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SUCCESSFUL SPEAKERS.

"What is it that makes the Prince of Wales so successful as a public speaker? There is nothing remarkable, as a rule, in what he says. The answer probably is, that he is successful for that very reason. He is not too ambitious. He recognises the ceremonial character in which he appears on these occasions. He, therefore, confines himself to pronouncing, with dignity and good humour, just those things which are obviously the proper things to say: generalities that all will agree with, and of those just enough and no more. Thus he runs no risk of eclipsing other speakers who have to rely on the intrinsic qualities of what they say. Every one goes away pleased and satisfied; but you must not expect to discover, on examining his Royal Highness's words, anything very profound or original."

THE above words, extracted from a contemporary, form a very good basis on which to consider the subject of popular speaking, as they so forcibly express what may be regarded as the keystone of success in this direction. In Freemasonry we are forbidden to discuss questions of religion, or politics, or subjects of a controversial character, and it seldom happens that anything is introduced into Masonic speeches likely to cause trouble, or give offence to the most sensitive opponent of any particular line of argument; there is, in reality, "nothing remarkable, as a rule, in what our speakers say," and for this reason all classes and conditions of men can listen without feeling any of that irritation or annoyance that must follow if general subjects are touched upon or discussed. On the other hand, this custom among Freemasons has the effect of causing an immense amount of repetition at Masonic meetings, and many of us have frequent cause for regret that little that is new is uttered in the many Lodges it is our province to attend. It is manifestly difficult to be original, and at the same time keep clear of controversy, and it is astonishing what small divergencies from the old, beaten track of Masonic speech-making will sometimes lead the speaker into trouble among his listeners. Masons are, however, as a rule the most indulgent of audiences, and it has often caused surprise among the more observant that utterances wholly opposed to the views of the majority present at a Masonic gathering have passed unchallenged—have not even drawn forth a single expression of disapproval—although perhaps nine-tenths of the audience were of an entirely opposite opinion on the subject, and in any other assembly but a Masonic one would have fiercely upheld their view of the case, and forcibly shown their disapproval of the line of argument adopted. This speaks well for the discipline and good feeling which is associated with Freemasonry, and in the eyes of some would appear to offer an inducement for different action on the part of those who are always ready to advance their own particular ideas, no matter how unwelcome they may be to others; but it would seem the Order is secure in the enjoyment of its old privilege, and remains a living illustration of the possibility of uniting the most diverse natures under the one banner.

Our speakers are, for the most part, men of experience in the Craft, and have possibly learnt how far they may safely go in introducing outside subjects into their remarks. However it may be, there is no doubt it is true that Freemasons are, like our contemporary says of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, generally successful as public speakers, and possibly for the same reason as is given in the above extract—because, "as a rule, there is nothing remarkable in what they say." They "are not too ambitious, recognise the ceremonial character in which they appear on most occasions, and, therefore, confine themselves to pronouncing with dignity and good humour just those things which are obviously the proper things to say, generalities that all will agree with, and of those just enough and no more." It would perhaps be difficult to find better advice than this to offer to the ordinary Mason in regard to Masonic speech-making, and if our Grand Master works, as we are told he does do, on this principle, we cannot go far wrong in following his example. As hinted in the extract we give, there is generally one or more present at a meeting who have something particular to say, and if those who have nothing of an exceptional character to refer to will carefully confine their remarks to generalities, they will not run the risk of eclipsing the special speakers, or detract from the merits of their remarks, which, if allowed proper and full scope, often remain forcibly impressed upon one's memory, and do an infinite amount of good. Following the argument of our contemporary we come, at the end, to what must be regarded as a drawback to the particular line of action laid down; we are told that the speaker who acts as suggested leaves nothing which, on examination, will prove either very profound or original, and such is usually the case. One must have often noticed that the speaker who at the moment appeared the most successful really said nothing that could be stored up or handed down to posterity; he may have made an effective speech through cleverly introducing local colouring, but have said little or nothing that would appear brilliant when robbed of the special surroundings. It is for this reason that some of our best speakers appear to such disadvantage when reported in the plain matter of fact of the ordinary newspaper, and one can hardly believe that the speech we read in print, and which appears so dull and ordinary, is the same that caused roars of laughter when delivered, or which won for its author the distinction of being a real orator. So much depends on the power of the speaker and the humour of the audience that it is almost impossible to form any true estimate of the effect of any particular speech, unless one is present to hear and see what actually takes place, and can appreciate to the fullest extent the little acting or colouring, if we may so term it, which is introduced by the adept at public speaking. We are not among those who believe that good speakers must be born;

on the contrary, we believe very much may be acquired, and for this reason we think that every suggestion that can possibly do good should be laid before those likely to benefit by it. They, in turn, must carefully weigh the advice given, and consider how far they are justified in adopting it; but speaking generally, we do not think they could do much better than work on the lines laid down in the cutting at the head of our present remarks, for it is generally admitted that the speaker who has nothing particular to say had much better confine himself to generalities; while he who has a definite object view should at once approach it, treat it thoroughly from different points of view, and keep manfully to his text. In the one case local surroundings and "high falutin'"—as the Yankees aptly term it—may be of service, in the other it will in all probability do more harm than good, but much of this and other matters of detail must be left to the particular taste of the speakers themselves.

MASONRY'S FULL MISSION.

An Extract from an Oration by Rev. Bro. Lewis H. Jackson, at the Dedication of the Hall of Jackson Lodge, No. 19, F. and A. M., of Delaware, 15th January 1889.

IT would be impossible at the present time to present anything like an exhaustive review of the origin and history of Freemasonry; but we will briefly mention some of the evidences on which the Freemasonry of to-day claims to have been derived from Ancient Operative, or Craft Masonry, as understood, and practised by the builders of King Solomon's Temple.

These evidences are mainly derivable from sacred history, the Holy Bible; this revered book, which occupies its place alike upon the sacred desk of our churches and the altar of our Masonry, and are thus far of undeniable credibility. We can gather from its sacred pages such a clear and connected account of the temple builders, and the details of their work, as would convince any impartial mind that they were thoroughly organized, and held together through seven long years only by the bond of fraternity, and secret means of recognition.

It is true as a matter of fact that Craft workmen, such as the Temple builders, have from the earliest use of language been designated by a name expressive of their professional employments, which name has always been translated by the English word Masons. In proof of this fact, we read in the First Book of Chronicles xxii. chapter, second verse: "And He set Masons to hew wrought stones to build the house of God." The fact has never been questioned that the Temple was expressly designed by Jehovah as a place where the Jewish nation were to worship the true God. Not only was the plan dimly given, but the building was erected under the supervision of an inspired man, and it is reasonable to believe that the operatives were skilled in the principles and application of geometrical measurements, as clearly shown by the symmetry and richness in architectural style, as well as in the faultless execution of the mason work.

Now, as Speculative Masonry claims continuity from these operatives who wrought on the temple, I will mention some evidences in support of that claim. In the first place I refer to the distinctive name of those operatives, which, however, is already settled by the inspired record; but how shall we account for the continuance of the same distinctive title, as still retained by the Brotherhood among all nations down to the present day, except through an acknowledged line of fraternal relationship with those temple builders?

Again, the universality of the institution, its identity in all essential points, and the uniform mode by which its members are recognised among all nations, are strong evidences of one, and only one, original society, of which all others are legitimate branches. That Freemasonry is universal needs no proof; that it is identical, in all essential points, is testified by travellers who are recognised and admitted as brethren into Lodge rooms in all countries the world over, although utterly ignorant of the spoken language of that country. These are facts which certainly

may be considered as direct proof of their common origin and great antiquity.

How long the prevailing element of Masonry consisted of operatives only is uncertain, but, from what can be gathered from history, it was several hundred years after the Christian era. We have abundant evidence, from that time, of operative and scientific Masons co-operating in the erection of numerous buildings of great magnificence in Europe and other countries, and if it were necessary, historical testimony might be given, showing the introduction of kings, noblemen, clergymen and statesmen, as speculative or scientific members and patrons of the Fraternity, not only in England, but other countries. Such, then, are the men, and such their standing in Church and State, who, especially in Europe, have for several centuries past been the presiding Grand Masters over all bodies of Speculative Masons in their several countries.

This high patronage soon drew such numbers into the Fraternity as finally to change the original characteristic of the Institution from Operative Craft Masonry to that of scientific, symbolic, or Speculative Masonry, as it now exists.

All the implements with which our ancient brethren wrought are now represented on Masonic carpets the world over, and are used as emblematical of social duties and moral virtues. Take this example as a fair specimen of the whole. The plumb, the square, and the level. "The plumb admonishes us to walk uprightly in our several stations before God and man, squaring our actions by the square of virtue; ever remembering that we are travelling on the level of time to that undiscovered country from whence no traveller returns."

Speculative Masonry, in its wide range of beneficence, compasses practically the common welfare of the common family of men. It has for centuries been sustained and patronised for its intrinsic moral excellence. Men of all classes have given a favourable opinion of the Institution, and cast the weight of their character as citizens, Christians, philanthropists, as patriots and statesmen into the scale of Masonic approval, as being a society eminently worthy of patronage, confining itself exclusively and solely to moral, humane and benevolent purposes, and in no way whatever interfering or intermeddling as Masons with personal or national policy or religion. In the Lodge room all are Masons, friends, brothers, unitedly co-operating to promote the common welfare of man, irrespective of sect, country or creed.

Clergymen of all titles and denominational creeds are members, subscribing to the principles and commending the pure morality and benevolent mission of the Fraternity to their followers. On the floor of the Lodge all meet on a level; all accord to the great fundamental principles of moral virtue, social duties, and benevolent enterprise, without touching or alluding to any particular form of civil government, mode of worship, system of faith, or sectarian dogmas peculiar to any religious denomination, or Christian sect whatever. All these are stubborn facts, clearly exemplified the world over in the great convocations of the several Grand Lodges, in the different localities, and composed of men of every type of political character and every shade of religious belief.

It is a beautiful moral and intellectual science, and I think it may be affirmed without fear of denial, that no merely human association was ever formed in any age or country, patronized and sustained by all classes of men, testifying to the purity of its moral principles, benevolent mission, and spirit of good-will to mankind, as in the case of the Masonic Institution.

In many respects Freemasonry is a wonder to the world. It has lived with ages, and been a traveller with time. It has seen the rise of kingdoms and empires, and looked down upon their ruins. It has passed through all the revolutions that have convulsed the world, unscathed in a single vital part, or unshorn of one beam of moral beauty, and it still lives to dispense charities to the destitute, consolation to the afflicted, and protection to the orphan. In the aggregate it has never enrolled greater numbers in its ranks, more talent, more learning or more weight of character, and was never more honoured or more honourable than at the present day. And until humanity shall lose its type of character, and morality, philanthropy and beneficence cease to be virtues, its crowning excellence will continue to be exemplified in promoting the universal brotherhood of man.

Among the hundreds of thousands of members of all

countries, there have been some individuals who have proved recreant to its principles and teachings, and by their un-Masonic conduct sought to bring discredit upon it; but not a pillar of the temple has been shaken, not a stone moved from its bed nor an ornament defaced. "The lapse of time, the ruthless hand of ignorance," &c.

It is a beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols. Its three great tenets are brotherly love, relief and truth. The four cardinal virtues of temperance, fortitude, prudence and justice, are inculcated as the constant practice of every Mason. The sublime teachings of faith, hope and charity are our guides: faith in God, hope in immortality, and charity towards all mankind.

There is nothing more perfect and beautiful than the lessons of life inculcated by the fundamental teachings of Speculative Masonry. Their very simplicity is of inestimable value in impressing them upon the minds of those who seek instruction. The wisdom of all ages has been utilized by master minds in conceiving and successfully developing this most ennobling moral science, in order that humanity might be benefited, that man might not trudge through life without moral and intellectual activity, or pass down the scale of existence to a life of shame and debauchery. But that he might, as each successive year rolls by, grow stronger in all those qualities which make him a little lower than the angels, and stand as a monument of usefulness before those who are to succeed him in the important duties of life.

Masonry is but another name for that pure spirit of brotherly love which should unite all men under heaven, and this love will teach men, first of all to desire the welfare and happiness of all mankind, and to labour to promote that welfare and happiness by thought, word, and deed.

It is to think no guile, to do no wrong, to speak no evil, to enwrap our brother in our sympathies as in a cloak; to shelter him from the blight of calumny; to ward off the attack of the open enemy and the insidious foe; to make his sorrow our sorrow, and, in times of distress and affliction, to extend to him the helping hand, so far as his necessities may require and our ability will permit.

The mission of Masonry is to promulgate and enforce the doctrine of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man. It has done wonders. Never opposing force with force, under its subtle influence the walls by which bigotry would have divided man from man have been shaken or thrown down, so that now around one common altar people of every race and every creed unite in adoration of the universal God. This it has accomplished—it is its glory. It has yet to subdue the prejudice of class; this is its work. And this work will be accomplished when, and only when, each member of our Fraternity individually, and for and of himself, applies the principles contained in the five points of fellowship, the golden rule of Masonry, to the varied transactions of every day life.

When that time comes, if come it ever shall, the full mission of Masonry will have been accomplished, and, following the sun round the world from east to west, and back to east again, Lodge will hail Lodge with the joyous greeting, "Glory to God in the highest! On earth peace, good will to man!"

Such is the mission of Masonry, the grand and universal science which includes all others contemplating as it does a universal brotherhood, meeting and uniting upon a plane of action far above the petty and changing creeds which enter into the religious and political organisations of this world.

We are here in these earthly temples, preparing for the spiritual temple of Almighty God above. And we are to be living stones, not inert masses of rocks, and senseless blocks of marble, but full of life and action in all that is good and true.

But, it may be said, if these things are so, why the need of so much secrecy in Masonry? I answer: Our history, philosophy, and principles are open to the world, but our degrees and their inner teaching, which serve as a bond of union, and a means of recognition must necessarily be secret. If they were in everybody's possession, they would be lightly valued and abused by many who have neither the mind nor the heart to appreciate them, and the good design of our Institution would be frustrated.

While all good and true men, irrespective of their worldly wealth or honours, are welcomed within our

portals, we are not permitted to persuade or even invite any one. From those who apply we endeavour to select the good and true only, to the end that the honour and reputation of the Institution may be fully sustained, and the world at large convinced of its good effects.

—Voice of Masonry.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Gaiety.—With every desire to extend a cordial welcome to a comedian so highly recommended to us as Mr. Nat Goodwin, it is impossible for us at the present to form an opinion of his genius. The sooner the piece presented on Monday evening is withdrawn the better it will be, both artistically and financially, for the actor-manager, otherwise he will find that his "Gold Mine" will realise a fate similar to many another, and more money will be wasted upon it than can ever be extracted from it. Under the circumstances it would serve no good purpose to speak of the play, but our readers will be glad to hear that Mr. Goodwin possesses undoubted talent could he only have the proper medium for exhibiting it. Smart and dapper in appearance, the American artist has a quiet, quaint and effective delivery that would prove very taking, though, to judge from the one short scene on Monday, he is somewhat deficient in pathos. We shall therefore look forward with much interest to another opportunity for re-seeing his acquaintance. It only remains to be noted that Mr. William Farren again treads the Gaiety boards, and plays, with all his old fire, the part of an elderly financier, and is assisted by Mr. Charles Glenny as an Irish M.P., Mr. Eversfield, Mr. Frank Wood, Miss Carlotta Leclercq, Miss Kate Forsyth and Miss Jenny McNulty. Mr. Goodwin was received with much appreciation by a large number of his compatriots, but we hope the heartiness of his reception will not delude him into the belief that his first venture can be aught else but a failure with an English audience.

Lyric.—Mr. Robert Buchanan has gracefully conceded to Miss Rhoda Broughton the honours that have been achieved by his adaptation of the popular novelist's work "Nancy;" but it cannot be denied that the clever dramatist has encountered no little difficulty in preparing the novel for the stage. The story is pretty, unconventional, and decidedly interesting, though hardly of sufficient incident for a three act play. "Sweet Nancy," the innocent school-girl of nineteen has married General Sir Roger Tempest, who is old enough to be her father. Owing to the exigencies of his profession the soldier has to leave his young wife while he departs abroad on active service, and upon his return is informed that she has seriously compromised herself with Frank Musgrave, a young man who is sister Barbara's sweetheart. Instead of seeking an explanation with his wife, Sir Roger tries to elicit the truth from others, and foolish Nancy prefers to rely upon her stainless honour rather than tell her husband the true facts of the case for fear of causing Barbara pain. Of course all is properly and dramatically settled in the third act, but the crisis and denouement are unduly prolonged. Miss Annie Hughes, one of our brightest little actresses, gives a charming rendering of the impulsive and good natured Nancy, and in the earlier portions of the play was simply perfect, but in the trying last act was rather weak. Mr. Henry Neville was admirable cast as the good genial old soldier, and Mr. Bucklaw was well placed as Musgrave. Miss B. Ferrar was sprightly as Tow Tow, Mr. Henry V. Esmond plays young Algy Grey most efficiently, and Miss F. Ivor, Mr. E. Hendrie, and Miss Ethel Hope are all worthy of praise. The piece was originally intended for a short run of three weeks, but it is possible that its favourable reception may induce the management to extend its representation.

Mr. Sydney Alport, the genial manager of the Vaudeville, announces his annual benefit for to-night (Saturday). "Miss Tomboy," will be played by Mr. Thorne and his able company, after which a miscellaneous entertainment will be given.

From the returns for the examination in Mathematics at South Kensington last May, recently come to hand, we learn that our scholars at Wood Green are well to the fore. In stage I. we have gained 15 first class and 6 second class; in stage II., for the higher work, 3 first and 2 second. This is the first time the Boys' School has sent in candidates for the South Kensington examination, and we may fairly hope, therefore, to see a much larger and better result next year.

Bro. John Ross Robertson, of Toronto, has been elected Grand Master of Canada, and the Hon. J. M. Gibson, Provincial Secretary of Ontario, Deputy Grand Master.

Two new additions are announced to Messrs. Dean and Son's series of shilling novels. The first of these will be "The Missing Captain," by Mr. J. Laurence Hornibrook, author of "The Shadow of a Dream," and the second will consist of "F.R.S., and other Stories," by Mr. William H. Stacpoole.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF SOMERSET.

A SPECIAL Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Tuesday afternoon, the 15th inst., in the Town-hall, at Highbridge, under the banner of the Rural Philanthropic Lodge, No. 291 (of which Bro. Dr. Peskett is the W.M.), "to propose a resolution of regret at the death of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, and sympathy with the Hon. the Countess of Carnarvon and family, in their affliction. The Town-hall was suitably fitted up as a Lodge-room, the platform and the principal chairs, &c., being draped in black. The D.P.G.M., Bro. R. C. Else, P.G.D. of England (as Acting Provincial Grand Master), presided over the Lodge, and was supported on the platform by a good muster of Provincial Grand Lodge Officers Present and Past, and a fair representation of Brethren from the various Lodges throughout the Province. The Senior Warden's chair was occupied by Bro. F. T. Elworthy and Bro. A. Duckett, the Provincial Grand Junior Warden, was in his place, as were most of the other Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge. The Lodge was opened in due form, the "Dead March" in "Saul" being played as the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge entered the room. The Provincial Grand Secretary (Bro. J. C. Hunt) was first called upon to call the roll of the Lodges in the Province, and all were found to be represented, with the exception of Benevolent Lodge, No. 446. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Else, then rose and addressed the Lodge, as follows:—Brethren, we are met together to-day upon a sad and solemn occasion—the most solemn, in fact, for which any Provincial Grand Lodge could be convened, viz., to deplore and record the great loss we have sustained by the death of our illustrious Prov. Grand Master the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon—a severe blow indeed, not only to our Province, but also to the Grand Lodge of England and the Craft universally, for in him Masonry loses one of its highest and brightest ornaments. Let us for a moment consider what manner of man this is whose departure from the world has caused such widespread sorrow. It is not for me at such a time to exalt his graces or praise his virtues, but I feel I am using no words of exaggeration when I say our lamented Brother was a true type of a courteous English gentleman, an amiable and accomplished nobleman, an eloquent statesman, a refined man of letters, and a true and zealous Freemason. It is in the latter capacity more especially that we have to consider our late Prov. Grand Master. Bear with me, therefore, whilst I briefly sketch his Masonic career. We find that his lordship was initiated in the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, in the year 1856, and installed in the chair of King Solomon in 1857, and so zealous and distinguished a Mason did he become that in 1870 he was appointed by the then M.W.G.M., the Marquis of Ripon, to the high and important office of Deputy Grand Master, and at the ever memorable meeting in the Royal Albert Hall, in 1875, had the honour of installing H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as M.W. G.M., and was immediately afterwards appointed Pro Grand Master, a selection which was received with pleasure throughout the whole English Craft. That no better could have been made must be patent to all who have witnessed the manner in which his lordship from time to time presided over the meetings of Grand Lodge. Coming nearer home, we find that his lordship was appointed Provincial Grand Master for Somerset in 1869, and was thus our honoured ruler for 21 years, during the whole of which period it has been my privilege to serve under him as an executive Officer of Provincial Grand Lodge—six years as Provincial Grand Secretary, and fifteen as Deputy, and for the remainder of my days—be they many or be they few—I shall retain with lively satisfaction the recollection of his lordship's invariable courtesy and kindness, and the remarkable fact that on no occasion did any difference of opinion arise between us. Now although, perhaps, we did not see so much of our late Provincial Grand Master as many could have desired, there can be no doubt it was caused more by the delicate state of his health than from any lack of interest—indeed his lordship always expressed himself as being very proud of his Province, and I think it only due to the Freemasons of Somerset to say well might he be so, for throughout his genial rule so well did the brethren maintain and uphold the grand principles of our noble Craft, and do their level best to carry out its tenets, that six new Lodges were

added to the roll of the Province, its finances maintained in a flourishing condition, our great Masonic Charities supported in an exemplary manner, the voting power of the Province largely increased, a most efficient Charity Organisation established and successfully maintained, and though last, not least, so loyally did they at all times support the Deputy, that it has not at any time been necessary to refer any case of difference or dispute to the Provincial Grand Master. I need hardly remind you, brethren, that this is not the only severe blow our Province has sustained in a comparatively short time, for almost the last official act of our departed Master in Provincial Grand Lodge was to perform a like sad duty to that in which I am now engaged, to our beloved P.P.G.M., Brigadier-General Adair. Brethren, we shall see no more in this world the beloved faces of these illustrious brethren, but the honoured names of Adair and Carnarvon will remain fresh and green in the memory of all English Masons, so long as truth, honour and virtue, devotion to duty, and an ardent love of our noble Craft, are estimated at their true value. Let us then, my brethren, strive to walk in their footsteps, emulate their bright example, and regulate our lives and actions by the sublime precepts of Freemasonry, so that when we are summoned from this sublunary abode we may be found worthy to join our Masters in the Grand Lodge above, where the world's Great Architect lives and rules for ever. Brethren, I will now, if you will allow me, submit the following resolution:—"That this Provincial Grand Lodge, in special Lodge assembled, desire to express and place on record the profound regret felt by the Freemasons of Somerset at the lamented death of their beloved Provincial Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon; their sincere sympathy with the Hon. the Countess of Carnarvon and family; and their earnest prayer that the Great Architect of the Universe may be graciously pleased to console and support them in their deep affliction." Bro. Else added: I may mention that our worthy and distinguished brother who sits on my right (Bro. Stothert) is anxious to second this resolution, but unfortunately his voice is not very strong at the present moment, and he has asked the Provincial Grand Chaplain kindly to read his remarks for him. The Provincial Grand Chaplain (Bro. F. L. Bryde) then read the observations of Bro. J. L. Stothert, as follows:—Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Officers and Brethren. After the eloquent and touching tribute that has just been paid by our worthy Deputy Provincial Grand Master to the memory of Lord Carnarvon, who has for so many years occupied the position of Provincial Grand Master in this Province of Somerset, it would seem quite unnecessary, except as a matter of form, that any brother should second the motion now before Provincial Grand Lodge. But the Deputy has thought otherwise, and has asked me, as nearly the oldest Senior Grand Warden in the Province, to undertake the task. In many ways I am unsuitable for this duty, and among the most prominent of my failings is the fact that I am unable to address the Lodge by word of mouth, the privilege of speech having been denied me for more than twelve months. Hence I am compelled to enlist the good offices of a brother to read this for me, but I can with very much sincerity concur in all that has been said in favour of the departed Earl, and can recall with pleasure the long period I have known him in connection with this Province, and I may perhaps be permitted to remind the brethren here assembled that I was the first Provincial Grand Officer appointed after his installation as Provincial Grand Master at Bath. A pleasing remembrance of the occasion still lingers in my memory. Twenty-one years have passed since then, and we have all had many opportunities of admiring the grace with which he filled the chair of Provincial Grand Master, and of appreciating the tact he displayed in settling difficult and trying questions. But it was in Grand Lodge that his abilities were more especially marked, and during my year of office there, and on many other occasions, I have been greatly struck by the fairness and consideration with which he treated all matters brought before him. His judgment and tact in ruling Grand Lodge was universally admired and respected. No whisper or murmur of disapproval ever greeted his decisions. To his private life, I am, of course, a stranger, but enjoying the friendship of a gentleman now at the head of one of our large public departments, who was formerly his private secretary, I have frequently heard my friend speak in unmeasured terms of the Earl's unvarying kindness and consideration, and it was with extreme regret that the official

connection that existed between them was severed by one of those changes that so often occur in our Ministerial bodies. We have met, however, more immediately to pass a vote of condolence and sympathy with the Countess and her family. That he was most deeply beloved by them we may rest perfectly assured, and we may venture to hope that the knowledge that this Provincial Grand Lodge has been specially summoned, and has been so numerously attended, will be a proof that our sympathies are with her, and that the address, which I am sure will be unanimously passed, may bear with it some slight consolation and comfort. I beg to second the motion before this Lodge. Bro. Else having invited observations from other brethren, Bro. E. White (of Lodge 41), said: I thank you for permitting me to say a word or two on this interesting occasion. I happened to be present, at the invitation of one of the members of the Lodge, when Lord Carnarvon was initiated, and also when he was installed the W.M. of No. 10. With the interest of an old Mason I have watched Lord Carnarvon's career from the beginning to the end, and there is but one opinion that any man can express on the subject, namely, that he was a thoroughly disinterested, a highly enlightened, and a most liberal member of our Order. He was a man whom to honour is to honour oneself. He was a singularly disinterested man, as all who had the slightest knowledge of him must be aware, and a more conscientious—a more scrupulously conscientious man it would be impossible to find. I wish with all my heart that the occasion on which these few words are uttered was one of a very different character, but we are all, Brethren, in the hands of the Great Architect of the Universe, and must submit to His decrees as men and Masons, and in doing so we should not forget those ties that bind us in life to those who are worthy of our esteem. The resolution was then put to the Lodge and carried unanimously, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master remarking that as a matter of course a copy of it would be transmitted in due course to the Hon. the Countess of Carnarvon. The Provincial Grand Secretary having read the names of numerous brethren who had sent telegrams or letters expressing regret at their inability to attend, alms were collected, amounting to £2 13s 10d, and it was unanimously resolved, on the motion of Bro. J. Burnett, seconded by Bro. Dr. Peskett, that the sum be given to the Bridgwater Infirmary. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master expressed his thanks, as the executive Officer of Provincial Grand Lodge, to the Worshipful Masters and Past Masters and Brethren of the Rural Philanthropic Lodge, 291, for having given them the use of their Lodge-room on that occasion, and to those Past Masters (especially Bros. Burnett and Norris) who had taken an active part in making the necessary arrangements.

—Somerset County Gazette.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF SURREY.

THE annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Surrey was held on Tuesday, at the St. Nicholas Parish Hall, Guildford. Bro. West, P.G.D. of England, Deputy Grand Master of Surrey, who is at present in charge of the Province, presided, and was well supported by members of the district. The report of the Finance Committee showed the Province to be in a satisfactory condition. Sums of twenty guineas each were voted to the three Charities, and an additional £13 to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls towards the decoration of the Centenary Hall at the School. A grant of five guineas was voted to the Vicar of St. Nicholas, Guildford, at which church a special service was held after the conclusion of the Lodge meeting. Bro. West then delivered the following address:—

BRETHREN,—It is our usual custom to meet together once in every year, as on the present occasion, for the purpose, not only of appointing to office those who are deemed worthy of wearing the purple, but for considering matters of general interest to the Province at large. There is one suggestion which the Finance Committee directed your attention to, and that is to vote a sum of money to provide for the erection of a stained glass window in the new Hall of the R.M.L.G., in memory of the late ruler of this Province, our much esteemed brother the late General Studholme Brownrigg, and I am glad you have unanimously endorsed the recommendation of the Committee. I may add that, as a member of the Special Jubilee Committee for the School, I have had an opportunity of selecting a very good position for the window in question, and I trust that some of you will take an opportunity of inspecting it when it is completed. I have had the pleasure of visiting many Lodges and

Chapters during the past year, and I may congratulate you on the satisfactory condition of Freemasonry generally in the Province. There are exceptions, but very few. I have found plenty of active Masons, and a desire not only to promote the welfare of an individual Lodge, but to cultivate the accepted principles of the Order. I am much pleased with the excellent work of the various Lodges of Instruction, which deserve every encouragement. I would urge all aspirants to the chair of King Solomon to be able and willing to undertake the management of the work, but I cannot admit that a Master has faithfully fulfilled the duties of the chair when he has performed a Masonic degree perfectly, according to one or another working. It is particularly essential in every Lodge, especially in country districts, that the only ambition of Masons should not be limited to perfection in working ceremonies. It is most commendable that these should always be well rendered, but bear in mind that so doing is not the only duty which a Master owes to his Lodge and the Craft at large. He must study the happiness of the members of the Lodge, and always be an impartial ruler, and one able, from force of character, to keep his Lodge under control. Punctuality in attendance to his duties and in those of his Officers should be enforced, and then there would be much less waste of time, not only in starting work, but in sitting down to the banquet table, than I have generally experienced; and last, but not least, a Master should cultivate a taste for a generous support of the Masonic Charities. I would direct the attention of the Secretaries of the various Lodges to Bye-Law No. X. I mention this because in very few cases are the returns properly made, and in some not at all. It is most essential to the Provincial Grand Secretary, who has to keep up a perfect register, that full returns of the names and addresses of all members of any Lodge, together with their Craft qualifications, should be sent in every year, without this it is impossible to have an idea of what preferment a brother is entitled to, or to have a proper record of those who are attached to the Province. As you are aware, by the Bye-Law just read, any Lodge not forwarding a return disqualifies its members from attending Provincial Grand Lodge. This year one Lodge has deprived one of its members of the privilege of being invested as an Officer of the Province, on the present occasion, from a failure to make a return for two years. I trust that this will not occur again. We have during the year consecrated one new Lodge and one Chapter, and I wish them prosperity. I take this opportunity of publicly thanking the members of the Province for their hospitality shown to me, and for their generous support afforded me on every occasion, a good example of which we have to-day. This is the third time I have had the distinguished honour of presiding over you, and I much appreciate your loyalty towards me testified by your presence here to-day. I wish to all your Lodges, and yourselves individually, every prosperity through the coming year, and may they and you inculcate and carry into practice in every station of life the grand principles on which our noble Order is founded, *i.e.*, Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.

The following were appointed as the Provincial Officers for the year:—

Bro. Col. Noel Money, C.B., J.P., 370	Senior Warden
H. C. S. Damas I.P.M. 410	Junior Warden
Rev. W. W. Marten 370	} Chaplains
Rev. J. Cater P.M. 2354	
Geo. Price P.M. 463	Treasurer
W. Fox Hawes W.M. 463	Registrar
Charles Greenwood	Secretary
C. W. C. Webb W.M. 2095	} Senior Deacons
J. S. Fraser P.M. 2096	
G. T. R. Harrison P.M. 416	} Junior Deacons
R. Pink W.M. 777	
C. E. Ormerod P.M. 1149	Supt. of Works
E. C. Malvey P.M. 2246	Sword Bearer
W. Drewett P.M. 889	} Standard Bearers
W. H. Humphreys P.M. 1638	
T. Weaver P.M. 2222	Dir. of Cers.
C. M. Hogg I.P.M. 1872	Deputy Dir. of Cers.
Francis Carter P.M. 1892	Assistant Dir. of Cers.
W. H. Brereton S.W. 1920	Organist
A. C. Greenwood	Assistant Secretary
J. T. Broderick P.M. 1556	Parsuivant
W. H. Gardener P.M. 2120	Assistant Parsuivant
W. E. White P.M. 777	} Stewards
Alex. Wilson W.M. 2146	
Philip Shepherd P.M. 1362	
C. H. Knight I.P.M. 1046	
A. Lambert I.P.M. 1556	
F. P. Hill P.M. 2146	

Provincial Grand Lodge having been closed, the brethren proceeded to church, and, at the conclusion of the service, sat down to a banquet, at the Angel Hotel, Bro. West again presiding. Before proposing the usual toasts he said he considered the fine day they were enjoying was a good augury for the fortunes of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey. He felt he ought not to take up too much of the splendid day in speaking to the usual toasts, and therefore should be very brief in his remarks. He would first ask them to drink to the health of the Queen, and to the prosperity of the Craft. This having been done, the toast of the Prince of Wales, our Most Worshipful Grand Master, was submitted. The next was another toast always familiar at Masonic gatherings—the Deputy Grand Master and other Grand Officers. The brethren would have discovered by their proceedings in Grand Lodge that day that they had lost a distinguished Craftsman, even if they were not

already aware of the severe loss sustained by the death of the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master of England. He was a Mason respected by every member of the Order, and he (Brother West) felt sure each Surrey Mason would join in expressing regret at his death, and would also add a word of sympathy to those members of his family left to mourn his loss. With the toast was coupled the name of Bro. Dumas, who, the chairman said, was a distinguished past officer of England, almost, if not quite, senior of the long array of brethren who comprised the Past Grand Deacons of England. Bro. Dumas had the greatest satisfaction in replying to the toast and acknowledging the hearty reception that had been accorded it by the brethren present. It was indeed a proud day to him, as he had had the pleasure of witnessing the investiture of his own son as Junior Grand Warden of the Province. He hoped he would give satisfaction in that position. Bro. Dumas then proposed the toast of the acting Provincial Grand Master. If it were mere gratitude to the brother whose health he had to propose he asked for, he felt sure the reception would be a hearty one, but there was in addition a kindness of feeling and true fraternal spirit to be acknowledged which would ensure a true welcome to the toast. Of Bro. West it might be said, his ambition is worthy of the objects to which he devotes it, while the objects are also worthy of the distinguished brother who has now the honour of presiding over the Province. The attendance that day was proof that the brethren of the district not only approved his appointment, but also approved of him personally. They appeared to look upon him as a true and good Master in charge, and he felt he might say the Masons of the district were as ready to do their duty towards Bro. West as he appeared anxious to perform his. In reply Bro. West said he hardly knew how to express himself in proper acknowledgment of the splendid gathering that day, and of the hearty reception given to him as officer in charge of the Province of Surrey. Presiding over a Province such as theirs, as he had virtually done for the past three years, was no easy task. The brethren who attended the meetings of Provincial Grand Lodge might imagine theirs was a bed of roses, as they happily never saw the hard side of the Masonry of the district. There were brethren in Freemasonry, just as there were Lodges, where troubles occurred, but these grievances, happily, seldom saw the light of day, at least in public. He should always endeavour to prevent anything that might appear to show a non-Masonic spirit, and which came under the notice of the Provincial rulers, from securing general publicity, and felt that in this respect he and others at the head of affairs were justified in exercising the authority with which they were invested. It sometimes happened that the Master or ruler of a Province found himself in a position similar to that occupied by the Duke of Cambridge during the last few days, who was called upon, as Commander-in-Chief, to censure the rebellious Guards. He ventured to think the action of His Royal Highness would be supported by the Craft at large, as one of the great principles of Freemasonry was to acknowledge obedience to lawful authority. If, however, there was ever occasion for it, it was well to remember there was ample power to crush the spirit of rebellion. Bro. West trusted the *esprit de corps*, they were taught in their younger days to regard with so much favour in connection with the public schools of the country, might always reign in Freemasonry. It behoved every Master to see that he had the power to rule his Lodge as the Craft desired he should rule it—he should create a kindly feeling and rule by kindness, but as at times occasions would arise when the rulers had to enforce obedience, he hoped that in so doing they would have the hearty co-operation of the whole body of members. Speaking generally, he felt he might fairly compare the Province of Surrey with any other district owing allegiance to the Grand Master of England. The district had well supported one in years gone by who had been a successful soldier, and who had ruled them in a true soldierly way; his methods had rendered it very difficult for him (Bro. West) to follow on, and he could only hope he now filled the position in such a way as to secure and maintain the good opinion of every member. The next toast was that of the Visitors. Bro. West considered that no Province, no Lodge, or any other body of men, could get on without the presence of friends and guests, who could advise, criticise or sympathise with them. They had a large number of visitors, and they were always ready in Surrey to give them as

hearty a welcome as would, he was sure, be accorded them that day. With the toast he had the pleasure of coupling the name of Bro. Fairchild, Past Master of several Lodges, and one who took a great interest in Freemasonry and the Charitable Institutions connected with the Order. That brother expressed the satisfaction and pleasure the visitors experienced in being present. He had had the pleasure of attending many meetings in Surrey, and knew there were several members of the Province who were as active in the Charity world as the Provincial Master had given him credit for. He concluded by thanking them cordially and heartily for their reception of the Visitors. The next toast, said Brother Frederick West, was one which must appeal to all those who had been appointed to an office in the Province, as well as to those who were looking forward to one, it being in honour of the Provincial Officers of Surrey. He was very proud of the Officers who had been appointed that day, and was particularly pleased that their good Brother Colonel Money had accepted the collar of Senior Warden, when he had already filled the office of Deputy District Grand Master in the Punjab. He felt he would do all in his power to secure the success of his new position. As regarded their new Junior Warden, he felt they need have no fear. The name of Dumas had been known in the Province of Surrey longer, he thought, than his own, and it was an especial pleasure for him to appoint the son of so old a friend to the high office he had been able to confer on him that day. Speaking of the minor officers, he had to express the pleasure he felt in seeing Masters and Past Masters of the Lodges coming forward and cheerfully accepting even the red collar, recognising, as they undoubtedly did, that it was the best at the disposal of their Provincial chief. He had really to thank those who had so cheerfully accepted the red collars, and who had thereby raised them to dignities in the Province, as it gave him additional means of honouring deserving brethren around him. The Senior and Junior Wardens having replied, the health of the Secretary and his assistant in the work of the Province was given, and with it coupled the toast of the entertaining Lodge, special thanks being accorded to the Worshipful Master of St. George's Lodge, and the Z. of St. George's Chapter, for the arrangements made. The Worshipful Master of No. 777 and Bro. Charles Greenwood replied, and then the proceedings were brought to a conclusion.

Previous to the meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge the annual gathering of the Provincial Chapter was held, the usual work of the year being transacted.

Among those present were the following Provincial Grand Officers:—Bro. Frederick West Deputy Grand Master (in charge), J. Edward Street S.W., C. C. Gibbes J.W., Walter W. Martin and Edward A. Chichester Chaplains, George Price Treasurer, Charles Greenwood Secretary, Alfred Greenwood Assistant Secretary, Reginald Piper S.D., F. T. Ridpath J.D., O. Treamey Sword Bearer, John Connell Organist, T. T. Phillips and James Hill Standard Bearers, J. T. Broderick, F. Carter and C. E. Ormerod Stewards. Past Provincial Officers were represented by Bros. H. J. Strong, H. M. Hobbs, H. J. P. Dumas and Ralph Nevill Wardens, Arthur H. Bowles Registrar, D. S. Blackburn S.D., F. Flood and H. E. Turner S.B., W. Chapman D.C., Arthur E. Taylor, T. J. Street and G. Yaxley S. of Works, G. C. Barry Organist, E. A. Baber J.D., Robert Bunce and Henry Burgess Stewards, A. Storr, W. A. Laker, A. F. Asher, Henry Botting, H. E. Francis Pursuivants, R. Goffin and Thos. Long D. of C., A. H. Bowles J.D., J. T. Green S.D., &c. Bros. James S. Fraser 2096, C. Hoag I.P.M. 1872, F. Jacob P.M. 1851, J. Wegg 1395, C. G. Goode W.M. 2096, G. Harrison P.M. 416, T. Daysh 1564, W. Jolly J.W. 1929, R. Bowers 1321, W. S. Brunson 2101, John Bunsay 2120, E. G. Houndle 1826, W. E. Potter 411, G. Harvey 884, E. T. Madeley 2120, A. Wilson P.M. 2146, W. Dix 2120, T. G. A. Barns P.M. 370, Geo. Moorman P.M. 1638, A. W. Crewdson S.W. 2120, W. F. Hawes W.M. 463, H. J. Bidwell W.M. 2120, G. W. Blackie P.M. 1426, J. B. Lancaster J.W. 2317, T. Coxhead I.P.M. 2317, F. Neale D.C. 1931, John Case 1554, S. Hewett S.W. 2146, T. L. Smith 1564, W. Lane 1326, C. M. Foster J.W. 1564, F. W. Hullett S.W. 1981, F. Montagne S.W. 1638, H. W. Humphreys P.M. 1638, H. L. Scott W.M. 370, J. W. A. Dodge Secretary 2101, J. Azate J.W. 2101, J. J. Taylor 2101, W. T. Pitchers S.D. 2101, A. Lambert W.M. 1556, J. Cater W.M. 2317, C. F. Passmore Organist 2317, H. C. Gooch W.M. 2101, A. G. Hutchins 2120, J. Debenham S.D. 2101, Geo. J. Gilby 2146, G. S. Horsnail 1790, T. J. Phillips 2353, L. Edwards 2101, A. H. Rees W.M. 1362, A. W. R. Sowman W.M. 1395, H. Dumas I.P.M. 410, P. Shepherd P.M. 1322, A. Laurence P.M. 1638 (P.P.S.G.D.), T. Weaver P.M. 880, H. J. Shelley W.M. 1981, David Hughes P.M. 901, W. E. White P.M. 777, W. Hillier P.M. 903, 2234, C. H. Knight P.M. 1046, D. Hughes P.M. 901, D. G. Norman J.W. 1714, G. Tice P.M. 1714, G. A. H. White S.D. 1375, Hugh Blakeney W.M. 1149, G. Ross P.G.D.C., W. Wells P.M. P.G.D., Thomas Johnson 2146, F. Flood P.P.G.S. of W., F. Gaydon 889, J. B. Tomkinson 2146, G. Noel Money P.D.D.G.M. Punjab, J. J. J. Jiff 1981, F. H. Goldney P.G. Deacon England P.M. 259, S. Ballard D.C. 2101, E. Austen 2146, Chas. Gardner 839, C. W. C. Webb W.M. 2095, Alfred Gibbs I.P.M. 2101,

W. Harwood 1892, A. Verdon 1892, W. H. Gardener P.M. 2120, Edward Miles W.M. 2234, S. Bradley P.M. 414, C. K. Heather 416, G. F. Budden 2146, J. A. Taylor P.M. 1411 W.M. 1892, Z. King P.M. 1920 P.P.G.S. of W., J. H. Mayo, J. T. Mayo and John Mayo 2222, Jas. Barrell 2146, C. Cheel 777, J. H. Crofts W.M. 1872, J. Williams 2231, C. W. Boyce S.D. 2231, J. W. Manley S.D. 1892, E. Dickman P.M. 1892, W. Douglas Young 2146, T. Dodd Secretary 2231, W. Woodward P.M. 1920, W. Drewett W.M. 1638 P.M. 889, B. Green 87, &c., &c.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF SUFFOLK.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Suffolk was held at the Athenæum, Bury St. Edmunds, under the banner of the Royal St. Edmund's Lodge, No. 1008, on Friday, the 18th inst., under the presidency of the Right Hon. Lord Henniker. The Prov. Grand Master, accompanied by the Grand and Prov. Grand Officers, entered the Hall in procession, and the Lodge having been opened, the business was at once proceeded with. The rolls of the Prov. Grand Officers and of the Lodges having been called over, the meeting elected Bro. R. K. Casley Prov. Grand Treasurer. The Prov. Grand Master afterwards appointed and invested the following Provincial Grand Officers for the year:—

Bro. W. Inglis Mason 1224	...	Senior Warden
W. H. Hall 937	...	Junior Warden
Rev. C. A. Sinclair	...	} Chaplains
Rev. C. E. Barnes	...	
R. K. Casley	...	Treasurer
C. G. Hayward 516	...	Registrar
N. Tracy 376	...	Secretary
R. J. Symonds 1008	...	Senior Deacon
E. Sparke 1592	...	Junior Deacon
W. J. Wilton 71	...	Supt. of Works
W. Clarke 114	...	Dir. of Cors.
C. S. Goodchild 1823	...	Assistant Dir. of Cors.
R. E. Younger 376	...	Sword Bearer
B. S. Bradbeer 1452	...	} Standard Bearers
G. Reed 1631	...	
T. B. Richardson 1592	...	Organist
H. J. Wright 936	...	Assistant Secretary
Thos. Stokoe 1823	...	Pursuivant
A. W. Cook 225	...	Assistant Pursuivant
G. Cornish 1008	...	} Stewards
W. D. Comber 1592	...	
C. D. Leech 1008	...	
W. B. Sjer 376	...	

Bro. Tracy Provincial Grand Secretary read the report of the Board of General Purposes, which stated that a great improvement had been manifested during the last year in the Province. By last year's report there was a total of 870, whilst this year it is 909—a gain of 39. The initiations had been 67, as compared with 55; joinings 26, as against 21. This improvement, however, was rather decreased by losses from death and various causes—62, as against 51 last year. The balance in favour of the Province, after providing for the discharge of all liabilities, was £62 15s 10d, as compared with £44 2s 6d. In continuation of the improvement mentioned, the Board noted with pleasure that a petition had been presented to the Most Worshipful Grand Master for a Lodge at Felixstowe. The Board recommended that £13 be voted towards the decoration of the Centenary Hall of the Girls' School; ten guineas to each of the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and ten guineas to each of the Funds of the Benevolent Institution. The report was adopted. Bro. Tracy proposed, Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn Deputy Provincial Grand Master seconded, a proposal that a sum of ten guineas be given to the Pensions Indemnity Fund. Bro. Rev. E. Griffiths Past Provincial Grand Chaplain supported the motion, which was unanimously carried. The Report of the Suffolk Masonic Charity Association stated that the total contributions to the three Institutions of Masonry from the Province of Suffolk during the past year amounted to £645. The Committee desired to impress upon brethren that when a Lodge gave only five guineas to the Benevolent Institution, it only secured voting power for fifteen years, and if not supplemented by another five guineas within two years the vote expired, and they strongly recommended that all Lodges votes should be made perpetual. With regard to the Girls' and Boys' Institutions, when a Lodge gave five guineas it did not qualify for a vote. Every twenty-five guineas the Steward received entitled him to a vote, and when the Lodge sent another five guineas, it then obtained a vote, and not till then. The report was adopted. The Provincial Grand Master, in a brief address, thanked the Bury brethren for the reception

which they had accorded the Grand Lodge that day, and, referring to the new Masonic Hall, he said it looked as though Masonry was flourishing in Bury. Indeed, he thought all would join him in satisfaction at the progress Masonry was making in the Province over which he had the honour to preside, and mentioned, as an indication, the fact of a new Lodge being soon formed at Felixstowe, and which he believed would be a prosperous one. He alluded to the death of the Earl of Carnarvon M.W. Pro Grand Master, of whose gentle, good, kind and generous qualities he spoke in feeling terms. In conclusion, the Provincial Grand Master invited the Lodge to honour him with their presence at Thornham next year—an invitation which was cordially accepted on behalf of the brethren by Brother Rev. C. J. Martyn D.P.G.M., who proposed a vote of thanks to his lordship for the invitation, which was carried. The Lodge then closed in the usual form, and the brethren proceeded in procession to St. Mary's Church, where a special choral service, commenced with an appropriate hymn, sung as a processional whilst the surpliced choristers and clergy glided along the nave. The prayers were intoned by Bro. Rev. E. J. Griffiths P.M. P.P.G.C., and the sweetly-harmonized Ely Confession was nicely rendered by the choir. The 121st Psalm was sung to Elvey's Single Chant in B flat, the 122nd to Farrant in F, and the 150th to Humphrey's Grand Chant. The first lesson (2 Chronicles vii. 12, 22) was read by the Rev. C. E. Barnes Prov. Grand Chaplain, and the second lesson (1 Corinthians xiii.) by the Rev. A. W. Snape, Vicar of St. Mary's. The "Magnificat" and "Nunc Dimittis" were sung to music in E flat as arranged by Langran. Bro. T. B. Richardson P.G. Organist had specially composed music for the Anthem, the words of which were taken from Ecclesiastes xii. 1, 2, 6, 7, and Psalm cvi. 48. The tenor solos were remarkably well sustained by Bro. Holbery Hagyard, and the admirable manner in which other parts were sung by the choristers showed that they had been very carefully trained. After full chorus, the brethren and congregation joined heartily in singing the Doxology. The hymn before sermon, "Brotherly love, relief, and truth," had been written by Bro. E. J. Griffiths, and Bro. T. Richardson Prov. Grand Organist had composed tune "Abbey," which proved well suited to the words. The Rev. C. E. Barnes Prov. Grand Chaplain was the preacher, who selected his text from 1st Corinthians xiii. 8, "Charity never faileth." During the offertory, which was divided between the West Suffolk General Hospital and the Felixstowe Convalescent Home, the hymn "Blessed City, heavenly Salem" was sung, and as a recessional, the hymn "Through the night of doubt and sorrow." The concluding voluntary was "March of the Priests," "Athalie" (Mendelssohn). Bro. T. B. Richardson ably presided at the organ, and conducted the musical portion of the service.

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Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

THE ANNUAL PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE will be holden in the Assembly Room, Dorling's Clifton Hotel, Walton-on-Naze, on **WEDNESDAY**, the 30th day of July next, at Two o'clock p.m. All Master Masons are, by permission, invited.

The Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened punctually at 2:30 o'clock. By command of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master,

THOS. J. RALLING, P.G.A.D.C. Eng.
Provincial Grand Secretary.

N.B.—No Jewels to be worn but those appertaining to the Craft, or Royal Arch Masonry.

DARK MORNING DRESS.

In consequence of the much lamented death of the Right Honourable the **EARL OF CARNARVON, M.W. Pro Grand Master** and Provincial Grand Master for Somerset, Brethren will appear in mourning.

A Hot Banquet will be served at Dorling's Clifton Hotel, at 5 o'clock punctually. Tickets ten shillings and sixpence each, including Wine and Dessert.

Brethren intending to be present at the Banquet must forward form to **W. Bro. R. H. SCOTT, Walton-on-the-Naze**, and in order that proper accommodation may be made no Brother will be admitted without a Ticket, which must be secured on or before Saturday, 26th July.

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Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

ELECTION OF SECRETARY.

To the Patrons, Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, and Life Governors.

Ivy House,
Collingham, near Newark,
14th July 1890.

MY LORDS, LADIES, AND BRETHREN,—Permit me to thank you most sincerely for the great honour you have conferred upon me by electing me your Secretary.

I also desire to take this opportunity of acknowledging, with feelings of gratitude, the good work done by the many hundreds of brethren, both in London and the Provinces, who have assisted me in obtaining such a result.

I further beg to acknowledge, with much satisfaction, the honourable way in which my competitors have fought this friendly contest, and I shall look with every confidence for the ready assistance of all in carrying out the important duties of my office, and in obtaining increased support for our noble Institution.

I have the honour to remain, my Lords, Ladies, and Brethren,
Your obedient servant,

JAMES MORRISON McLEOD.

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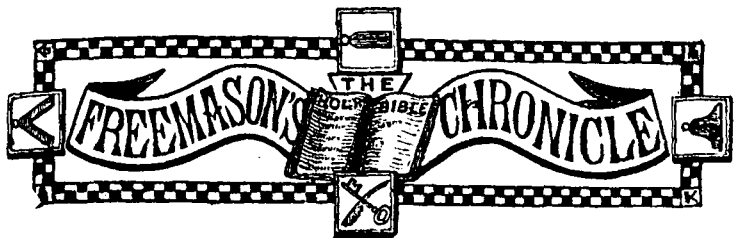
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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I see by the advertisement in your issue of to-day that it is proposed next Friday to ask the Quarterly Court to adopt an amended set of Bye-Laws prepared by the Provisional Committee, and that a copy of the proposed Bye-Laws can be seen at the office of the Institution.

The only information we are given as to the character of the proposed alterations is that they are not "to be contrary to the spirit of the fundamental principles upon which the Institution is founded."

Now, I have got the greatest respect for and confidence in the Provisional Committee, but I am bound to say I think this is a pretty heavy draft upon our confidence.

It is impossible for me to come up to town on purpose to inspect this draft, much as I should wish to do so, and I fear I shall be unable to attend the Quarterly Court, and I think I am not rash in believing that the majority of Provincial Subscribers are in the same position. I cannot but think that if the alterations proposed are of any importance, the general body of subscribers should have a little longer opportunity of considering the proposals and making suggestions.

It is a difficult matter to propose non-confirmation three months afterwards; but if, as I gather from the notice, it is to be an entire re-construction of the Laws, I must say it seems a great straining of Law 34 to propose sweeping changes under the shortest notice allowed for the alteration of any existing law.

It is true the notice says the changes are not to be contrary to the fundamental principles of the Institution, and this seems to follow the wording of the proviso in Law 34, which says that no Quarterly Court shall have power to cancel or alter the "fundamental principle of the Institution—that its benefits shall be extended to the sons of brethren of every religious denomination."

If the notice of Bro. Glass read "principle," instead of "principles," it leaves a scope for an alteration and entire change of every law governing the management of the Institution, and if any thing *approaching* changes of such a sort be intended, I would ask that at next Friday's meeting the proposals be merely *announced*—and notice given of intention to move at the next Quarterly Court, so as to give a reasonable time for consideration.

Yours fraternally,

A PROVINCIAL SUBSCRIBER.

The installation of Bro. F. J. Allan as Worshipful Master of the Apollo Lodge, No. 305, took place on Monday, the 14th inst., the ceremony being ably conducted by Brother G. F. Crane P.M. Secretary. The installation banquet was held at the King's Head Hotel, Beccles.

At the Masonic Rooms, King Cross Lane, Halifax, on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., the Lodge of St. John, No. 1736, celebrated the Feast of St. John. Bro. J. Hitchen was installed W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. J. H. Bolton. After the installation, the brethren adjourned to the White Swan Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was provided by Miss Murgatroyd, the manageress.

The installation meeting of the Ancesta Chapter, No. 1461, was held on Tuesday, the 8th instant, when Comp. A. J. Brown was installed Z., Comps. L. Bell H., and M. F. Curtis J. The thanks of the Chapter, to be accompanied by a Past Principal's jewel, was voted to Companion D. O. Hobbs P.Z., for his services during the past year.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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SINCERITY LODGE, No. 189.

THE installation meeting was held, on the 14th inst., at the Sincerity Masonic Temple, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse. Bro. Marrack Sennett was passed to the second degree, and Brother H. W. Mayne raised to the third degree. Bro. James Harrison, the W.M. elect, was then installed, the ceremony being performed by Bros. J. B. Moulder jun., the retiring W.M., R. Pike P.M. 189 230 P.P.G.O., the Rev. Dr. T. W. Lemon P.M. and Chaplain 189 P.P.G. Chaplain P.P.G.J.W., and A. S. Hendry P.M. and Secretary 189. The Officers appointed were:—Bros. J. P. Moulder jun. I.P.M., G. Stawell S.W., Sterling Graves J.W., the Rev. T. W. Lemon, D.D., P.M. P.P.G.Ch. P.P.G.J.W. Chaplain, George Hawken P.M. Treasurer, A. S. Hendry P.M. Secretary, George Dunsterville S.D., W. Blight J.D., F. E. Sach I.G., John Parker D. of Cer., Surgeon-Major Allan May Organist, Thomas Peain A.D.C., S. Hugh Duff S. Std., F. Strick J.S., F. S. Hodge and John Stephens A. Stds., and James Gidley P.M. Tyler. Bro. A. S. Hendry P.M. was re-elected Charity Steward, and Bro. the Rev. Dr. Lemon P.M. representative on the Committee of Petitions. A satisfactory balance in hand was reported. The brethren then adjourned to the Royal Hotel, Devonport, where the annual banquet was held. Bro. J. Harrison presided, and in addition to those named there were present:—Bros. S. Woolley P.M. 189, Colonel Richardson C.R.A. (Western District) 278 Gibraltar, C. Barter 1623, J. H. Amey, R.N., 320 Bermuda, F. Rodgman 105, F. Harvey 1694, Harcourt Foden 189, W. J. Pengelly 2025, A. Roberts 1550, W. H. Burt S.W. 230, R. H. Penberthy J.D. 230, J. A. Collings 1099, R. Samson 472, D. C. Herbert 1212, F. Ashworth 1847, and A. Newcombe 303. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. A quadrille band, under the direction of Mr. W. Lidiard, played a nice selection of music. Mr. W. Ough contributed a clever cornet solo. Songs were given by Bros. Herbert (who was in splendid voice), Leonard, Major Tracey, Penberthy, Ashworth, Townsend, Collings and others, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

VIATOR LODGE, No. 2308.

THE members of this Lodge celebrated the first anniversary of its establishment on Saturday, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, when Bro. Harry Nelson Price, the W.M. of the past year, proceeded to open the Lodge, being supported by Bros. E. A. G. Smith S.W. W.M. elect, W. Ferguson P.M. Treasurer, T. Morris Secretary, T. H. Hobbs S.D., J. Stephens P.M. J.D., J. J. Higgs I.G., A. Kay D.C., F. Smith and A. Banks Stewards, with many others, and the following visitors:—James Terry P.G.S.B., A. B. Bennett P.P.S.G.D. East Lanc., R. Harvey I.P.M. 177, J. F. Buckley 2033, R. T. Redfern I.G. 753, F. J. Laughlin Organist 1365, E. Hall 1793, F. Hitobins S.W. 77, T. J. Willcox W.M. 975, A. B. Hearn 20, G. H. Lovewell Blake 313, Sadler Wood P.G. Steward Middx., W. Bailey S.W. 1732, T. N. Morris 177, G. Everett P.M. 177, G. Emblin P.M. 147, Lt.-Col. F. E. Bennett P.M. 773, W. H. Coade 507, W. W. Lee J.D. 1897, &c. Having disposed of the usual preliminary matters, the Lodge was advanced to the third degree, and Bros. R. A. B. Lodge and E. W. Hobbs were raised. Then followed the principal ceremony of the day, the installation of Bro. Ernest A. G. Smith into the chair of the Lodge, which was regularly performed by the outgoing Worshipful Master. In due course the following were appointed as the Officers for the year:—W. Baxton (absent through illness) S.W., Hobbs J.W., Ferguson P.M. Treasurer, Morris Secretary, Stephens P.M. S.D., Higgs J.D., Kay I.G., Smith and Banks Stewards. The new Worshipful Master was at once called upon to prove his efficiency, there being three gentlemen in attendance for initiation. They were regularly admitted to the first degree, this ceremony, as well as those preceding it, being performed in first rate style by Bros. Smith and Price, who were well supported in their work by the Officers of the Lodge. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the outgoing Master, who tendered his thanks for the same, and said the work of the Lodge during his term of office had been to him a labour of love. He hoped to be of further service to the Lodge in the future, and should use every effort to promote its interests. Lodge was subsequently closed, and the brethren proceeded to the banquet, at the conclusion of which the W.M. submitted the usual Loyal toasts, which were both honoured in a hearty manner. Bro. Ferguson, the Treasurer of the Lodge, was entrusted with the toast of the Grand Officers. He said he introduced it with much pleasure, although with a certain amount of regret, from the fact that they had recently lost one of the most brilliant Grand Officers the Craft had ever known, in the person of the late Earl of Carnarvon, who had thoroughly devoted himself to the Craft, and shown an affection for its working. Of the other Grand Officers much might be said. They could not have a better specimen than the Brother who was with them that night, for the interest taken by Bro. James Terry in the working of every part of Freemasonry could not be surpassed. He was at all times willing to act as Installing Officer in Lodge or Chapter, and a more hearty and genial Mason could not be found, while it would be impossible to discover a more earnest advocate on behalf of the Charitable Institutions of the Order. Brother Terry acknowledged the toast, referring to the late Pro Grand Master as one of the most brilliant men of the age, and one who, during his recent travels, had brought about the federation of the English, Irish and Scotch Masons of the Australian Colonies. It had long been the dream of many that such a scheme should be carried out, but it was left to the late Earl to bring the matter to a successful issue. Bro. Terry hoped the day would come when others then around the table would be able to respond to the toast of the Grand Officers of England. The position of Grand Officer was a distinguished one, and one of which any man might well feel proud at having secured. He hoped before many years had elapsed they would have a member

of the Viator Lodge qualified to respond to the toast with which his name had just been coupled. Bro. Price submitted the toast of the W.M. There was no doubt that the members had made a wise choice in selecting Bro. Ernest Smith as their Worshipful Master. They had that evening had an opportunity of seeing how well he could perform the ceremony of initiation. They would all agree that to perform that ceremony on the night of installation was an arduous and difficult task. Their new Master had acquitted himself with considerable credit, and there were very few brethren among them who could say they had ever heard the ceremony better performed. Brother Price was convinced that under Bro. Smith's guidance the Lodge would be well worked, and the fact that they had begun the year with three initiates promised well for the future. All he could say, however, in Bro. Smith's favour would be simply telling them what they already knew, and he would therefore simply remark that he was the right man in the right place. He then called upon the brethren to drink to the Master's very good health, and wish him a happy and successful year of office. Bro. Smith tendered his hearty and sincere thanks. He fully appreciated the honour of the position in which he had been placed, and assured the members he felt quite unable to express his gratitude for what had been done towards him. He had the interest of the Lodge deeply at heart, and would do his best to look after it in the future as well as it had been looked after in the past. He hoped his efforts would be crowned with success. He then proposed the health of the Initiates, and that toast having been acknowledged, that of the Visitors was given, the Master tendering them a very cordial reception. Bro. George Everett was the first to respond. That the custom which obtained among Masons of visiting one another's Lodges was one of the best of all Masonic features there was no denying. He esteemed it a great privilege and honour to have his name coupled with the toast of the Visitors among so many distinguished guests. They had met that evening to enjoy themselves, and they had been able to do so right royally, on account of the hospitality extended towards them by the young Viator Lodge, which had already won for itself a reputation for the cordial welcome they gave to visitors. The founders of the Viator had graduated in a Lodge of which he was an old member, and in which he held a somewhat prominent position, and he felt the members of that Lodge might well congratulate themselves on the success that had attended the first year's working of their latest offshoot. The Viator Lodge had also reason to be proud, numbering as it did 39 members at the end of its first year's existence. This was a result on which they might congratulate themselves, and also the first Worshipful Master of the Lodge. From what he knew of their present ruler he felt the success would be continued, and that the Lodge would enjoy a further period of prosperity. Bro. Lt.-Col. Bennett followed, also congratulating the members of the young Lodge on the proud position they had secured. He had known the present Master for a matter of 25 or 30 years, and had experienced great pleasure in making the acquaintance of the other Officers and members of the Lodge. He hoped the friendships formed that evening might be cemented as years went on. Bros. Willcox and Sadler Wood also replied, the latter referring to the pleasure he felt in meeting in the Viator Lodge many of those who had worked with him in the old Domestic. It was in that Lodge he had the pleasure of acting as Deacon to the present Master of the Viator Lodge, on his initiation, and he hoped that the way in which he had carried out the duties on that important occasion had had something to do with Bro. Smith's present satisfactory position. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Immediate Past Master of the Lodge, the Installing Officer of the day, who he considered a most important official in any new Lodge. The members of the Viator Lodge knew it was entirely owing to the efforts Bro. Price that the Lodge was consecrated, while under his able direction it had prospered most materially during the first year of its existence. Bro. Price had had many opportunities during his Mastership of showing how well he could do the work in a Lodge, and had that night won additional honours in the manner in which he had installed his successor. He (Bro. Smith) had the gratification of being Bro. Price's first initiate in the Domestic Lodge, and on that account felt additional pleasure in proposing his health as first Past Master of the Viator Lodge. Bro. Price tendered his hearty thanks for the toast, feeling that he had been flattered far too much by the Worshipful Master. It was, however, very gratifying to him to hear that his efforts had been appreciated. He had striven to do what he could for the Lodge, and the way in which the toast of his health had been received led him to believe he had won the opinion that he had done his duty. It had been a great pleasure to him to preside over so kind a body of brethren during the past year. Everything had worked harmoniously, and every one had done the best he could to assist the Master in the well ruling and governing of the Lodge. The present position of the Lodge was conclusive proof that what had been done had proved somewhat of a success, and, as the Worshipful Master had told them, it was mainly through his efforts that the Lodge had been formed, he was naturally proud of the results of the first year's working. He need hardly tell them of the heavy expenses attending the formation of a Lodge, yet they had paid everything, and started on their second year with a balance of £38 odd to the good, a very satisfactory amount to hand over to the second Worshipful Master of a Lodge. Bro. Price felt he might also mention that he acted as Steward at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and on behalf of the Viator Lodge took up a list of £107 5s, so that in this respect they had also done well, and had already made a reputation for the Lodge in the annals of Freemasonry. He was convinced that under the guidance of the new Worshipful Master the prosperity would be continued in future. He once more thanked the members for the kind and hearty reception they had given him, and wished them every success. The Worshipful Master next proposed the toast of the Charities, the need of subscribing to which, he said, was evidenced by the number of applications made year by year on behalf of those who needed help. The Viator Lodge would be represented next year at the Festival of the Benevolent Institution, and he hoped the amount of the list

on that occasion would be as satisfactory as was the case at the Boys' Festival of the present year. Bro. James Terry replied, congratulating the Lodge on the statement that had been made by the Immediate Past Master in regard to the finances, and by the Worshipful Master in regard to next year's Festival Steward. They had admitted three new members that day, and as he believed they would each prove as good a Mason as those previously in the Lodge, he looked upon a second list of £107 odd as more than probable for the Benevolent Institution in February. They must remember that the candidates seeking the annuities of the Benevolent Institution were men who had sat round the table, as they were then doing, Masons who had been the backbone of their respective Lodges in years gone by, and some of whom had subscribed to the Craft as many as 43, 44 or 45 years. He felt it was not possible to measure the work of such Masons by ordinary rules; they should rather consider the influence their actions had had on the Masonic body as a whole. They had now 439 annuitants on the funds of the Institution, entailing an annual expenditure of upwards of £15,000, and as they might imagine it required considerable effort to be made throughout England, year by year, to raise this amount. Fortunately they had never yet pleaded in vain, and he hoped they never would. Bro. Terry referred to one or two of the older annuitants, and urged that the annuities granted by the Institution were really a blessing to them in their declining years. One old man had been placed on the funds at the age of 84, and to show how much he appreciated the kindly consideration he received, he lived to enjoy the annuity for a period of 18 years, dying within six weeks of his 102nd birthday. The J.W. proposed the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, speaking in praise of Bros. Ferguson and Morris, whom he regarded as most efficient workers. In replying, Bro. Ferguson tendered thanks for being again elected as Treasurer. It was a gratification to hold the office in so active a Lodge as the Viator, and he hoped, with the assistance of the Secretary, that he should be able to successfully and satisfactorily continue the work. He congratulated the Lodge on the result of its first year's existence. If the same kindly feeling existed in succeeding years as had marked the first, he felt the Lodge must prosper. Bro. Morris also replied, and then the W.M. gave the Officers, which toast was acknowledged by Bro. Hobbs J.W. The Tyler's toast was given, and the proceedings brought to a conclusion.

Camden Lodge of Instruction, No. 704.—The usual weekly meeting of this Lodge of Instruction was held at the Lewisham Masonic Rooms, adjoining the White Hart Hotel, 116 High Street, Lewisham (near the Junction), at 8 p.m. prompt, on Thursday, the 10th inst. Amongst those present were Bros. R. W. Cartwright W.M., G. A. Pickering S.W., S. Lancaster P.M. J.W., C. Thomas S.D., C. G. Sheppard J.D., H. R. Trant I.G., James Stevens P.M. P.Z. Preceptor, Walter Robin Secretary, A. Wimbush, Richard Tilling P.M., &c. The Lodge worked in the second degree, the ceremony being ably rehearsed by the W.M., while the Preceptor worked the second section in F.C. Bro. Pickering was elected W.M. for the then ensuing week. On the 24th the Preceptor will work the Lodge, and on the 31st the installation ceremony will be rehearsed.

On Thursday, 17th inst., at 8 p.m. Consideration being given to the thunderstorm, which broke over the district within an hour of the time of meeting, the attendance on this occasion was satisfactory. Bro. G. A. Pickering officiated as W.M., and was supported by Bros. S. Lancaster P.M. as S.W., James Clark J.W., James Stevens P.M. P.Z. Preceptor, Walter Robin Secretary, R. W. Cartwright S.D., E. W. Livermore J.D., W. Fieldson I.G., H. E. Joyce P.M., A. A. Drew P.M., and others. The Lodge was worked in the third degree, and the ceremony was rehearsed by Bro. Pickering in a very correct and efficient manner. Bro. Drew was elected a member. The ceremony of installation will be worked in this Lodge of Instruction on Thursday, the 31st instant.

The 39th annual report of the Birkbeck Building Society, which has just been issued, gives evidence of the continued prosperity of the Society, and also affords proof that the public have the greatest faith in the Institution, which still holds the foremost place among all kindred concerns. The receipts during the year ended 31st March last reached £11,415,607, making a total from the commencement of the Society of more than one hundred and thirty millions (£132,247,107). The deposits were £7,937,167, and the subscriptions £209,125, while the gross profits amounted to £263,671. The surplus funds have been augmented by £376,399, and now stand at £1,854,310, of which £1,615,180 is in Consols and other Securities guaranteed by the British Government. The balance in the hands of the Bankers is £463,693. The permanent guarantee fund, £125,000, and the temporary reserve, £138,671 (invested in Consols), represent more than a quarter of a million (£263,671) in excess of the liabilities of the Society. The subscriptions and deposits withdrawable on demand amount to £5,021,760. The surplus funds, invested in convertible securities, are sufficient to pay the depositors 111½ per cent. The new accounts opened during the year are 9230, and there are 56,318 shareholders and depositors on the books. Since its establishment the Society has returned to its shareholders upwards of one million and a quarter sterling (£1,292,000), and to its depositors more than one hundred millions (£107,762,288), the whole having been repaid upon demand, without requiring a day's notice.

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To meet the expected additional traffic by the ordinary trains on Saturday, 2nd August, the Company will run in duplicate the 11.45 a.m., 1.0, 5.0 and 9.0 p.m. trains from London to the West of England, and the 12.0 noon and 5.45 p.m. trains to Weymouth, Hereford and South Wales. The first portion of the 5.0 p.m. train will leave Paddington at 4.55 p.m., but the first parts of the other trains will leave at the advertised times, and the second a few minutes afterwards, the long distance passengers being as far as possible taken in the first portion, but with a few exceptions both trains will stop at the advertised stations to take up and set down passengers. On Friday, 1st August, an excursion train will leave Paddington at 7.45 a.m. for Gloucester, Cardiff, Newport, Swansea, New Milford, &c.; passengers will also be booked at excursion fares to certain stations in the South of Ireland. Fast excursion trains for the West of England will leave Paddington at 7.45 a.m. and 3.10 p.m. on Saturday, 2nd August, reaching Exeter in 5½ hours and Plymouth in 7½ hours; and excursions will also be run on the same day to Bath, Bristol, Dorchester, Weymouth (for the Channel Islands), Cheltenham, Worcester, Malvern, Hereford, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Shrewsbury, Chester, Liverpool, Manchester, and other stations on the Great Western System.

On Sunday, 3rd August, excursions will be run to Cirencester, Stroud, Gloucester, Cheltenham, &c., and on Monday cheap trains will be run to Oxford, Leamington, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Bath, Bristol, Stroud, Gloucester, Cheltenham, Reading, Pangbourne, Goring, Wallingford, &c.

Cheap tickets are issued daily from Paddington, and from most of the Stations on the Metropolitan, District and North London Railways, to Windsor, Taplow, Bourne End, Cookham, Henley and other river side resorts. A service of omnibuses has recently been established between Slough and Burnham Beeches, and cheap return tickets to the Beeches are issued daily by certain trains from Paddington.

LONDON AND SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY.

WHEN every one is thinking where to spend their holidays, it will not be out of place if we point out to our readers the advantages the London and South Western Railway offer. Vast improvements have of late years been made on this line, and now the Company offer to its patrons, cheap fares, commodious carriages, and what is, perhaps, more to the point, fast travelling. In proof of this latter, if we mention that such places as Weymouth is reached in 4 hours, Bournemouth in 2½ hours, Devonport and Plymouth in 5½ hours, and Ilfracombe in 6 hours, our readers will see that the service is admirable. Express trains are run to all the popular and interesting places that this line visits, among which we may mention Sidmouth, Exeter, Barnstaple, Southampton, Bournemouth, the Channel Islands, Swansea, Portsmouth, Isle of Wight, Swanage, Dorchester, Lynton, Weymouth, Clovelly, besides such places as Hampton Court, and the Thames Valley Stations. For those who wish to go further afield, we may point out that the Hartz Mountains, Berlin, Hanover, and North East Europe are reached by the aid of the magnificent Atlantic steamers of 5,500 tons; while Havre, Honfleur, Caen, Trouville, Rouen and Paris are reached via Southampton, Havre, and Rouen in a very short time. The steamers engaged on these trips are both commodious and comfortable, and nothing is wanting in this respect to make a voyage most enjoyable.

The London and South Western Company have also looked after pleasure and picnic parties. During the summer months, first, second and third class return tickets, at a reduced fare, are issued at all the principal stations on the line to parties desirous of making pleasure excursions to places on or adjacent to this railway. The tickets will be available for return the same day only. What more enjoyable to a party than to take a trip along the Thames Valley—frequent trains for which are run by the Company. In conclusion we may point out that cheap excursion tickets are offered to all the interesting and attractive spots on the line. These excursion tickets are priced most reasonably, and are for almost any length of time, a day, Saturday to Monday, four days, a week, or a month, just at the convenience of the traveller. We must not forget to mention that a capital service of trains has been put on for the new home of the National Rifle Association, Bisley, and during the last busy fortnight has given every satisfaction. For further particulars we would recommend the Guide Book published by the Company, or if that fails, the General Manager, Mr. Charles Scotter, will be pleased to give all information that may be required.

A DAY IN SHAKESPEARE'S COUNTRY.

A NOVEL and interesting experiment is about to be made by the London and North Western Railway. From to-day it is intended to organise a day trip from Euston to Shakespeare's country and back for each Saturday during the season. The trip will be so managed as to obviate all trouble on the part of the traveller. In exchange for a moderate payment, first and second class coupons will

be given. These will provide for railway fares (first and second class respectively) from London (Euston Station) to Kenilworth, and return from Stratford-on-Avon to London; for carriage drives from Kenilworth to Leamington, Warwick, and Stratford-on-Avon; for fees required to be paid for visiting Kenilworth and Warwick Castle, Shakespeare's house, theatre, tomb, &c.; for luncheon and dinner (including waiters' fees). It is intended to send a guide with each party to do all duties of conducting, explaining, and generally arranging for the pleasure and comfort of the excursionists, and arrangements are being made with the proprietors of the best hotels for the best style of catering. The plan comprehends a thoroughly enjoyable day, well filled up, and can scarcely fail, we should imagine, to prove attractive. It is intended to limit the number of coupon books to be issued each week, in the first instance, but no doubt if it answers—as most probably it will—the scheme will expand, and not only provide for trips to the attractive regions of Warwickshire, but to other parts of the country served by the London and North Western Railway, and from other large towns than London.

MARK MASONRY.

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MARK MASTER MASONS' BENEVOLENT FUND.

THE Twenty-second Anniversary Festival of this Fund was held on Wednesday, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston Deputy Grand Master of Mark Master Masons presiding. A more than usually large number of ladies were present on this occasion, the Board of Stewards having been honoured by their association as fellow labourers in the cause of charity with which this fund, in connection with the Masonic Order, is especially identified. The ladies' section was headed by the Marchioness of Hertford; and the Viscountess Valentinia, Lady Eleanor Harford, Lady Agnes Cooper, and Lady Darell were prominent amongst a goodly number of the wives and lady friends of well-known members of the Order. By their exertions and those of a large body of Stewards, with whom Lord Euston and Viscount Dungarvan were associated, no less a sum than £2354 was announced as the Festival contribution to this admirable fund of Benevolence, the largest amount yet recorded for a like purpose. Sir Stafford Northcote, Bart., C.B., M.P., Prov. G. Master for Devon, in responding to the toast of the Grand Officers, Present and Past, took occasion to refer to the great success of the Festival, and congratulated the brethren generally on the advantages which had accrued to the fund by the co-operation of the ladies. The dinner was of a more than usual recherché character, and was admirably served under the personal supervision of Bro. Dartnall, the manager of the Freemasons' Tavern. The string band, under the conductorship of Bro. Pittman, performed selections of music during dinner, and after the cloth was cleared and at intervals during the toasts a programme of music, under the direction of Bro. Henry Rose, A.R.A.M., Past Grand Organist, and in which Madame Clara Samuel, Miss Ethel Evans, Bros. Bernard Lane and W. G. Forington assisted, was performed with general satisfaction.

Bro. J. M. McLeod has requested us to convey to our readers an expression of his deep regret at inability to acknowledge personally or by letter as promptly as he would desire, the many hundreds of congratulatory telegrams and letters received since the 12th inst. He trusts his friends will excuse the unavoidable delay.

The annual Grand Lodge of the Province of Essex will be held in the Assembly Room, Clifton Hotel, Walton-on-Naze, on Wednesday next, the 30th inst, at two o'clock p.m. The Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened by the Right Hon. the Lord Brooke, M.P., Prov. G. Master, punctually at 2.30 o'clock. The Treasurer's accounts will be audited at half-past one o'clock. The brethren to appear in dark morning dress. The banquet will be served at the Clifton Hotel, at 5 o'clock punctually. The Great Eastern Railway Company has kindly consented to issue return tickets for this meeting at 1½ fare. Brethren will be required to produce their summons when applying for tickets.

The consecration of the Alan Lodge, Alderley Edge, will take place early in August. It is expected that Lord Egerton of Tatton P.G.M. will be present, and that there will be large gathering of Provincial Grand Officers and brethren from different parts of the Province.

In consequence of the re-building of the Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, Herne Hill, the meetings of the Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1949, will be held at the Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E. The Lodge of Instruction is held every Tuesday evening, at 8 o'clock.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.—Confidential Advice free per post to all in weak and failing health, with loss of strength and vitality. Fifty years experience in Nervous Ailments. Address, The Secretary, 3 Fitzalan Square, Sheffield. Form of Correspondence Free. Write to-day.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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Saturday, 26th July.

Quarterly Gen. Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
1297 West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
1541 Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1679 Henry Muggoridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
1871 Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
308 Prince George, Rooms, Botoms, Eastwood
1293 Burdett, Mitre, Hotel, Hampton Court
1462 Wharnclyffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1464 Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
1531 Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
1777 Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1965 Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent
1982 Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom
2048 Henry Levander, Station Hotel, Harrow
R.A. 1777 Royal Hanover, Town Hall, Twickenham

Monday, 28th July.

1745 Farringdon, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
Provincial Grand Lodge of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Ryde
48 Industry, 34 Denmark Street, Gateshead
61 Probity, Freemasons' Hall, Halifax
62 Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
149 Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
264 Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
302 Hope, New Masonic Hall, Bradford
307 Prince Frederick, White Horse, Hebden Bridge
408 Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
433 Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
467 Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
613 Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
999 Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1177 Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1542 Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Castleford
1575 Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1977 Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon
R.A. 189 Sincerity, St. George's Hall, E. Stonehouse
R.A. 210 Faith, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
R.A. 310 Union, Freemasons' Hall, Carlisle
R.A. 321 Faith, Crowe Arms Hotel, Crowe
R.A. 331 Loyal Cornubian, Masonic Hall, Truro
R.A. 827 St. John, Masonic Temple, Dewsbury
R.A. 1045 Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham
R.A. 1205 Elliott, 1 Caroline Place, E. Stonehouse
R.A. 1222 Inkerm n, M.H., Weston-Super-Mare
M.M. 9 Forte-cue, Masonic Hall, South Molton

Tuesday, 29th July.

126 Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Bury
160 True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
255 Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey
299 Emulation, Bull Hotel, Darford
310 Union, Freemasons' Hall, Carlisle
403 Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford
573 Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Haes Owen
779 Ferrers and Ivanhoe, M.H., Ashby-de-la-Zouch
87 Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's, Lancashire
986 Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Craston
1024 St. Peter's, Masonic Hall, Maldon
1214 Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Batley
1312 St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
1343 St. John's, King's Arms, Grays
1358 Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1506 Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
1636 St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 418 Staffordshire Knot, F.M.H., Hanley

Wednesday, 30th July.

898 Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex, Dorling's Clifton Hotel, Walton-on-Naze, at 2
86 Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott, Lancaster
125 Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe
123 Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bury, Lancashire
163 Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
258 Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
277 Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Oldham
304 Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Leeds
380 Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
387 Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
439 Scientific, Masonic Rooms, Bingley
580 Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
67 United, George Hotel, Colchester
910 St. Oswald, M.H., Ropergat, Pontefract
996 Sandes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
1119 St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1218 Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Manchester
1210 Strangeways, Masonic Rooms, Manchester
1231 Ryburn, Central Buildings, Sowerby Bridge
1645 Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
R.A. 236 Zetland, M.H., Duncroft Street, York
R.A. 409 Stortford, Chequers, Bishop's Stortford
R.A. 625 Devonshire, Norfolk Arms Hotel, Glossop
M.M. Howe, Masonic Hall, New St., Birmingham
M.M. 24 Roberts, Masonic Rooms, Rochester

Thursday, 31st July.

111 Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
116 Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
208 Three Grand Principles, M.H., Dewsbury
275 Harmony, Masonic Hall, Huddersfield
283 Amity, Swan Hotel, Market Place, Haslington
286 Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
337 Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
341 Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
344 Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
345 United Brethren, Royal Oak, Clayton-le-Dale
369 Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Clitheroe
432 Abbey, Newdegate Arms Hotel, Nuneaton

456 Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462 Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Hotel, Accrington
636 Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
659 Blugden, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe
807 Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Norwich
904 Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
966 St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek
1164 Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germain's, Corwall
1313 Fernor, Masonic Hall, Southport
1576 Dec, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1597 St. Giles, Royal Oak, Cheshire
R.A. 57 Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
R.A. 129 Kendal Castle, 12 Stramondgate, Kendal
R.A. 266 Naphali, Masonic Hall, Heywood
R.A. 1235 Phoenix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton
R.A. 1395 Weyside, Masonic Hall, Woking
M.M. 32 Union, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester

Friday, 1st August.

1489 M. of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, N.
1716 All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar
1815 Penge, Thicket Hotel, Auerley
41 Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
81 Doric, Private Rooms, Woodbridge, Suffolk
219 Prudence, Masonic Hall, Toimorden
242 St. George, Guild Hall, Doncaster
306 Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall Street, Leeds
401 Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
460 Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
521 Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Huddersfield
652 Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
837 De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
999 Welchpool, Railway Station, Welchpool
1034 Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1096 Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1102 Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Mirfield
1387 Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
1528 Fort, M.H., Newquay, Cornwall
1557 Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham
1561 Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Morecambe
1618 Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Bradford
1664 Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, Gosforth
R.A. 214 Hope & Unity, White Hart, Romford
K.T. Loyal Volunteers, Queen's Arms Hotel, Ash-ton-under-Lyne

Saturday, 2nd August.

General Committee Boys' School, F.M.H., 4
149 Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
1223 Amherst, Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverhead
1929 Mozart, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon
M.M. 14 Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield

INSTRUCTION.

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Saturday, 26th July.

87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's Park, near Nunhead Junction, 7:30
179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., 8
198 Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8
1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., 8
1288 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8
1364 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7
1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney, 8
1624 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Pimlico, 7
2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, 7:30
R.A. Sinai, Union Tavern, Air Street, W., 8

Monday, 28th July.

22 Loughborough, Guden Hotel, Clapham, 7:30
27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8
45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., 8
174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7
190 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8
248 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brixham, Devon, 7
382 Royal Union, Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge
549 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford, 8
724 Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8
933 Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, 8
975 Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7:30
1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., 8
1349 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 6:30
1425 Hyde Park, Porchester Hot, Cleveland Gdns., 8
1445 Prince Leopold, 22 Whitechapel Road, E., 7
1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, 8
1489 M. of Ripon, Queen's Hot, Victoria Park, 7:30
1547 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, E.C., 7:30
1555 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho, Putney, 8
1603 Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, W., 8
1623 West Smithfield, Manchester Hotel, E.C., 7
1693 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 8:30
1707 Eleanor, Rose and Crown, Tottenham, 8
1743 Perseverance, Deacons' Tavern, Waltham, 7
1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Ct. Hot, W. Kensington, 8
1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, 8
2021 Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, The Criterion, W., 8

Tuesday, 29th July.

25 Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, 8
55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 7
141 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W., 7
177 Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7:30
188 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8
212 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, Cannon Town, 8
241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
554 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8
700 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 7:30
753 Prince Fred, William, Eagle Tav., Maida Hill, 8
820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 7:30
860 Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Dalston, 8
861 Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle St., 7
1014 Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth, 8
1321 Emblematic, Mona Hotel, Henrietta St., W.C., 8
1343 St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex
1489 Priars, Liverpool Arms, Cannoning Town, 7:30
1446 Mount Edgecumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Rd., 8
1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 7:30
1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1540 Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High St., 8

1639 Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Norbiton, 8
1695 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav, N., 8
1839 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7
1949 Brixton, Prince Regent, East Brixton, 8
2146 Sribiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon St., 6:30
R.A. 704 Camden, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., 8

Wednesday, 30th July.

3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, 8
30 United Mariners', Lugard, Peckham, 7:30
65 Prosperity, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., 7
72 Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., 8
73 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, Borough, 8
193 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall St., 7
228 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8
533 La Tolerance, Portland Hot, Gt. Portland St., 8
720 Pannure, Balham Hotel, Balham, 7
751 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav, Burdett Rd., 7:30
813 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Rd., 8
862 Whittington, Red Lion, Fleet Street, 8
902 Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Strand, 8
972 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, 8:30
985 Hartington, M.H., Gower Street, Dorby
1269 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney
1475 Peckham, 516 Old Kent Road, 8
1511 Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull
1601 Ravensbourne, George, Lewisham, 8
1604 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W., 7:30
1642 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow, 7:30
1681 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair, 8
1791 Creaton, Wheatshen, Shepherd's Bush, 8
1922 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, 8
1963 Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, 7:30
2206 Herdon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 8
R.A. 177 Domestic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
R.A. 720 Pannure, Goose and Gritiron, E.C., 7
R.A. 933 Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 7:30
M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., 8

Thursday, 31st July.

144 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 7:30
147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8
249 Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7:30
263 Clarence, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.
435 Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air Street, W., 8
704 Camden, Masonic Room, Lewisham, at 8
754 High Cross, Coach and Horses, Tottenham, 8
879 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New Road
1017 Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
1158 Southern Star, Sir Syd. Smith, Kennington, 8
1278 Burdett Courts, Swan, Bethnal Green Road, 8
1306 St. John, Three Crowns, Mole End Road, 8
1360 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales, Wimbledon, 7:30
1426 The Great City, Masons' Hall Avenue, 6:30
1558 D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Camberwell, 8
1571 Leopold, City Arms Tavern, E.C., 7
1580 Cranbourne, Red Lion, Hatfield, 8
1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse, Liverpool Road, N., 8
1612 West Middlesex, Bell, Faling Dean, 7:45
1614 Coven Garden, Criterion, W., 8
1622 Rose, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8
1625 Tredegar, Wellington, Bow, E., 7:30
1677 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, 9
1744 Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte Street, 8
1950 Southgate, Railway Hot, New Southgate, 7:30
1996 Priory, Constitutional Club, Acton
R.A. 753 Prince Frederick William Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, 8
R.A. 1471 North London, Northampton House, Canonbury, 8

Friday, 1st August.

Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, 6
General Lodge, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 8
167 St. John's, York and Albany, Regent's Park, 8
453 Chigwell, Pub. Ha, Station Rd., Loughton, 7:30
507 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7:30
749 Belgrave, Harp Tavern, Jermyu Street, W. 8
765 St. James, Princess Victoria, Rotherhithe, 8
766 William Preston, St. Andrew's Tav, Baker St., 8
780 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 8
834 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith
1056 Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, 7
1185 Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green, 7:30
1228 Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, 8
1293 Royal Standard, Builders' Arms, Cannonbury
1365 Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, 7:30
1381 Kennington, The Horns, Kennington, 8
1393 Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8
1612 E. Carnarvon, Lambrook Hall, Notting Hill, 8
1901 Selwyn, Montpelier, Choumont Rd., Peckham, 8
2030 Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, S.W., 7:30
R.A. General Chapter, M.H., Birmingham, 5:30
R.A. 820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 8
R.A. 890 Hornsey, Porchester, Cleveland Sq., W.
R.A. 1275 Star, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8
R.A. 1339 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 6
M.M. Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall
M.M. 355 Royal Savoy, 15 Finsbury Pavement, 7:30

Saturday, 2nd August.

87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's Park, near Nunhead Junction, 7:30
179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C. 8
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CREVASSES IN MASONRY.

A PLEASANT sight in nature, to one not experienced in life along the Mississippi river bottoms, is the trickling rill which occasionally percolates through a levee. It is tiny in size, as innocent in appearance as an angel, of no present strength to accomplish either good or evil, simply a harmless, beautiful rivulet. It may increase almost imperceptibly in volume but it appears to grow thereby in beauty, which, to a stranger, would excite feelings of added pleasure.

A still more agreeable sight is that visible on an Alpine glacier, with its vast mass here and there seamed with slight crevices. The sea of ice sparkles in the sunshine, and the delicate clefts in the frozen expanse are noticed only to excite curiosity and admiration. It is a mosaic pavement of glass, the pieces scarcely separated, and all together forming a beautiful composite, a perfect whole.

But that which was seemingly harmless and beautiful, soon proves to be a dark demon of destruction.

The rill, gently percolating through the levee, reinforced by the river behind it, quickly becomes itself a river, and before men are aware of it a crevasse is made in the embankment, and a flood inundates the lowlands, dealing destruction and death. Landmarks are obliterated, lives are lost, and if the flood should be stayed, its effects to the present generation are direful in the extreme.

In like manner the delicate, serrated crevice in the glacier is a harbinger of woe. Without warning it enlarges, a huge mass of ice becomes detached, and sweeps down the valley, carrying before it whatever stands in its path. Even vast boulders of rock are dislodged, to join the relentless mass.

There are also crevasses in Masonry.

These crevasses, in their beginnings, are seemingly beautiful, harmless, and even praiseworthy, betokening a sympathy with the age in which we live, and the progress which distinguishes it; with the society in the midst of which we dwell, to which we are such large debtors; with the members of our families, and especially our wives and daughters, our sisters, cousins and aunts, who are entitled to some kindly recognition; with the unfortunate among our fellows, who are maimed or decrepit in body, but have such bright minds and good hearts! Let us view certain Masonic crevasses, which are the results of false views such as these.

Giving the Grand Honours in public is a Masonic crevasse. They are so impressive and beautiful! The public are entitled to see *something* of Masonry! True, they cannot go to the Lodge, so let the Lodge go to them, and give them a hint of the beauties of the science which are exemplified in secret. Woo the profane; invite them to join by dumb shows. We will not *ask* them to join us, but we will *make signs* for them to come!

A Public Installation is a Masonic crevasse. It is akin to the Public Grand Honours. It is at once an exhibition of puerile Masonic vanity, an unlawful advertisement of the Craft, a breach of the Landmark which forbids Masonic work to be witnessed by the *profane*, and a mangling of the work in the attempt to render it seemingly fit for a public spectacle. It lowers the dignity of Freemasonry, exposes a ceremonial which is official, and as much a part of the work as the making of a Mason, and paves the way for other innovations, which are certain to follow.

Ladies at a Masonic banquet are a Masonic crevasse—a beautiful, lovely, charming crevasse, but a crevasse, nevertheless. The adjectives are all right—we like “beautiful, lovely, charming” things—but they cannot qualify the noun out of existence. A crevasse is a crevasse, no matter how beautiful it appears. Stand in its way, and its beauty diminishes. Ladies cannot be made Masons, they cannot be in the Lodge when it is at Labour—not lawfully, in a so-called “public installation,” nor lawfully at a banquet, for even that would be a crevasse, and beautiful, but dangerous,—we know not how dangerous.

Approving and initiating an applicant who is physically disqualified “in merely a small particular” is a crevasse. Begin by receiving one with a finger off, and soon you will have an army of halt, lame and blind men in the Craft; men minus a left arm, a right hand, and throwing signs and giving grips with their feet! Begin to err, and error quickly becomes rampant. It cannot be a servant, but if it is the Craft at all it will be a master. Keep it out!

Asking and accepting a profane Charter for a Masonic Lodge is a crevasse. There is no sufficient reason for a Masonic body becoming a creature of the State. The State is a stern ruler. It has the eyes of an Argus, which may be prying into Masonic secrets, and the hands of a Briareus, which may lay judicial hold upon the corporation which it creates. Freemasonry is a sovereign mystery, and it should never subject itself to a profane sovereign master.

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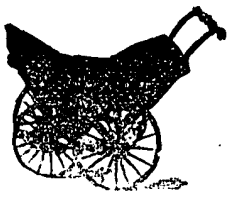
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