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SINGLE VOTERS AND COMBINATIONS.

THE severe competition which exists in connection with the elections for the Central Masonic Institutions is in itself sufficient to deter many who would like to help the widow or the orphan from attempting to secure relief through their means, but add to this the enormous power secured by judicious organisation and combination, such as is carried out by the leading provinces, and the task becomes infinitely more difficult, and may truly be said to appal the ordinary supporters of the Charities, many of whom labour year after year in the hope of winning an annuity or a scholarship for a deserving case, only to find themselves heavily handicapped in the struggle, and surrounded by almost insurmountable difficulties.

We have often spoken of the great advantages enjoyed by the Provinces in the matter of voting combinations, and the very unfavourable position in which London stands in this respect; but combination among the metropolitan voters, although pretty generally regarded as most desirable, has not yet been found practicable, and as a consequence London loses ground year after year as the elections come round. The advantages of efficient management and thorough organisation are perhaps more apparent in connection with the Benevolent Institution than with the Schools, from the fact that in the former case a considerable number of the candidates die off while they are striving to secure an annuity, thereby losing all the votes which may have been polled on their behalf; while in the latter the supporters of a candidate know exactly when the age limit rule will come into effect, and can act accordingly; death occurring so seldom among the candidates for the Boys' or the Girls' Schools that it need hardly be taken into account in this direction. One of the principal features of strength among the voting combinations is the fact that they do not lose votes. They concentrate their efforts, and make sure of one or two cases, rather than spread their proxies over half a dozen or more, with the result that the position of all is improved, but none are elected. Thus they obtain an immediate advantage, and can afford to subscribe a little money among themselves in order to render some help to those whose turn had not come round, and assist them during the period which must elapse ere the time for another election arrives. They also enjoy the power of borrowing votes to an almost unlimited extent, which privilege is denied the single voter, or smaller combinations, in consequence of the uncertainty which exists as to the repayment of votes in the case of death, or the difficulty of localising responsibility in the case of disagreement or disorganisation of the smaller association. Many of the Provinces regularly appoint representatives, and it is understood that the Province as a whole accepts the responsibility of repaying any votes loaned to their Officer, so that almost certain security is given, and

loans of votes are arranged without hesitation or fear. Thus it may happen that a district with perhaps a thousand votes can lend them with advantage to another district, which latter makes sure of its case, whereas without these combination the two Provinces would have to poll what they had got and wait for the succeeding elections before they secured any return; in the meantime the candidate may have died, and the whole of the votes polled on his or her behalf lost. The more the matter is looked into, the more desirable it seems that some steps should be taken by the metropolitan Craftsmen to place themselves on a more equal footing as regards their provincial friends, who are certainly to be commended on the success which has so far attended their efforts in the way of combination. Truly in this respect Union is strength.

THE JESUITS AGAIN.

AT last it seems a method has been found to check, or at least refute, the scandalous charges periodically made by the Jesuits and other religious fanatics against Freemasonry. Strange to say it has been left for the Craftsmen of a far-off colony to put the new form of refutation into motion, and although the prime movers in the affair are, so to speak, no brothers of ours, from the fact that they own allegiance to the Grand Orient of France, they yet have our sympathy, and we can applaud them for the stand they have attempted. We also hope they will be able to successfully upset any appeals to be made to superior authorities, and that others will be found, even in England, if necessary, to follow the example they have set. From the accompanying extract from the *Times* it will be seen that the principal members of a Madagascar Lodge commenced an action for libel against the head of the Jesuit Mission there, with the result that the defendant was fined £40, and ordered to pay damages to the amount of £400. Monetary penalties might not stop the fanatics in their abuse, but it would go far to check the local colourings which are now introduced by enthusiastic priests, and which add so much to the pain and annoyance caused by the utterances of their chiefs.

FREEMASONS AND JESUITS IN MADAGASCAR.

Antananarivo, 30th March.

By a judgment given in the Court of the French Residency General at Antananarivo, on the 18th of February, the head of the Jesuit Mission in Madagascar, Monseigneur Cazet, was fined £40, and was ordered to pay damages to the amount of £400, together with the costs of the suit, which was an action for libel, instituted by the principal members of a newly-established French Lodge of Freemasons. The following is an extract from the pamphlet which gave rise to the action. It is entitled "Ny Mamasao," and was published last year in the Malagasy language by the Jesuit Mission at Antananarivo:—

Chapter IV. "And what, on the other hand, are the fruits of Freemasonry?" "If all the disreputable and loathsome fruits of Freemasonry were set forth, they would be too many for enumeration. Two of the principal only, therefore, will be treated of briefly, rebellion and filthiness unspeakable." After quoting Louis Blanc's *Histoire de la Révolution Française*, vol. 2, p 82, with the object of showing that kings and princes have been so beguiled by the social pleasures and feasting of Freemasonry as to shelter beneath their

rank and power the secret agents of their own destruction, the pamphlet cites "a famous Frenchman named d'Haugwitz," who is reported to have stated in 1882 that the French revolution of 1788-89, and the shocking murder of the King, were not only what the Lodges intended, but were deeds to which they had sworn themselves long before." It then proceeds as follows under the head of filthiness:—"It must be justly admitted, as it has been seen too plainly in history for centuries past, that Freemasonry is not conducive to morality. No, indeed; for previous to the introduction of Freemasonry into England from Germany in 1779, the people of that country may not have been proficient in arts, but, if the rectitude of their conduct be considered, it was truly astonishing, for they may be said to have been almost blameless. Now, however, after Freemasonry has spread amongst them, behold them hastening after things forbidden of God, and scarcely either serving or believing in the Creator who made them. And the root from which such fearful evils have sprung is, as we have said before, Freemasonry alone."

By the judgment in this action the Fathers have suffered a well-deserved defeat; but they have succeeded, nevertheless, in giving Freemasonry a bad name among the natives. The Queen especially entertains a strong prejudice against the Lodge, although she is by no means inclined to accept the teachings of the mission in religious matters. The prejudice serves to illustrate neither the influence of the Jesuits nor the natural bent of the Malagasy mind, but merely the suspicion with which the rulers of the country regard almost everything that is French. Had the Lodge been formed under other auspices it would not have been looked upon as a secret society intended to further political objects. An appeal against the judgment is being made to Réunion, and one of the Fathers, who was educated as a lawyer, has just left Antananarivo to conduct the case on behalf of his Bishop. I may add that the judgment is said to contain some remarks on the reference to England quoted in the above extract from "Ny Framasao;" but the French authorities are anxious, for some reason or other, to keep the text of the judgment out of sight, and its publication is strictly forbidden.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

IN our last issue we made brief reference to the proceedings at the Annual Meeting of the Subscribers. To-day we append full text of the Auditors' Report, which, as we have already stated, was received and adopted.

The report of the Auditors, read by Bro. J. Terry, Secretary, was as follows:—

We, the undersigned, having audited the Treasurer's accounts, from the 1st April 1890 to the 31st March 1891, inclusive, and all vouchers having been produced, do find the same correct.

Male Fund.		£	s	d	£	s	d
Balance 31st March 1890 ...	...	3,961	12	3			
Receipts ...	...	11,757	19	0			
			15,719	11	3		
Disbursements ...	...	11,705	4	9			
Balance on this account ...	...				4014	6	6
Widows' Fund							
Balance 31st March 1890 ...	...	2,790	3	11			
Receipts ...	...	12,400	17	1			
			15,191	1	0		
Disbursements ...	...	12,265	14	4			
Balance on this account ...	...				2925	6	8
Sustentation Fund.							
Balance 31st March 1890 ...	...	56	15	0			
Receipts ...	...	26	16	4			
			83	11	4		
Disbursements ...	...	24	0	11			
Balance on this account ...	...				59	10	5
Total balance ...	...				£6999	3	7

A. H. TATTERSHALL,
JOHN J. BERRY,
CHARLES KEMPTON, } Auditors.

Freemasons' Hall, 8th May 1891.

Having already referred to the course adopted by Bro. Barnett (of Monmouth), with a view to the adjournment of the meeting, and the failure of his efforts in this regard, we may—for the present—dismiss this part of the business.

The following is the full text of the Report presented, as read by Bro. Terry.

The Committee of Management has very great pleasure in submitting a report of its proceedings during the past year to the Governors and Subscribers to the Institution.

The Annual Festival was held, by direction of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., Grand Patron and President, on Wednesday, the 25th of February last. The Right Honourable the Earl Amherst, R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Kent, who rendered a similar service to the Institution, as Viscount Holmesdale, M.P., in 1861, occupied the chair, and the Board of Stewards which supported his lordship consisted of 323 brethren and ladies. The donations and subscriptions were originally announced as £15,043 10s 6d, but, by the receipt of several outstanding lists and additions to lists already received, this total was ultimately increased to £15,879 3s, or upwards of £2000 in excess of the final total of the previous year. It is impossible to regard such a result as this as being otherwise than eminently satisfactory, and the Committee most gladly avails itself of this opportunity of expressing its deep sense of gratitude to R.W. Bro. the Earl Amherst for having so ably presided on the occasion, as well as to the Board of Stewards which supported his lordship's advocacy with so much energy and success, and to the Lodges, Chapters, and Brethren who responded with so much generosity to the appeals addressed to them for their support. Were any illustration needed in order to show the increasing favour with which the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution is regarded by the Craft generally it will be found in a comparison between the results of the two Festivals which have been honoured by his lordship's presidency. In 1861 the Board of Stewards numbered 90 brethren, and the donations and subscriptions amounted to £2982 1s; in 1891 there were, as already stated, 323 Stewards, and the amount of the donations and subscriptions was £15,879 3s.

At the election in May, 1890, there were upon the funds of the Institution 409 annuitants, namely, 180 men and 229 widows, and to-day there are 147 approved candidates, of whom 66 are men and 81 widows. The latter figures show a slight reduction as compared with the numbers at the election in May of last year, caused no doubt by the greater stringency of the regulations determining the qualifications of candidates, which were sanctioned and approved at the last annual meeting. But though the lists of candidates are still formidable, the Committee, having in view the very heavy responsibilities already devolving on it, has decided on not recommending the creation of any fresh annuities on either fund. Therefore the number of vacancies will remain as declared in February, namely, 14 men (11 immediate and three deferred), and 12 women (nine immediate and three deferred), so far as the question of increasing the number of annuities is concerned, but in the interval that has since elapsed there have been reported the death of five men and four widows, and the annuity of one of the men has been suspended, so that the number to be elected to-day will be 20 men and 16 widows. There will consequently be, as was the case after last year's election, 409 annuitants provided for by the Institution, namely, 180 men, each receiving £40 per annum, and 229 widows, each receiving £32 per annum, the total sum distributable amongst these old people being £14,526. To this must be added a further sum of £540, divisible under Law 9 of the Male Fund, among 27 widows of recently deceased male annuitants, so that the total expenditure in respect of annuities will amount to £15,066.

It is with unfeigned regret that the Committee reports the death of the Right Honourable the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master and Prov. Grand Master of Somersetshire, and W. Bro. William Winn, two of the Trustees of the Institution. His lordship presided as Chairman at the Anniversary Festival in 1876, and Bro. Winn was one of the most generous of benefactors. Both had laboured successfully to promote the welfare of the Institution, and the Committee feels that their loss will be deeply felt. The vacancies in the Trusteeship caused by their death will be filled in the course of to-day.

The Committee is desirous of expressing its thanks to United Grand Lodge for the continuance of its annual grant of £70 towards providing the inmates of the Asylum at Croydon with coal during the winter months.

The Committee is also desirous of expressing thus publicly its most sincere thanks to the Honorary Surgeons of the Institution (Henry J. Strong, Esq., M.D., and R. Percy Middlemist, Esq.) for their kind and unremitting attention to those of the annuitants, both resident, and non-resident at Croydon, who have been unfortunately compelled to seek their advice and assistance.

The Committee has the gratification of announcing the receipt during the year from the executors of the late Bro. Dr. Marris Wilson of a sum of £3500, being the net amount, after deduction of legacy duty, of a sum bequeathed by that brother to the Institution.

It has also the satisfaction of being able to state that the Asylum at Croydon is in a satisfactory state of repair, and will only need that cleansing and other attention which it is now undergoing to preserve it in that condition.

The audited Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st March 1891 is appended. It has been prepared with the utmost care, and has undergone a rigorous examination by the Audit Committee before being finally approved and passed; and the Committee is confident that the Governors and Subscribers on inspecting it will find it no idle boast on its part when it asserts that the funds of the Institution have been administered with the most scrupulous care and a due regard to economy.

The Committee is desirous of expressing, in conclusion, its most earnest hope that in the future, as in the past, the Craft will contribute its generous support towards an Institution which, during the 49 years of its existence, has been the means of alleviating the wants of so large a number of aged and indigent brethren and widows of brethren, and, in particular, that on the occasion of its Jubilee Festival, in 1892, they will rally round it in such numbers and to such good purpose that the Committee will feel itself justified in recommending a still further extension of its benefits.

The result of the Polling, as regards the successful candidates, both Male and Female, will be found in our Advertisement columns. The number of Votes polled by the Unsuccessful has been returned as under:—

MALES.

Name	Votes	Name	Votes
William Davies	2511	Henry Miller	28
William Cloves	2192	Thos. Morant Compton	21
James Richard Warr	2388	Thomas Scholfield	20
William Mason	2220	George Hislop	18
Edmund Bye	1652	Joseph Morrell	18
Charles Sarl	958	George Bailes	14
James Gilruth	890	Robert Pitts	13
Robert Gunn	819	Henry Winsor	13
Alexander Mole	718	John Close	5
E. W. C. Laforest	687	Peter Ball	4
John Fixter	418	Benjamin Toulson	4
S. Proby Ekin	289	William Backhouse	2
Robert Nichol	238	Thomas Baynton	2
William John McLean	166	Henry Fielding	2
John Moxon	161	William B. Graham	2
James P. W. Gillard	157	George Tomes	2
William Field	142	David Clark	—
Richard Glover	112	John Cowgill	—
James Horstead	97	John Kilshaw	—
John Musham	82	Frederick George Roberts	—
Alexander Sellar	60	John Scott	—
John Davis	57	Thos. S. Stockman	—
George Fox	44	William Vaughan	—

FEMALES.

Name	Votes	Name	Votes
Phoebe Everett	2930	E. Atkinson Mannington	185
Hannah Samuel	2905	Olivia Russell	181
Jane Coombe	2804	Mary Ann Foot	152
Fanny Schmidt	2714	Ann Stanton	149
Susan Timms	2527	Sarah Rigarsford	147
Emma Coles	2399	Ann Brooks	135
Sarah Brittain	2220	Eliza Emma Willson	126
Ellen Radford	2166	Sarah Blight	117
Sarah Codd	2119	Margaret Parsons	115
Eliza Waterhouse	1797	Sarah Meader	113
Clara Morton	1749	Nancy Cowell	74
Emily E. Haskins	1721	Katharine E. Wagner	72
Gertrude Mary Truman	1661	Sarah R. Bowron	46
Charlotte M. Egan	1607	Sarah Ann Bnrfield	39
Mary White	1466	Elizabeth Olive	31
Martha Chamberlin	1103	Jane Salisbury	26
Mary Ann Stokes	1082	Eleanor Bowey	22
Jane Eynon	1063	Jane Polkinghorne	16
Fanny Gibson	1010	Mary Collins	11
Catherine Morris	860	Elizabeth Best	9
Ann E. Baker	796	Sarah Catherine Blizard	9
Ann Emma Young	708	Ann Eves	8
Maria Vile	702	Elizabeth Ionn	8
Martha Ann Truelove	673	Olive Beale	7
Sarah Wills	610	Mary Ann Dyer	7
Sarah P. Spratt	604	Annie Cartledge	6
Mary Octavia Saunders	587	Sarah Mann	6
Sarah Welsford	469	Elizabeth Clarke	5
Hannah Rolfe	399	Catherine Ann Faulkner	3
Elizabeth Ann Wright	364	Sarah Pilling	1
Eleanor Maria Howard	349	Charlotte Lemon	—
Amelia Thomas	343	Jane Newman	—
Mary Ann Green	210		

Great interest is being taken in Masonic circles in Sussex in the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to be held at Brighton next month. The Earl of Lathom Pro Grand Master is to preside, and so great a gathering is anticipated that, besides the Dome, where the banquet is to take place, the whole of the Pavilion rooms have been taken. Doubtless the Freemasons of the district will assist to make the occasion one worthy of Brighton and the Province of Sussex, by serving as Stewards and assisting in giving a hearty welcome to the many visitors who will come from the North and all parts of England. The Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys is one of the rare occasions on which ladies are permitted to share in the banquet. The event will be unique in the history of Masonry in Sussex.—*Sussex Daily News*.

The success of the garden party at the Botanical Gardens, Old Trafford, Manchester, last year, when £150 was handed over to the Masonic Charities, has emboldened the Manchester and district Lodges to organize another for the coming summer. Arrangements have accordingly been made for a garden party on Saturday, 4th July, the profits resulting to be given to the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Benevolent and Educational Institution. Mr. Thomas Black has been appointed Chairman, and Mr. John E. Lees and Mr. W. Craig Royle Honorary Secretaries.

FUNERALS properly carried out and personally attended in London and Country, by Bro. G. A. HUTTON, 17 Newcastle Street, Strand, W.C. Monuments erected. Valuations made.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Shaftesbury.—"Handfast," by Henry Hamilton and Mark Quinton, was the play happily selected by Messrs. Rathbone and Sidney, Herbert-Basing for the reopening of this Theatre on Saturday evening last. A word of praise is due to the new management for the pains taken in making the house so bright and attractive, for the introduction of the electric light, which is a very great improvement, and for generously abolishing all fees. "Handfast" is a very interesting and exciting society melodrama, in three acts; containing several thrilling incidents which are well worked out, the interest being thoroughly sustained throughout the play. The story starts at Richmond, at the house of Jocelyn Woodville (Mr. Lewis Waller), who is dangerously ill and not expected to live more than a few hours. His last moments are troubled by the knowledge that his cousin, Austin Woodville (Mr. Cyril Maude) is a scoundrel, and in order that his cousin shall not benefit by his death, he proposes to marry a young girl named Beatrice Culver (Miss Winifred Emery), and thus secure the fortune for her. Austin and his villainous companion, Lambert D'arcy (Mr. Abingdon), hearing of this intention, plot to bring about Jocelyn's death before the marriage can take place. They, however, fail to accomplish this, as the drug which they intended to poison Jocelyn with effects his recovery. Beatrice Culver, knowing the generous motive which prompted Jocelyn to marry her, determines not to profit by his kindness. Consequently, she disappears, and some two years afterwards turns up again as Madame de Ligniac. In the meantime Jocelyn becomes the Earl of Cirencester, so matters are considerably mixed when these two, meeting as strangers, fall in love, with the knowledge that already they are married. Of course there are a number of little plots woven into the main story; but all create more or less interest. In the first act we are introduced to Irene Kingston (Miss Annie Hughes) who is evidently a great favourite if the outburst of applause with which she was welcomed as she stepped on the stage meant anything. The little love scenes between Marmaduke Marsh (Mr. H. Reeves Smith) and this lady were much appreciated. The second act presents a lovely view of Naples, and Miss Emery, dressed with exquisite taste, won all hearts with her sympathetic voice and earnest manner. The third act gives us a still more beautiful view, a Naples Villa, gorgeously decorated with flowering oleanders and orange trees, laden with golden fruit; a picture pleasing and delightful. The scene between Mr. Lewis Waller and Miss Winifred Emery, as husband and wife, in this last act, was most charmingly sustained, and the awakening from doubt and despair to passionate love and happiness could not help making a lasting impression on all present. The large audience assembled gave most hearty applause to every one concerned in the production of "Handfast," which is a play that we think will "catch on."

On Monday next Miss Victoria Vokes will make her re-appearance in London, at the Shaftesbury Theatre (after an absence of eight years); she will be supported by Miss Annie Vokes, Miss Lilian Hingston, Mr. Fred Mervin, Mr. Walter Everard, and Mr. Fawdon Vokes.

Gaiety.—"Carmen up to Date" may be looked upon as the sheet on which magic lantern slides are exhibited, new songs or fresh dances are introduced as time and opportunity serve. On Wednesday the following additions were made:—Pas Seul, by Miss Maude Wilmot; Scena, "Toreador, the pet of all the fair," by Mr. W. H. Brookbank; Song, "The Recreation Army," by Mr. E. J. Lonnen; Smuggler's Barcarole, "Now after all," by Miss Leicester; New Dance, by Miss Letty Lind; Song, "Told by the Cards," by Miss Florence St. John; Serenade, "Hush! the night winds softly creeping," by Mr. W. H. Brookbank; and a Canzonet, "The Gipsy Girl," by Miss Florence St. John and Mr. W. H. Brookbank. These novelties, however, do not materially affect the burlesque, and so long as such interpolations are judiciously made, we may conclude this lively entertainment will find favour with Mr. George Edwardes's patrons, many of whom repeat their visits week by week.

Royal Aquarium.—In addition to the usual round of attractions, the management this week presented a very fine collection of early summer flowers which, considering the varied fluctuations of temperature during the spring, was interesting as well as acceptable. The principal objects of attraction were the roses, of which there were several very fine specimens, Messrs. W. Paul and Sons, the celebrated growers of Cheshunt, taking the chief prize of a silver medal, while Mr. Ramsey of Waltham Cross secured a first prize for his beautiful exhibition of flowers in pots. Silver medals were also awarded to Messrs. Barr and Sons of Covent Garden, and Mr. Ware of Tottenham for collections of hardy flowers. The very fine calladiums and foliage plants shown by Messrs. John Laing and Sons, of Forest Hill, well deserved the first honours in this class, and Mr. H. James, of West Norwood, was rewarded with a prize for his magnificent gloxinias and herbaceous calceolarias. Mr. J. Hudd, of Blackheath Park, was a winner in class of greenhouse and stove plants, the ferns being especially noticeable. The show was witnessed by a large number of visitors, who were doubtless surprised and delighted at seeing the result achieved in spite of such adverse circumstances.

COMES OUT CONQUEROR.

An Oration by Bro. C. C. Hamby, Grand Orator, before the Grand Lodge F. and A. M. of Arkansas, 18th November 1890.

(Continued from page 293.)

Deeds of sacrifice for individuals or humanity need no monuments to keep them fresh in our memory. Will Washington ever be forgotten? Will the poor, unknown engineer, who held the throttle lever till the boat with her passengers landed, although he was being burned to death, I say, will he be forgotten? No! As long as language can convey an idea their names will never be forgotten on earth, while beyond time's narrow bounds they are immortal.

What was it that caused the teachings of the lowly Nazarene to spread so rapidly, and take such deep hold on the human family? Nothing more or less than the sacrifices his apostles made in standing up under persecutions for truth's sake. For truth's sake martyrs burned at the stake, and every stake was equal to ten thousand advocates. Warriors, orators and statesmen may be forgotten when the political causes and excitements that brought them to the front have passed away, but the memories of those who suffered for the elevation of the human family will never die.

What is it that builds so many towering spires in our fair land? Is it the precepts, examples and teachings of the meek and lowly Jesus? No, it is the cross and its victim. Without the cross he would have gone into oblivion as a great moralist only. But you say we cannot make such sacrifices; they are not necessary now. Every act done knowingly against your interest for truth's sake and humanity is a sacrifice. It is not a sacrifice to quit your business, lose your time and perhaps money, in order to aid and assist some worthy object of charity? Moral courage, the true armour of our Order, is exemplified almost every day that passes over a true Mason. What grander spectacle than to see a man, though beset with vexation, strife and misfortune, yet with that true Masonic courage look the world in the face, and say to envy and strife, stand aside! What is more noble, my brethren, than to see you, when you quit this hall, mix with your fellow-men, and amid the exciting scenes, business transactions, conflicting interest and desire for gain, meet your fellow-man, and with genuine moral courage tell him the truth, though it be against your interest. You may for a moment admire the courage of the pugilist as he grapples with his opponent in a struggle for gold or fame, yet that admiration is nothing more than that felt on seeing the dashing engine as she starts out on her journey across the continent; but when you see a man through reason and a sense of just and right, facing danger, not for the renown it might give him, but for the sake of humanity, sacrifice his property, and may be his life, you feel an admiration next to reverence.

No greater lesson was ever taught than that in the third degree. And in that trying hour moral courage was the watchword.

And although it may be, as some claim, but a type of what was to and did come after, yet foot to foot has encircled the globe, and breast to breast has woven a chain that time, climate, distance and nationality cannot sever, while the sprig of acacia continues to implant, rekindle and nourish a principle within our breasts, without which life would be miserable.

But, my brethren, while we could repeat till to-morrow's sun the glories of our institution, what she has done, the grand and noble effects of her teachings, I hope you will excuse me if I point out a little work that is now ready and waiting for us to do. And should some of you think I am transcending my limits as your orator, I hope the justness and importance of what I am about to mention will be sufficient excuse for the divergence.

There is, in my opinion, a great opportunity for the Masons of Arkansas to render their names immortal, not by sacrificing our lives, but by erecting and maintaining an institution that will hand our names down to ages to come. An institution that will cause thousands yet unborn to speak with praise of our individual and collective efforts in their behalf. Shall I name it? I mean a home for the orphans of deceased Master Masons. A place where they not only can be cared for, but taught some useful trade and

given a common school education. Look back over the past, take from the pages of history those who were left orphans early in life, and your galaxy of warriors and statesmen will be robbed of a majority of its brightest lights. Who knows that the little barefoot boy that you pass to-day on the streets, if properly cared for, may not in the future stand where the Boy of the Mill Slashes stood, equal in debate and statesmanship to the foremost of the land?

Let me ask you, "Is there no help for the widow's son?"

Read the Proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions, and you will find favourable reports from trustees of orphans' homes.

Shall we, like Greece, stand or sit and sing of what we have done, while our sister jurisdictions pass on, keep up with the times, and leave us to dream of the past? I hope not. Let us make the start.

Let us make the sacrifice; it will be only of labour and money; and who of you to-night, if you could see far down into the future, see all of your property snatched from you, see your little ones wandering through life, eking out a miserable existence, none to care for them, no one having any interest in them save for the labour they might perform, I say, if you could see this, would you hesitate what course to pursue? I believe you would act at once, and the picture I have drawn I dare say will overtake some of you who now have an abundance of this world's goods.

Look at the splendid edifice being erected for our use, comfort and pleasure. This is right; I am proud to see it; but while we prepare for our own enjoyment let us prepare for the care of our loved ones. I hope it may not be the sad lot of any of us to have to leave our children for others to care for, but it will be almost a miracle if some of us do not, and now is the time to take the initiatory step. And in the distant future perchance some statesman orator, while in the prime of his manhood and greatness, will point to the home we erected as the nursing school of his glory and usefulness, and thus Masonry in Arkansas have something to make it revered besides monuments or eulogies of its past greatness.

There is an indescribable something in the human breast that is continually pushing us out for an opportunity to place our names before mankind in such a manner as not to be forgotten.

That mute sentinel that has stood on the banks of the Nile for thousands of years is conclusive evidence that this ambition, to be for ever remembered, possessed those who builded the Pyramids with that exquisite art and skill now lost to man.

History is replete with instances where men have marched to instant death for the renown it would give their memories when they were gone. It was once thought that to be a great general or eloquent statesman would give a lustre to one's name that would never grow dim, but time, that great obliterator of all selfish acts and deeds, has shown this idea to be a gigantic illusion.

In my humble judgment the time has come when those who would have their names handed down to posterity, those who would have the world remember them, must do something for the elevation of the human family. The time has passed for hero worship. The list of mighty warriors and wise statesmen is so long that they have become quite common. Alexander once shone like a morning star, but he was eclipsed by Cæsar, who gave way to the ambitious Napoleon, and the whole train of eastern heroes shines but dimly when compared with America's gallant sons. Cicero, by his eloquence, once held chain-bound commons and senates, but the same has been done a thousand times since. I dare say the name of Peabody will shine far down into the distant future long after the heroes of Leipsic, Sedan or Gettysburg have been forgotten. Vanderbilt wrote his name high on the imperishable records of fame when he came to the rescue of the University that now bears his name.

And now, my dear brethren, while we all cannot be Peabodys, Rockefellers, Vanderbilts, yet we can act together erect a home for the fatherless, and as our State increases in population, and our Order in members, this home will be an honour to our Order; not only that; in the distant future young men will be issuing from this home and dispersing over this nation, bearing a grateful remembrance for us, and they will hand our names down to posterity.

In conclusion, let me answer a question I often hear asked. It is this: "What is the necessity of Masonry in this enlightened age?" "Why keep up an institution

whose object is the elevation of mankind when civilisation has reached almost the topmost round?"

I answer: There is just as great a need for our Order now as there was during the dark ages. We live, it is true, in what we believe to be the crowning point or period of civilisation. So thought our forefathers when they first landed on the shores of this continent, yet see how far they were mistaken. But, aside from that, Masonry has a grand mission to perform, though civilisation be at its highest. No other institution makes brothers of different creeds and nationalities. Masonry subdues the passions of the judge, law maker and ruler. It instils into the breasts of all its true votaries a sense of equal right and justice, regardless of the conditions, positions, rank or power of the parties. Her principles hold in check the strong arm of power, and at the same time stand as a firm defence for the weak. The political caldron may boil, passions may run high, yet so long as the principles of our Order stand to the front, so long as they pervade the different institutions of our government, I fear no danger. Bad laws may be proposed, yet the principles of our Order will ever be able to stand between the engines of oppression and the intended victims.

Like some huge rock in mid ocean, around which the billows dash, foam and break, Masonry stands amid the contentions and strife of mankind. As the needle to the pole she watches the object of her mission, and as the storm of dissension and strife thickens, she, with a means more powerful than a mighty army, quietly enters the arena, and never faltering, but pressing on with a calm but firm mien, breasts them all. She appeals to the inborn principle of right and justice in man, forcing him to ever remember the time when he first bowed at the sacred altar. She comes out conqueror. The great leveller of mankind, she has no favourites, but all her acts and deeds are for humanity. Familiar with the past, and almost prescient of the future, she slowly but surely moves on to her appointed destiny, "The Brotherhood of Man and Fatherhood of God."

EDITORIAL COMMENT.—While it is true that the obligation of Masonic charity exists between individuals, and is to be granted on individual application and judgment of worthiness, in these times it is a fact that there is real need for the exercise of organised assistance and relief of indigent brethren, widows and orphans, and by Masonic Homes can such charity best be performed. It is, therefore, true that Bro. Hamby has wisely pleaded for both private and public Masonic charity.—*Voice of Masonry.*

The principal event in the Masonic year in Ireland—the annual distribution of prizes to the pupils of the Female Orphan School—took place in the Leinster Hall, Dublin, on the evening of the 29th ult. It was a brilliant spectacle, as all the members of the Order appeared in full panoply, some being literally ablaze with jewelled insignia. The Knights Templars, in their white robes, decorated with red crosses, formed two lines up the centre of the Hall, and, drawing their swords, formed a perfect arch of steel, through which the long procession of Grand Officers, headed by the Deputy Grand Master, passed, marching to the stirring strains of a fine Masonic March played by the Bands of the Gloucester Regiment and 4th Dragoon Guards. Next came, in double file, the pupils of the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and after they had given some vocal and instrumental music, Her Grace The Duchess of Abercorn (who had specially arrived from London for the purpose but a couple of hours before), as wife of the Grand Master for Ireland, distributed the prizes to the successful pupils. These included several for distinctions won by them at the Irish Intermediate Examinations. Then followed some more music, some Calisthonic exercises and drill by the children, while the whole wound up with a Cinderella dance, in which all those present joined. The Duchess wore black, with lilac blossoms. Amongst others taking an active part in the proceedings were Lord Justice FitzGibbon, the Right Hon. Lord Frank Hamilton and Lady Victoria Hamilton, Sir Thomas Jones, Sir Fenton Hort, Bart., Sir Charles Cameron, Sir George Owens, K. W. Shingleton and Mrs. Shingleton, and many others. It is purposed to hold a master bazaar in connection with the Centenary of the Female Orphan School this Autumn.—*Life.*

The 25th annual report of the Cheshire Educational Masonic Institution, which is for the education and advancement in life of the children of distressed and deceased Freemasons, has just been issued, and as usual shows a record of increased prosperity and usefulness. The amount subscribed during the past year has been £459 19s 3d, the largest yet subscribed since the establishment of the charity. During the past year 40 children have been educated and assisted. Of these nine go off the books, but there are 10 candidates for election.

CENTENARY HALL, BATTERSEA RISE, S.W.

THE important additions recently made to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, opened by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, accompanied by the Princess and her daughters, as a commemoration of the Centenary of its foundation, and to the memory of Chevalier Ruspini, its founder, in 1788, are thus described by our contemporary, *The Builder* :—

It is a red brick building, with Bath stone dressings, having deep buttresses on each side, which are utilised by enclosing nearly the whole depth of buttress, with a wall to the height of 20 ft. from the floor, thus forming deeply-recessed bays, with a fireproof floor inserted about 10 ft. high, and projecting over each bay into the hall. This is approached by a turret-stair at each angle, the buttresses being pierced at this level to form an ambulatory as well as galleries in the triforium, connecting the main gallery with the Minstrels' gallery, and encircling the building.

The dimensions are 104 ft. 6 in. long by 40 ft. 6 in. wide between the main walls, arcaded in seven bays, and 50 ft. high from floor to the centre of the elliptical ceiling, supported by deep coxes on each side, formed with modelled fibrous plaster, carried by a light iron-framed and truss roof, designed by Mr. H. G. Huxley, C.E.

The walls are lined to the height of 12 ft. 6 in. with a teak dado and balustrading to gallery-fronts, executed by Mr. T. Gibbons, of Dunmow. The windows are all filled with stained glass, containing in cartouches the shields of the various subscribing Lodges, with the exception of the large west window, which, being the gift of the Grand Lodge of England, contains the portraits and shields of the Grand Officers, with panels representative of the Virtues, &c. This work has been executed by Mr. Ed. Frampton, of Buckingham Palace Road. The heating and ventilating work has been executed by Messrs. Haden, of Trowbridge; and the general contract was carried out by Mr. B. E. Nightingale, of Albert Embankment, Mr. Wm. Tooke acting as clerk of works, the erection of the hall being under the superintendence of Mr. Fred G. Knight, architect.

The whole of the works were under the immediate superintendence of Messrs. Henry Arthur Hunt and Ralph Clatton, the honorary architects of the Institution.

The drawing, by Mr. F. G. Knight, is now hung in the Royal Academy Exhibition.

The Earl of Mount Edgcombe, who succeeds the Earl of Lathom as Deputy Grand Master of English Freemasons, is a most popular man both in London and in the West Country, where he possesses estates in Devonshire and Cornwall. Lord Mount Edgcombe has filled many offices. He has been Lord Chamberlain, and is still Lord Steward, was Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall, A.D.C. to the Queen, and a Colonel of a Devonshire Volunteer Corps. He represented Plymouth in Parliament before he succeeded to the title. Mount Edgcombe, the old family seat of the Edgcombe family, is, perhaps, the loveliest in all the lovely West Country. With its fine Elizabethan mansion and splendid gardens and park, it occupies the whole of the peninsula between Hamoaze and Plymouth Sound, and covers an extent of ground more than three miles in circumference. The gardens and park are almost unrivalled, and the manner in which they impress a stranger cannot be better described than in the quaint and almost forgotten lines penned by David Garrick after a visit there—

'Tis mount all the mounts of Great Britain surpasses,
'Tis the haunt of the muses, the mount of Parnassus;
Fame lies, 'tis not Stratford—this, this is the spot
Where Genius on Nature our Shakespeare begot!
'Tis only the birthplace of Shakespeare could be
Whose wonders can e'en make a poet of me.

Illustrated London News.

The annual meeting in connection with Belfast Masonic Charities, which was held on the 12th inst., in the Ulster Hall, was, in the absence of the Marquis of Hertford, Provincial Grand Master, presided over by Bro. Thomas Valentino, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and was of a most interesting character. The statement of accounts for the year showed, with an emphasis that left nothing to be desired, that the good work of relieving distress has not been neglected by the local members of the ancient Order. The ordinary expenditure of the year was £357 16s 2d; but, as the committee state, the announcement of the amount of the expenditure affords no adequate idea of the actual relief afforded or the assistance rendered. The steps taken by members of the Fraternity to place their less fortunate brethren in a way of providing for themselves have been numerous. The value of the work achieved in this way through Masonic agency cannot be over estimated. It is gratifying to observe that the income at the disposal of the committees is increasing, rather than diminishing. We trust that during the current year a still further augmentation will take place, so as to enable the committees to enlarge their spheres of usefulness.—*Belfast News Letter.*

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. 60 years experience. All diseases arising from impurity of the blood absolutely cured.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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ST. BALDRED'S LODGE, No. 313 (S.C.)

A VERY successful session of this Lodge has just closed. Fourteen new members were initiated during the past session into the Order, and there is every prospect of largely extending the membership in the near future. A specially interesting event of the past year was the brilliant assembly and supper in the Marine Hotel, North Berwick, some nine years having elapsed since a fête of a similar character had been given in connection with the Lodge. As some testimony to the healthy condition of St. Baldred's, and the energy of its Secretary, Bro. S. Henderson, it may be observed that several foreign gentlemen have entered the Order through the portal of the North Berwick Branch.

PEACE AND HARMONY LODGE, No. 495.

AT a meeting held at St. Austell, on Tuesday, 12th inst., a very handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. W. H. Lake. The W.M. Bro. Simon Truscott asked the Treasurer to make the presentation. Bro. Guy said he had pleasure in doing so, as during the ten years Bro. Lake had belonged to the Lodge he had been a very useful member, and the Lodge was quite unanimous and hearty in presenting him with this jewel. Bro. Lake, in returning thanks, said he was much obliged to them for the compliment paid him, which he highly valued. During the ten years he had belonged to the Lodge he had never had an unpleasant word, and he had only missed seven meetings in ten years. There were nine Past Masters present, namely, Bro. Dr. Mason, T. J. Smith, W. Guy, J. McTurk, J. G. Blight, Isaacs Watts, J. Bunt, C. Truscott.

JORDAN LODGE, No. 1402.

AT the monthly meeting of this Lodge, held at the Masonic Hall, Torquay, on Tuesday, the 11th inst., Bro. Taylor the W.M. presiding, a highly interesting lecture on "Some Aspects of Early English Freemasonry" was delivered by Bro. John Lane P.M. P.P.G.R. P.G.S.W. (Iowa). The lecture was a valuable historical treatise on the ceremonial of the period from 1717 to 1813, and traced the development of the ritual to the time of the formation of the United Grand Lodge. At the close of the lecture, which was listened to with close attention for one hour, Bro. Chapman P.M. P.P.G.D. proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Lane for his deeply interesting lecture, which was of an invaluable character. This was seconded by Bro. Thomas (189) and supported by the W.M., and carried unanimously.

TRAFFORD LODGE, No. 1496 (MANCHESTER).

A REGULAR meeting took place on Monday, 11th inst., at the Western Hotel, Moss Side. Present Davies W.M., Blears S.W., Morris J.W., Burslem P.M. Treasurer, Land Secretary, Robt. Wilson S.D., John Wilson J.D., D. Johnson P.M. D.C., Hampson I.G., P.M.'s Gillman P.P.G.D., McKellen P.P.G.D., Jones P.P.G. Steward, Biggs, Maybury, and Kershaw, Long, A. Johnson, W. Johnson, Knight, &c. Visitors—Gleave 1161, Cadwell 1134, Farquharson 1035, Morrison S.D. 1375, and R. R. Lisonden P.M. 317 (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE). The brethren met at six o'clock for tea, and afterwards the Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. Herbert Russell, and being announced favourable he was initiated into Freemasonry by Bro. J. Kershaw P.M., the working tools being presented and explained by Bro. John Morris J.W. Prior to the Lodge closing, Bro. Burslem proposed, in view of the strong appeal made to West Lancashire Lodges by Bro. Goodacre P.G. Secretary, on behalf of the R.M.I. for Boys, and having regard to the fact of their R.W. P.G.M. Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom presiding at the Annual Festival next month—that the sum of fifty guineas be guaranteed by the Lodge and given to that excellent Institution. The proposition was seconded and carried with acclamation. There being no further business, hearty good wishes were expressed by the Visitors, and the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 9 o'clock. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, including the initiate, were proposed and responded to at the social board, a special toast being the health and prosperity of Bro. Captain Longshaw, who will shortly take the command of a ship to China.

ARNOLD LODGE, No. 1799.

THE installation meeting of this popular Lodge was held at the Clifton Hotel, Walton-on-Naze, on Tuesday, the 19th May, when the ceremony of installing the W.M. elect Bro. Edwin Grocock was most impressively performed by Bro. Scarlett P.M. P.J.W. Essex, the whole work being done letter perfect. After being placed in the chair of K.S., the following were appointed to the several Offices:—Bros. Wilkinson I.P.M., Sutton S.W., King J.W., Rev. Nagee Chaplain, Osmond Treasurer, Scott Secretary, Harman S.D., Andrews J.D., Wright Dir. of Cons., Powis I.G., Scarlett Organist, Pollard Steward, Cutler Tyler. The inventory of the Lodge was taken, and Bro. Dorling P.M. presented to the Lodge three mahogany pedestals, with Masonic emblems inlaid, for the three lights to stand on, for which a hearty vote of thanks was given, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Bro. Hampson P.M. was appointed on the Charity Board, after which the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. The W.M. was supported by Bro. Ralling P.M. P.G. Secretary Essex, and about 25 brethren, including several

visitors from St. Osyth Lodge, Clacton-on-Sea. The following list of toasts were duly honoured and responded to:—The Queen and Craft, The Most Worshipful the Grand Master the Prince of Wales, The Pro and Deputy G. Master, and Past and Present Officers of Grand Lodge; this toast was responded to by Bro. Ralling, as was also the next one, —Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master Lord Brooke. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bros. F. A. Philbrick and Past and Present Provincial Grand Officers was responded to by Bro. Scarlett P.G.J.W. The installing Master's health was proposed by Bro. Hempson P.M. The W.M.'s health was proposed by Bro. Wilkinson. The Visitors was proposed by Bro. Scarlett, and responded to by Bro. Stebbing. The P.M.'s of 1799, proposed by the W.M., was replied to by Bro. Dorling, one of the founders, and the oldest P.M. present. The Masonic Charities was introduced by Bro. Sutton S.W., who in his speech passed a deservedly high compliment on Bro. Scarlett, who took upwards of £70 as Steward for aged Freemasons. The Wardens and Officers of the Lodge was proposed by the W.M., who regretted several of the Officers were unable to be present, noticing particularly the absence of the Chaplain, Treasurer, Secretary, and the Junior Deacon Bro. Andrews; this latter brother, who has been lying on the verge of the grave for weeks, he was happy to say had had a turn, and he trusted it would please T.G.A.O.T.U. to restore him to health. The Tyler's Toast brought the pleasant gathering to a close. The musical arrangements were conducted by Bros. Parvis, Scarlett, and others, giving great satisfaction to the brethren present.

HAMPSHIRE LODGE OF EMULATION, No. 1990.

AT the Freemasons' Hall, Landport, on Saturday, the 9th inst., Bro. R. Eve P.G. Treasurer was installed as W.M. of this Lodge, in succession to Bro. J. Brickwood. Among the brethren present were W. W. B. Beach M.P., Colonel Shadwell Clerke, J. E. Le Feuvre, Sir W. King, and J. G. Niven. An excellent banquet was subsequently served by Mr. Hinton, the Steward of the Club.

PRIORY LODGE OF ACTON, No. 1996.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held in the Lodge-room of the Berrymead Priory, High Street, Acton, on Monday, the 4th inst. There were present:—Bros. Wyatt Francis W.M., Phillips S.W., Botley P.M. J.W., Monson jun. P.M. Treasurer, Cammell P.M. Secretary, Dicker Chaplain, Sutton S.D., G. Wright P.M., Pearce, P. Monson, H. Monson, Guy, Dewhurst, Thomas, Eydeman, Heasman, Gray, Dicker, Scott-Henson, and many others. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read, confirmed and signed. Bro. Phillips was presented as W.M. elect, and after the usual formalities was duly installed into the chair. The W.M. then invested Bro. Francis as I.P.M., and also appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Gissing Skelton S.W., Hirst J.W., Dicker Chaplain, Monson jun. P.M. Treasurer, Cammell P.M. Secretary, Sutton S.D., Scott-Henson J.D. The investiture of I.G. was deferred until the next meeting. The Installing Master gave the usual addresses, and the W.M. having received the hearty congratulations of the brethren, the Lodge was closed in accordance with ancient custom. The brethren then adjourned to the banquet hall, where a very capital banquet was provided by the Steward of the Constitutional Club, which was duly appreciated. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. The I.P.M. in proposing the toast of the W.M. said, all the brethren had watched the steady progress of their W.M., and the masterly manner in which he had carried out the duties of the various offices he had passed through, and congratulated him on his being present. At one time it was thought he would not be able to appear again with the brethren, owing to his very severe accident. The W.M. in responding to the toast, said he begged to thank the brethren for the kind way in which it had been received, and also to acknowledge the very feeling manner in which it had been proposed. It was but 5 years ago since he had been initiated into the Lodge, and now he had the honour of being its W.M., an honour which he esteemed more highly than he could express in words. Of Masonry he would like to speak at length, but he did not wish to occupy too much of their time. It often was said that Masonry was a religion. It did not claim that, but it did inculcate religious truths. In the volume of the Sacred law we read that pure religion is to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction. Might they not claim to that? There was no other institution that had built and endowed more benevolent asylums, or done more to relieve the destitute and distressed. In concluding his remarks he might be permitted to quote from an eminent writer. Such was Freemasonry; venerable in its age, beneficent in its design, and practical in its charity. The W.M. then gave the toast of the I.P.M., and after speaking of the very excellent manner in which the ceremony of installation had been carried out, concluded by presenting to Bro. Francis a P.M.'s jewel, and expressing a wish that he might long be spared to wear it. Bro. Francis duly replied. The toast of the Visitors was responded to by Bros. Heasman and Thomas, and that of the P.M.'s by Bro. Wright. The toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, coupled with that of the Officers of the Lodge, was duly responded to by Bros. Monson jun. and Hirst. The Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant evening to a close. The musical programme was carried out in the usual able manner, Bro. Guy kindly acting as accompanist.

THE DUKE OF FIFE LODGE, No. 2345.

THIS Lodge has completed its first year of working, and the installation meeting was held on Wednesday, the 20th inst., at the Alexandra Hotel, Clapham Common. There were present Bro. S. Cochrane W.M., G. Everett Grand Treasurer I.P.M., W. W. Westley

S.W., J. W. Folkard J.W., Robt. Steele Treasurer, Charlie Woods Secretary, J. Andrews S.D., A. Harvey J.D., Langdon D.C., E. Beaven I.G., J. Lyell Sword Bearer., G. F. Winny Organist, Gilbert, Roberts, Morris, Rasleigh, Hadley, Shannaw, Robertson, Lawrence, Dr. F. Taylor Simpson, Merritt and Stovell, and Patrick Tyler. Visitors: W. Bro. G. Powell P.M. 1185, W. W. Lee S.W. 2381, Shapoorji N. Bhedwar 177, W. Smith 917, Hambleton 1319, and Nye 1693. The Lodge having been opened, the brethren saluted Bro. G. Everett G. Treasurer. Bro. Stovell and Bro. Shapoorji N. Bhedwar 177 were raised. Bro. W. W. Westley W.M. elect, was installed by Bro. S. Cochrane, the retiring Master. The W.M. then invested his Officers. Bros. Westley W.M., Cochrane I.P.M., Folkard S.W., Andrews J.W., Steele Treasurer, Woods Secretary, Harvey S.D., Beaven J.D., Langdon I.G., Lyell D.C., Gilbert Steward, Winny Organist, and Patrick Tyler. The accounts for the past year were, on the proposition of Bro. Everett, received and adopted. A balance in hand being shown, and all accounts paid at the end of the first year, was considered satisfactory. It was unanimously resolved, on the proposition of Bro. Harvey, that the Secretary should be instructed to write a congratulatory letter to His Grace the Duke of Fife, an hon. member of the Lodge, on a recent happy event. Apologies for absence were received from Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clarke G.S., Col. Peters, J. L. Mather, J. H. Matthews, Wyer, Barnes, Rev. R. J. Simpson, Daoust, Baldwin and others. The W.M., on behalf of the Lodge, presented Bro. Cochrane with a very handsome P.M.'s jewel. The Lodge being closed the brethren sat down to a banquet, served in Bro. Shannaw's best style. After the banquet, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft. He referred to the many good works of Her Majesty. After the National Anthem had been sung, the W.M. proposed "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M." He pointed out the great interest shown in the Craft by the M.W.G.M. The Order had flourished greatly under his able and sympathetic rule. In proposing the Pro G.M. the Earl of Lathom, the D.G.M. the Earl of Mount Edgcombe, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past, the W.M. pointed out that this toast was always well received, but he felt sure that on this occasion it would be received with more than usual enthusiasm. They had for the first time that evening to greet Bro. G. Everett, G. Treasurer, a brother very highly esteemed by them, as well as by all Masons in England. He (the Worshipful Master) had worked side by side with the Grand Treasurer for many years, and had found him a capital general, and a genial companion. The Duke of Fife Lodge was to be congratulated on the fact that they had among the founders such an able Mason. Bro. Everett thanked the brethren for the enthusiastic manner in which the toast had been received. It was a gratifying duty to respond for the Grand Officers. It must be recognised that the Grand Lodge of England was the centre and chief authority in all Masonic matters. He was glad he owed his position as G. Treasurer to the esteem of his brethren, who had elected him to that post. He felt pleased that his 33 years of hard work had been duly recognised. The Earl of Lathom's elevation to the post of Pro Grand Master was a particularly happy one. He thanked the brethren for their numerous attendance at the dinner given in honour of his election; it was most gratifying to him. He then alluded to the Annual Festival on behalf of the Boys' School, at Brighton, on 24th of June, and to the annual athletic sports at the Wood Green Orphanage, on the 13th of June. He hoped every one present would do something in support of this deserving charity. He especially wished them to see and examine into the work that was being done. Bro. Cochrane I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M. in very felicitous terms. He heartily congratulated the Lodge on the good fortune which gave them such an estimable Master. He trusted that he would not only be spared to rule that year, but would have many many years of usefulness in the future. Bro. Westley responded. He trusted he should prove himself worthy of the honour bestowed on him. He should try to do his best during the year. The highest ambition of a Mason should be to reach the office he now held. The W.M. proposed the Installing Master. He said that the able manner in which the third degree and installation ceremonies had been worked by Bro. Cochrane might be equalled in a few Lodges, but could be surpassed by none. He had ever considered it a red letter day when Bro. Cochrane came to South London. He was genial, kind-hearted, and one who had done his best to make brethren happy, so that he was now held in the highest estimation by them all. In response Bro. Cochrane said he was glad to be able to say that the object of every member seemed to be to contribute to the happiness of the others. They never skipped their work. He was proud of his year of office and proud of his Officers. He particularly thanked them for so well supporting him at the dinner to Bro. Everett. It was a good thing for them to have such an eminent brother among them. He thanked them for the way in which the toast was received. The W.M. proposed the Visitors, and in response Bro. Powell 1185 expressed his pleasure at being present. He could not refrain from praising the very excellent way in which the ceremonies had been worked by Bro. Cochrane. There was no doubt of the success of the Lodge, numerically and financially. The affairs must be managed with great care. Bro. Bhedwar, when he returned to India, would be proud of having been raised in that Lodge. As a loyal subject and one who had held her Majesty in high esteem, he could not but be gratified by what had there come under his notice. He, himself, had derived much pleasure from his visit. Bro. Lee S.W. 2381 was particularly pleased at being present at the installation of so able a Mason as Bro. Westley. He congratulated the Lodge on its flourishing condition. Bro. Bhedwar 177 said it was a pleasurable task to respond. He felt that he was among patrons as well as brethren. India owed its present prosperity to the good influence of England. He had often felt that it was strange that some should be rich, some poor, some in prosperity, some blind, and some deluded. He had learnt that evening in the Lodge not to question with his little light the great works of T.G.A.O.T.U. He could not lightly touch on the great question of

humanity, but trusted, when leaving this mortal state, to rise to higher life and higher light. The W.M. proposed the Treasurer and Secretary, eulogising their work. Bro. Steele Treasurer and Bro. Woods Secretary responded. The W.M. proposed the Officers, to which Bros. Folkard S.W., Andrews J.W., and Gilbert Steward responded. The proceedings closed with the Tyler's Toast. The evening had been brightened by a programme of music, under the direction of Bro. Winny Organist, in which Miss Constance Adams, Mr. Brown, Bros. Nye, Hambleton, Harvey, Winny, and Bro. Everett took part.

Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614.—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, S.W., on the 30th ultimo, when there were present:—Bros. Hoggins W.M., Foan S.W., Jackson J.W., Greenway Preceptor, Reynolds Secretary, Moss S.D., Wise J.D., Reynolds I.G., Weeks Tyler, Thrussell. After preliminaries, the Preceptor worked the 1st and the W.M. the 2nd section of the 1st lecture. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of the Preceptor. Bro. Thrussell having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Bro. Foan was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his Officers in rotation.

The Warner Lodge of Instruction, No. 2192.—A meeting was held on Monday, the 11th inst., at Bridge Chambers, Hoe Street, Walthamstow, when there were present Bros. Bestow W.M., Westfield P.P.G.S.B. S.W., Smith J.W., Shurmur P.G. Treas. Preceptor, Fortescue Treasurer, Taylor S.D., Bastick J.D., Fuller I.G., Allen Secretary, Collett Steward, Spurgeon Organist, Clark, Lloyd, Brasted, Trickett, Wilson, Short, Bromhead P.M., Ives P.M., Maynard, Francis, Stauffer, Bateman, Jeremy, Cooke, James, Longmore, Kempthorne, Cropley, Body, Day, Alcock, and others. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bros. Clark and Lloyd candidates. The same brethren answered the questions leading to the second degree. Bro. Westfield was unanimously elected to occupy the chair at ensuing meeting. Three ballots were taken for the third Walthamstow Masonic Charities' Association. This Association has proved a great success, and will result in subscriptions amounting to nearly five hundred guineas for the Masonic Charities.

Lord Wolseley took a high Masonic degree on the 15th instant, in the same Lodge in Dublin in which he was initiated somewhere about the era of the Crimean War. All good Masons are sociable and gastronomic, so of course there was a sequent supper and symposium.

The Earl of Hardwicke has resigned the position of Provincial Grand Master of the Freemasons of Cambridgeshire, and Colonel R. Townley Caldwell has been nominated for the office.

GRECIAN ATROCITIES.—Macedonian atrocities, which have been exploited by the friends of the foreigner in the English Press, are effectually disposed of in the Foreign Office papers recently issued. It appears that Fethi Effendi, murderer of Sciastista, caused one Nicholas Depos, leather seller, to be grievously beaten, and was also cruel to several other Christians. As it is accounted a cruel persecution to call a Macedonian Christian "Freemason" we need not attach undue importance to the last count in the charge against Fethi Effendi. Lord Salisbury has, however, gravely requested our Minister to make suitable representation to the Porte on the subject of Fethi's ungentlemanly conduct. As to massacres in Kossoro, there are no massacres in Kossoro. There has, however, been a good deal of fine confused fighting, in which several persons were slain.

COMPETITIVE LIFE-BOAT TRIALS.—We understand that the Committee of the Royal National Life-boat Institution have decided to carry out, at Lowestoft next autumn, a series of competitive trial and tests with sailing life boats, and that they cordially invite inventors and others to enter boats for the competitions under certain prescribed conditions and regulations, which can be obtained from the Secretary of the Institution at 14 John Street, Adelphi, London. All persons proposing to enter boats must give notice in writing of their intention to do so on or before the 30th June next, and sign the required undertaking.

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At the Annual General Meeting of this Institution, held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Friday, 15th May 1891,

W. Bro. J. A. FARNFIELD,
V.-Pat., P.A.G.D.C., Treasurer and Trustee,
in the Chair.

After the general business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the ELECTION of 20 MALE ANNUITANTS from an approved list of 66 Candidates, and 16 FEMALE ANNUITANTS from an approved list of 81 Candidates, when the following were declared duly elected:—

MALES.

	Votes		Votes
Bro. Drysdale, George ...	3537	Bro. Coombes, E. L. ...	2815
Forris, E. F. ...	3467	*Windus, A. E. ...	2810
Ware, Geo. R. ...	3287	*Hatt, C. W. ...	2754
Webb, Chas. G. ...	3264	*Pickett, B. W. ...	2690
Higgs, Richard ...	3262	*Scargill, A. ...	2619
Murch, Edward ...	3067	*Smith, Benjamin ...	2602
Parker, R. G. ...	3062	*Wright, Jonathan ...	2601
Stevens, George ...	2972	Burton, John (Deferred) ...	2601
McMillan, A. ...	2832	How, William (Deferred) ...	2570
Stourton, G. W. ...	2824	Richardson, T. R. (Defrd.) ...	2553

WIDOWS.

Mrs. Clements, Sarah ...	4281	Mrs. Middleton, Louisa ...	3686
Wright, Mary ...	4190	*Baab, Jane H. ...	3608
Ransby, Alice ...	4137	*Luff, Rose ...	3568
Redman, Mary ...	4097	*Richmond, Rebecca ...	3352
Allon, Rachel ...	3932	*Copeland, Charlotte ...	3321
Lovelock, Louisa ...	3902	Biggs, Emma (Deferred) ...	3291
Carter, Sarah ...	3754	Jones, C. S. (Deferred) ...	3174
Law, Susan ...	3739	Turner, E. (Deferred) ...	2933

The votes of the unsuccessful candidates will be carried forward to the next election.

Those marked * are elected to fill vacancies occasioned by death since the voting papers were issued.

The three lowest on the Poll (both Male and Female) will be placed on the list of annuitants as vacancies occur.

By order,
JAMES TERRY, Vice-Patron, P.G. Sword Bearer,
P. Prov. G.S.W. Norths and Hunts,
Secretary.

15th May 1891.

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WILL BE HELD AT THE

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ON WEDNESDAY, 24th JUNE 1891,

UNDER THE DISTINGUISHED PRESIDENCY OF THE

Right Honourable the EARL OF LATHOM,

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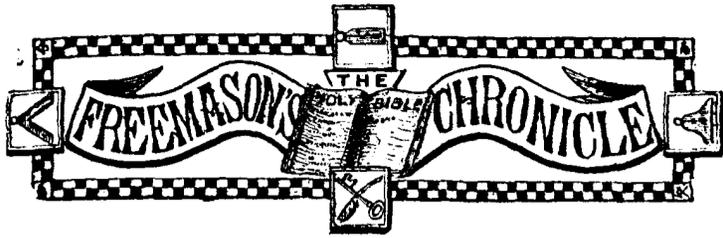
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SATURDAY, 23RD MAY 1891.

INSTALLATION OF LORD DUNGARVAN AS P.G.M. OF SOMERSET.

THE Provincial Grand Lodge of Somerset was held on Thursday, the 14th inst., at the Assembly Rooms, Bath, under the banners of three local Lodges—the Royal Cumberland, the Royal Sussex, and the Lodge of Honour. The occasion was one of unusual interest, as Lord Dungarvan was installed as Provincial Master of the Province in succession to the late Earl of Carnarvon. Many distinguished Masons, including Officers of the Grand Lodge, were present. The Lodges of the county were strongly represented, and many visitors from other Provinces attended, the total number of Freemasons present being about 500. The rooms had been prepared with much care and taste for the event, the floral decorations being very attractive.

Among the visitors who were present at the ceremony, in addition to Lord Euston, Prov. Grand Master of Norths and Hunts, the Installing Master, were:—

The Hon. S. J. Way P.G.M. South Australia; Colonel Lyne Prov. G.M. Monmouth; Dr. C. J. Egan Dist. G.M. South Africa; Colonel Noel Money, C.B., Prov. G.M. Surrey; Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke G. Sec., Barron de Ferrières P.G.D., E. Letchworth P.G.D., Colonel A. Thrale Perkins P.G.D., General Ramsay P.G.M., M. I. Gnost, M.P., P.G.M. Dorset, W. A. F. Powell P.G.M. Bristol, H. D. Sandeman P.D.G.M. Bengal, Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., P.G.W., R. Grey Pres. Board Ben., Captain N. G. Philips P.G.D., J. S. Eastes P.G.D., F. H. Goldney P.G.D., R. Berridge P.G.D., R. L. Loveland P.G.D., E. A. Baylis P.D.G. Dir. of Cers., Captain Homfray P.A.G. Dir. of Cers., J. Terry P.G. Sword Bearer, J. E. Dawson P.G. Sword Bearer, C. F. Matier P.G. Standard Bearer, Sir Lionel Darell, Bart., P.G.D., C. Godson G. Standard Bearer, R. Clowes G. Standard Bearer, F. Mead P.G. Sword Bearer, Colonel Peters P.G. Sword Bearer, C. Belton P.A.G. Dir. of Cers., C. H. Driver P.G. Sup. of Works, Colonel Laurie P.P.G.S.W. Kent, W. L. Stradling P.G.C. England, G. M. Wilson P.G.S. Wilts, A. H. Lapham P.P.G.S.B. Wilts, E. S. Mackrell P.P.G.O. Wilts, W. E. Parry P.G.R. Bristol, H. A. Benham P.G.S.B. Bristol, G. Y. Grubb P.P.G.P. Bristol, W. H. Glass P.P.G.S.W. Essex, Captain Airey P.P.G.S.B. Oxon, P. Colville Smith P.P.G.R. Oxon, General Randolph, General Sayer C.B., Col. Aubone Fife, Major Clifford Probyn, Rev. C. J. McConnell, Dr. Saville, Major Carroll, and Rev. E. Handley.

The members of the various Lodges, ranged under their respective banners, received the Deputy and members of Prov. Grand Lodge, who entered in procession, with the customary honours. The Lodge having been opened, and formal business transacted, the brethren were called to order, to receive the R.W. Installing Master. After the usual salutations, the Installing Master addressed the assembly upon the nature of the business which had called them together—the installation of a new Prov. Grand Master. He felicitated the Province upon its splendid past, congratulated the members on the possession of so illustrious a roll of Past Prov. Grand Masters, and both the Province and Lord Dungarvan on his appointment, expressing the hope that under his sway Freemasonry would prosper even more than it did under the firm yet gentle sway of Lord Carnarvon. The patent of Lord Dungarvan's appointment having been presented, examined, and passed, a deputation of Past Masters was directed to escort his lordship into the Lodge, the members so deputed being Bros. R. D. Commans, T. P. Ashley, W. Long, A. G. Hayman, Loder, Ashcroft, and Rich, with the W.M.'s of the three receiving Lodges, Bros. J. Robinson, Longworth Dames, and Hugh Lane. The installation ceremony was both impressive and imposing. Having been duly installed and proclaimed, the Prov. Grand Master was saluted in due form. The ordinary business of the Lodge was then proceeded with. Bro. C. L. F. Edwards Treasurer presented the accounts, showing a substantial balance in hand, and was unanimously re-elected to the Office, on the motion of Bro. Col. Perkins, seconded by Bro. E. White. The

Officers for the year were appointed and invested, the following being the principal:—

R. C. Else (re-appointed)	D.G.M.
W. B. Gregory	S.W.
B. A. Dyer	J.W.
Rev. E. G. Austen	} Chaplains
Rev. C. J. McConnell	
C. L. F. Edwards	} Treasurer
H. B. Ffarington	} Registrar
J. C. Hunt	} Secretary
W. S. Gillard	} Deacons
J. Bryant	
T. F. Norris	} Sup. of Works
W. Reece	} Dir. of Cers.

Amongst the resolutions subsequently adopted was one expressive of regret at the death of Bro. J. L. Stothert. Votes of thanks were passed to the Installing Master and visiting brethren, and in due course the Lodge was closed. The alms collected amounted to upwards of £14, which was divided between the two Bath hospitals.

The Provincial Grand Master presided at a luncheon subsequently held, and he was supported at the cross tables by Bros. the Earl of Euston, R. C. Else, Gen. Ramsay, Col. Starkie, W. A. F. Powell, R. Grey, Capt. N. G. Philips, J. S. Eastes, Captain Homfray, J. E. Dawson, C. F. Matier, C. Godson, R. Clowes, F. Mead, C. H. Driver, Colonel A. Thrale Perkins, E. Letchworth, Baron de Ferrières, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Colonel Noel Money, Dr. C. J. Egan, the Hon. S. J. Way, &c.

After the toast of The Queen and Craft.

The Provincial Grand Master gave the Health of the M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. Bro. Albert Edward Prince of Wales, which was duly honoured.

Bro. the Hon. S. J. Way submitted The R.W. Prov. Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and Officers of the Grand Lodge, Past and Present. In the course of a spirited speech, he observed that it was a fortnight ago he landed on the shores of old England, and since he had been home he had not spent a happier time than during that morning. The interest he took in being present on that occasion was of a local, personal, and representative character. He was not altogether a stranger to Bath, as it was only 46 years ago that he last paid a visit to the city, and he was delighted to have had the opportunity of seeing an old friend, the Earl of Euston, filling the honourable position of Installing Master. With regard to the late Earl of Carnarvon, that nobleman was the best friend the Australian Colonies had ever had; and they all cordially acknowledged his great services to Masonry in the Colonies. He congratulated the Province of Somerset on having such a Master as Viscount Dungarvan, who, they were all sure, would maintain the prestige of his high office.

Col. Le Gendre Nicholas Starkie, whose name was associated with the toast, replied.

Col. Shadwell H. Clerke proposed the Health of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master Viscount Dungarvan. He observed that on the death of the Earl of Carnarvon they had a difficult task to replace him, and the matter had to be seriously considered by his Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master. The Prince of Wales, after due deliberation and much thought, determined that there was no brother more worthy to succeed him as Prov. Grand Master of Somerset than Viscount Dungarvan, a nobleman who, as they were aware, had his home in their own county. At that time their Provincial Grand Master was not possibly as well known to them as he was at the present moment. He was initiated into Freemasonry in a distinguished London Lodge nine years ago, and he had already joined a Lodge near his own home, but circumstances had prevented him taking as active a part in the work as he would have desired. He was happy to say that during the brief interval between his appointment and installation the brethren of the Province had had many opportunities of personally knowing their Provincial Grand Master, and they were thoroughly convinced that no more worthy or better successor to their late lamented Brother the Earl of Carnarvon could possibly have been chosen.

The Provincial Grand Master, who was well received, replied to the toast in suitable terms, saying that he saw many friends around him, and others he had not met before he hoped to see on going around the Province. He went on to give the health of the Earl of Euston, whose assistance he heartily acknowledged. They were, he said, both initiated on the same day, and he hoped the friendship between them would long continue.

The Earl of Euston suitably acknowledged the toast.

The Provincial Grand Master gave the health of the V.W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. R. C. Elso. He admitted that much of the success of the day's proceedings was due to the Deputy Master, who, he added, had promised him his hearty support in the future.

The Deputy P. Grand Master, acknowledging the toast, observed that for more than a quarter of a century he had been an executive officer of the Province, having served under three rulers, and he had installed no fewer than 350 W. Masters. After so many years of active work, he did lately think he might have been allowed less responsibility and more freedom, but it had been pointed out that it would be inadvisable to "swop" horses whilst crossing a stream; and hence he had accepted the kind offer that day to again enter upon office. He had every reason to believe that the Prov. Grand Master's term of office would be as successful as that of any of his predecessors; and he could be sure of the loyal support of all the brethren.

The remaining toasts included The Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, Past and Present; The W. Master, Past Masters, and Officers and Brethren of the Receiving Lodges, coupled with the names of Bros. Watts and Radway; The W. Masters, Officers, and Brethren of the Other Lodges in the Province; The Visiting Brethren, and The Masonic Charities.

PROV. G. LODGE OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

THE half-yearly meeting of this Grand Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 5th inst., under the banner of the Sun, Square and Compasses Lodge, No. 119, when there was a large attendance of members from the various Lodges in the Province. In the absence of the R.W. P.G.M. and also D.P.G.M., Bro. G. W. Kenworthy P.M. 119 P.S.G.W. presided, in a most able manner, and was also well supported by Bro. John Barr P.M. 119 P.P.S.G.W. as D.P.G.M. Provincial Grand Lodge was reported and received in due form at one p.m. prompt, and the Acting Chiefs saluted according to rank; also W.M. Bro. M'Kay as a Grand Officer of England. Provincial Grand Lodge was then opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, and the usual returns made from the Lodges of the Province, when Bro. John Mills P.M. 1390 P.P.G.D. moved as a recommendation to the R.W. P.G.M. that next annual meeting be held at Millom, which was supported by Bro. Hill P.M. Bro. Dr. White W.M. 327 moved that the R.W. P.G.M. would permit the annual meeting to be held at Wigton, giving as his reasons that the P.G. Lodge had not been under the banner of St. John's Lodge for eighteen years. It was intimated that both recommendations would be laid before the R.W. P.G.M. Bro. Dalrymple next read the report from the Charity Committee, which showed that fifty guineas had been voted to the R.M.I. for Boys. On the motion of Bro. Paterson, seconded by Bro. George Starkey, the report was unanimously adopted as read. Bro. Dalrymple also read a report of the doings of the Committee for a provisional education scheme, showing the progress that had been made for the half-year, which was highly approved of. With other general business of a routine character, the P.G. Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to Bro. Cowan's Globe Hotel, where a first class spread awaited them, and did ample credit to mine host and hostess; and to use the words of the Bard of Scotia—

"Whate'er you choose, be it ale or beer,
Or whatever fits your nob,
At moderate fares you may have here,
The best that's in the Globe."

Bro. Henry Cook P.M. P.P.S.G.W. presided, supported by Bros. M'Kay and Kenworthy. The usual loyal and Masonic toast list was gone through. That of the Grand Lodge was coupled with Bro. M'Kay Grand Standard Bearer, and was ably proposed by Bro. Cook, who alluded at length to the great services B.O. M'Kay had rendered to the Craft in general and this Province in particular for nearly twenty years, and he (Bro. Cook) did not alone look upon the great honour he had received in a singular character as to himself, but it was one to the Province he was a member of, and he hoped Bro. M'Kay would be long spared to enjoy it. Bro. M'Kay briefly responded,

and thanked all present for the hearty way the toast had been responded to. The following toasts were also proposed and replied to:—The R.W. P.G.M. and the D.P.G.M. of the Province, the Present and Past P.G. Officers, the W.M. of Sun, Square and Compasses, No. 119, the Masonic Charities, also the Local Education Scheme, the Host and Hostess of the Globe, and during the evening a few capital songs were sung, by Bros. Cook, Bewley, Mitchell, and others, which added much to the enjoyment of the meeting, which was perhaps the most successful as a half-yearly meeting of the Craft that was ever held in the Province of Cumberland and Westmoreland.

MARK MASONRY.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

THE annual gathering of Mark Master Masons of the Province of North and East Yorkshire was held on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at Beverley, under the banner of the Beverlac Lodge, No. 281. The Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett Prov. G.M.M.M. presided, and was supported by Col. R. G. Smith D.P.G.M.M.M., and the following members of the Grand Mark Lodge of England:—Bros. W. Reynolds P.G.D.C., W. H. Cowper G.S.B., T. Thompson P.G.S.B.; also by Bro. Corris W.M. of the Humber Lodge, No. 182, and visitors from Lincolnshire, Leicestershire, &c. The Board of Benevolence met, and made grants in several deserving cases of distress. The Prov. G.M. afterwards appointed and invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as follow:—

John Dunn jun.	Senior Warden
T. H. Dunn	Junior Warden
J. N. Lawson	M.O.
Charles Gray	S.O.
R. Braithwaite	J.O.
Rev. E. A. B. Pitman	Chaplain
John Marshall	Treasurer
A. W. Walker	Secretary
Christopher Palacer	Registrar of Marks
A. J. Taylor	S.D.
G. Chapman	J.D.
F. W. Adams	Inspector of Works
W. H. Cowper	D.C.
R. Hamper	Assist. D.C.
W. Coltman	Sword Bearer
J. Kirby	Standard Bearer
H. Hill	Organist
W. J. Marshall	Assist. Secretary
H. Wald	I.G.
W. Stockdale	Tyler
A. Jones	} Stewards.
W. H. Winpenny	
R. Pape	
J. Reynard	

The Prov. G.M. gave an interesting address on Masonic subjects, and announced that the next meeting will be held at Scarborough. At the conclusion of the business about thirty out of the fifty brethren who attended sat down to a banquet, at the Telegraph Hotel, the Prov. G.M.M.M. presiding.

ST. ANNE'S LODGE, No. 351.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, East Loos, on Tuesday, the 12th inst. The Lodge was closed at three, and the W.M. elect, Bro. Hunter P.P.G.St. Bearer, was presented for installation, the ceremony being carried out by Bro. Cook and Bro. Henwood P.P. Senior Grand Warden. The Board of Installed Masters also included Bros. Shapcott P.P.G. Organist, and Hill P.M. P.P.G. Steward. The Officers invested were Bros. Cook I.P.M., Lillecrapp S.W., Maddock J.W., Shapcott Treasurer, Henwood Secretary, Walters Registrar of Marks, Haro Chaplain, R. H. Shapcott M.O., Crossman S.O., Cook J.O., Bryant S.D., Streather J.D., Pearce I.G., Gill and Harris Stewards, Oliver Tyler. The address to the W.M., Wardens, Overseers, and Brethren was given by Bro. Henwood P.P.C.S.W., who also congratulated the W.M. on his being installed in the chair of M.M.M. degree, a degree which was making such rapid headway and becoming so vastly popular in Cornwall. At the conclusion of the business the brethren adjourned to the Loos Hotel, and partook of an excellent banquet. The W.M. Bro. Hunter presided, and was supported by Worshipful Bros. Davey and Henwood. After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, the meeting became convivial. Several excellent songs were rendered by Bros. Cook, Maddock, Shapcott, Hunter, and others; a recitation was given by Bro. Bryant; and several violin solos were played by Bro. Streather, with his well-known ability. A very pleasant evening was spent.

BRENTWOOD LODGE, No. 377.

THE installation meeting was held on Thursday, the 14th inst., at the White Hart Hotel, Brentwood. The installation of Bro. F. B. Page was ably performed by Bro. Vincent, of the Panmure Lodge, and the New Worshipful Master appointed and invested his Officers. The brethren adjourned to a banquet, excellently served under the superintendence of Mr. James Wild.

ROYAL CONNAUGHT LODGE, No. 409.

THE installation meeting was held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton on the 12th inst. The Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro Richard Clowes. Bro. Alfred King, Mus. Doc., was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being impressively performed by Bro. C. F. Matier, Grand Secretary. The newly installed W.M. appointed the following as his Officers:—Bros. R. Clowes I.P.M., Morrison S.W., Sir W. T. Marriott J.W., Rev. E. R. Currie Chaplain, Whittle M.O., Turton S.O., Clowes J.O., Billing Treasurer, Willard Reg. of M., Sawyer S.D., Langton J.D., Hughes D. of C., Marshall Organist, Sawyer I.G., Booth Steward, and Hughes Tyler. Bro. Richard Clowes was presented with a Past Master's jewel in appreciation of the excellent manner in which he had carried out his duties during the past year. In acknowledging the presentation Bro. Clowes asked the Lodge to kindly accept a silk banner, which he had great pleasure in presenting to them. On the motion of the W. M., seconded by Bro. Whittle, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Clowes for his handsome present. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the Banqueting Room, where they sat down to an excellent banquet. The newly installed W.M. presided. The customary Mark Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Bro. Matier, Grand Secretary, in responding for the Officers of Grand Mark Lodge, announced, amid hearty applause, that Grand Lodge honours were about to be conferred upon Bros. Richard Clowes and Alfred King, Mus. Doc. Bro. Whittle submitted the toast of The Duke of Connaught. Bro. King proposed The V.W. Bro. the Rev. E. R. Currie, Dean of Battle, P.G. Chaplain, Dep. Prov. G.M., and the Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge Present and Past, to which Bros. J. P. Slingsby Roberts and S. R. Legg responded. In submitting the toast of The Worshipful Master, Bro. Richard Clowes said it was his privilege and pleasure to propose the toast of the evening—that of The Worshipful Master Bro. Alfred King. The brethren, he said, welcomed Bro. King with the greatest degree of gratification, feeling sure he would do his utmost for the prosperity of the Royal Connaught Lodge. Bro. King had many calls upon his time, but had kindly undertaken the duties of W.M. His excellent work in the Craft and in all musical matters showed that his labours were marked by enthusiasm, and the brethren would no doubt rally round him and give him that cordial support which he (Bro. Clowes) had at all times received from them. Bro. King, on rising to respond, was received with enthusiasm. He said he felt proud to be at the head of so important a Lodge, and was grateful for the kind manner in which the toast had been received. He entered upon his office with great diffidence, but, he assured the brethren, he would honestly endeavour to carry out its duties. He was comparatively young as a Mark Master Mason to take the post of W.M., and now found that fresh honours were to be conferred upon him. In return, he said he would do his utmost to advance the interests of the Lodge and the prosperity of Mark Masonry, and relied upon the kind support of the brethren. The toast of The Immediate Past Master Bro. R. Clowes, proposed by the W.M., met with a hearty reception, and was suitably acknowledged by Bro. Clowes. Bros. W. A. Tooth and J. Adams responded for The Visitors, and Bro. Dr. Whittle for The Officers; the Tyler's toast completing the programme. During the evening songs were given by Bros. J. P. Slingsby Roberts, W. F. Booth, and G. Cole; Bro. Chapman Marshall contributed a pianoforte solo, and Bro. Dr. Whittle two ocarina solos. The duties of accompanist were ably carried out by Bro. W. N. Roe Prov. G. Organist.

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ESSEX CHAPTER, No. 276.

ON Monday, the 11th inst., the Companions held their annual installation meeting, when Comp. R. G. Kellott-Halstead was installed into the chair of M.E.Z. in succession to Comp. Cavill, the chairs of H. and J. being respectively filled by Comps. F. P. Suthory and A. G. Maskell. The ceremony was performed by Comp. Vero W. Taylor, and the M.E.Z. afterwards invested the other Officers. At the close of the Chapter, banquet was served at the White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford, the company including Comps. W. J. Ralling and Rev. F. B. Shepherd.

FRIENDLY CHAPTER, No. 1513.

ON Thursday, the 14th inst., the installation meeting of this Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Eastgate, Burnslay, when the principal chairs were taken by Companions C. F. Seward Z., B. Smith H., and C. W. Fincken J. The proceedings commenced with the installation of Companion B. Smith Z., C. W. Fincken H., and A. W. Gratton J. The ceremony was performed by Ex. Comp. Ensor Drury, of Sheffield, after which the following Officers were duly invested:—W. Senior S.E., W. H. Tallents S.N., C. Lingard principal Soj.; H. Fountain First Assistant Soj., J. Wood Second Assistant Soj., E. Billington P.Z. Treasurer, F. C. Browne, J. Ingall, and H. Johnson Stewards. The Chapter was closed, and the Companions adjourned to the dining-room, where a most enjoyable evening was spent.

The Duchess of Abercorn has received through Sir Henry F. Ponsonby, a most gracious intimation from the Queen, that her Majesty has consented to become Patron of the Grand Masonic Bazaar which will be held in Dublin in May next, in celebration of the Centenary of the Masonic Female Orphan School of Ireland. The Province of Munster will be worthily represented on the occasion, and the arrangements for the "Munster stall" are already far advanced, under the management of a centenary committee, formed under the presidency of the Earl of Bandon, Provincial Grand Master, and the Countess of Bandon.

ENGLISH AND AMERICAN FREEMASONRY.—A surprise visit was paid to the Gallery Lodge, on Saturday, 2nd inst., by two American brethren who are on a visit to England—Bro. George Hayes, Deputy Grand Master State of New York, and Bro. Dr. M'Gregor, St. John's, New Hampshire. The W.M. Bro. W. T. Perkins, in the name of the Lodge, extended a cordial welcome to the visitors, who subsequently expressed their appreciation of the brotherly feeling exhibited towards them. Other visitors to the Lodge included Bro. Sir Philip Cauliffe Owen, whom the Worshipful Master thanked for his many courteous services to the English press, and Bro. J. M. McLeod, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

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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.

Saturday, 23rd May.

- 1511 Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1679 H. Muggerridge, M.H., Masons' Avenue, E.C.
1871 Gosling Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
R.A. 176 Caveat, Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
R.A. 1041 Mid-Surrey, Surrey M.H., Camberwell

- 149 Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
410 Grove, Sun Hotel, Kingston
453 Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chigwell
1464 Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenwich
1282 Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom.
2309 George Gardner, Village Hall, Datchett, Bucks

Monday, 25th May.

- 4 Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
26 Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, W.
183 Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
902 Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
905 De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1615 Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square, W.
1745 Farringdon, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1828 Shepherds Bush, Ladbrook Hall, Notting Hill

- 48 Industry, 34 Denmark Street, Gateshead
62 Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148 Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
302 Hope, New Masonic Hall, Bradford
307 Prince Frederick, White Horse, Holborn Bridge
827 St. John, Masonic Temple, Dewsbury
909 Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1177 Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1077 Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon

- R.A. 100 Friendship, Crown and Cushion, Great Yarmouth
R.A. 219 Justice, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
R.A. 411 Commercial, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
R.A. 448 Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, Halifax
R.A. 1045 Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham
M.M. 9 Forto-cue, Masonic Hall, South Molton
M.M. 146 Moore, Athenaeum, Lancaster

Tuesday, 26th May.

- 14 Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
165 Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hotel
259 Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, W.
1719 Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
2108 Empire, Criterion, Piccadilly

- R.A. 255 Iris, Greyhound, Richmond
R.C. 29 Palatine, 33 Golden Square, W.

- 126 Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Barnley
209 Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
310 Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Carlisle
357 Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
403 Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford
448 St. James, Freemasons' Hall, Halifax
510 St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
573 Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Halesowen
779 Ferrers and Ivanhoe, M.H., Ashby-de-la-Zouch
788 Crescent, Island Hotel, Twickenham
1016 Elkington, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
1024 St. Peter's, Masonic Hall, Maldon
1280 Walden, Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffron Walden
1358 Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1470 Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1560 Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
1609 Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1636 St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1675 Ancient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1823 Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk
2025 St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
R.A. 815 Blair, Town Hall, Hulme, Manchester
R.A. 1094 Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

Wednesday, 27th May.

- 2 Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
212 Euphrates, Masons' Avenue, E.C.
1753 Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, N.W.
898 Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
754 High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Tottenham
1708 Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
2332 Boro' of Greenwich William IV., E. Greenwich

- 163 Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
210 Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
220 Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston
274 Tranquillity, Bear's Head Inn, Newchurch
290 Huddersfield Masonic Hall, Huddersfield
301 Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Leeds
363 Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth
439 Scientific, Masonic Rooms, Bingley
625 Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
724 Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
750 Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cleckheaton
996 Soudes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
1039 St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1043 Towale Park, Brunswick Hotel, Manchester
1119 St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Farnow
1219 Strangeways, Masonic Rooms, Manchester
12-3 Ryburn, Central Buildings, Sowerby Bridge
1392 Egerton, Stanley Arms, Bury, Lancashire
1403 West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1633 Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1723 St. George, Commercial Hotel, Bolton
1734 Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
1953 Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Somerset
1967 Beacon Court, Derby Fort Hotel, New Brompton
R.A. 12 Unanimity, Clunby Hotel, Bury, Lanc.
R.A. 322 Hope, Vernon Arms Hotel, Stockport
R.A. 328 St. John's, Masonic Hall, Torquay, Devon
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M.M. 178 Wiltshire Keystone, M.H., Davizes
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Thursday, 28th May.

- General Committee Girls' School, F.M.H. 1
34 Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
99 Shakespeare, A' Dion, Aldersgate Street
507 United Pilgrims, Bridge House, Southwark
766 William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, E.C.
861 Finsbury, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1658 Skelmersdale, Surrey M.H., Camberwell
1974 St. Mary Abbots, Town Hall, Kensington
R.A. 5 St. George's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 29 St. Albans, Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 157 Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 637 Canonbury, Masons' Hall Avenue
R.A. 766 William Preston, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.

- 51 Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
76 Imperial George, Assheton Arms, Middleton
111 Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
215 Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
256 Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
348 St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate
432 Abbey, Newdegate Arms Hotel, Nuneaton
651 Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
807 Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Norwich
904 Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
935 Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
966 St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek
971 Trafalgar, Commercial Street, Batley
1313 Ferrar, Masonic Hall, Southport
1437 Liberty of Havering, Rising Sun, Romford
1459 Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, West Gorton
1505 Eamulion, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1514 Thornhill, Dearn House, Lindley
1526 Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Newcastle
1517 St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shoburyues
R.A. 57 Lumber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
R.A. 292 Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 357 Confidence, Masonic Hall, Upper Mill
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M.M. 13 Hiram, Greyhound, Richmond
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Friday, 29th May.

- 810 Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1385 Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Baner
1391 Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
R.A. 242 Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
R.A. 897 Loyalty, Masonic Buildings, Hall Street, St. Helens

Saturday, 30th May.

- 1706 Orphous, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1462 Wharfedale, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1965 Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent
R.A. 178 Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan
M.M. 14 Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield

INSTRUCTION.

Saturday, 23rd May.

- 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' Tavern, Southgate Rd., N. 8
1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E. 7
1248 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, Finsbury, 7
2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, 7'30
R.A. Sinai, Union Tavern, Air Street, W. 8

Monday, 25th May.

- 22 Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7'30
27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8
45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., 174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7
180 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8
248 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brixham, Devon, 7
392 Royal Union, Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge
543 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford, 8
823 Ewerton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7'30
933 Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, 8
975 Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7'3
1227 Union, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., 8
1349 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 6'30
1425 Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Cleveland Gardens, 8
1445 Prince Leopold, 22 Whitechapel Road, E., 7
1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall Canterbury, 8
1489 M. of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, 7'30
1507 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, E.C., 7'30
1587 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho, Putney
1694 Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, W., 8
1623 West Smithfield, Manchester Hotel, E.C., 7
1633 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 8'30
1707 Eleanor, Rose and Crown, Tottenham, 8
1743 Perseverance, Dagon's Tavern, Walbrook, 7
1891 St. Ambrose, Bacon's Ct. Hotel, W. Kensington, 8
1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, 8
2021 Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, The Criterion, W., 8
2192 Warner, Bridge Chambers, Hoe Street, Walthamstow, 8

Tuesday, 26th May.

- 25 Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, 8
55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 7
141 King, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W.
177 Dramatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7'30
188 Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Aldersgate Street, 8
212 Edinburgh, Marine Hotel, Cannon Town, 8
241 Woodstock, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
554 Marlborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8
799 Nelson, Star and Garter, Wood Green, 7'30
753 Prince of Wales, White Hart, North Hill, 8
829 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 8

- 829 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, 7
850 Dilworth, Middleton Arms, Dalston, 8
861 Finsbury, King's Head, Theobalds St., 7
1044 Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth, 8
1321 Emblematic, Mona Hotel, Henrietta St., W.C., 8
1343 St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex
1749 Priars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 7'30
1446 Mount Edgeware, Three Stars, Lambeth Rd., 8
1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 7'30, 8
1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1473 Rattle, 146 Barry Street, Rattle, 6
1540 Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High St.
1638 Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Norbiton, 8
1695 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav, N., 8
1849 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7
1949 Brixton, Prince Regent East Brixton, 8
2146 S. Urbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon St., 6'30
R.A. 704 Camden, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., 8
R.A. 1365 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, 8
R.A. 1642 E. of Carnarvon, Lambroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8

Wednesday, 27th May.

- 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., 228 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8
534 La Tolerauce, Portland Hotel, Gt. Portland St., 8
591 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7
673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8
720 Panmure, Ballam Hotel, Ballam, 7
781 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav, Burdett Rd., 7'30
813 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Rd.
862 Whittington, Red Lion, Fleet Street, 8
902 Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Strand, 8
972 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, 8'30
1037 Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1269 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney
1356 Toxteth, 149 North Hill Street, Liverpool, 7'30
1475 Peckham, 518 Old Kent Road, 8
1511 Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull
1601 Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rusby Green, Catford, 8
1604 Wandorers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W., 7'30
1662 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow, 7'30
1681 Loundesborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair 8
1692 Horvay, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, 8'30
1791 Creton, Wheatshov, Shepherd's Bush, 8
1922 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, 8
1963 Duke of Albany, 153 Battersa Park Road, 7'30
2206 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 8
R.A. 177 Domestic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
R.A. 720 Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, E.C., 7
R.A. 933 Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 7'30
M.M. Grand Masters, St. Red Lion Square, 7
M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., 8

Thursday, 28th May.

- 144 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 7'30
147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8
263 Clarence, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.
435 Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air Street, W., 8
754 High Cross, Coach and Horses, Tottenham, 8
879 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New Road
890 Camden, Masonic Room, Lewisham, at 8
1017 Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
1153 Southern Star, Sir Syd. Smith, Kennington, 8
1182 Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool, 7'30
1278 Burdett Coutts, Swan, Bethnal Green Road, 8
1306 St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, 8
1714 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
1360 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales, Wimbledon, 7'30
1426 The Great City, Masons' Hall Avenue, 6'30
1559 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, Ealing Dean, 7'45
1614 Coven. Garden, Criterion, W., 8
1625 Tredegar, Wellington, Bow, E., 7'30
1677 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, 9
M.M. Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall

Friday, 29th May.

- Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, 6
General Lodge, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 8
167 St. John's, York and Albany, Regent's Park, 8
507 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7'30
733 Westbourne, Swiss Cottage Tavern, Finchley Road, N.W., 8
749 Belgrave, Harp Tavern, Farnay Street, W. 8
765 St. James, Princess Victoria, Rotherhithe, 8
766 William Preston, St. Andrew's Tav, Baker St., 8
789 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 8
834 Banleigh, Six Bells, Hammersmith
1936 Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, 7
1445 Lewis, Fishers Arms, Wood Green, 7'30
1224 Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, 8
1294 Royal Standard, Builders' Arms, Canonbury, 8
1365 Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, 7'30
1381 Kennington, The Horns, Kennington, 8
1457 Rayshaw, Public Hall, Loughton, Essex, 7'30
1912 E. Carnarvon, Lambroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8
1901 Selwyn, Montpellier, Chesham Rd., Peckham, 8
2030 Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, S.W., 7'30
R.A. 95 Eastern Star, Herons Tavern, E.C.
R.A. 829 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 8
R.A. 80 Hornsey, Peaches, Cleveland St., W.
R.A. 1275 Star, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8

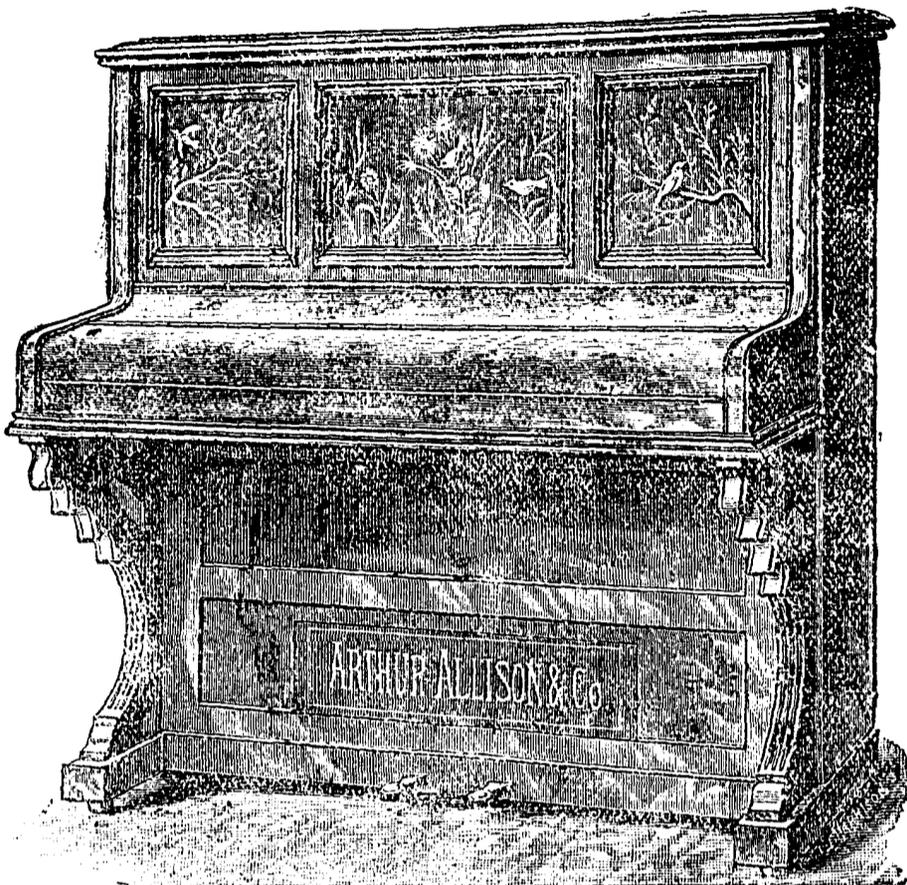


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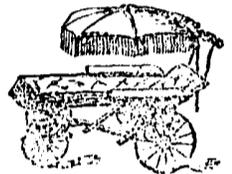
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