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CURRENT EVENTS.

THE present are stirring times in English Freemasonry; indeed, it is doubtful whether the more prominent members of the Order ever had a greater number of calls made upon them in connection with important events, falling close together, than will be the case to-day and next week, when matters of interest will be brought forward for discussion, and more than one event of importance will be decided. To-day we have the General Committee Meeting of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, when, amongst other business to be transacted, there will be the election of the House, and Finance and Audit Committees for the ensuing year, and in connection with which some unpleasantness is anticipated. On Monday the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls provides its annual entertainment to the Stewards of the year, and the prizes will be distributed to the scholars, the gathering being fixed to take place—in consequence of the very large number of Stewards and others who are expected to attend—at the Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington, instead of at the Institution at Battersea, as has been the case in years gone by. But what will make the gathering still more interesting is the fact that Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, with her daughters, has promised to attend. Moreover, they will be accompanied by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. On Tuesday there will be a Half-Yearly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, at the Holborn Restaurant. On Wednesday the United Grand Lodge of English Craft Masonry will hold its usual June Quarterly Communication, when a message will be received from the M.W. Pro Grand Master relative to the present position of Masonry in New South Wales; elections will take place for the various Boards and Committees usually filled at this gathering, and other business will be brought forward. Here also there appears to be a desire to depart from the usual quiet, dignified method of procedure customary in Freemasonry, in favour of a petty vexatious spirit, the point at issue, at the worst, perhaps, displaying a lack of discretion on the part of the principals concerned. But what will doubtless prove the crowning event of the series is left till the last, for on Thursday will be celebrated the Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls—that event for which so much preparation has been made for months past, and to secure the success of which so many have striven, and are still striving.

It would be unwise on our part to attempt any lengthened consideration of the important matters here referred to under one general heading. We have briefly reviewed them in order that they may appear more prominently before our readers, and we shall now proceed to touch upon such as we deem

worthy of special notice at greater length, adhering as far as practicable to the order in which the events will occur.

THE RECENT EXCLUSION FROM THE  
BOYS' SCHOOL.

MORE AGITATION.

FOR some few months past considerable excitement has prevailed among a small section of the supporters of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, who have been at war with the House Committee of the Institution, in consequence of the dismissal of a former pupil from the School, shortly before Christmas last. We regret to say the controversy is not yet at an end. All that has been attempted to be done, or suggested, in the hope of arriving at a settlement has so far proved unavailing, and we fear we are likely to see a continuance of the dispute for some time yet to come, while, worst of all, as the discussion of the grievance has progressed, the most scandalous and unwarrantable accusations have been made by the objectors against all who are concerned in the management of the Charity.

As many members of the Craft are aware, the points at issue have already been submitted for the opinion of the whole body of Subscribers to the Institution; indeed, a most unusual prominence has been accorded them, for after having been disposed of at the General Committee, in March, a Special General Court was summoned to re-discuss them, the result being they were again rejected; notwithstanding the subject has been re-opened since on every possible occasion, and now it is to be revived, as forming the basis for an attack on the existing members of the House Committee, some of whom it is sought to exclude, when their re-election has to be considered at the General Committee to be held to-day.

At first we deemed it best to take no active part in the controversy, as we considered we had gentlemen—Brother Masons—to deal with, and we thought that whatever they might do they would confine themselves to legitimate discussion or argument. Such being the case we knew they would be accorded a patient hearing at any of the gatherings of the Governors and Subscribers of the Institution at which they might desire to discuss their grievances; beside this, it is hardly our mission to interfere in every difference of opinion that may arise in our midst. We took little notice of the Special General Court which these objectors summoned, because we had then discovered they had overstepped the bounds of decency in the conduct of their case, and the propositions they submitted were so manifestly unjust and so grossly libellous, as to preclude them from general publication. Beside all this, we had sufficient confidence in the good sense and general love of fair play existing among the supporters of the Institution to feel that a case which was so weak as to need unbecoming and ungentlemanly advocacy on the part of its supporters called for no exceptional reference at our hands.

Now, however, it is time for us to speak, especially as our pen is one of the few means available to refute the scandalous and disgraceful attacks levelled against the management of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. In order, then, to render our remarks as fair as possible,

we give the basis of what the two parties to the disagreement are working for, and in support of one of which all who are entitled to a vote at to-day's meeting will be called upon for a decision. The present members of the House Committee, and of the Finance and Audit Committee, are nominated for re-election in a body, and in order to fill the vacancy caused on the former by the death of the late Bro. Edgar Bowyer, Bro. John Wordsworth, Vice-Patron of the Institution, has been nominated. On behalf of the opposition we have a circular, in which it is stated that Bro. J. Motion recommends Bros. George Corble, J. L. Dale and Charles Dearing for the House Committee, and Bro. R. J. Tucker for the Finance and Audit Committee. We understand that Bro. Dearing has withdrawn his name from the list, being either disgusted with the conduct of those who put him in nomination, or having other reasons for retiring.

Of course there is nothing calling for special comment in connection with these elections, simply on account of the nomination of twenty-four or twenty-five brethren for the twenty-one vacancies. That is, we may almost say, a matter of every day occurrence, and in Masonry, at least, the elections which naturally follow are conducted with good feeling and fairness, those who are defeated accepting the decision without murmur or complaint. It is the side issues which on this occasion are being introduced into the matter which are so objectionable, and these call for the strongest condemnation at our hands, while we believe, and sincerely hope, that the result of to-day's contest will prove them equally repugnant to those who support the Charitable Institutions of the Craft. As an instance, we may refer to a circular which has been widely circulated during the last few days through the length and breadth of the country—presumably to influence the result of to-day's election. It is not only a disgrace to any one having the smallest desire to be considered a gentleman, but is, without question, libellous; while it further displays the greatest possible amount of malice. We need hardly say its author is a coward, afraid to stand the results of his own utterances, and consequently publishes his circular without any marks of identification, or anything which might be made the means to compel him to prove the truth or otherwise of his calumnies. If this is not the character he should be branded with, or if he has the smallest particle of honesty about him, he will declare himself, and so allow those he slanders to clear their character in a court of law, or before some other equally impartial tribunal. As he at present is acting, his remarks only deserve scorn and contempt. If he would make himself known, he would at least convince us that he was sincere when he wrote the last paragraph of his circular, where he says: "Let no one suppose that this is written in anything but a fair spirit, with the good of our Institution in view . . . . in order that the matters herein referred to may see a little daylight and be investigated." Truly a case of "preserve us from our friends," when such writings are published in "a fair spirit, with the good of our Institution in view."

We should like to deal with the circular in detail, but in so doing we should only be serving the purpose of the anonymous libeller. His introduction, however, is so essentially *un-Masonic* that we give it *in extenso*. It reads:—

"Re The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

We hear continually about 'our glorious Institutions,' 'protecting the fatherless,' 'brotherly love, &c.' It is as well for the subscribers to this Charity to occasionally see and hear a little of the *other side*. Their attention is accordingly drawn to the following remarks and extracts, with the entreaty that this paper may not be lightly thrown aside, but seriously read and considered, with the object of inquiring into and remedying the evils referred to."

As a further proof of his disinterested sacrifice—and the distribution of this circular as it has been distributed must have proved a heavy pecuniary sacrifice to some one—the writer goes on to say:

"All attempts to obtain any information from either the Secretary or House Committee having failed; this step is resorted to in the hopes that the general body of subscribers to the Charity will take up the cudgels on behalf of the Institution whose money is recklessly squandered."

This argument, that "all attempts to obtain any information from either the Secretary or House Committee has failed," has been used throughout the controversy, but notwithstanding its frequent repetition we know it is unfounded. We imagine those who repeat the statement are either ignorant of what they are talking about, are wilfully stating what they know to be untrue, or have

some technical or fancied standpoint from which to defend themselves. Our advice is, simply to consider the character of the men attacked, and answer the question:—Is it likely such men would act in the manner described? If the Secretary or Committees do not care to answer, or even recognise the six or dozen men who have forfeited their right to regard or consideration, by conduct they should be ashamed of, there are none who would force them to do so; while, on the other hand, their action has been strongly endorsed by those on whose behalf they act, and by whom they are chosen.

After stating that the Institution is everything that is bad, and its rulers quite unfit for the trust reposed in them, our anonymous critic quotes from the report of a "Committee appointed to investigate the Management and Expenditure of this Institution," but lest he should be considered to have written "in anything but a fair spirit, with the good of our Institution in view," he omits to state that the Report from which he quotes was issued in 1874, and that the grounds of complaint were then investigated, and found to be non-existent. There are equally satisfactory answers to the other complaints made in the circular, but those in whose discretion rests the decision of the elections of to-day know enough on what to base their opinion, and they are quite capable of deciding for themselves whether they will show their approval of what the present Committees have done, by re-electing them; or whether they will attempt a change, by the importation of these untried reformers. There is no question in our mind what the decision would be if a fair number attended. The opposition is using every means to secure the presence of all its supporters, and it only remains for those who are true to their tried representatives also to attend. The poll takes place to-day, from four to five o'clock, and we imagine the gathering will be a representative one—it should certainly receive the attention of every subscriber, but as that is out of the question, we can only hope for as large an attendance as possible.

In conclusion there are one or two points to which we should like to direct attention, and particularly the attention of those who are leading this opposition. They knew of the existence of the report of 1874, and they knew it to be anything but favourable to the Institution—although, as we have said, it was subsequently proved to be groundless, although not to them, it appears; yet they must have taken considerable pains to secure the election of the lad for whose supposed benefit and honour they are now enduring so much. Although at one time they were begging and praying for the help of the Institution, and have for years enjoyed such help, they pretend to have all along known it to be one of the worst in existence. From the way in which they describe the School we wonder they are not ashamed of ever having sent a friend to its inhospitable roof. Further than this, have they been acting honestly in taking the charity of a public Institution, when, by their own showing, they have long been in a position to provide for themselves, and such of their friends as wanted help? Would it not have been more to their credit—when they rose to their present boasted position in the social world—to have withdrawn the lad from the charity of the Craft, and also to have withdrawn another member of their family from the kindred Institution, or at least have offered to pay for their education and maintenance, than to have taken the funds of those charitable enough to subscribe them year by year, and when they could reap no further advantage use every influence—though even with the wealth of which they brag it is not much—to bring discredit upon the Institution which aided them, and cause annoyance to those who took compassion on their misfortunes of a few years since? Could ingratitude further go?

The members of the existing Committees have jointly issued the following Circular to the supporters of the Institution:—

A renewal of the trust which has been reposed for so many years in the House Committee of the Institution is confidently requested by the exercise of your vote and influence in favour of the eleven Brethren whose names are attached hereto—with the addition of that of

BRO. JOHN WORDSWORTH, V.-PATRON,

Nominated by R. W. Bro. T. W. Tew, Prov. G.M. of West

Yorkshire, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the lamented death of Bro. EDGAR BOWYER, as for the ensuing year.

#### Members of the House Committee.

- BRO. BELTON, CHARLES, No. 1, P.M. Nos. 165, 777, P. Prov. G.W. Surrey; V.-Patron of Institution.  
 „ GODSON, A. F. (M.P.), P.M., Dep. Prov. G.M. Worcestershire; P.G.D.; Patron of Institution.  
 „ HUNT, H. W., P.M. Nos. 29, 463; P.G. Steward; V.-Pres. of Institution.  
 „ MATHER, J. L., P.M. Nos. 65, 1227, 1471, 1580, 1743, and 1910; P.Z. 174, 1744; P. Prov. G.D.C. Herts.; P.A.G.D.C.; V.-Patron of Institution.  
 „ MOON, JAMES, P.M. No. 49; P.G. Steward; V.-Patron of Institution.  
 „ MILLER, T. HASTINGS, P.M. No. 1964; V.-Patron of Institution.  
 „ MURRAY, J. JOYCE, P.M. No. 1706; V.-Patron of Institution.  
 „ PAAS, WILLIAM, P.M. Nos. 28, 569, &c.; V.-Pres. of Institution.  
 „ RAMSAY, F. W. (M.D.), P.M. No. 259, &c.; Life-Gov. of Institution.  
 „ ROLLS, DUDLEY, P.M. Nos. 12, 108, &c.; V.-Pres. of Institution.  
 „ VENN, HENRY, P.M. No. 23; P.G. Steward; V.-Pres. of Institution.  
 „ WORDSWORTH, JOHN, P.M. No. 1019; P. Prov. G.W. West Yorkshire; V.-Patron of Institution.

And in favour of the Nine following Brethren as, for the year ensuing,

#### Members of the Finance and Audit Committee.

- BRO. CUBITT, THOMAS, P.M. No. 157, &c.; P.G. Parst.; V.-Pres. of Institution.  
 „ GILLARD, GEO. P., P.M. No. 657, &c.; Life-Gov. of Institution.  
 „ GOODALL, H. S., P.M.; Life-Gov. of Institution.  
 „ GRIFFITHS, THOS., P.M.; Life-Gov. of Institution.  
 „ HOGARD, CHAS. F., P.M. No. 205, &c.; P.G. Std. Br.; V.-Pres. of Institution.  
 „ MAPLE, W., P.M. No. 657, &c.; V.-Pres. of Institution.  
 „ RICHARDSON, STEPHEN, P.M. No. 183, &c.; V.-Pres. of Institution.  
 „ SOPPET, CHAS. EDWARD, P.M. No. 1627, &c.; P.G. Steward; Life-Gov. of Institution.  
 „ YOUNG, HENRY, P.M. No. 60; P.G. Steward; V.-Pres. of Institution.

The above Twenty-one Brethren being the Signatories to this Circular.

LONDON, 25th May 1888.

### A MOUNTAINOUS MOLEHILL.

WE do not know whether the members of that august body, the Board of General Purposes of English Freemasonry, are bereft of their senses, whether they are attempting to perpetrate a mild joke, or whether they are really in earnest in making their latest report to the United Grand Lodge of England, but in either case we think they are going the right way to make themselves appear ridiculous in the eyes of the world, and will most certainly do no good to Freemasonry by taking up the complaint of the Provincial Grand Secretary of Suffolk in the way they have, and raising the action of which it complains almost to the level of high treason against the Craft.

In another column we give a copy of the Agenda for the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge—to be held on Wednesday next—and the report to which we refer stands No. 10 on the paper, so that our readers may see for themselves what this “storm in a teacup” is about. We do not approve of half and half measures in such cases; why does not the Board give its opinion outright, on the facts submitted to them, rather than shift the responsibility to the shoulders of the whole assembly of Grand Lodge? It would almost appear the report was prepared with a view of ultimately “sailing with the wind.” If Grand Lodge laughs at the whole affair, the Board will of course laugh; if it be found that a crime has been committed, the Board can turn round and explain how they knew it was so, but were hardly prepared to fix a punishment. The Board considers the complaint is not such as can be dealt with by them, but they do not say why they thus decide. Is it of too trivial a character for their notice, or is it a capital offence, beyond their jurisdiction? In either case it would have been well to have given the cue, rather than to allow the members of Grand Lodge to go roaming about, to be finally influenced by some ready speaker, rather than by the laws of the Craft, or plain common sense.

After all, what does the complaint amount to, even if it be founded on facts? The present Grand Treasurer is charged with having employed a gentleman at Ipswich,

who is not a Mason, to solicit votes for him when a candidate for that office, and to distribute printed invitations to a luncheon, at the Holborn Restaurant, to all who were willing to support Bro. Barfield's election. The first section of the charge displays an amount of depravity some would hardly have anticipated, while on the other hand there are many who will not be at all surprised. A prominent Mason—an experienced man of the world—secured the support of his friends, both in Masonry and out of it, to help him in winning a position of honour, to which the Craft has widely pronounced him to be fully entitled, and he even went so far as to tolerate the co-operation of an outsider rather than leave his interests in the town of Ipswich to the care of his brother Masons. But then we must remember all is fair both in love and war, and if subsequent events are a sample of the brotherly feeling existing in the district specially concerned we think there is ample evidence that Bro. Barfield knew best on whom he might rely. Then comes, however, that awful “bribe,” a luncheon at the Holborn Restaurant, but if that was a sufficient inducement to bring one Ipswich brother up to the great metropolis, or to lead one Suffolk Mason's vote into the desired channel, we must express sorrow for the standard of morality of our East Coast brethren. As the case now stands, more could not have been made made out of it if Bro. Barfield had chartered special trains from all parts of the kingdom to convey members of the Craft to Grand Lodge, have kept them sumptuously while in town, and presented each with a bank note for pocket money or petty expenses. But a modest luncheon, after asking a man to journey 140 miles, as a token of regard—is it bribery and corruption? or is it not rather a natural outcome of kindly feeling?

There is one feature in connection with this case which makes it very gratifying. English Freemasonry is in such a state of order and regularity at the present time that nothing more serious than this mountainous molehill has to be brought under the notice of its rulers. Long may such a happy state of affairs exist, and long may the Board of General Purposes remain without anything worse to disturb the even tenour of its way than the interference of a Non-Mason, and a modest luncheon at a popular London restaurant. Such is the cordial wish of ourselves and of many other Craftsmen.

### THE CENTENARY FESTIVAL OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

AFTER months of anxiety, and continuous exertion on the part of a large section of English Freemasons, headed by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, the time for the celebration of the Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls has at last arrived. Ere another issue of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE appears the result of the gathering will have been proclaimed throughout the country, if not throughout the world, and we venture to think the Mason Craft will have nothing to be ashamed of when the total is published, while they will have much to boast of, and good reason to be proud of their achievements.

We are pleased to announce that the Board of Stewards now includes the names of upwards of 1400 brethren, and although there are but a few days left in which to increase that number, we should not be surprised to hear a total of fifteen hundred announced at the Festival, especially as the entertainment to the Stewards and their friends is fixed to take place on Monday next, the great event following three days later. Although such a large sudden increase would severely tax the resources of the executive and the various sub-committees, we know they would cheerfully undertake the extra work entailed, and would only be too happy to think there was a chance of adding to the already handsome expectations entertained in regard to the Festival. We hope their capabilities in this respect will be put to the test, and that the worst calamity that may happen will be a difficulty in accommodating all who attend.

Various estimates have been formed as to what will be the outcome of the Festival, but of course no reliable figure can yet be spoken of; there is absolutely nothing on which to base an opinion. We know what has been achieved in years gone by, and could easily strike an average, but it would be unwise to apply the average of Boards of Stewards ranging from two hundred in number

up to some three hundred or three hundred and fifty, to a board comprising fourteen or fifteen hundred names. We have our own idea of what may be looked for, but we do not see any tangible reason why we should give the preference to any particular total, ranging from £30,000 to £60,000. The outcome of the Centenary Festival may realise the one, or it may produce the other, and whatever speculation is indulged in with regard to the total we are afraid there is nothing to be done but to patiently wait until the announcement is made, on Thursday next, at the same time we may venture the opinion that it will be nearer the latter figure than the former.

We hardly think it is necessary for us to recapitulate the arrangements which have been made to ensure the comfort and enjoyment of those who will attend the two celebrations at the Albert Hall next week. Those who intend to be present—and we understand “all the world and his wife” have secured tickets—are acquainted with the programme, and the few who are yet shut out will have full details supplied to them on application to the office of the Institution, either for tickets or programmes; all we need ask them to do is to be as quick as possible in making up their mind, and if there are yet any who are wavering as to what they should do, we would once more point out that there is a grand opening available and a noble result waiting for them. It is yet possible for those who are still undetermined to raise the total number of Stewards to fifteen hundred, and this alone is a consummation devoutly to be wished, even setting aside the corresponding increase which would take place in the ultimate total as the result of so large an addition to the number of active workers. Remember, 1500 Stewards are wanted, and there yet remain five days to raise the total to that number. Who will volunteer for the service, and secure for the Grand Master of England such a result as would put all other celebrations far in the shade, and realise the fulfilment of his fondest hopes?

### THE MASONIC EMBLEMS

IT cannot be denied by those who have passed through the veils, that the very progress of Masons, in their journey from darkness to light, is regulated at every point and stopping place by some incident or illustration familiar to them as readers of God's inspired volume.

The ladder which Jacob saw has been adopted by us, the three principal rounds of which are Faith, Hope, and Charity; and our whole course and progress are regulated by that beautiful implement which is to mark the degrees by which we are to ascend from our state of ignorance and indifference to the highest intelligence, to the brightest honours, and to the highest points of virtue and usefulness in Freemasonry.

There is not an emblem, not a badge, not a sign or signal, not an implement of our Craft—there is nothing connected with our Heaven-ordained Brotherhood which is not designed either to teach a moral lesson, to inculcate some truth, to vindicate and establish some virtue, to propagate some righteous principle of humanity, to relieve the sufferings of our kind, or to scatter light and knowledge among men.

Every piece of furniture in one of our Lodges, implement or instrument of work, every figure on the checkered floor, everything the eye can behold, impresses—or ought to do so—the mind with some truth, some principle, some moral or religious sentiment, or some precept of humanity.

The square which is used by all Masons, the level and the plumb, which likewise are found in every region, and in every Lodge where Masonry has established its beneficent influence, teach such lessons of morality, virtue, and religion as must command the respect of all regulated minds. The square enjoins morality, the plumb rectitude of conduct, and the level admonishes us that we all share in a common equality.

In a word, the level, with the square and plumb, constitute the immovable jewels of a Lodge, impress us that all men are equal by birth; that talent, probity, and the noble exercise of the gifts with which we have been endowed by the Creator, alone make the difference between the men of this or any other generation of the sons of Adam.

The working tools of the Society alone should be quite enough to win the esteem of every man who has a right appreciation of the duties, and the obligations, and the

wants of life. There is scarcely an instrument belonging to the Fraternity that does not inculcate some token of industry, and that does not imprint on the mind the importance and necessity of labour. They not only enforce the lessons spoken of above, that all men are equal, and are actually equal by nature, but they impress the other more important one, that man must labour, and must not be ashamed of toil.

The apron which Masons wear, besides being an emblem of innocence, is the sign of industry; and all the badges and implements of our Craft, impart two ideas most essential to be perceived, those of labour and equality. The curse pronounced upon Adam (and consequently upon his posterity) was: “In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread until thou return unto the ground.” And the rites, mysteries, ceremonies, and observances of Freemasonry recognise this stern command. The very pillars of a Lodge represent wisdom to devise, strength to support, and beauty to adorn.—*Freemasons' Repository*.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Devon is to assemble at Ilfracombe on Wednesday, 13th June, the large hall in the Ilfracombe Hotel being selected for the purpose. The Committee of Petitions will meet at quarter-past twelve, under the chairmanship of Bro. W. D. Rogers P.G.D. the Deputy Prov. G.M. At three o'clock the Province will meet, the R.W. Bro. Lord Ebrington, M.P., Prov. G.M., presiding. The agenda paper shows no lack of business to transact, and the appointment of the new Officers is always a source of interest, not forgetting the election of Prov. Grand Treasurer, which office, according to report, is likely to fall to a popular Plymouth brother. The Prov. G. Secretary's analysis of the returns of the 51 Lodges shews the membership to have slightly increased, the total now being 2,694, as compared with 2,640 in 1887. The present Lodge Concord, No. 1135, held in the Masonic Hall, Ilfracombe, and warranted in 1866, is called after an old Lodge which was originally chartered at Devonport in 1784, and was working later on at Ilfracombe, but was erased in 1828. Bro. W. Rees is the Master, and Captain Iviney the I.P.M. The membership of the Lodge has increased fully 50 per cent. during the last year.—*Western Morning News*.

One of the matters to be decided at next Wednesday's Communication of Grand Lodge is the election of a number of Present and Past Masters to serve on the Board of General Purposes, and among the brethren nominated is Bro. Charles Belton, the present Master of the Dene Lodge, No. 2228, P.M. P.Z., P.G.S.W. Surrey, &c., who has served on the Board since June 1886, and has acted as its Vice-President during the past year. We do not desire to make any invidious distinction between the candidates, whose claims will be decided next week, but we know that Bro. Belton has conscientiously discharged his duties in the past, and that it will be his endeavour to retain the approval of the Craft in the future if he is re-elected, a matter which will of course rest with those who are present at Grand Lodge.

At the Albion, on Thursday, 24th ult., the annual meeting of the Joppa Chapter took place; the election of Officers resulted as follows—Comps. Lewis M. Myers, C.C., M.E.Z., H. P. Isaac P.Z. H., J. W. Dewsnap P.Z. J., M. J. Emanuel P.Z. S.E., J. Lazarus P.Z. Treasurer, Isaac Myers S.N., H. Davies P.S., W. S. Lyon 1st A.S., H. Saqui 2nd A.S., Goddard Janitor.

The *Natal Mercury* states that notification has been received in the Colony that the Supreme Council of England and Wales have, upon the recommendation of Illustrious Bro. R. I. Finnemore, 32nd degree, Inspector General, been pleased to confer the thirtieth degree upon Bro. Julius Schulz, M.D., of Durban, and upon Bro. F. L. Jousson, of Durban.

### DEATH.

CUMBERLAND.—At Alfred House, Rosendale Road, West Dulwich, S.E., on Thursday, 24th May, in his 19th year, Mr. J. B. S. CUMBERLAND, son of Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND, P.M. 2123, &c. The funeral took place at Norwood Cemetery, on Monday last.

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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## CHIGWELL LODGE, No. 453.

A LARGE company of the members of this Lodge and their friends attended at the Forest Hotel, Chingford, last Saturday, to celebrate the Jubilee year of the Lodge, and to meet the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Lord Brooke, who had promised to be present on the occasion. Bro. Alfred J. Dixie W.M. presided, and was supported by Past Masters H. Holloway, John Corble, Alfred Buck, George Martin, George Corble Secretary, R. Martin, John Glass Treasurer, George Motion and B. H. Pearson; E. Egan J.W., F. C. Dixie S.D., F. A. Renshaw I.G., Bros. W. A. Glass, H. S. Homewood, T. A. Motion, J. J. Winsor, J. S. Motion, A. R. Secker, T. W. Tucker, J. Bowles and J. R. Breading. Among the Visitors were Bros. T. J. Ralling Prov. G. Sec. Essex, A. Lucking P.G.D.C., Cox P.G.S., G. H. Finch P.G.S.W., T. Humphreys P.G.J.W., James Salmon P.G. Registrar, J. J. C. Turner P.P.G.O., H. Dehane P.P.S.D., G. L. Bokenham, W. H. Ingham, I. de Solla, R. G. Kestin, J. J. Goode, H. Thompson, Arthur Bonsall, F. G. Scheib, G. S. Edwards, W. T. Christian P.M., Orton Cooper, and many others. Lord Brooke telegraphed to say that, owing to a visit from H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany, it would be impossible for him to attend until late in the afternoon. The Lodge being duly opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, the Brethren proceeded to the election of their Master for the ensuing year. The ballot was unanimous in favour of Bro. Edmund Egan the present J.W., who, after having been officially informed of the fact by the W.M., suitably returned thanks. Bros. John Glass P.M. P.P.G.S. of W., and Robert W. Goddard, were re-elected Treasurer and Tyler respectively. The Lodge was then advanced, and Bros. T. A. Motion, W. A. Glass, and H. S. Homewood, were raised to the sublime degree by the W.M., who rendered the service in a highly impressive manner, and gave the traditional history and explained the "points." The business of Lodge having terminated, the Brethren proceeded to the Connaught Hall where the banquet was served. The R.W. Prov. Grand Master was present, and was seated at the right of the W.M. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and honoured. Bros. Ralling, Lucking, and Cox responded for the Grand Officers. In proposing the health of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Dixie said that this was virtually the toast of the evening; it was the first time the Chigwell Lodge had been honoured with a visit from Lord Brooke, and he was sure the Brethren were deeply gratified at his presence. Since their guest was installed as Provincial Grand Master of Essex, in 1883, Masonry had made considerable progress. There were at that time nineteen Lodges, and now there are twenty-six, while two others were coming to Essex next month; this would make an increase of nine Lodges established under his lordship's rule. He was generally present at the consecration meetings, and altogether fulfilled the duties appertaining to his high office to the utmost satisfaction of the county. The great interest evinced by his lordship in all Masonic matters would endear him to their hearts, and he (Bro. Dixie) was sure the toast would be cordially received. Lord Brooke in reply commenced by thanking the Master and Brethren for their kind reception and generous hospitality. He found it almost impossible to say anything fresh on the subject of our grand Order, but his hearers knew full well to what an extent it was carried in the province of Essex. He regretted his inability to take part in the Masonic duties that afternoon, but from what he knew he was sure their W.M. gave a most excellent example of the manner in which those duties should be carried out. With reference to the Masonic Charities, he was very glad to hear what substantial sums were collected by the Chigwell Lodge for the Institutions. He trusted that if the number of Lodges increased the members would be just and worthy men, who would be a credit to Freemasonry. He had attended several of the Lodges in the province, and he would endeavour to visit them all, but he was sure he could not meet with a heartier welcome than that he was now accorded, and he hoped it would not be his last visit. Bro. Thomas Humphreys responded for the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, &c., and regretted the absence of Bro. Philbrick. They were, however, compensated for this by the presence of the Prov. G.M., which added so greatly to the pleasure of the meeting. As P.G. Officers they were proud to serve under such a Master. The Prov. G. Officers had experienced great delight at the working of the W.M., and he could safely say that he had never attended a Lodge where the working had been carried out in a more satisfactory manner. Lord Brooke proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, and said he could see how highly Bro. Dixie was esteemed by the Brethren; he was sure he well sustained the credit of the Lodge. He was pleased to see him supported by so many Grand Officers, and congratulated the Lodge on having such an excellent Master. In response, Bro. Dixie said he was proud to know he had the good wishes of the Brethren; he was proud that the Lodge in which he had been initiated had attained its Jubilee; he was proud of being its Master, and that the Provincial Grand Master had honoured the Lodge with a visit during his year of office. He then gave a short résumé of the history of the Lodge and other interesting memoranda. They had now twelve Past Masters, nine of whom were wearing provincial purple. He also stated that the Lodge had subscribed that year 210 guineas to the Masonic Charities. As this would be the last time of his occupying the chair as W.M. he took the opportunity of thanking the Brethren for the support they had afforded him. The other toasts were the W.M. Elect, The Past Masters, The Visitors, and The Officers; and a very pleasant evening having been spent, Bro. Goddard was summoned, and he gave the Tyler's toast, after which the company separated. We must not forget to mention that the proceedings were considerable enlivened by songs and recitations, given by Bros. John Turner, J. S. Motion, Geo. Corble, A. Renshaw, H. S. Homewood, W. E. Glass, and others.

## LIBERTY OF HAVERING LODGE, No. 1437.

AT the usual meeting, held at the Rising Sun Hotel, Romford, on Thursday, 24th ult., Bros. Wild and Chalk were raised by the W.M. Bro. T. Humphreys P.G.S.W., after which the question of removing the Lodge to more suitable accommodation, owing to its growing requirements, was discussed, and it was ultimately decided to remove to the Golden Lion Hotel. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, and proved unanimous in favour of Bro. Theo. Davey S.W. Bro. F. A. White was also unanimously elected Treasurer. The installation meeting of the Lodge will take place on the fourth Thursday in June.

## HENRY MUGGERIDGE LODGE, No. 1679.

ON Saturday, 26th ult., at the Masons' Hall Tavern, the following Officers were duly installed, viz.—Bros. Penney W.M., Underwood S.W., Reddall J.W., Bagot Scriven Treasurer, Alfred Saok P.M. Secretary, Clark S.D., Boyce J.D., Hembrow I.G., Arnold P.M. Steward, Stampfer P.M. D.C. At the conclusion of Lodge business the brethren adjourned to a banquet.

## CONSECRATION OF THE POWELL LODGE, No. 2257.

AN event of very rare occurrence and of exceptional interest attracted to Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol, on Monday afternoon, the 28th ult., one of the largest gatherings of brethren that has ever assembled within its walls. The rapid growth of the Craft in Bristol during the last few years led several brethren to the conclusion that there was room for another Lodge—the ninth in the province. The project being approved by the rulers of the Order, a warrant was granted by the M.W.G.M. the Prince of Wales. The founders considered that the deep interest which the present D.P.G.M. Bro. Powell, and his family have long taken in Freemasonry in Bristol, and the remarkable fact that he and his father before him have ruled the province for something like half a century, ought to be commemorated by calling the new Lodge the Powell Lodge, and this decision was received with approval by the authorities in London, and with enthusiasm throughout the province of Bristol. At the consecration the D.P.G.M. was assisted by Bros. Alfred Deedes Prov. S.G.W., Shorland Prov. J.G.W., Pierrepont Harris Prov. G.S., the Rev. J. H. Wilkinson Prov. G.C., Powell Prov. S.G.D., Lambert Prov. G.D., E. Beadon Colthurst Prov. G.D.C., Cooke Prov. A.D.C., Stock Prov. G.Sd.B., Galpin Prov. G.St.B., Thomas Prov. G.P. There were also present Bros. Bramble P.A.G.D.G., Taylor P.G.St.B., Stothert G.St.B., Homfray D.P.G.M. Mon., Rebbeck P.P.S.G.W. Hants, and a large number of brethren of the province and visitors. The Powell Lodge, No. 2257, was consecrated with the usual ceremony, a very fine oration on the charitable objects of the Order being delivered by the Prov. G.C. The musical portion of the ceremony was excellently rendered by a choir of brethren organised and conducted by Prov. F. S. Parminter Prov. Organist, Bro. Pierrepont Harris P.P.S.G.W. was installed as first W.M., and appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Trott S.W., Dowson J.W., Abbott Treas., Heaton Sec., Alison S.D., Jones J.D., Harold Lewis D.C., and Chandler I.G. The first joining member proposed was the nephew of the D.P.G.M. The brethren of the new Lodge and others afterwards dined together at the Royal Hotel, College Green.

## SCOTLAND.

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## VISIT OF THE GRAND MASTER TO ABERDEEN.

THE ceremony of visiting the Aberdeen City Province by the Grand Master of Scotland, Sir Archibald Campbell, of Blythswood, M.P., took place on Monday. The various Lodges within the Province met in the Masonic Hall in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and a Deputation from the Grand Lodge. Among the Grand Officers present were the Earl of Haddington, the Rev. R. M. Henderson Chaplain, D. Murray Lyon Secretary, J. Dalrymple Duncan G.D., Lieut.-Col. J. Campbell J.D., Dr. John Falconer Proxy Provincial Grand Master of New South Wales, James Crichton Grand Sword Bearer, Capt. Hector F. McLean Provincial Grand Master of Upper Ward of Lothian, William Boyd Provincial Grand Master East Aberdeenshire, Major P. Wallan Proxy Provincial Grand Master Giorliar, George Fisher Past Grand Bible Bearer, Robert Nisbet Representative of the Grand Lodge Utah, John Wilson Representative of the Grand Lodge South Carolina, Charles Baxter W.S. Proxy Master Lodge Independent Bucknow. The Right Worshipful Master was accorded a most loyal reception. In the evening a banquet was held in the Esplanade Hotel, about 100 brethren being present. Brother Charles Wilson, Master of the Aberdeen Lodge (the senior Lodge of the Province), occupied the chair, and was supported on the right by the Grand Master of Scotland, and on the left by the Earl of Haddington Depute Grand Master. Bro. Peter Crombie, St. Andrew's Lodge, was croupier.

A CARD.—AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY is announced in the "Paris Figaro," of a valuable remedy for nervous debility, physical exhaustion, and kindred complaints. This discovery was made by a missionary in Old Mexico; it saved him from a miserable existence and premature decay. The Rev. Joseph Holmes, Bloomsbury Mansions, Bloomsbury Square, Loudon, W.C., will send the prescription, free of charge, on receipt of a self-addressed stamped envelope. Mention this paper.

## SHINES FOR ALL.

An Oration by James Albert Zabriskie, Grand Orator, before the Grand Lodge of Arizona, 10th November 1887.

ANOTHER year has come and gone, with its vicissitudes, its joys and its sorrows. Again we are assembled to review our work, and to present our annual record. It is fitting and proper, on these recurring periods of investigation and consultation, that we should carefully scan with microscopic vision the causes and effects which operate to advance or retard the cause of Masonry. In this brilliant and progressive epoch in the world's history the Masonic spirit is controlled by the materialistic and utilitarian idea, rather than impelled to aggressive action by the dangers which environ it. In this age of free thought and liberal views men forget that danger ever threatened, or that despotism ever wielded its bloody sceptre. Poor, weak humanity, released from the thralldom of oppression, trips lightly and gaily along without a thought of the morrow, or a latent dread of future woe. The struggles of one generation are forgotten by the next, and the miseries of our ancestors seem to leave no durable impression upon the minds and hearts of their descendants.

As the stirring events which have signalized the various epochs in history become more and more remote, so the recollection of their blighting effects gradually become dim until the lessons of history are lost upon posterity, and the fearful realities of the past are seen through a filmy and shadowy retrospect, which engages and diverts the mind, without instructing the judgment. Ages roll by, and the cycles of time pass in review in accordance with the eternal decrees of immutable law, and yet this indelible record of stupendous events, while pregnant with meaning to the judicious few, is virtually unheeded by the multitude. Ignorance and apathy go hand in hand, and revel in the enjoyment of that liberty which intellectual vigour and physical prowess have established through years of trial, suffering, indomitable perseverance and self abnegation. The lessons of the past are forgotten, or not deemed worthy of remembrance. The absence of immediate danger dispels the anxious fears of the earnest inquirer, and an injudicious self-confidence, as false and groundless as the "baseless fabric of a vision," is substituted for that "eternal vigilance which is the price of liberty."

What are we to understand by these remarkable exhibitions of human credulity? Is it true that mankind are incapable of self government; that wisdom can only be acquired through the merciless lashings of oppression; that the human heart is so constituted that man cannot reason calmly and dispassionately upon questions affecting his temporal and eternal welfare, and that he cannot realize threatened dangers until, completely surrounded by the demons of fury, he is compelled to recognize the terrors of the situation, and to strike in his own defence? Have we reached a point in human affairs where, after a careful analysis of historical facts, we are forced to acknowledge that man is powerless to protect himself against the snares which beset his path, and that he can never reach that exalted plane of intellectual and moral grandeur, as to be steeled against the blandishments of selfishness on the one hand, and the degrading influence of temptation on the other. Are we prepared to make this humiliating confession? If so, our labours have been in vain. If we have reached the "ultima thule" of human hopes, then indeed have we fallen into the arms of despair.

The lessons of history, properly interpreted, do not permit a presumption so violent. Such conclusions necessarily obtain from a superficial review of immediate results, without peering into the hidden depths of original cause. The shallow investigator grasps at conclusions which are commensurate with his judgment. Such men are unable to reason from cause to effect. They seize a single idea, which may be a simple scintillation from the friction of thought, and imagining themselves possessed of some grand conception, cry out, in the ignorance of their souls "Eureka." Such men, gifted with an indomitable spirit, and possessed of great personal magnetism, produce impressions which are far-reaching and deleterious in their effects.

Thus error, starting from an ignorant conception, innocently entertained, goes forward, armour-clad by a frenzied zeal, hurling its poisoned shafts on every side, pro-

ducing disorder and chaos, and resulting in physical and more upheavals, which reverberate throughout the universe. Masonry, in its pristine purity, seized the standard of Truth, and devoted its existence to the defence of its sublime teachings. Recognizing the fallibility of human judgment when based upon ignorance, Masonry early established and carefully nurtured the spirit of progress and individual culture. It encouraged a spirit of inquiry. It originated investigation, and stimulated the desire for more light on all subjects which are inseparably connected with man's advancement in moral and mental vigour. It kept the sacred fire of liberty burning upon the altar of truth, and during the darkest hours of superstition, and the bitterest persecutions of ecclesiastical hate, this spark of freedom was fanned and kept alive by the pure and holy spirit of sincere devotion. Thus the germ of liberty was preserved to us by Masonic fidelity, and thus Masonry has come to represent moral, physical and intellectual advancement.

No wonder, then, in subsequent years, when ecclesiastical and *regal* power became cemented in bonds of selfish unity for the destruction of every vestige of human freedom, that Masonry should have been the special mark for the shafts of hatred and condemnation. It is not surprising that an Institution which preserved this priceless boon of freedom and knowledge should be vindictively pursued and contemned by a power whose permanency and future security depended exclusively upon the perpetuity of ignorance, and the control of all knowledge. This eternal warfare is not ended, although we breathe the pure and enlightened atmosphere of the nineteenth century. The bloody host of error, ignorance, and ecclesiastical power, are ready again to lead on to gory fields the credulous hordes of fanatical fury, whenever an opportunity presents itself. Is Masonry alive to the situation? Do we fully appreciate the blessings which we have gained through so many years of terror and tribulation? Has peace and prosperity blinded our eyes to increasing danger, and caused us to revel in the delusive charms of fancied security? Are we to await until the tocsin sounds from the alarm tower before we gird on our armour and face threatened danger? Are we to fold our arms in passive submission and apathetic indifference until resistance will be useless? Have we become so engrossed with material advancement and selfish interests that we have forgotten the citadel of safety? Have we become so absorbed in sensuous delights and grovelling desires that the spirit which gave us pre-eminence has been prostituted upon the altar of Mammon? We sincerely trust not.

When a nation or a people become so blinded by prosperity and brutalized by avarice as to forget the gratitude they owe to their progenitors, their end is near. They are then ready for the knife of the executioner, and will soon become the prey of any monster who can charm their fancy or gratify their cupidity. The evils which have crept into the Masonic organization, while they cannot affect the true principles of Masonry, nevertheless retard the growth of the genuine feeling, and weaken the strength of its influence.

(To be continued.)

As soon as the "Masonic Week" is over, some of the friends of Bro. Berther propose to invite him to a luncheon, to be held at the Cannon-street Hotel, to celebrate his appointment as Manager there. We think Mrs. Spencer is to be congratulated on having secured Bro. Berther's services; as Deputy for many years to Bro. Madel, at the Freemasons' Tavern, his knowledge of the business should ensure him a successful career, while his uniform kindness and courtesy has secured him many friends.

How many a wife would like to have just one peep into the Lodge which her husband goes to, and see what he is really "up to" there. How many a woman wonders why she cannot be let into all the secrets of the Craft. Her husband promised her to be a comrade for life, and he has kept his word in every other particular but this. When he has been worried, he has let her share his cares; when he has lost money, he has allowed her to go without new hats and sealskin jackets; when he has been lucky he has made himself happy for her sake; when he has felt that he would worry her by stopping at home, he has gone to his club; she has opened his letters, and he has only complained formerly; he has confided to her all his plans, when he has felt she ought to know them, but this secret of Freemasonry he keeps to himself. Why?—*Exchange.*

## THE THEATRES, &amp;c.

**Princess's.**—Mr. Wilson Barrett's return to his old home has enabled him to score another success. This has been brought about by Hall Caine's romantic drama, in five acts, entitled "The Ben-my-Chree." The play, which is from the novel "The Deemster," runs on similar lines to "Faust," with the exception that there is no Mephistopheles. The work, however, is so carefully written, and so powerfully acted that it is sure to have a long run. Of course there are faults, but they can easily be overlooked. For instance, we presume the audience ought to sympathise with Dan Mylrea, but why they should we cannot see; he is, in the first two acts, a lazy, good-for-nothing vagabond, who blames any one, rather than himself, because he loses a ploughing match. Again, when he is banished, we feel kindly towards him, but his speech to the caged bird is anything but in taste. Notwithstanding these faults, the play is so unconventional that it caused the audience to eagerly watch its progress from beginning to end. The situations are artistically led up to, the one at the end of the third, and again at the end of the last act, being alone sufficient to "make" the piece. Founded on a peculiar power held by the Church over the law, the authors have plenty of scope to work upon, and with what result we have already said. The main story can be told in a few words. Dan Mylrea has caused the whole of his relations to turn against him, except his cousin Mona. One evening she sends for Dan, to give him advice, and Mona's brother, Ewan, seeing Dan leave his sister's room by the window, accuses Dan of having been there for no good purpose, forces a quarrel on him, with result that Ewan is killed. For this Dan has sentence passed on him by his father, who represents the Church; this sentence is, that he be banished for ever from human society. How Dan's faithful friend, Davy Fayle, finds him out, and tells him that Mona is accused of unchastity, how Dan braves all danger, and confronts her accuser at the altar, with result that consequent on the shock to Mona she dies in Dan's arms. After this he is taken to death for having disobeyed the sentence passed on him. Although the end is a somewhat gloomy one, it is interesting. In Dan Mylrea Mr. Wilson Barrett has one of the parts he so delights in. In the first act he manages to depict the backsliding youth, while later on he is thoroughly sincere in his repentance. One question we would like to ask Mr. Barrett, how is it he is clean shaved after being away from civilisation for over a year? As Mona, Miss Eastlake is both winning and sympathetic, and gains the good opinion of her audience. One of the finest pieces of acting in the play is that of Mr. John Maclean as the Bishop. A more dignified and careful representation could not be wished for. Mr. H. Cooper-Cliffe was excellent, as the Governor of the Island, while Mr. Austin Melford was well suited in the Deemster. Mr. George Barrett was amusing and tender as the kind-hearted young fisherman Davy, but Mr. Charles Fulton would be more appreciated if he did not scowl so much. The numerous other parts were carefully acted by a well selected and painstaking company. We may add that Mr. Barrett's lease of the Princess's expires in about six weeks, when Miss Hawthorne will return, to produce a new piece.

**Olympic.**—Mr. Rutland Barrington's version of "Mr. Barnes of New York," which was first produced at a *matinée*, has recently been put in the evening bill, under the title of "To the Death." Since it was first produced the author has touched up his work here and there, with result that we now have a most powerful and interesting play. The last act has been shortened, and it is now a very strong one. The main fault, however, is in the casting of the characters. Of course there is an exception to every rule, and this time the exception is in favour of Mr. E. S. Willard, who resumes his original part of Danella. This actor gives a most vivid and artistic portrayal of the part, and nightly scores. Miss Amy McNeil, although always a painstaking actress, is not strong enough for the part of Marita Paoli; at times she was unable to rise to the situation. Mr. Yorke Stephens is interesting as Mr. Barnes, and he was ably backed in the love scenes by Miss Gertrude Kingston, as Enid. Miss Ellen Leyton made a mistake when she undertook the part of the mischievous Maud Charteris, but Mr. Julian Cross scored in his original part of old Thomasso. Mr. Reeves Smith made a manly Anstruther, the other characters call for no comment. "To the Death" has been drawing capital houses; we hope this will continue for some time to come.

On and after Monday next, and during the summer months, the performance of "Sweet Lavender," which is now approaching its 100th representation, at Terry's Theatre, will commence at 8.30 p.m. Notwithstanding the bright evenings, the piece is being played to as good business as ever, the "House full" boards being seen nightly. This is also the case with the "Real Little Lord Fauntleroy," who holds *levées* at 3 p.m. daily, with the exception of Saturdays, when "Sweet Lavender" gives her usual weekly *matinée*.

This evening (Saturday) Mrs. Bernard Beere will reproduce "Masks and Faces," in which she was recently so successful. Mrs. Beere will be supported by Miss Kate Vaughan (Mabel Vane), Mr. Henry Neville (Triplet), Mr. W. Herbert (Ernest Vane), and M. Marius (Sir Charles Pomander).

Miss Calhoun will start a season at the Royalty Theatre on Monday next, when will be presented, for the first time, "The Scarlet Letter," written by the Hon. Stephen Coleridge and Mr. Norman Forbes. Miss Calhoun will essay the part of Hester Prynne, and will be supported by Messrs. Forbes Robertson, Norman Forbes, A. Beaumont, Elwood, and Mrs. Huntley.

On Tuesday evening next, the charming little piece, entitled "Blackberries," will be revived at the Strand Theatre. Miss Alice Atherton will appear in her original part of Charlie Cobb, with new songs and dances. "His Wives" will still be kept in the bill.

That most successful opera, "The Mikado," will be revived at the Savoy Theatre next Thursday evening, with most of the original caste.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

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## THE ANONYMOUS CIRCULAR—BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—A printed circular, containing the most impudent falsehoods, has been sent to me, which bears neither the name of the printer nor of the writer, while the paper has been carefully selected without a water-mark. I do not propose to refer to any of the libellous portions of the document, as I understand that as soon as the printer and writer of the same can be discovered, the lash of the criminal law will be applied to their backs.

Not knowing anything about the report of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire therein referred to, I have made inquiries, and find that one of that description was issued in the year 1874, was discussed afterwards at several meetings of the General Committee, and a vote of "unabated confidence in the House and Audit Committees and Executive" was passed at a Quarterly Court on 10th April 1876, in a meeting of over 170 brethren, with only five dissentients. This report was issued in 1874, but as put forward by the anonymous scribbler is made to speak of 1888.

Whatever the Province of West Yorkshire thought then it is evidently of a different opinion now, as the Prov. Grand Master has nominated one of their most respected brethren, Bro. John Wordsworth, as a member of the House Committee. He will receive the unanimous support of the present members thereof.

The Secretarial and Office expenses—£7819 15s 6d—are also quoted from the same, 1874, report. In 1886 the office expenses were £1696, and in 1887 £1724. In the published report of the Institution for 1886, called in the circular "this year," the average cost per boy was £40 6s 7½d, and not £54 10s 3d as in the Yorkshire report 1874. The deficit on the general account for 1886, mentioned in the circular, is shown by the statement on page 26 to be £47 8s, the remainder of the adverse balance being caused by the extraordinary expenditure on the New Preparatory School. As the document has been extensively circulated on the eve of the election of the House Committee your readers can well appreciate the "fair spirit" of this cowardly attack, and may appreciate at its real value the desire "that the matters therein referred to should see a little daylight and be investigated." Why has the writer not faith enough in himself to append his signature to his precious production?

Yours sincerely,

A. F. GODSON.

2 Pump Court, Temple, E.C.  
30th May 1888.

As we have said elsewhere the Freemasons of England will have a busy time of it in London during the next few days, and no doubt a few of them, and more particularly their fair friends who will join in the festivities, will need a little refreshment mixed with their labours. Ever ready to meet the requirements of their patrons, the proprietor's of the Holborn Restaurant have made special provision for the accommodation of some of those who will visit the metropolis, and for their especial benefit will start their table d'hôte half an hour earlier than usual on the first four days of next week. In another column will be found copies of the menus which will be offered on these occasions, and which will no doubt be largely patronised by English Craftsmen and their friends, more especially on Thursday, when so many ladies will take part in the celebration at the Albert Hall, and will require something substantial as a basis on which to enjoy the "light" refreshment which will be there provided for them, and which we are informed will be in marked contrast to the more substantial repast of their favoured brothers, the Stewards for the festival.

The company present on Friday, at the banquet given by the Lord Mayor, at the Mansion House, to the members of the Emulation Lodge, of which he is W.M., included Mr. Ex-Sheriff Burt, J.P., Major and Sheriff Davies, J.P., and Mr. Sheriff Higgs.

Bro. E. T. Edwards is the Master designate of the Chough Lodge, which will shortly be consecrated.

The Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction now hold their meetings at the Middleton Arms, corner of Queen's-road and Middleton-road, Dalston, at eight o'clock.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Monmouthshire will be held on Thursday, the 28th June next, at Newport, under the banner of the Silurian Lodge.

AN OLD LODGE.—St. John's Lodge, No. 1, of Newport, R.I. celebrated the one hundred and thirty-seventh annual meeting of the Lodge on 19th December 1887, when Bro. Robert S. Franklin was elected W.M.

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The Table d'Hote Menus for the principal days during the Masonic week will be as under, and served from FIVE till NINE o'Clock each Evening:—

TABLE D'HOTE, <i>Monday, 4th June 1888.</i>	TABLE D'HOTE, <i>Tuesday, 5th June 1888.</i>	TABLE D'HOTE, <i>Wednesday, 6th June 1888.</i>	TABLE D'HOTE, <i>Thursday, 7th June 1888.</i>
<i>Distribution of Prizes, R.M.I.G.</i>	<i>Grand Lodge of Mark Masons.</i>	<i>United Grand Lodge.</i>	<i>FESTIVAL R.M.I.G.</i>
<b>Soups.</b> Mock Turtle. Spring à la Royale.	<b>Soups.</b> Portuguese. Consommé à la Italian Paste.	<b>Soups.</b> Purée St. Germain. Consommé à la Paysanne.	<b>Soups.</b> Ox Tail. Consommé à la Royale.
<b>Fish.</b> Salmon, Mousseline Sauce & Cucumber. Whitebait. Boiled Potatoes.	<b>Fish.</b> Salmon, Lobster Sauce and Cucumber. Whitebait. Boiled Potatoes.	<b>Fish.</b> Turbot and Caper Sauce. Fried Filets of Soles and Tomato Sauce. Boiled Potatoes.	<b>Fish.</b> Salmon and Shrimp Sauce. Whitebait. Boiled Potatoes.
<b>Entrées.</b> Lamb Cutlets and Peas. Chicken Sauté à la Portugaise. Potatoes Sauté.	<b>Entrées.</b> Civet of Venison à la Chasseur. French Beans. Pigeons and Peas. Potatoes Sauté.	<b>Entrées.</b> Sweetbreads in Cases. Chicken and Peas. Potatoes Lyonnaise.	<b>Entrées.</b> Small Fillets of Beef and Olives. Potatoes Sauté. Pigeons Sauté à la Portugaise.
<b>Removes.</b> Ham and Madeira. French Beans. Rast Ribs of Beef and Horseradish. New Potatoes.	<b>Removes.</b> Tongue and Madeira. Spring Cabbage. Roast Lamb and Mint Sauce. New Potatoes.	<b>Removes.</b> Braised Beef Jardiniere. French Beans. Roast Saddle of Mutton and Red Currant Jelly. Boiled Potatoes.	<b>Removes.</b> Roast Lamb and Mint Sauce. Spring Cabbage. Roast Sirloin of Beef. New Potatoes.
<b>Sweets.</b> Cabinet Pudding. Strawberry Tartlets. Orange Jelly. Ice Pudding.	<b>Sweets.</b> Cherry Tart. Maids of Honour. Gelée à l'eau Dantzic. Ice Pudding.	<b>Sweets.</b> Apricots à la Condé. Genoise Glacé. Macedoine Jelly. Strawberry Cream.	<b>Sweets.</b> Apricots à la Richelieu. Tartlets à la Bordelaise. Strawberry Jelly. Ice Pudding.
Cheese. French Salad.	Cheese. French Salad.	Cheese. French Salad.	Cheese. French Salad.
<b>Dessert.</b>	<b>Dessert.</b>	<b>Dessert.</b>	<b>Dessert.</b>

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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.

The services of Brethren as Stewards are most urgently needed this year, as, owing to the confidently anticipated and naturally to be expected exceptional support assured to the Centenary Celebration of the sister Institution, the gravest apprehensions are excited as to the realisation of the amount absolutely required to meet the ordinary annual expenditure.

The Annual Stewards' Visit, Entertainment, and Distribution of Prizes to Pupils, will take place at the Institution, at Wood Green, on Saturday, the 23rd June.



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**S**UBSCRIBERS and Friends of this Institution are respectfully requested not to place reliance on the unfounded, calumnious, and libellous allegations as set forth in an anonymous circular to which extreme publicity has recently been given—the object of which evidently is to injure the Institution, and to damage the characters of all connected with its Management.

The author of the circular in question omits to state that the Report, from which quotations are largely made, was issued in 1874, and that the grounds of complaint were then investigated and found to be non-existent. And

That the excess of expenditure over receipts in 1886—not “this year”—was entirely due to building extension.

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OFFICE—6 Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
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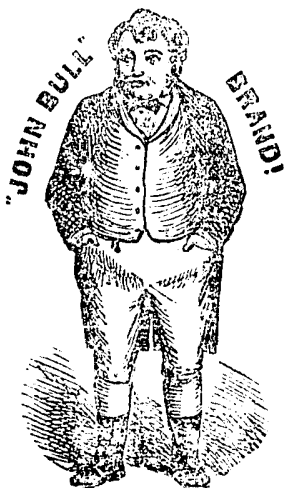
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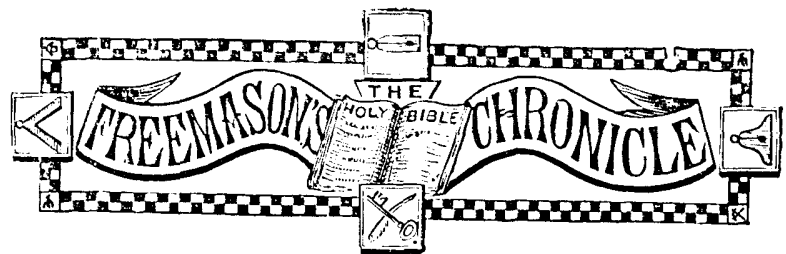
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## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

**T**HE annual meeting was held on Tuesday, 22nd ult., at Stow-on-the-Wold, by command of the Right Hon. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart., the Grand Master of the Province. Notwithstanding the inconveniences of the railway service, the number present was large; and unusual interest attached to the proceedings from the fact that two of the permanent offices, those of Deputy Provincial Grand Master and Provincial Grand Secretary, had lately become vacant by resignation. The lately deceased Brother Brook-Smith had resigned the Deputyship a few weeks before his death, upon his appointment to the Head Mastership of the Modern side of the College; and Bro. E. Trinder, of Cirencester, had also intimated to the Provincial Grand Master that he could not accept re-appointment as Secretary. Since the reformation of Provincial Grand Lodge for Gloucestershire in 1856—formerly for a century it had formed part of the joint Province of Worcester, Gloucester, and Hereford—there has been but two Deputies, whose term of Office has been coincident with that of their Grand Masters. Brother Newmarch, to whose personal exertions and influence the re-organisation of the Province was mainly due, had his services in this respect acknowledged by being appointed Deputy to the late Lord Sherborne (then the Hon. R. Dutton) on the acceptance by the latter of the office of Prov. Grand Master in 1856. Bro. Newmarch filled the post with eminent success until 1880, when he followed his chief into retirement; and in the same year Bro. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach succeeded Lord Sherborne and selected Bro. Brook-Smith, in compliance with the general feeling of the Province, as his Deputy. On Bro. Brook-Smith's retirement, Bro. Vassar-Smith was nominated as his successor. Bro. Vassar-Smith is W.M. of the Royal Union Lodge, No. 246, P.M. of 839, and a Past Warden of the Province; but it is pre-eminently as Prov. Charity Secretary that he has rendered service to the Craft in Gloucestershire. Bro. E. Trinder has filled the office of Prov. Grand Secretary during the whole of the thirty-two years that have elapsed since 1856. Bro. J. B. Winterbotham, who succeeded him, is a P.M. of the Foundation Lodge, No. 82. Provincial Grand Lodge has not been held at Stow-on-the-Wold for about twenty years, and the Local Lodge, No. 951, has exerted itself to atone for its shortcomings in railway communication by the hospitality of its welcome. Lodge was held in the St. Edwards Hall, a building well suited for the gathering, and the large room used as the Lodge room was tastefully decorated with evergreens and flowers. The R.W. Prov. G.M., the Right Hon. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., presided, and before the regular business was proceeded with made a touching allusion to the death of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, of whom, he said, he felt unable to speak as he should wish, from the feelings which overcame him. He concluded by proposing a vote recording the loss the Province had sustained, and of condolence of its members with Bro. Brook-Smith's family. The question of the form of perpetuating his memory was referred to a committee, as was also a proposal made by the Dean of Gloucester, that certain gilding should be added to the reredos in Gloucester Cathedral, in accordance, the Dean said, with the original design of Sir Gilbert Scott. The appointment of Officers was then made, as follows, Brother Vassar-Smith being received with enthusiasm:—

Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith	-	-	-	Deputy Master
J. G. Seymour	-	-	-	S.W.
F. Millman	-	-	-	J.W.
J. Albin Roberts	-	-	-	Registrar
W. Fawcett	-	-	-	Chaplain
T. Nelson Foster	-	-	-	Treasurer
James B. Winterbotham	-	-	-	Secretary
E. Denning	-	-	-	S.D.
J. Wheatley	-	-	-	J.D.
R. Prowde Smith	-	-	-	Superintendent of Works

Gen. W. J. Vizard	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
E. N. Wittchell	-	-	Assistant Director of Cer.
W. Renwick	-	-	Sword Bearer
J. Hyde	-	-	} Standard Bearers
J. Bradstock	-	-	
W. Parry	-	-	Pursuivant
H. Browett	-	-	} Stewards
J. F. Nicholls	-	-	

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Staffordshire was held at the Borough Hall, Stafford, on Tuesday, the 29th inst. Grand Lodge was opened at half-past twelve, under the presidency of Worshipful Bro. Col. Foster Gough, acting Provincial Grand Master, and there was a large muster from the various Lodges throughout the Province, in all rather more than 200 brethren singing the Tyler's book. The following among other brethren were present:—

Bros. J. F. Pepper P.G.S.W., E. H. Croydon P.G.J.W., the Rev. F. H. Beaven 726 P.G. Chaplain, T. Spencer P.G. Registrar, E. H. Thorne P.G. Secretary, W. G. Lowe 629 P.G.S.D., D. Smith 633 P.G.J.D., W. Brown 347 P.G. Superintendent of Works, G. H. Stanger 419 P.G. Director of Ceremonies, T. H. Cope 1520 P.G. Assistant Director of Ceremonies, Dr. E. W. Taylor P.G. Organist, G. C. Kent 546 P.G. Assistant Secretary, W. Bamford 966 P.G. Pursuivant, G. S. Hildick 539, J. Smith 460, and G. W. Dance 662 P.G. Stewards, W. Twist 419 526 1838 P.G. Tyler, J. J. Tomlinson 726 Assistant-Tyler, and a numerous assemblage of the brethren of the Province.

The minutes of the last annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Westbromwich, and of an emergency meeting, held at Etruria, having been read, the Provincial Grand Secretary read a letter from Bro. Col. Tudor, in which he said that after a service of twenty years it was with feelings of regret that, in consequence of the state of his health and his inability to reside in the Province during the winter months, he had felt it his duty to resign his appointment in the Province. He acknowledged the invaluable assistance that he had received from Col. Foster Gough, and noted the fact that there were now 29 Lodges in the Province as compared with 19 when he was appointed P.G.M. He had appointed about 300 brethren P.G. Officers, and his only regret in this respect was that he had been obliged to pass over so many brethren who were deserving of the honour. He recorded his thanks to the P.G. Officers generally for the valuable assistance that he had received from them, and to the brethren throughout the Province for their unvarying loyalty and support. In conclusion, he said the sceptre he was laying down was one of which a prince might be proud, and asked that the same sympathy and support might be extended to his successor.

Col. Foster Gough said he was sure they must all feel very deeply the loss they had sustained by the resignation of the Worshipful Brother who had so long and so faithfully performed the duties of his high office. For himself personally, it was a terrible wrench to find himself thus separated from those with whom he had been associated for upwards of 30 years. They could not possibly have found one more faithful, more industrious, more loyal to the solemn trust reposed in him, and scarcely one so thoroughly skilled in all the ancient usages, traditions, customs, and ceremonies of the Order. It could also be said of him that he was a pattern of justice and sincerity in all his actions, and there was no one of whom it could be said with greater truth that he possessed the true spirit of an English soldier and an English gentleman. He moved, that this meeting of the P.G. Lodge of Staffordshire has received with profound regret the letter of the Right Worshipful Brother Col. Tudor, intimating his resignation of his office of P.G.M., and desires to express its sincere and hearty appreciation of his long and valuable services to the Province and its earnest wishes for his long life, health, and happiness; also that the resolution be engrossed on vellum and presented to the late Right Worshipful Prov. G.M. The resolution was seconded and carried unanimously. The roll of Lodges in the Province was then called over, and apologies were announced from various brethren, including Col. Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Sec., Bros. Frank James, Bodenham (the latter of whom was unable to be present owing to domestic bereavement), and G. Gordon-Warren. On the motion of Col. Gough, seconded by the G.S.W., a resolution was passed deploring the sad bereavement sustained by Bro.

Bodenham in the lamented death of his wife, and tendering to him sincere sympathy in his great trial. In the absence of Bro. Bodenham, the Treasurer's statement was submitted by Bro. Watkins. It showed the dues received from the various Lodges during the year, the fees of honour paid by the Provincial Grand Officers on appointment, and several other items of income, the total receipts having been £181 15s 3d, or, with a balance of £20 4s 6d for the previous year, £201 19s 9d. On the other hand, the expenditure, including expenses of P.G. meetings, insurance premiums, expenses of elections to the Royal Masonic Institutions, donations, &c., had amounted to £136. On the investment account, it appeared that there was a sum of £570 invested in Government stocks. Col. Gough, in moving that the accounts be adopted, testified to the admirable system on which they were kept. The only thing he found fault with was that out of a total of upwards of 12,000 subscribing brethren 117 were in arrear with their subscriptions, while of that number as many as 62 were in three Lodges. On the present occasion he would not name those Lodges, but he trusted to hear a better account of them in the future. The accounts were unanimously passed. The following appointments were then made by Col. Foster Gough:—

Bro. Blair 546	-	-	} Wardens
J. E. Woods 456	-	-	
Rev. F. H. Beaven 736 (re-app.)	-	-	} Chaplains
Rev. H. Abud 456	-	-	
J. Bodenham 726 (re-elected)	-	-	Treasurer
J. L. Hamshaw 418	-	-	Registrar
E. H. Thorne 1838	-	-	Secretary
T. Ryder 1792	-	-	} Deacons
S. Bentley 98	-	-	
E. V. Greatbatch 418	-	-	Superintendent of Works
G. H. Stanger 419	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
— Wooldridge 726	-	-	Assistant D.C.
J. F. Milner 966	-	-	Sword Bearer
— Hildick 539	-	-	} Standard Bearers
C. W. Watkins 1941	-	-	
Dr. E. W. Taylor 726	-	-	Organist
— Ashwell 637	-	-	Assistant Secretary
G. Ashmall 1039	-	-	Pursuivant
— Bates 419	-	-	Assistant Pursuivant
W. D. Batkin 726	-	-	} Stewards
— Bates 1060	-	-	
H. J. Clarson 1060	-	-	
W. E. Marsh 526	-	-	
J. Woods 1038	-	-	
E. J. Mousley S.W. 726	-	-	
T. Masters J.W. 726	-	-	
W. Twist 526 (re-elected)	-	-	Tyler

Col. Gough said it had been his intention, after the appointment of Officers, to direct the attention of Grand Lodge to several matters of importance to the Province, but owing to want of time he must confine himself to the briefest summary. He first offered a few words of congratulation on the large attendance of brethren, and then proceeded to speak of the excellent effect produced by frequent attendance of Officers at Lodges of Instruction, and to congratulate the Province on the good discipline and harmony prevailing in the various Lodges, and the excellent work that was being carried on in behalf of the Charities. He added a few words commendatory of the London "Quatuor Coronati" Lodge (of which Sir Charles Warren was W.M.) and its objects of spreading information among the Craft on all matters of recondite interest by means of a Correspondence Circle of which every properly constituted Lodge may become a member. In conclusion, he noticed the contemplated alteration in the boundaries of some counties, and intimated that so far as Freemasonry was concerned his Royal Highness the Grand Master was not in favour of any alteration whatever being made in the boundaries of his Masonic Kingdom. The brethren then proceeded to St. Mary's Church, where Divine service was held. On the re-assembling of the Provincial Grand Lodge after service, votes of thanks were passed to the Rev. F. H. Beaven for his excellent sermon, to the Rector for the use of the church, and to Dr. Taylor for his admirable arrangement of the service. The collection amounted to £9, and of this sum £5 was voted to St. Chad's (Stafford) Building Fund, two guineas to St. Mary's Eastgate Schools, and two guineas to St. Paul's Schools, Burton-on-Trent. Col. Gough testified to the admirable way in which the auditors of the Provincial Grand Lodge had performed their duties. He moved the re-appointment of the auditors—viz., Wor. Bros. W. H. Hales P.M. 418 P.P.G.W., J. F. Pepper P.M. 482 Prov. G. W., and C. W. Watkins P.M. 1941. This was unanimously agreed to. Bro. F. Woolley (Stafford) brought up a report from the Cartwright Memorial Fund

Committee, from which it appeared that the subscriptions to the fund amounted to £170, out of which £24 had been expended upon a presentation to the late Provincial Grand Secretary of a gold watch, leaving a balance of £146. He stated that a meeting of the Investment Committee had been held that morning to consider as to the disposal of the balance, and the Committee suggested that the money in hand should be invested in the names of Bros. Croydon, Barnett, and Woolley, for the assistance of necessitous brethren or their widows in the Province, while their claims upon the benevolent fund were under consideration. Bro. Bromley (Hanley) proposed, and Bro. Faram seconded a resolution in accordance with the suggestion of the Committee. Bro. E. H. Croydon stated that the Sutherland Lodge of Unity had voted a sum of five guineas to the Cartwright Fund, and it was hoped that their example would be followed by other Lodges. Bro. Greatbach suggested that as the Provincial Grand Lodge had a large fund in hand a sum of 100gs. should be voted to the Cartwright Memorial Fund, and moved that a grant be made from the Provincial Grand Lodge fund to that amount. Col. Gough pointed out that notice of motion would be requisite, and Bro. Greatbach accordingly gave notice of motion for the next Provincial Grand Lodge. There was no further business, and the Lodge was closed in the usual form. Subsequently a banquet was served in the Shire Hall by Bro. Bennett, of the Vine Hotel, whose catering gave universal satisfaction. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and the proceedings were enlivened by the songs and glees of a quartette of Stafford vocalists.

### MARK MASONRY.

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#### PROV. G. LODGE OF N.E. YORKSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday, 23rd ult., at Malton, on the invitation of the Fitzwilliam Lodge, No. 277. The meeting was held in the Assembly Room and the Masonic Hall, the former having been handsomely fitted up for the Provincial Lodge. The occasion was also of more than ordinary interest to the Province on account of the installation of Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett as Provincial Grand Master of North-East Yorkshire, in succession to Bro. J. W. Woodall, of Scarborough. The brethren having assembled, the Fitzwilliam Mark Lodge was opened, and the Provincial Grand Lodge then entered, and was duly opened. After the usual business had been transacted, R.W. Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett P.G.W. was installed as Grand Mark Master of the Province, the ceremony being performed by the retiring Grand Master, Bro. J. W. Woodall, assisted by Bro. C. L. Mason P.P.G.M. of West Yorkshire and Bro. Dr. T. Smyth D.P.G.M. West Yorkshire, and P.G. Chaplain of England. The newly-installed Provincial Grand Master afterwards invested his Officers for the year, as follow:—

Bro. T. B. Whythead, York, T.I.	-	S.W.
W. Constable P.M. 277	-	J.W.
J. M. Meek P.M. 276	-	M.O.
J. H. Hackett W.M. 95	-	S.O.
J. Blenkin, York, T.I.	-	J.O.
Rev. E. J. Berry 281	-	Chaplain
J. Marshall P.M. 277	-	Treasurer
A. W. Walker P.M. 277	-	Secretary
Thomas Marshall W.M. 281	-	Registrar of Marks
W. B. Dyson, York, T.I.	-	S.D.
H. Holgreaves W.M. 291	-	J.D.
T. H. Dunn M.O. 95	-	Inspector of Works
W. H. Cowper P.M. 276	-	Director of Ceremonies
T. M. Goldie S.W. 277	-	Assistant D.C.
Charles Gray 291	-	Sword Bearer
W. Richardson 281	-	Standard Bearer
J. W. Rennison 337	-	Organist
W. J. Marshall 277	-	Assistant Secretary
J. Verity 95	-	I.G.
J. F. Seals 95	-	Tyler
W. Lackenby, York, T.I.	-	} Stewards
F. Seales 95	-	
H. Wald 337	-	

A banquet was afterwards held at the Talbot Hotel, to which a goodly number of the brethren sat down.

The next volume of Messrs. Dean and Son's "Junior's Library" will be "Our Garden and its Feathered Families," by the author of "Moravian Life in the Black Forest."

#### CONSECRATION OF THE ST. OSWALD LODGE, No. 387.

ON 24th ult. another forward step in Freemasonry was taken, in the establishment of a new Mark Masters' Lodge, at Crowle, in the province of Lincolnshire. The Lodge is composed principally of members belonging to the Isle of Axholme Craft Lodge, No. 1482. The new Lodge is called after the Northumbrian king and saint, St. Oswald, and is No. 387 on the roll of Grand Lodge. This will make the seventh Lodge in the province. The founders of the Lodge are members of the John o'Gaunt Lodge, Gainsborough, viz., Bros. Staniforth, Delanoy, Brunyee, Forth, Liversidge, and Wheeldon. It was thought wise to only have as the founders members of the province of Lincolnshire, as it is a Lincolnshire Lodge. The Lodge will hold its meetings in the Craft Lodge. The consecration was ably performed by Bro. Sutcliffe R.W. Prov. G.M.M. of Lincolnshire. The following brethren were present:—Bros. Read W.M. 117, Baines W.M. 172, Roberts P.G.D.C., Laughton 172, Tong 185, Liversidge 172, Rev. C. Laing Chaplain, Morton 188 Prov. G. Secretary, Curtis 172, Johnson 172, Greenhalgh 172, Mason 172, Wright 172, Adlard 172, Scott 172. Previous to the consecration ceremony the Lodge was opened by Bro. Baines, of John o'Gaunt Lodge, and his Officers, and the advancement of the following brethren followed:—Bros. Wood 1482, Horobin 1485, Chamberlain 1482, Le Gassick 1482, Fox 1482, Robinson 1482, Pickering 1482. The work of Bro. Liversidge was most commendable. Bro. Adlard presided at the organ and performed the service excellently. The advancement over, the R.W. P.G.M.M. Bro. Sutcliffe, received and addressed the founders of the Lodge and delivered the warrant. The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, the R.W. P.G.M.M. being assisted by the Provincial Officers, and corn, oil, wine, and salt were strewn and poured. The Lodge was then consecrated and dedicated. Bro. A. Bates, the D.P.G.M.M., then installed Bro. Staniforth as the W.M. who next invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Delanoy S.W., Brunyee J.W. Rev. Le Gassick M.O. and Chaplain, Fox S.O., Behrendt J.O., Wood Sec., Horobin Treas. and R. of M., Chamberlain S.D., Robinson I.G., Pickering O.G. After the duties of the Lodge were over the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which Mr. and Mrs. Chafer had provided in their long room. The room was very nicely adorned with plants, evergreens, and flowers; and the "spread" was all that could be desired. The R.W. P.G.M.M. resigned the place of honour to the W.M. Bro. Staniforth, and the vice-chair was occupied by Bro. Delanoy. The toast list was both Loyal and Masonic, and was gone through in good style, Bro. Roberts doing the work of the D.C. in his usual excellent form. The speeches were interspersed by songs from several brethren, and one of the most enjoyable days may be chronicled in the diaries of the Crowle brethren as having been spent on 17th May, the day of the Consecration of the St. Oswald Lodge of Mark Masons, the success of which there can be doubt will be insured by the united action of the brethren, who are all imbued with one idea—the progress of the Institution. The bells of St. Oswald's Church rang out merry peals at intervals.

#### FIDELITY CHAPTER, No. 230.

THE annual convocation was held on Friday, 25th ult., at the Ebrington Masonic Hall, Devonport, when Principals elect were installed:—E. H. Littleton as Z., W. G. Swiss H., and J. J. Meadley J. Comps. James Gidley 2025, W. Allsford 202, R. Pike 230, Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 189 P.P.G.P.S. P.P.G. 3rd Principal were the Installing Officers, supported by Ex Comps. S. Jew, J. R. Lord, E. Aitken-Davies, R. Cawsey, E. J. Knight, J. Lynn, J. R. H. Harris, W. Coath, J. D. Pearn, &c. The following were invested as Officers:—Comps. J. Whitford I.P.Z., J. R. H. Harris S.E., J. Lynn Treas., W. H. Burt S.N., W. Vignars Harris P.S., W. Routledge 1st A.S., M. Darbin 2nd A.S., G. T. Veale O., S. Harvey Janitor. Ex. Comp. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., Past Provincial Third Grand Principal, during the evening presented the Chapter with a pair of miniature hand-painted H.R. Arch tracing boards, handsomely framed. A plate on the frame bore the inscription:—"Presented to Chapter Fidelity, No. 230 H.R.A., by the Ex Comp. Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.Z. 189 (70, 223, 494, 2025 Hon.) P.P.G.P.S. and Past Provincial Third Grand Principal, 25th May 1888."

#### ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, No. 328.

THE installation meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Torquay, on Wednesday, the 23rd ult. The ceremonies of installing the Principals were performed by E. Comp. A. T. Blamey P.Z., who also exalted Bro. W. Hersey. The installed Principals for the year were E. Comps. B. Knight Z., John Lane H., and George Pepprell J. The Z. invested the following Officers with their respective collars:—Comps. T. W. Morgan Treas., T. J. Crossman Scribe E., John Salter Scribe N., T. Prust P.S., John Taylor 1st Asst. Soj., Dr. Willard 2nd Asst. Soj., Thomas Brooks Organist, W. Hill D.C., A. W. Searley and T. Beckett Stewards. At the conclusion of the business the Companions adjourned to the banquet-room of the Masonic-hall, and partook of an excellent cold collation.

#### ROYDS LODGE, No. 1204.

THE installation festival was held on the 10th inst., at the Masonic Hall, College-road, Malvern. Bro. Dixey, M.D., was installed as W.M. by the I.P.M. Bro. Ward, assisted by Bros. Wilson, Lucy, and Pike. The Officers for the year are:—Bros. Bailey S.W., Fraser J.W., Green S.D., Thompson J.D., Warner Ottley P.M. Treasurer, Wilson P.M. Secretary, Pike, M.D., P.M. Inner Guard, Rev. Black P.M. Chaplain, Lucy P.M. D.C., Russell P.M. Steward, Hibings Organist.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 6th June 1888, at 6 for 7 p.m.

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 7th March for confirmation.
  2. The Minutes of the Grand Festival of the 25th April for confirmation.
  3. To receive a communication from the M.W. Pro Grand Master relative to the present position of Masonry in New South Wales.
  4. Appointment and investiture of President of the Board of General Purposes.
  5. Election of Members of the Board of General Purposes.
  6. Election of Members of the Colonial Board.
  7. Election of Grand Lodge Auditor.
  8. Election of Members for the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons.
- (For list of names of the Brethren nominated for the several Boards and Committees see below.)

9. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz. :-

The Orphan Daughter of a Brother of the Royal Preston Lodge, No. 333, Preston	£50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Paxton Lodge, No. 1686, Camberwell	50	0	0
A Brother of the Emblematic Lodge, No. 1321, South-wark	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Oakley Lodge, No. 694, Basingstoke	75	0	0
Five Orphan Children of a Brother of the Earl Spencer Lodge, No. 1420, London	60	0	0
A Brother of the Vale of White Horse Lodge, No. 1770, Faringdon	50	0	0
A Brother of the Friars Lodge, No. 1349, London	100	0	0
A Brother of the Alexandra Palace Lodge, No. 1541, London	50	0	0
A Brother of the London Lodge, No. 108, London	100	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Cabbell Lodge, No. 807, Norwich	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Harbour of Refuge Lodge, No. 764, Hartlepool	50	0	0

10. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

A complaint has been laid before the Board by Bro. Nathaniel Tracy Prov. Grand Sec. of Suffolk, against V.W. Bro. Asher Barfield, the present Grand Treasurer, for having employed a gentleman in Ipswich, who is not a Mason, to solicit from the Past Masters of Lodges in Ipswich, votes for him, when a candidate for that office, and to distribute printed invitations to a luncheon at the Holborn Restaurant to all who were willing to support his election.

The Board considered that this complaint was not such as could be dealt with by them, but that it was their duty to bring the matter under the notice of the Grand Lodge as one concerning its honour and privileges, and the credit and reputation of the Society.

(Signed) THOMAS FENN, President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.  
15th May 1888.

To the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts, at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 11th day of May, showing a balance in the Bank of England (Western Branch) of £3,741 1s 4d, and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £100, and for Servants' Wages £100, and balance of annual allowance for Library £38 4s 7d.

At the meeting of the Board held on Tuesday, the 15th of May, after the ordinary business had been disposed of, the following resolution was passed, viz. :-

That the cordial thanks of the Members of the Board of General Purposes be given to V.W. Bro. Thomas Fenn, the President, for the very able and courteous manner in which he has presided over the meetings of the Board during the past year.

(Signed) CHARLES BELTON, Vice-President.

11.—The Annual Report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, dated 13th May 1888, will be laid before Grand Lodge.

12. NOTICE OF MOTION—

By W. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G. Deacon :-

That the sum of £70 be given from the Fund of General Purposes; that the money be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution

for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, to supply the inmates of the Institution at Croydon with coals during the winter season.

13. APPEAL.

By Bro. Francis W. Hollar W.M. of the Phoenix Lodge, No. 914, Port Royal, Jamaica, against a ruling of the District Grand Master of Jamaica, declaring that the exclusion of Bro. Francis Leith White by the said Lodge was not in accordance with Article 210 of the Book of Constitutions, and must be cancelled.

List of Brethren nominated for the Board of General Purposes.

PAST MASTERS.	
JOHN SPEIGHT CUMBERLAND	2128
HENRY STEPHEN GOODHALL	65
EDWARD TERRY	29
THOMAS HASTINGS MILLER	1964
TOM DREW BEAR	1584
FREDERICK THOMAS RUSIOTON	8
FREDERICK ERNEST POCOCK, M.D.	1891
WILLIAM ALFRED DAWSON	1768
MAURICE SPIEGEL	188
WILLIAM GEORGE LEMON	165
HENRY PRITCHARD	1415
GEORGE READ	511
HENRY DICKEY	1744

MASTERS.	
THOMAS CHARLES WALLS	1656
CHARLES BELTON	2228
WILLIAM ALFRED SCURRAH	2206
JAMES HOLAH	1
WILLIAM HENRY COBB	1820
HOWARD HENRY ROOM	1159
EUGENE MONTEUUIS	2243
GEORGE LAUNCELOT EYLES	197
HILDEBRAND RAMSDEN	1118
GEORGE WELDON	4
THOMAS WILLIAM RICHARDSON	2029
EBENEZER CHARLES MULVEY	2246
JOSEPH CLEVER	1818

List of Brethren nominated for the Colonial Board.

COL. FREDERICK GADSDEN (Madras)	434
JOHN SPEIGHT CUMBERLAND	2128
LIEUT.-COL. GEORGE HALDANE	1615
JAMES BRETT	177
THOMAS HENRY GARDINER	657
THOMAS JAMES REEVES	1118
REGINALD ST. A. ROUMIEU	1537
ALBERT ESCOTT	1593
THOMAS CHARLES WALLS	1656

List of Brethren nominated for the Committee of Management for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons.

CHARLES ALLEN. COTTEBRUNE	733
HUGH COTTER	554
JOHN E. DAWSON	404
CHARLES GEORGE DILLEY	1155
MAJOR ALFRED DURRANT	569
ALBERT FISH	1366
CHARLES KEMPTON	1287
ALFRED H. TATTERSHALL	140
JAPHETH TICKLE	1196
ISAAC DIXON	1567

List of Lodges for which warrants have been granted by the Most Worshipful Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge.

- No. 2252.—The Rocky Park Lodge, Barkly East, South Africa (E.D.)
- 2253.—The St. Michael's Lodge, Bridgetown, Barbadoes, West Indies.
- 2254.—The Waratah Lodge, Waratah, New South Wales.
- 2255.—The Philbrick Lodge, Chingford, Essex.
- 2256.—The Warner Lodge, Chingford, Essex.
- 2257.—The Powell Lodge, Bristol.
- 2258.—The Western District United Service Lodge, East Stonehouse, Devon.
- 2259.—The St. Nicholas Lodge, Thorne, West Yorkshire.
- 2260.—The Ridley Lodge, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Northumberland.
- 2261.—The Armitage Lodge, Longwood, near Middlesbrough, West Yorkshire.
- 2262.—The Daymer Lodge, Wraybury, Buckinghamshire.
- 2263.—The St. Leonards Lodge, Sheffield, West Yorkshire.
- 2264.—The Church Lodge, Cannon Street.
- 2265.—The Barnato Lodge, Highbury, Islington.
- 2266.—The Cator Lodge, Beckenham.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—Rheumatism and Gout.—These purifying and soothing remedies deserve the earnest attention of all persons liable to gout, sciatica, or other painful affections of the muscles, nerves, or joints. The Ointment should be applied after the affected parts have been patiently fomented with warm water, when the Ointment should be diligently rubbed upon the adjacent skin, unless the friction causes pain. Holloway's Pills should be subsequently taken to diminish pain, reduce inflammation, and purify the blood. This treatment abates the violence, and lessens the frequency of gout, rheumatism, and all spasmodic diseases which spring from hereditary predisposition, or from any accidental weakness of constitution. The Ointment checks the local acidity, while the Pills restore vital power.

## 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, 2nd JUNE.

- General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4  
 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (Inst.)  
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)  
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)  
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst.)  
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (Inst.)  
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8  
 R.A. 173—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 R.A. 675—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge  
 1223—Amherst, Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverhead, near Sevenoaks  
 1362—Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Redhill  
 145—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester  
 1466—Nova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton  
 1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham  
 1929—Mozart, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon  
 2148—Wal-ingham, Masonic Hall, Walsingham, Kent  
 2205—Pegasus, Clavendon Hotel, Gravesend, Kent

## MONDAY, 4th JUNE.

- 22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)  
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (Inst.)  
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction)  
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)  
 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)  
 1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8. (Inst.)  
 1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7. (Inst.)  
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30. (Inst.)  
 507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (Inst.)  
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (Inst.)  
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7. (Inst.)  
 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road  
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst.)  
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)  
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)  
 2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 2098—Harlesden National School, Harlesden  
 R.A. 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square  
 37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors  
 113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston.  
 119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven  
 133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham  
 151—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield  
 156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth  
 236—York, Masonic Hall, York  
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst.)  
 251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple  
 381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen  
 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)  
 395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors  
 431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields  
 478—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford  
 482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire  
 597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead  
 622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne  
 822—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 350—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire  
 828—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield  
 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire  
 1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester  
 1051—Rowley, Athenaeum, Lancaster  
 1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire  
 1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks  
 1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds  
 1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.  
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax  
 1390—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool  
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington  
 1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea  
 1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales  
 1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle  
 1798—Zion, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester  
 R.A. 106—Sun, Royal Beacon Hotel, Exmouth  
 R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley  
 R.A. 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells  
 M.M. 2—Phoenix, 110 High Street, Portsmouth  
 M.M. 12—Minerva, Masonic Hall, Dagger Lane, Hull  
 R.C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

## TUESDAY, 5th JUNE.

- Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4  
 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.)  
 171—Amity, Ship Hotel, Greenwich  
 177—Doric, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Alder-gate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)  
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction)  
 763—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, Dulwich, at 8. (Inst.)  
 861—Finsbury, King's Head, Thrummele 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. (Inst.)  
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Cannon Down, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1383—Friends in Council, 33 Golden-square  
 1416—Mount Edgcombe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)  
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Wolwich. (Instruction)  
 1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)

- 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst.)  
 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)  
 191—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 7. (Instruction)  
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30  
 R.A. 794—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)  
 R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 164—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)

- 70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth  
 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.  
 120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.  
 124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham  
 158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness  
 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.  
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)  
 265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley  
 364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.  
 393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick  
 558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.  
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.  
 794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield  
 804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.  
 829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidecup, at 7. (Instruction)  
 847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.  
 948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard  
 960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.  
 974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley Street, Braford  
 995—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston  
 1002—Skidhaw, Lodge Room, Market Place, Cockermouth  
 1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford  
 1161—De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar  
 1322—Waveley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne  
 1473—Booth, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.  
 1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields  
 1993—Wolsey, Masonic Hall, Town Hall Buildings, King Street, Manchester  
 2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 R.A. 903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, Gosport  
 R.A. 1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham  
 M.M. 11—Joppa, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead  
 M.M. 115—Bedford, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
 M.M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

## WEDNESDAY, 6th JUNE.

- Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall  
 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsley, 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, Brough, at 8. (Inst.)  
 103—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)  
 223—United Strength, The Hope, Stainope Street, Regent's Park, at 8. (Inst.)  
 538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst.)  
 720—Panmure, Batham Hotel, Batham, at 7. (Instruction)  
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Birdsett-road, E. (Instruction)  
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)  
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)  
 902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruc.)  
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 518 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)  
 1821—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)  
 1901—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (Inst.)  
 1662—Leaconsfield, Chequer, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)  
 1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)  
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Chamberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (Inst.)  
 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—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)  
 R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 M.M.—Thisbe, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)  
 75—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham  
 298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale  
 326—Moir, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol  
 327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton  
 406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne  
 417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester  
 477—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire  
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)  
 645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester  
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)  
 678—Earl Bllesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Earworth, near Bolton  
 838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston  
 872—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Overton. (Instruction)  
 992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton  
 1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull  
 1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)  
 1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent  
 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gowar-street, Derby  
 1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon  
 1107—Corwallis, Lullingstone Castle Hotel, Swansea  
 1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick  
 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich  
 1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street  
 1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea  
 1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigton  
 1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire  
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)  
 1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.  
 1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull  
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull. (Instruction)  
 1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Two Brook, Liverpool  
 1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)  
 1736—St. John's, St. John's Rooms, Halifax  
 1903—Prince Edward of Saxo Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth  
 2042—Apollo, Masonic Hall, 22 Hope Street, Liverpool  
 R.A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton  
 R.A. 369—Limestone Rock, Swan and Royal Hotel, Clitheroe  
 M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness  
 M.M. 56—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden

## THURSDAY, 7th JUNE.

- Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, Royal Albert Hall, W.  
 10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 57—Virayium, White Hart, College-street, Launceston, at 8. (Instruction)  
 111—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 117—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)  
 135—Sabbary, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 704—Masonic, Landon's Inn Restaurant, 355 High Holborn, at 7. (Instruction)  
 712—Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace, Sydenham  
 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)

- 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
- 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
- 1155—Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-road
- 1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
- 1178—Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
- 1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Beautiful View Road, E., at 8. (Instruction)
- 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
- 1330—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
- 1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wembley, at 7.30. (In.)
- 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30. (In.)
- 1539—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Chiswell, S.E.
- 1554—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Chamberwell, at 8 (In)
- 1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of 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, Chamberwell. (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)
- 1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
- 1791—Creaton, Wheatshaf 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)
- R.A. 1716—All Saints, Vestry Hall, Fairfield Road, Bow
- M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)
- M.M. 244—Trinity College, 13 Mandeville-place, W.
- 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
- 31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
- 123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
- 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
- 266—Naphthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Hoxwood
- 269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
- 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
- 294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
- 295—Comtermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
- 300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
- 309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
- 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
- 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
- 446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
- 509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
- 539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
- 637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
- 792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby
- 7913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
- 976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset
- 1088—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
- 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland
- 1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
- 1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
- 1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
- 1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster
- 1379—Marquess of Ripon, Masonic Hall, Darlington
- 1384—Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes
- 1473—Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire
- 1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
- 1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, P. Hill, near Barnley
- 1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
- 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1807—Loyal Wye, Bulth, Breconshire
- 1829—Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham
- 2050—St. Trinians, Masonic Hall, Loch Parade, Douglas, Isle of Man
- R.A. 187—Charity Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
- R.A. 384—St. John, Bulls Head Inn, Bolton
- R.A. 429—Thanet, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
- R.A. 581—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Arlwick, Openshaw, Man
- R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
- M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 8th JUNE.

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
- 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
- 134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
- 167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
- 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Chamberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
- 765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
- 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
- 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
- 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
- 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)
- 1293—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)
- 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ludbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
- 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, Chamberwell
- R.A. 6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, King Street, St. James's
- R.A. 10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
- R.A. 95—Eastern Star C. of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street
- R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
- 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)
- 36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's Street, Cardiff
- 64—Fortitude, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
- 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse Street, Goole
- 526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
- 662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Beonwich
- 815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme
- 1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Park Street, Harrogate
- 1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Green Exchange, Loughton Bazaar
- 1121—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
- General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
- R.A. 137—Amity, Masonic Hall, Piccadilly
- R.A. 406—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 9th JUNE.

- 176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
- 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)
- 1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
- 1446—Mount Edgecumbe, Bridge House Hotel, Battersea
- 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
- 1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
- 1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Aero Lane, Brixton
- 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)
- 2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon
- St. John's Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
- 1445—Campbell, Metro Hotel, Hampton Court
- 1637—Unity, Harrow
- 2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
- 2096—George Price, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon
- R.A. 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
- R.C. 43—Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Pavilion, Brighton

The assembly of French Freemasons which is announced for 3rd June will seem strange indeed to English Brethren. That the Craft should gather in general meeting to discuss the dangers of the State, and the action of a political party is utterly opposed to our notions of the Province of Freemasonry. Englishmen have not been slow to express disapproval of the aims and methods which their Continental kindred attach to philanthropic formulæ common to both, and the Grand Lodge itself has endorsed this condemnation strongly. But if we regard the matter without prejudice, it may be thought that our view is narrow and a little priggish. Certainly it would be objectionable in the last degree to introduce politics into an English Lodge. But then politics with us are not vitally grave; the success of this Statesman does not mean rioting, destruction of property, civil war, deportation for the vanquished, for the victorious a life or death struggle with the foreigner. But that is the meaning of politics in France at this crisis—as, at least, a very great number of Freemasons conscientiously believe. Under such circumstances they see a great organisation at hand, composed so largely of persons who have character and property to lose that it may be trusted to stand by the principles of order. Shall they refrain from using it, out of deference to regulations and sentimentality? Beyond doubt the French have been too eager in calling upon this grand machinery in times past, and they deserved rebuke. But this is no ordinary conjuncture. Whether the meeting will serve its purpose intended, or no, is a different question.—*Essex Standard.*

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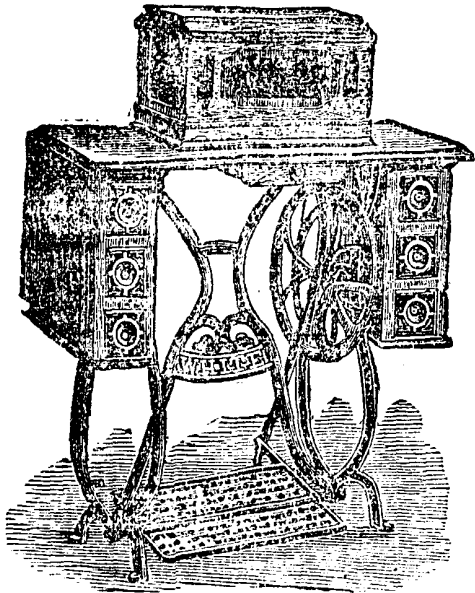
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 DOUR. At 8, A COMPROMISING CASE.

CRITERION.—At 8.15, WHY WOMEN  
 WEEP. At 8.45, DAVID GARRICK.

GAIETY.—At 8, THE TAMING OF THE  
 SHREW.

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 BELLS OF HASLEMERE.

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