bro. Lambert. Bro. Tilton having seconded the motion, it was carried. Bro. Lambert said the brethren had paid him a compliment which he had no right to expect. His opinion was, that whatever was taken up it should be done as well as possible if one expected to receive the meed of praise. A vote of thanks would have been ample, but to crown it with the vote of a jewel was more than ample; he accepted it with pleasure. Their kindness had found him quite unprepared, but it would always be his wish to do all he could for the Lodge. They were doing a great service to this country if they could bind the bonds between it and America. They wished American brethren to know and feel that when a Mason came from the other side of the Atlantic he would be received in this Lodge, and would be as well known to them as if he were in the bosom of his family. He hoped the Lodge would prosper in endeavouring to make firmer and firmer that bond of friendship. Some other matters of business having been disposed of, the Lodge was closed. The brethren then adjourned to refreshment, after which the Loyal and Masonic toasts received due honours. In proposing the toast of the Grand Officers the W.M. said it was one which the brethren never failed to honour, inasmuch as they were the rulers of the Craft. The Grand Officers were the survival of the fittest, practising those virtues which adorn Masonry and domestic life. Bro. Binckes P.G.Swd.Br. said the W.M. had taken him by surprise in asking him to respond, for amongst the Grand Officers present was one preceding him in rank, and others his senior, and he therefore did not expect he should be paid that compliment. The W.M. was nervous lest he (Bro. Binckes) should take the liberty of speaking at length, and exceed the speeches the brethren were in the habit of hearing from the chair. Every one who knew their W.M. knew the powers with which he was gifted, and how he could charm any audience he addressed; he could say everything in favour of the Grand Officers if he eliminated himself from their number. He had heard the allusions in the Lodge to Bro. Lambert, to speak of whom would be like gilding refined gold. Bro. Lambert's actions spoke for themselves better than any words that could be used by the best friend he had. He would allude to Rev. Bro. Brownrigg, whose services had been valuable, and who would continue to be an ornament to the Order; and to Bro. Bywater, who was well known to all and respected. He would say nothing for himself, for on "their own merits modest men are dumb." Bro. Major Lambert said he had the honour, which he should never have again as acting I.P.M., of proposing the toast of the Worshipful Master. If he had one regret it was that they would soon lose the services of Bro. Brackstone Baker as Master. Not that he would not be a member, and remain with them, for he was sure he would cling to the Lodge. He was a perfect Master in the art of speaking, and had given them speeches with a great deal of acumen and skill, and nothing could be more delightful than to sit under him as I.P.M. Bro. Brackstone Baker returned thanks. He had been considerably moved by the praises of the I.P.M. On that occasion he felt as if he was reciting his own funeral oration, for it was the last meeting at which he should address them from the lofty eminence of the chair. Melancholy overcame him in thinking over his greatness, for he felt more than words could express. He came into office in March, like a lion, and was going out like a lamb. They could not sing "It is our opening day," for a funeral dirge would be more appropriate. He should have a good successor in Bro. Clark, who would no doubt put him to shame in the working. The Jews have a tradition that the Rabbis are born with a perfect knowledge of the Hebrew law, and in like manner Bro. Clark must have been born with a perfect knowledge of the ritual. He had to apologise, for his Masonic working was obsolete, it being 26 years ago since he initiated a candidate. It was like Bob Acres' courage, it oozed out at his finger ends. He had to thank them for their indulgence, which had enabled him to carry out the duties with some degree of credit to the Lodge during a very eventful period. They had had an invasion of American brethren, who had fraternised with them, and had established a unanimity which was one of the glories of their Lodge. Notwithstanding many difficulties, they had made their mark in the Masonic world, and their name would be handed down. He had to thank them for the cordiality with which they had received his health, and for the various favours he had received from time to time. He should always look back with pride and satisfaction to that portion of his life when he made a resurrection into Masonic life through the Anglo-American Lodge. The Sister Grand Lodges of the United States was the next toast. It was gratifying to know that English Freemasons were on excellent relations with nearly all the American States. Masonry was one of the universal signs that finds its place in every well intentioned mind. He hoped that the Lodge would constitute, in no small degree, a fraternity between the Lodges in America and England which could not help being solidified by its existence. Bro. Theo. H. Tilton P.D.G.M. New York City replied. According to the latest statistics he had seen, the Grand Lodges in the United States numbered 48, with 10,000 Lodges, and a membership of nearly 700,000 Masons. These figures would be presented by the Grand Master of New York City in his address to the Grand Lodge on the 7th June next, the day fixed for the Centenary Festival of the Girls' School. The Grand Secretary would receive a cablegram on that occasion from the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, congratulating His Royal Highness the M.W.G.M. upon bringing together such a large number of Masons for so good an object as the Girls' School. With regard to the Grand Lodges of the United States, he could only say they had hailed with satisfaction the appointment of Bro. Baker to the chair of the Anglo-American Lodge as one of the best things that could possibly be done. Bro. Baker represented more

than half those Grand Lodges, and each one felt they were personally interested in knowing the Anglo-American brethren had placed him in the chair. Now one word with reference to the Girls' School. Having accepted the office of Steward, he trusted the brethren of the Lodge would not see him go up without a substantial list, and an amount worthy of them. Brother Gen. Graves, whom they recently entertained, had been pleased to place 10 guineas on his list, and Rev. Bro. Jewel, who represented the same District, had also contributed a like sum. Bro. Graves had likewise been pleased to place at his disposal five guineas for each of the other Institutions. In conclusion, he asked the members to assist in raising his Steward's list to 100 guineas. For "The Visitors," Bros. Bywater P.G.S.B., Smith P.M., and W.W. Morgan P.M. responded. The I.P.M., Treasurer and Secretary, and the Officers, were the next toasts. Their I.P.M. Bro. Lambert had lived to be a worthy and esteemed member of Grand Lodge; his voice was always heard with attention. There were also the worthy Treasurer and Secretary, who both worked hard. Bro. George Reynolds said they were now at the end of their first session; still he thought he scarcely deserved the kind words which had fallen from their W.M. However, he had worked for the success of the Lodge, and felt he had not been unsuccessful. He should ever remember his visit to Bro. Brackstone Baker, when he waited on him to sign the petition. He was also indebted to Bro. G. Lambert for recommending the petition to Grand Lodge. The brethren would agree with him the Lodge was doing good work, although it was in its infancy. His duties as Secretary had been laborious, but he had performed them with the greatest love. He was not an old Mason, but since he was introduced into the Order he had worked hard, and should continue to do so as long as he had health and strength. He had endeavoured to promote that great principle in the Lodge, of being happy himself and communicating happiness to others. Bro. Rev. J. S. Brownrigg P.G. Chap., J. B. Cumming Treas., and A. Clark also replied. The proceedings soon afterwards closed.

CORDWAINER LODGE, No. 2241.

THE first regular meeting since the consecration was held on Wednesday, 16th inst., at Cannon-street Hotel, Bro. F. Taylor, C.C., the W.M. occupied the chair, the S.W.'s chair being, in the absence of Colonel and Alderman Cowan, taken by Bro. W. T. Buck. After routine business and the election of members, the brethren adjourned, subsequently sitting down to an excellent banquet.

New Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 813.—At the meeting of the New Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 813, held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., on Wednesday, the 16th inst., Bro. P.M. Haslip, at the unanimous desire of the brethren, accepted the office of Preceptor; Bro. C. Weeden P.M. was elected Treasurer, and Bro. Chubb Secretary. This Lodge has been labouring at great disadvantage for some time past, owing to the long continued illness of its old and tried Preceptor, Bro. Cusworth P.M. Doubtless the Lodge under its new régime will become, as heretofore, one of the most popular in the North London District. We understand the re-opening of the Lodge will take place on the 30th inst., when Bro. Haslip will act as W.M. He will be well supported by the Officers and Brethren of the Mother Lodge.

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WILL BE CELEBRATED

ON THURSDAY, 7TH JUNE 1888,

(The day after the meeting of United Grand Lodge),

At the **ROYAL ALBERT HALL,**

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May 1888.

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In connection with this Institution will be held

ON WEDNESDAY, THE 27TH OF FEBRUARY 1889,

UNDER THE PRESIDENCY OF

The Right Hon. the **EARL of EUSTON,**

R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Norths and Hunts.

Names of Brethren willing to act as Stewards on the occasion will be gratefully received.

JAMES TERRY, P.G.Sword B., P. Prov. G.S.W. Norths and Hunts,
Secretary.

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18th May 1888.

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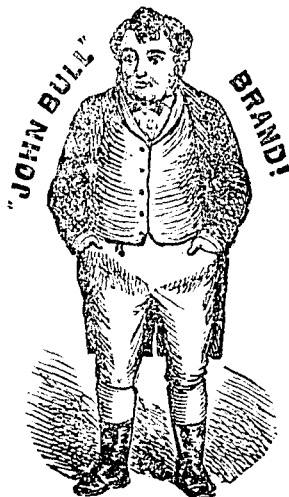
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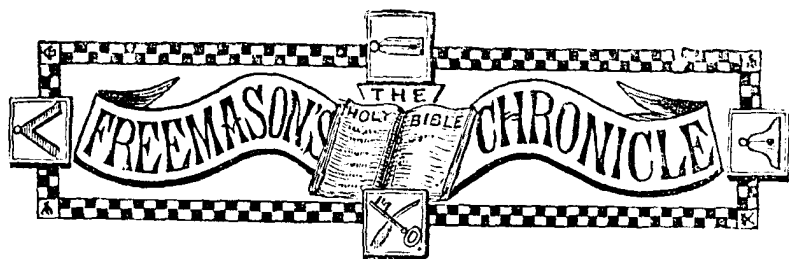
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ROYAL ARCH.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF
N. AND E. YORKSHIRE.

A Provincial Grand Chapter and general communication of Royal Arch Masons of this Province was held at the Masonic Hall, Scarborough (on the invitation of the Old Globe and the Denison Chapters, Nos. 200 and 1248), on Wednesday, 9th May, under the presidency of Comp. the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland Most Excellent Grand Superintendent, who was supported by the following Officers:—

Comps. J. W. Woodall P.G. Treasurer Eng. P.P.G.H. P.Z. 200 as H., John Blenkin P.Z. 1611 J., M. C. Peck Asst. G. Dir. of Cers. Eng. P.Z. 250 S.E., John Sugden P.Z. 294 S.N., Walter Reynolds P.P.G.H. P.Z. 250 Treasurer, F. W. Booty P.P.G.R. P.Z. 1248 as Registrar, J. F. Nicholson P.Z. 1010 P.S., W. H. Falkingbridge P.P.G.S. P.Z. 312 as 1st Asst., George Ayre Z. 312 2nd Asst., J. H. Hackett H. 200 Swd.Br., T. M. Goldie P.P.G.Std.Br. Z. 660 as Std.Br., John Dunn P.Z. 734 Dir. of Cers., James Bordass P.P.A.D.C. Z. 734 as Asst. Dir. of Cers., Vessey King P.P.G.O. 250 as Organist, F. J. Lambert 1010 Janitor. There were also present E. Comps. Alex. Fraser P.Z. 200 P.P.G.H., H. O. Piercy P.Z. 734 P.P.G.J., W. H. Marwood P.P.G.J., George Wilson P.Z. 57, M. Haberland P.Z. 57, James S. Moss P.Z. 312 P.P.G. Scribes N., G. Chambers P.Z. 200, Richd. Beevers P.Z. 57, H. O. Williamson P.Z. 200, Jno. Marshall P.Z. 660 P.P.G.P. Sojs., R. H. Peacock P.Z. 200 P.P.G.Swd.Br., Wm. Tesseyman P.Z. 57, W. F. W. Atkinson P.Z. 448, J. B. Nicholls H. 660 P.P.G. Std. Brs., Col. R. G. Smith P.Z. 1010 P.P.G.D.C., J. Knaggs P.Z. 200, S. Middleton P.Z. 200, Charles Travers P.Z. 200, J. C. Heselton P.Z. 294, S. Reed P.Z. 312, George Padley P.Z. 1248, W. B. Richardson Z. 200, Thos. Oates Z. 250, James Robinson Z. 1605, S. W. Fisher Z. 1248, Ed. Corris H. 57, F. Thornton H. 312, W. Ascoug H. 1248, M. M. Westoby J. 294, W. Y. Lockley J. 312, and Comps. W. B. Hutton 57, J. Thyer 57, Jno. Mackail 57, J. N. Lawson 312, J. Bean 312, Thos. Atkinson 312, J. S. Stewart 312, W. H. Attley 312, J. T. Oliver 312, Thomas Dunn 200, Wm. Stockdale 660, T. Masterman 1611, W. B. Dyson 1611, R. Lancelott 1248, and others.

The Chapter having been duly opened, the minutes of the last general convocation were read and confirmed. It was moved by Comp. Walter Reynolds P.Z. 250 P.G. Treasurer, seconded by Comp. W. H. Marwood P.Z. 312 P.P.G.J., and resolved, that the Prov. Grand Lodge By-laws as revised by the Committee appointed for that purpose be adopted in the place of the Bye-laws in force since 1871. The P.G.S.E. then called the roll of the Royal Arch Chapters, which showed them all to be represented, they then communicated, showing there were 611 R.A. Masons in communication with the 15 Chapters of the Province. The Treasurer read his balance sheet, which had been duly examined and found correct by the Auditors, Comps. W. B. Richardson Z. 200 and Thomas Oates Z. 250, it was unanimously adopted. The finances are in a very satisfactory state. The Grand Superintendent then appointed and invested the Officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—

Comp. Col. R. G. Smith P.P.G.D.C. P.Z. 1010	H.
W. B. Richardson Z. 200	J.
M. C. Peck A.G.D.C. England P.Z. 250	S.E.
Edward Corris H. 57	S.N.
S. W. Fisher Z. 1248	Registrar
J. C. Heselton P.Z. 294	Principal Sojourner
William Brown H. 1611	1st Asst. Sojourner
James Thyer 57	2nd Asst. Sojourner
F. Thornton H. 312	Sword Bearer
James Robinson Z. 1605	Standard Bearer
M. M. Westoby J. 294	Director of Cer.
John Mackail 57	A.D.C.
Arthur Sample 236	Organist
Thomas Oates Z. 250	A.S.E.
F. J. Lambert 1010	Janitor

The election of the P.G. Treasurer was then proceeded with. Comp. W. B. Richardson Z. 200 P.G.J. proposed the re-election of Comp. Walter Reynolds P.Z. 250 P.P.G.H., which was seconded by Comp. W. H. Falkingbridge P.Z. 312 P.P.G.S. and carried unanimously. The M.E. Grand Superintendent then addressed the Provincial Grand Chapter, as follows:—

Excellent Companions of the Royal Arch,—We are again met together at this our annual convocation, and I greet you with a! the

good wishes that a Mason can entertain for his Companions. Since we last assembled, the Jubilee of our Most Gracious Sovereign has been celebrated by the Nation, and by our Masonic body, in a worthy and befitting manner. To mark the occasion the Most Excellent First Grand Principal, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, was pleased to appoint our distinguished Companion The Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett to the rank of Past Scribe N. in the Supreme Grand Chapter, and last week our Scribe E., Comp. M. C. Peck, was appointed Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies for the ensuing year. We heartily congratulate those worthy Companions on their preferment, and wish them long life to enjoy the honours they have received. We have to mourn the loss of several esteemed Companions, who have gone before us to a brighter world than this, amongst whom were the Rev. Canon Kemp P.Z. of the Minerva Chapter, and Comp. George Hardy Past Provincial Grand Scribe N. Otherwise there have been but few events of moments amongst us; we have progressed slowly but steadily, no complaints have been presented before me, and I may congratulate the Province upon the continued harmony which prevails (and we trust ever will prevail) amongst the several Chapters. The Centenary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will be celebrated next month by a Grand Festival in the Royal Albert Hall, London, when His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has consented to take the chair. I have undertaken a Stewardship in connection with that event, and shall be supported by the Past Grand Treasurer (Comp. J. W. Woodall), by the Prov. Grand Scribe E., by the Charity Representative of the Province (Colonel R. G. Smith), and other Companions from North and East Yorkshire, who are also acting as Stewards, and I trust the contributions from the various Lodges and Chapters will be worthy of my Province, and of this interesting occasion. I must now express my thanks, and those of the Provincial Grand Chapter, to the Principals, Officers and Companions of the Old Globe and Denison Chapters for their generous hospitality, and for the excellent arrangements made for this meeting. It is always a pleasure to visit Scarborough, the beauty, the "Queen of Watering Places." The hearty greetings we receive from the Brethren, and the accommodation afforded by the valuable and convenient Masonic Hall and Club-house, combine to render Scarborough a model Masonic centre, and one well worthy of imitation in other places. With these few observations I beg to thank all the Companions present for the agreeable character of this meeting and for the pleasure I have received on the occasion.

The closing hymn having been sung, the Provincial Grand Chapter was closed in antient form, and with solemn prayer. A luncheon was subsequently held at the Royal Hotel, at which the Provincial Second Grand Principal presided, who was supported by the Provincial Grand Officers and other Companions, and a short but agreeable meal was enjoyed.

MARK MASONRY.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE
OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

THE half-yearly meeting was held at Huddersfield, on Wednesday, 9th inst., under the banner of the Lodge of Truth, No. 137. The Lodge was opened by the W.M. and Officers of the Truth Lodge, and a candidate advanced to the degree of a Mark Master Mason. The R.W. Prov. G. Mark Master and his Officers entered at 4.30, as Provincial Grand Lodge was duly opened. The following brethren were present:—

The Right Worshipful Bro. C. L. Mason Provincial Grand Master, the Very Worshipful Bro. T. C. Smyth, D.D., Past Grand Chaplain of England Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bros. H. S. Holdsworth Prov. G.S.W., Jeremiah Atherton Prov. G.J.W., C. T. Rhodes P.P.G.W., John Barker Grand Inspector of Works P.P.G.W., Henry France P.P.G.W., J. W. Monckman P.G. Steward P.P.G.W., Joseph L. Pugh, M.D., P.P.G.W., W. R. Massie Prov. G.M.O., George Horsfall as Prov. G.S.O., Henry A. Styring Prov. G.J.O., Rev. William Dunn Prov. Grand Chaplain, G. H. Radcliff P.P.G.O., W. F. Tomlinson P.P.G.O., George Marshall P.P.G.O., E. J. Massie Prov. Grand Registrar, W. Cooke Past G.O. Prov. Grand Secretary, Francis Smith Prov. S.G.D., Charles Greenwood Prov. G.J.D., Charles Nicholson P.P.G.D., Henry Smith P.G.I. of W., Fred. Barber Prov. G.D.C., Thomas Howden P.G. Standard Bearer, G. F. Carr Prov. Grand Organist, Thomas Myers Prov. G.I.G., Thomas Gankroge, Joseph P. Hewitt, John J. Green, and Edwin Billington Prov. Grand Stewards, Henry Shaw P.P.G. Standard Bearer as Prov. Grand Tyler, Robert Craig P.P.G. Sword Bearer, Rev. J. H. Evans, of Leeds; S. Barrand, of Copley, 111.

The R.W. Prov. G.M.M.M., in answer to his salutation said, I desire first to thank the brethren for their kind salutation and warm reception, and the brethren of the Lodge of Truth for the preparation they have made for our reception. The last time Prov. G.M.M. Lodge visited Huddersfield was in February 1881, since then changes have taken place. Some have been called away, yet I rejoice to find still actively supporting the Lodge of Truth such esteemed P.M.'s as Bros. Marshall and Williamson. All Lodges have their periods of vicissitude and prosperity, and "Truth" is no exception to this rule. Under the skilful Mastership of P.M. Bro. Barker (this year Grand Inspector of Works), I have no doubt it will continue

to prosper. The R.W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master has kindly undertaken to give an address, so that it is not necessary for me to occupy much time, but I should, however, like to call the attention of the brethren to the installation of the Prov. G.M.M.M. of N. and E. Yorks, the R.W. Bro. the Hon. T. W. Orde-Powlett, P.G. Warden, which will take place at Malton, on Wednesday, the 23rd inst. My Deputy and myself have received invitations to be present, and I hope I may also be accompanied by other members of the Province.

Notwithstanding the heavy claims of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, at its Centenary Festival, I am informed that our Mark Benevolent Festival is likely also to receive a fair amount of support. Several brethren of West Yorks have intimated their intention of being Stewards. Bro. Matier forcibly put before you, at the meeting at Barnsley, the object and work of the Fund. It is doing a quiet unobtrusive work; 36 children are being and have been educated, besides annuities paid to decayed Brethren. I recommend it to your kind sympathy and support.

The roll of Lodges was called, when it was found all the Lodges in the Province were represented.

The roll of Provincial Officers was called; the minutes of the last meeting at Barnsley, on 24th October 1887, were confirmed.

The V.W. Bro. T. C. Smyth, D.D., Past Grand Chap. and W.D. Prov. Grand Master, then read a very able paper on the "mark" made by notable pillars of Masonry such as K.S. and H.K. of T. In conclusion he said:—

Let me add a few words regarding the material works of those who have made their mark in a literal as well as a figurative sense. Brethren, you little know how the dwellers in foreign countries, such as the one in which my lot was cast for many and many a year, lament the absence of those sweet associations, those assuring thoughts with which the Temples of their native land have of old affected them. They think of the feet that in bygone years have trod those aisles, of the fervent hearts that have throbbed beneath those ancient walls, of the lips that have swelled with a trembling joy, the songs of praise that so often have echoed from those hallowed roofs, built for the most part by the tasteful skill, and not rarely endowed by the piety of brethren and rulers in Masonry, were the stately Cathedrals and venerable Churches throughout the length and breadth of England, those noble monuments of faith and wisdom, of strength and beauty. The marks of the workmen still remain on the stones which they laid. The memorials of many such builders and founders are still reposing within those walls, while their best and truest record is on high. Their names are inscribed, as we trustfully hope, in the books of heaven; their spirits, in the regions of rest and bliss, are awaiting the dawn of the Resurrection Day. Removed from the labours of an earthly Lodge they still, as our fathers and brethren in Masonry, are united with us by indissoluble ties. Our Divine Grand Master, our noble Brotherhood, our final home, are all the same. That home where they who built the house, and they who for ages have worshipped within it, may yet be one. Children alike of that glorious fraternity, of which her loving and faithful members will ever declare, "Thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God. The Lord do so to me, and more also, if aught but death part thee and me."

They built in marble, built as they
Who wished these stones might see the day,
When God shall come, and these vast walls
May stand o'er them when judgment calls,
Not that the shrines, in grandeur built,
Can do away the stains of guilt:
But witnesses they are of love,
Which only shall unfailing prove,
Of paths in deep abasement trod
Of self that died to live in God."

Such then, Brethren, are a few of the lessons which the "marks," moral and material, of Phœnician, of Hebrew, of ancient and modern masons in many a land, have suggested to me for our edification. The names of thousands among them are forgotten, but their labours still remain to teach imperishable truths to Craftsmen in every degree. May we strive consistently to act on that teaching, as at last, as living stones, receive the Great Overseer's approving stamp as having obeyed His command by the lips of His prophet of old, "Son of man, mark well," and so as having obtained an entrance to that new Jerusalem where "His servant shall serve Him, and they shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads."

A hearty and unanimous vote of thanks was accorded to Dr. Smyth for his paper, and a wish expressed that it might be published.

Invitations were given from Sheffield, Wakefield, and Halifax for the next meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge. Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed and the Brethren afterwards sat down to tea, after which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

THE ST. OSWALD LODGE, No. 387.

ON Thursday, the 17th inst., R. W. Jack Sutcliffe, Prov. Grand Mark Master Mason of Lincolnshire, consecrated a new Lodge at Crowle, near Doncaster, to be called the St. Oswald Lodge, No. 387. The officers of the John o' Gaunt Lodge advanced eight

brethren, and the Consecrating Officer was then received with honours. The founders of the new Lodge were then addressed, and the warrant and petition delivered. The ceremony of consecration was carried out in due form. The W.M. designate, Bro. Thos. Staniforth, was installed by Bro. Anderson Bates D.P.G.M., and the officers were appointed and invested, as follows: Bros. Delanoy S.W., R. N. Brunyle J.W., I. B. Lo Gassick M.O., C. Fox S.O., Behrendt J.O., Chamberlain S.D., Baines J.D. *pro tem*; G. Robinson I.G., W. Pickering Tyler. Hearty good wishes were expressed from various visiting brethren, and a banquet took place subsequently.

LEBANON LODGE, No. 325.

THE annual meeting was held at the Masonic Temple, Lostwithiel Street, Fowey, on the 14th instant, to instal Brother A. Percy Davis as the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. After the advancing of Bros. W. J. Graham 977 and W. J. Samble 977, the installation ceremony was impressively rendered by Brother J. A. Collins, assisted by Bro. F. Crouch. The W.M. proceeded to invest his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Davis I.P.M., Cossentine S.W., Williams J.W., Perry M.O., S. S. Davis S.O., Slade J.O., Collins Treasurer, Williams Secretary, Baker S.D., Mitchell J.D., Samble Chaplain, Graham I.G., Murphy D.C., and Graham Tyler. At the close of the meeting the brethren adjourned to Bro. Joseph M. Williams's, Ship Hotel, where an excellent banquet was provided.

CONSECRATION OF THE NAUNTON DAVIES CHAPTER.

A MEETING was held at the Masonic Hall, Pontypridd, on Monday, the 14th inst., on the occasion of the consecration of the "Naunton Davies" Chapter, attached to the Merlin Lodge of Freemasons. Among those present were:—Consecrating Officers—Comps. Marmaduke Tennant M.E.Z., S. Cooper H., and Thomas Walters J. Founders—Bros. H. N. Davies P.P.G.R., P.M. 1578, St. John's Chapter 36, Robert C. Hunter P.M. 1578, ditto, S. Lewis ditto, W. R. Perrott S.W. ditto, S. Cooper P.S. Prov. G.J. ditto, J. F. McClune No. 36 St. John's, W. Howells Key P.M. 1578 P.P.G. A.D.C., Richard Male P.M. 1578 P.P.G.R. St. John's Chapter 36, and James Hurman St. John's 36, with a large number of visitors. Comp. Marmaduke Tennant Grand Superintendent of the Eastern Division of South Wales, assisted by Comps. Sidney Cooper and S. G. Homfray performed the ceremony of Consecration, and installed the Principals, the first thus installed being Bros. H. Naunton Davies, R. Male, and R. C. Hunter. Dr. Davies, the first Principal, then appointed his Officers.

Among the various brands of champagne for which patronage is sought is that of Messrs. J. Hofble-Elwall and Co., to which we have already referred in these pages, it having been "sampled" on the occasion of the Winter Entertainment at the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at Croydon. Since that time we have heard the wine favourably spoken of in other quarters, and we feel that it merits a trial at the hands of any one not pledged to some particular fancy. We understand that the wine may be had of Messrs. Felton and Dickens, Brabant House, Philpot Lane, London, E.C.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

At the Vitruvian Lodge of Instruction, No. 87, held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, S.E., on Wednesday, 6th June 1888. Bro. Walter Martin P.M. 879, Secretary to the Star Lodge of Instruction, No. 1275, will preside, supported by Bro. J. G. Milbourn W.M. 13 as S.W., and Bro. E. Talbot D.C. 1310 as J.W. Lodge will open at seven p.m. precisely. First Lecture—Bros. Short, Freyer, Nicholls, Duffield, Milbourn, Belchamber, and Dale. Second Lecture—Bros. Nightingale, Gaywood, Waterman, Talbot and Chamberlain. Third Lecture—Bros. Wilkinson, Lazarus and Stamp. Brethren are cordially invited to attend. Bro. Stuart P.M. 87 Preceptor. Bro. W. Nicholls 87 Secretary.

The laying of the foundation stone of the Queen's statue by the Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Limerick, has now finally been fixed for Friday, 1st June, at one o'clock, when the Freemasons of the province of Bristol will march from their hall, in Park-street, to College-green. They will afterwards give a champagne luncheon at the Royal Hotel, to which the Mayor and other members of the statue committee have accepted invitations.

The meetings of the East Surrey of Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 463, are adjourned until the first Tuesday in September.

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ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT
INSTITUTION.

THE Annual Meeting of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution was held on Friday, 18th inst., at the Freemasons' Tavern, London, under the presidency of Bro. J. L. Mather P.A.G.D.C. The Secretary of the Institution, Bro. James Terry P.G. Sword B. announced that the M.W. the Grand Master had appointed Wednesday, the 27th February next, as the date for the Anniversary Festival of 1889, and he further read a letter from the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Euston, Provincial Grand Master Norths and Hunts, in which his Lordship expressed the pleasure he should feel in presiding on that occasion.

The Annual Report of the Institution, as given in our last issue, together with the Report of the Auditors, was read and duly adopted.

Bro. J. A. Birch P.P.G.W. East Lancashire then brought forward certain propositions of which he had given notice, with a view of altering the day of election of the Benevolent Institution, so as to make the elections of the three Institutions fall together, in April. He was opposed by several brethren, and his first suggestion being ultimately put, it was lost by a large majority. Bro. Birch then withdrew his other proposals, and Bro. John A. Farnfield P.A.G.D.C. was unanimously elected Treasurer of the Institution, in succession to the late Bro. Edgar Bowyer. Auditors having been elected and Scrutineers chosen, the poll was declared open for the election of Annuitants, the result announced was published in our last issue. At the conclusion of the Election some formal business was disposed of, and votes of thanks having been passed to the Scrutineers and to the Chairman, the proceedings terminated. The following is a list of the unsuccessful candidates, together with the number of votes recorded on account of each of them, which votes will be carried forward on their behalf to the next election.

MALES.

No. on List		Forward	Polled	Total
50	Duffield, John			1692
6	Fry, Robert Henry	571	910	1481
48	Smith, Thomas			1340
46	Stevens, Frederick Kennedy			1324
12	Taylor, John Daniel	765	558	1323
54	Dodson, Edwin			1025
57	Pigot, Joseph			917
56	Stevens, Joseph			835
43	Jennings, James Middleton			716
37	Windus, Arthur Edward			711
13	Mole, Alexander	560	54	614
41	Mills, Robert			583
19	Cooper, George	294	247	541
1	Sarl, Charles	292	208	500
61	Warr, James Richard			455
55	Rogers, James Thomas			382
53	Robinson, Elmit			377
3	Nichol, Robert	108	10	118
47	Stevens, Charles Palmer			115
4	McLean, William John	97	8	105
8	O'Kelly, William	52	28	80
65	Oliver, William George			74
33	Walter, Jonas			52
64	Higgs, Richard			46
2	Musham, John	33	11	44
44	Deller, Thomas			35
10	Dale, Joseph Barker	15	8	23
28	Sellar, Alexander	15	7	22
58	Chapman, Thomas			22
20	Warren, Charles	11	8	19
34	Glover, Richard			18
40	Smith, Thomas			15
27	Fox, George	7	5	12
66	Horstead, James			8
18	Kenworthy, Hugh	2	3	5
23	South, Thomas George	3	1	4
51	Stephens, John			4
35	Close, John			3
42	Miller, Henry			3
32	Anderson, Ralph			2
59	Wilkinson, Francis			2
62	Stevens, George			—

FEMALES.

46	Warren, Frances Elizabeth			1462
39	Franklyn, Mary Every			1380
32	Mahomed, Amelia Morrison	209	1137	1346
14	Coles, Emma	791	480	1271
45	Truslow, Jemima Sarah			1267
44	Cooke, Mary			1247
19	Weston, Julia	98	1071	1169
13	White, Mary	554	340	894
30	Munro, Eliza	254	624	878

No. on List		Forward	Polled	Total
35	Ransby, Alice			873
33	Taylor, Rosetta Harriett	274	529	803
16	Haskins, Emily E.	395	322	717
3	Timms, Susan	600	98	698
5	Heppel, Mary	331	336	667
49	Gibson, Fanny			625
34	Richmond, Rebecca			552
43	Page, Hesse			536
10	Jackson, Elizabeth Reynolds	91	426	517
53	Jones, Caroline Sarah			480
15	Vile, Maria	219	235	454
18	Baker, Ann E.	224	83	307
4	Lovelock, Louisa	199	29	228
25	Thomas, Elizabeth	191	7	198
23	Russell, Olivia	164	5	169
1	Copeland, Charlotte	49	108	157
21	Foot, Mary Ann	15	102	117
12	Mannington, Eliz. Atkinson	94	2	96
61	Faulker, Catherine Ann			92
8	Redman, Mary	64	6	70
62	Shemmonds, Caroline Jane			62
57	Brooks, Ann			57
2	Rigalsford, Sarah	29	21	50
20	Manson, Mary Price	8	33	41
6	Greenwood, Helen	37	3	40
52	Burfield, Sarah Ann			24
58	Green, Mary Ann			21
28	Olive, Elizabeth	16	4	20
64	Parsons, Margaret			17
9	Salisbury, Jane	15	—	15
26	Newton, Mary Ann	2	11	13
42	Horsfield, Sarah			8
31	Cowell, Nancy	5	1	6
22	Ionn, Elizabeth	1	2	3
56	Best, Elizabeth			3
37	Lemon, Charlotte			—
51	Russ, Jane Mary Ann			—
63	Godtschalk, Clara			—

THE ELECTION, 1888.

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A REMINISCENCE.

Round the Hall, round the Hall,
Round the Hall,—crowded;
'Lated with spirit of hope,
Pressed over a hundred.
Forward, stout voters, brave;
Charge, for good seats, 't was said;
Into the scurry and strife
Strode the bold hundred.

Forward, stout voters, brave;
Not here a man dismayed,
Not though the old birds know,
Others have blundered.
Theirs not to court reply,
Theirs not to explain why,
Theirs but to win, or die;
Into the scurry and strife
Strode the bold hundred.

Proxies to right of them,
Proxies to left of them,
Proxies in front of them,
Signed papers galore.
Up the heights went Mackay,
Building his castle high,
Grasping his votes, oh my!
Minus his quantity,
Goodly Five Hundred.

Up, then, stout Aaron Stone,

Pledged here—a man, alone;
Gag'd, look you, to battle;
Inches across the chest,
I stand this manly breast,
Forty odd, it the best;
A magnum the wager.
Now to post well their crew,
Brockbank and Terry flew,
Checkers and henchmen true,
Endeav'ring to get in view
The missing Five Hundred.

Proxies to right of them,
Proxies to left of them,
Proxies behind them,
Signed papers galore.
Down the steps went Mackay,
Asking for reason why,
Scrutineers had passed by
His missing Five Hundred?
When shall the story fade?
How were his hopes betrayed;
Explain how mistake he made,
With absent Five Hundred?
Still, honour grand effort made,
Cheer well for wager paid,
All's well in pushing trade;
"Not lost" Five Hundred.

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, 26th MAY.

- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
 1361—Earl of Zeland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1541—Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
 1679—Henry Muggeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
 R.A. 176—Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate Street
 R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
 410—Grove, Sun Hotel, Kingston
 453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
 1462—Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Ponistone
 1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
 1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
 1777—Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
 1965—Fastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent
 1982—Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom
 R.A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan
 M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

MONDAY, 28th MAY.

- 4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 26—Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
 45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Rope-maker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 183—Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
 518—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 902—Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 905—De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
 1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8. (In)
 1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
 1745—Farrington, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 1823—Shepherds Bush, Athenæum, Goldhawk road, W.
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Mylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 188—Joppa, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
 R.A. 1237—Enfield, Cour House, Enfield
 49—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)
 302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
 307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Heblton Bridge
 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
 999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1977—Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon.
 R.A. 100—Friendship, Crown and Cushion, Great Yarmouth
 R.A. 219—Justice, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
 R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 411—Commercial, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
 R.A. 448—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
 R.A. 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham
 M.M. 146—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 29th MAY.

- 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst.)
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 183—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
 654—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, Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
 861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threeweedle 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, Caning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1446—Mount Edgecombe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1471—Hillingdon, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woodwich. (Instruction)
 1510—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst)
 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
 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 9. (Inst.)
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
 310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
 357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
 449—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
 510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Biskard
 573—Perseverance, Shearstone Hotel, Hulce Owen

- 1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
 1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
 1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
 1636—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 1639—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
 1823—Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk
 2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
 R.A. 175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John Street, Ryde, Isle of Wight

WEDNESDAY, 30th MAY.

- 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roma Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst)
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (In)
 533—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
 720—Pamure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (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.)
 1521—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
 1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
 1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (In)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1631—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
 1768—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
 1963—Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 720—Pamure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
 R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

- 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
 274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
 290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth
 439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
 750—Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Railway-street, Clockheaton
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Clarendon (Instruction)
 996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
 1083—Townley Parker, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby. (Instruction)
 1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
 1219—Strangeways, Masonic Room, King Street, Manchester
 1283—Ryburn, Central Buildings, Town Hall Street, Sowerby Bridge
 1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
 1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
 1953—Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Chard, Somersetshire
 R.A. 322—Hope, Vernon Arms Hotel, Stockport
 R.A. 357—Apollo University, Apollo University Hall, Oxford
 R.A. 376—Royal Sussex of Perfect Friendship, Masonic Hall, Ipswich
 M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
 M.M. 178—Wiltshire Keystone, Masonic Hall, Devizes
 R.C.—Philips, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

THURSDAY, 31st MAY.

- General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Leamouth, at 8 (Instruction)
 114—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 117—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
 135—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)
 751—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
 1153—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bedford Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct)
 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
 1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1340—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wembley, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
 155—D. Connaught, Palmston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
 1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1592—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
 1612—West Middlesex, Public Hall, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (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 9 (Inst)
 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1791—Creston, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds 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.)
 R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Derington
 215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 288—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bury
 651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
 897—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre Street, Norwich
 904—Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Potherham
 966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
 971—Traffalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
 1313—Furner, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
 1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dean House, Litchley
 1580—Granboune, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1517—St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Sharnbury
 R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
 R.A. 337—Confidence, Masonic Hall, Brownhill Vale, Upper Mill
 R.A. 360—Northampton, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
 R.A. 1395—Weyside, Masonic Hall, Woking
 M.M. 32—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

FRIDAY, 1st JUNE.

- Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
 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.)
 597—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 706—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
 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)
 7834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1223—Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 129—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Bulls Pond Road
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 1716—All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar
 1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
 2030—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
 R.A. 95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
 R.A. 259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, King Street, St. James's
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Grayhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
 R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Improvement)
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
 M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In)
 44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
 127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
 219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
 242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
 442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
 463—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Bedford
 837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
 1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
 1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton-on-Medley
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 1523—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
 1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
 1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
 1648—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salmon-street, Bradford.
 1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
 R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
 R.A. 1466—Hova Villa, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

SATURDAY, 2nd JUNE.

- General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 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, Wymersmith, at 7.30. (In)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
 R.A. 173—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
 1223—Amherst, Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverhead, near Sevenoaks
 1362—Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Redhill
 1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
 1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
 1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham
 1929—Mozart, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon
 2148—Walsingham, Masonic Hall, Walsingham, Kent
 2205—Pegasus, Clavendon Hotel, Gravesend, Kent

A LODGE OF SORROW.

THE late Emperor of Germany was a very prominent Freemason, holding, in fact, a position quite unique in its importance, and having an unusually long record of official service. He was initiated into the Craft under peculiar circumstances. About the year 1830 the three Berlin Grand Lodges had after some misunderstandings restored friendly relationships. To ensure permanence for this desirable harmony of feeling, a Union of Prussian Grand Masters was established on 28th December 1839. One of the first acts of this Union (records a Masonic historian) was a very important one. At a meeting held on 18th May 1840, it was announced that Prince William of Prussia (the deceased Emperor) had obtained his father's permission to join the Craft, provided he could be made in the name of all three Grand Lodges and belong to them jointly. In that case he was to assume the Protectorate of the entire Craft in Prussia. For such a purpose the Union was exactly fitted, and on 22nd May 1840 the Prince was initiated. "He swore truth and silence to all three Grand Masters, and then in his capacity of Protector received their vows of fealty in return." His accession proved of great service to the Fraternity on the Continent at a time when that service was greatly needed. It was fitting, therefore, that the Freemasons under the South Australian Constitution should—especially in view of the large representation of our German fellow-colonists in the Australian branch of the Craft—celebrate the mournful event of the Emperor's death with due solemnity. The Lodges which have met during the last few days have appropriately draped their halls, and arranged their ceremonies and their music accordingly. Upon Concordia Lodge, however, the sacred obligation seemed to rest with peculiar weight. In all Australia that is the only Masonic body whose degrees are worked entirely in the German language, though the institution, whilst loyal to the earlier traditions of its members, still feels itself bound by the common communion of Freemasons in this Colony, as it was one of the first to range under the banner of the South Australian Constitution. Universally throughout Freemasonry here a sympathetic response was made to the invitation sent by the Worshipful Master (Bro. C. L. Meyer G.S.) to his fellow Officers to join him in a "Lodge of Sorrow," on Monday night, 19th March. So many of the brethren indeed wished to attend that the Masonic Hall in Flinders-street was far too small to accommodate them, and the Albert Hall, which was afterwards obtained, was filled. The draping

of the room was in perfect harmony with the purpose of its engagement. Wreaths of crape reposed upon and encircled the most sacred emblems of a Masons' Lodge; weeping willows drooped in various parts of the hall; whilst upon a pedestal stood in a conspicuous position, a white marble statue of the late Emperor, surmounted by the ermine mantle typical of Royalty, likewise crossed with black crape. The Lodge was opened in German, in the three degrees, the visiting brethren being admitted in the second. The company, numbering altogether 400, included many of the Grand Lodge Officers, with Grand Master Chief Justice Way and D.G.M. Downer at their head, the Worshipful Masters and Officers of nearly all the City and Suburban Lodges, a large representation of the ordinary Master Mason in modest blue, and various brethren typical of Mark Masonry. The customary brightness of the beautiful regalia was shaded by loops and rosettes of black crape.—*South Australian Register.*

A YEAR OF LIFE-BOAT WORK.

THE Royal National Life-boat Institution has recently published its Annual Report, which is one of unusual interest. We learn from it that the work of the Society was carried on last year with more than usual activity, and that through its instrumentality several hundred lives were rescued from drowning. Following immediately on the disastrous accidents in Lancashire at the close of 1886, the Committee determined to make a thorough and searching investigation into the self-righting and other properties of the Institution's boats, and to carry out such trials and tests as might enable them to adopt every improvement which experience had suggested and science developed. After three months of hard work, taken up by experiments, the examination of numerous witnesses, &c., it was resolved to withdraw many boats from the coast, to be replaced by others possessing vastly improved properties. Medals also were offered for models and drawings of a mechanically propelled Life-boat suitable for the conditions of the service, but although a fair response was made from all parts of the United Kingdom, and even from the Continent and the United States, the judges appointed to examine the various designs were compelled to report that none of them fulfilled the necessary requirements. Notwithstanding this the Committee still hope that at no distant date all obstacles may be overcome by the triumphs of science. In the meantime no time has been lost in building boats of the best type and in improving others, with the result that 59 new boats, for the building of which tenders were received from all parts of the country, were despatched to the coast last year, and 14 others were improved. Both the new and the altered boats have met with the most cordial approval of the coxswains and crews, who have expressed their satisfaction at the determination of the Committee to afford them every possible opportunity of assisting in the selection of the class of boat in which they are called upon to do service. Within the year new stations were established at Barry Port, Fleetwood, and Stornoway, so that at the close of 1887 the Institution's fleet consisted of 291 Life-boats, by means of which 368 lives and 10 vessels were saved during the year, in addition to which rewards were granted for the rescue of 204 lives by shore-boats, bringing up the grand total of lives saved through the instrumentality of the Institution to 33,243. It is a matter for thankfulness and congratulation that notwithstanding the 928 times on which the Life-boats were launched in 1887, either for rescue purposes or exercise, there was not a single fatal accident or a serious casualty of any description. The rewards granted for the saving of life from shipwreck or in recognition of valuable services and endeavours to save life, comprised 8 Silver Medals, 2 Second Service Clasps, 45 Binocular Glasses, 22 votes of thanks inscribed on vellum, and £3,345 2s 6d in money awards. A further sum of £5,374 16s 9d was paid to the crews for exercising the boats. The total expenditure, which, owing to the circumstances already stated, was unprecedented in the Society's history, was £74,162 16s 10d, the receipts from subscriptions, donations, and dividends amounting to £56,970 1s 6d. The Report gratefully acknowledges the assistance given to the Institution by the Local Committees and Honorary Officials, by the Coxswains and Crews, the Press, the Coastguard, and the Customs Services, and closes with an earnest appeal for funds, not only for the maintenance of the Life-boat Service in the highest and most perfect state of efficiency, but also to meet the costly but absolutely necessary outlay for placing the Life-boat crews in possession of such improved boats as may enable them with the least possible danger to face the perils to which they are exposed in their noble efforts to save life. Surely the people of this, the greatest maritime country in the world, will not hesitate to respond liberally to such an appeal made in the interests of such a cause.

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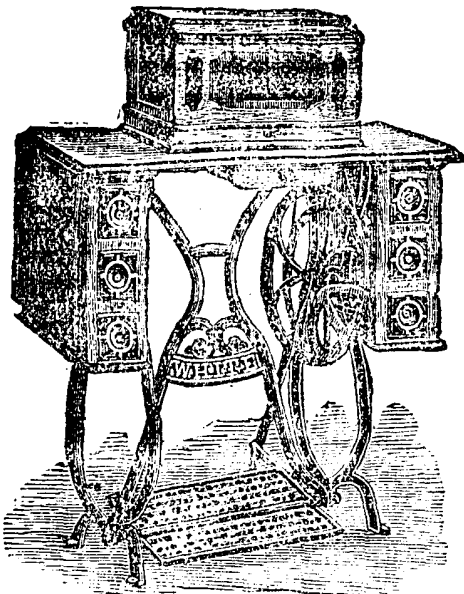
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