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LEADERS OF THE CRAFT.

THE announcement we were enabled to make last week, to the effect that H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught Past Grand Master of England, had consented to preside at the 1892 Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, is worthy of notice from various points of view. It is especially gratifying to learn that the Institution is again to have the patronage of the Royal Family for its Anniversary Festival. It is satisfactory to know that thus early a President has been secured for next year's celebration; and, above all, it is pleasing, from a purely Masonic point of view, to see that the leaders of the Craft take such real and active interest in the doings of the Order as to lead them to identify themselves year after year with its greatest works. We have just had practical proof of the interest our Pro Grand Master takes in the Charities of English Freemasonry, and the last few months has seen the Grand Master himself taking the lead at more than one important Masonic function; now we have unmistakable evidence that this interest on the part of our leaders is to be continued, with results which can hardly fail to prove advantageous to the Craft as a whole, for with activity displayed by those at the head of affairs it is hardly possible to imagine anything like apathy among the rank and file.

So much has been said in years gone by as to the advantage which Freemasonry enjoys in having at its head the Heir Apparent, with other members of the Royal Family warmly supporting the Prince of Wales in his endeavour to advance the welfare of the Craft, that it is hardly necessary to say more on the subject now; we all recognise how much the Craft owes to the encouragement it has received from the Royal Family, but it is not merely the fact of having the Royal Princes associated with us which has led to such splendid results; it is rather because they make a point of performing their work thoroughly, and show a lively interest in the doings of the Craft, thereby setting an example which, in turn, is followed by the Provincial Grand Masters, the officials of Grand and Provincial Grand Lodge, and others who have the control of the members of the Order.

Although the Prince of Wales is unable, from his many other engagements, to make many appearances among Freemasons in the course of the year, we can well believe that our Grand Master takes, as those nearest him at the head of the Craft frequently tell us he does, a lively interest in all that concerns the welfare of English Freemasonry; and the same may be said of the other leaders of the Craft, who seem to take a pride in properly performing the work attached to their appointments, and even vie with each other, in a friendly way, as to who shall make the best record or do the most good.

For some time past it has seemed as though Freemasonry was somewhat waning in popular favour.

The great stimulus it received on the acceptance by the Prince of Wales of the Grand Mastership had apparently spent itself, and many members of the Order were looking forward to a period of comparative quietude, in which the Craft would hold its own, and probably show a regular, if somewhat slow increase; but the events of the past few months have seemed to arouse fresh interest, and there is the possibility of further advancement, if not so rapid as during the busiest times of the past, at least of a very pronounced character. The conferring of a Past Grand Mastership on the Duke of Connaught, the installation of the Duke of Clarence as Grand Master of Berkshire, and now the promised presidency of the Duke of Connaught at next year's Girls' School Festival, all show the desire of our leaders to keep up interest in the Order; and all point to greater popularity for the Craft, which, without being actual worshippers of Royalty, yet cannot fail to follow in the ordinary course, and benefit from the patronage of the Royal Family, especially when, as is the case here, the members of that family take the lead, and carry out their work in such a way as to prove that they appreciate the responsibility of their high office, and take a personal interest in the work associated with it.

Looking lower down the scale we must recognise the power for good exercised by this action of the leaders of the Craft on even the humblest of the Officers. Let us take one example—that of the Master of a Private Lodge on the day of his retirement from the chair. In years gone by the number of Masons who installed their successors was comparatively small. A certain brother came to be recognised as the Installing Master of a district, and every installation in that neighbourhood fell to his lot; in many cases not another Mason for miles round being able to go through the ceremony. This system might have continued to the present time but for the example of our leaders, who have set patterns of proficiency in the ritual and other work of the Order which their juniors have striven to emulate. Many a Worshipful Master has made himself proficient in his work simply because he recognised that what it was possible for the heads of the Order to learn in their station it was possible for him to do in his. When the Prince of Wales presides at a Masonic ceremony, and performs the work of the day, without a hitch, it is proof the head, of the Craft recognises the value of personal effort and it must strike the ordinary ruler of a Lodge that anything short of personal discharge of the work of the office is undesirable in a junior, and, in turn, the minor Officers of a Lodge seek to perform their work as well, or better, than the Master under whom they serve. Viewing the matter as a whole, it may truly be said that activity among the leaders of the Craft implies activity among the minor members, and on that account we may congratulate ourselves on the interest displayed by our present leaders, and express

a hope that those at the head of affairs may always show as much concern for the welfare and prosperity of Freemasonry as they appear to do at the present time.

THE PILLARS OF THE PORCH.

WHETHER or not we adopt the Solomonian theory of the origin of Freemasonry, the references to King Solomon, the Temple in Jerusalem, and events and personages therewith associated, as we find such references in Masonic ritual and ceremony, are alike interesting and significant. The Temple was a notable structure, grand in its proportions, magnificent in its decorations, and touched by a rich, symbolic impressiveness in all its features. It was designed, builded and dedicated, as the House of Jehovah, the dwelling place of the Lord God of Israel!

In that divinely constructed Temple the two columns wrought by Hiram the Builder claim almost the first place of consideration. Indeed, after the Holy of Holies, no other part of the marvellous edifice appeals more powerfully to the heart and imagination of the intelligent student. The pillars were placed, one upon the right, and the other upon the left, of the entrance to the Temple Court. They were constructed of the finest brass, of great height, perfect in symmetry and beautiful in their ornamentation.

There is some difference in the Scripture narratives respecting the precise location, the form, size and purposes of the columns. Biblical scholars have held to different opinions respecting the points named. Some authorities have held that the pillars were constructed as supports of the roof of the Temple porch, being placed within the porch at its very entrance. Ferguson, Lightfoot, and other writers who take this view, affirm the necessity of such columns, so placed, to support the high roof, which otherwise would have been dangerously weak. Keil, Kugler, and Gesenius, are among the prominent advocates of the other theory, viz., that the pillars were designed for ornamentation and symbolic purposes, and that they stood by themselves in front of the porch.

This view seems to be the better supported, on several grounds; and there is no considerable difficulty involved in its acceptance. It is a well attested fact that the Phœnicians used isolated metal columns and sacred ornaments, and it is a legitimate inference that Hiram would have been familiar with such a mode of ornamentation. The probabilities, therefore, are in favour of the use as indicated. It seems quite unlikely that while all the other supports of the roof of the Temple were of cedar, two of such supports should have been of brass. It is better on many accounts, especially on account of the height of the pillars, that they should be regarded as isolated columns, standing a little in front of the porch of the Temple.

Adopting the view just stated, there is less importance attaching to the dimensions of the two columns, and we may adopt the figures given in the Book of Kings or the Book of Chronicles, without becoming involved in any trouble respecting the main building. Not to attempt any explanation of the discrepancy thus appearing—easily explainable, however, on several theories—we may give the following as the supposed measurements: The entire metal pillar was twenty-seven cubits high, including the two members, one of network ornamented with pomegranates, the other of lily work. If each pillar rested on a stone base of eight cubits, which would not be greatly out of proportion, the whole height would be thirty-five cubits, or fifty-two and a half feet, which accords with the statement made in the Book of Chronicles.

According to the Bible accounts, the circumference of each of these columns was eighteen feet, which would seem to make the columns rather heavy in appearance. Egyptian pillars, however, were even thicker in proportion to their height. Obelisks and columns scattered along the Nile show measurements not widely different from those ascribed to the pillars of the porch.

The construction and ornamentation of these brass columns must have greatly taxed the thought of the designer. Especially did the skill of the artist come into view in the chapter and setting of the same, which were marvels of emblematic and cunning workmanship. The network of each of these capitals included a representation

of two hundred pomegranates, in ritculated lines—a sort of *bas-relief*, probably—and setting upon the chapiters was the “lily work,” consisting, not improbably, of moulded flowers in brass, showing the famous lotus plant of the Nile.

The Scriptural and Masonic significance of the pillars placed before the porch of the great Temple in Jerusalem, is worthy our attention. Even the names of the columns are suggestive in more than ordinary degree. They were called Jachin and Boaz, the first standing upon the right, and the second on the left, as the worshipper entered the court of the Temple. The word Jachin means “God will establish;” and the meaning of the word Boaz is “in strength.” Hence, if we put together the names of the two columns we have the significant declaration “God will establish in strength.” Here are set forth two kindred conceptions of Jehovah—power and stability. Taking into account the form of the chapiters, nearly globular, and the ornamental designs thus displayed, the symbolic import of the pillars of the porch becomes more evident. It is the power and providence of the great Jehovah that is signified by the famous pillars, designated by suggestive names, and every part of the rich and rare ornamentation is in keeping with the purpose thus to declare a fundamental truth of religion.

These important symbols have been adopted in the system of Modern Freemasonry, and their distinctive import should not be obscured. As the pillars of the porch are pointed out to the candidate in the Fellow Craft degree, or elsewhere referred to in the ceremonies of the Craft, and as these symbols are shown in the Lodge room and regarded by brethren, it is most certainly desirable that they should incite the same thoughts, which we suppose they did in the mind of the ancient Hebrew worshipper. Thus will they serve to promote reverence, trust and faith in the hearts of faithful men toward him who is Sovereign Ruler of the Universe.

—*Freemason's Repository.*

Good-natured people are for ever contriving methods of doing something to cheer the sick and needy. They give freely enough of their own store, and then promote and encourage pretty enticements to others to do likewise. The enticements take various forms, sometimes the form of a bazaar, sometimes a musical, and at other times a dramatic performance. The providing of attractions for benevolent objects requires both tact and skill. Every straw is not good enough to tickle the public with, and it is not every appeal, even for a good object, that succeeds in inducing the public to put their hands in their pockets. To-day there will be “a grand Masonic musical and dramatic garden party” at the Botanical Gardens, Old Trafford, in aid of the funds of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution. The entertainment has not been promoted by the authorities of the Institution itself, but by a band of business men in Manchester, who evidently delight in providing inducements to the public to lend a helping hand to benevolent and charitable objects. The helpers invariably receive an ample *quid pro quo*, the really benevolent being the actual workers, the Executive Committee, who devise and direct; and the artistes, professional and amateur, who give their services on the occasion. It would be difficult to determine the amount contributed to benevolent purposes by means of this kind, but it is certain that except for the sums which these willing workers realise for philanthropic and educational institutions, the good they effect would be materially diminished. Freemasons are known for the liberality with which they contribute to deserving objects, and it may fairly be expected, from the character of the attractions provided that the general public will largely avail themselves of the opportunity of joining them in their effort to do good. In our issue of yesterday we published a summary of the annual report of the Minnehaha Minstrels, a body of talented amateurs, the proceeds of whose every performance is devoted to charitable purposes. The Minstrels are very popular in Manchester, and their performances are largely patronised and remarkably profitable, and we shall be paying them no idle compliment when we say it is, as a rule, their skill as entertainers which constitutes the magnet, and not the cause, however worthy, for which they labour. Their average receipts during the last four years have risen from £85 a performance to £207. For Mr. Superintendent Bent's soup kitchen fund they realised over a thousand pounds, and for the Railway Servants' Orphanage the troupe have obtained no less than £1,893. Over £5,800 has been obtained by the Minstrels for benevolent purposes, and they are entitled to the thanks of the community for the self-denial they practice for the good of others. It is very certain that but for the exertions of these talented young men many a good cause would languish for want of funds, and large sums of money indirectly contributed for relief in various forms would be employed in less useful and perhaps less satisfactory directions.—*Manchester Courier*, 4th July.

DEATH.

SEEX.—On the 6th inst., at Ventnor, Isle of Wight, Marie Bertha Anna, wife of John Seex, J.P., of Reigate and Bormondsey, eldest daughter of the late Intendantur Rath Gustav Bergen, of Stettin, aged 46 years.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF MONMOUTH.

THE annual meeting was held at the Kennard Lodge Room, Pontypool, on Thursday, the 2nd instant. A large number of members from various parts of the county were present, including the following:—Brothers Colonel Lyne P.G.M., Captain S. G. Homfray D.P.G.M., W. H. Haskins P.G.J.W., W. Pickford P.G. Treasurer, Alfred Taylor P.G. Secretary, David Wilks P.G. Chaplain, R. Edington P.G. Steward, Bertram Isaacson Organist, General Cuming P.P.G. Steward, W. Watkins P.P.S.G.W., Edward Charles P.G.S.B., J. M. McLeod G.S. Warden (Derbyshire), T. G. Jones P.M. P.P.G.S.B., C. P. Evans P.P.G.S.D., F. C. Williams P.P.G. Steward, H. M. T. Bidwell P.G. Chaplain, L. W. Paynter P.P.A.G.D.C., R. A. Forsyth P.G.D.C., Thomas Theophilus P.G. Chaplain, Hartley Feather P.P.G.R., J. J. Williams P.G.S.D., W. G. Flanders P.G.R., Thomas Harhry P.P.G.J.D., Hy. Fletcher P.G.A. Tyler, Hy. Richards P.P.G.D.C., Henry Fox P.P.G.D.C., E. A. Taylor P.P.G.J.W., D. Bowen P.P.G.J.D., Thomas Preece P.G. Tyler, R. R. Jones P.P.A.G.D.C., W. W. Wilputte P.G. Steward, J. Holloway P.G.S.B., George Hazel P.P.G.P., together with a number of brethren from the Kennard Lodge. After the Lodge a banquet was held, at the Crown Hotel, when Col. Lyne P.G.M. presided.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF MIDDLESEX.

THE annual gathering took place at the Town Hall, Hounslow, on Saturday, the 27th ult., under the presidency of the Right Worshipful Bro. Colonel Sir Francis Burdett, P.G.W. of England, and representative of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. He was supported by a large assemblage of Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Officers, conspicuous amongst whom were Bros. Fenn, Thrupp, Walker, C. A. Walter, R. H. Williams, and Preece; and as representing local Lodges Bros. A. J. Turner, W. G. Vassie Smyth, Sidders, Hatt, P. J. Dalles, Oliver, Swann, Maine, Norman, Spraggs, Toulmin, Dr. Causton, W. C. Williams, Cox, Haynes, Kew, and others. The various ceremonies of the Provincial Grand Lodge were rendered in a highly instructive manner, and their impressiveness was much enhanced by the appropriate musical accompaniment of the Prov. G. Organist. Bro. Wright. The floral decorations of the hall, which were not only original but highly effective, were by Mr. Mott, of Abingdon-road, whilst the flags and banners were furnished by Bro. Unite. The Lodge having enjoyed an excellent cold collation, the usual toasts honoured among Masons were proposed by the venerable and respected P.G.M., whose eloquence, vigour, and geniality, after being 21 years in his office, was the theme of general observation amongst the brethren. The toast of "The Most Worshipful Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales" was received with even more than the usual warmth and heartiness. Bro. Smyth (of Fulham), Mount Moriah Lodge, responded in eloquent terms to the toast of the Visitors. The evening was enlivened by the performance of a well-selected programme of music (under the direction of Bro. William Wright Provincial Grand Organist), consisting of a soldier's song, a new composition by Bro. Egbert Roberts, who also sang in splendid form the rare old drinking song, "In Cellar Cool." Mr. W. G. Churcher gave, a *l'Enfant Prodigue*, the recitation in action, entitled "The Silent Orator." Mr. Richard Evans sang a charming song by Stephen Adams, entitled "Good Company," and Bro. Samuel Wright supplied the humorous element by giving Chevalier's "Wot cher, or knocked 'em in the Old Kent-road." Bro. James Bayne sang, in capital form, Dibdin's old sea-song, "Blow high, blow low," and Balfe's duet, "Excelsior," was given with great effect by Messrs. Evans and Bayne. There was a general expression of thanks during the evening to the brethren of the Dalhousie Lodge for their fraternal efforts to promote the harmony and general success of the meeting.—*Kensington News*.

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 Fitzallan Square, Sheffield. Form of Correspondence Free. Write to-day. 60 years experience. All diseases arising from impurity of the blood absolutely cured.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THE Quarterly Court was held at Freemasons' Hall on the 9th inst., Bro. Richardson P.G.D. in the chair. He was supported by Bros. Brett, Spaul, Massey, Wright, Smithson, Webb, Vincent, Britten, Peter de Lande Long, Nash, Kentish, Saunders, and Hedges Secretary.

After preliminaries, Bro. Richardson P.G.D. moved—

"That as a slight recognition of the valuable services of Brothers Henry A. Hunt and Ralph Clutton, Honorary Architects, by which the Institution saved a sum of about £1,500, the rank and privileges of an Honorary Patron be conferred upon each of them."

He said the motion was really a resolution of the House Committee, although it stood in his name. The brethren had heard that the cheques for the final payment for the work for the new buildings were passed last time, and now the Institution was in complete possession of the buildings erected under the orders of the Centenary Committee with the money raised at the Centenary meeting. Those brethren who had seen the premises would agree with him that the Institution had now, in place of a very inconvenient one, as perfect a building as was to be found anywhere in the country. There was every appliance—large airy corridors—no going through one room to get to another, all rooms, kitchens, class rooms, and dormitories separate—a beautiful hall for children to do their exercises in, as part and parcel of their education and necessary to their health; they knew as a fact that the first thing to do when a building was to be erected was to employ an architect, and the last thing to do was to pay him a very large commission. As soon as it was suggested that they should enlarge the premises, two members of the House Committee stepped into the gap and offered to do the whole thing for love of the Institution. They had carried it out most admirably, with the result that the Institution had saved at least £1500 in cash. Now the House Committee thought that such a Masonic feeling as that ought in some way to be recognised, and had already passed a vote of thanks to these two brethren; they also thought that some further recognition should be given, and therefore by direction of the House Committee he proposed his resolution. Brother Peter de L. Long P.G.D. seconded the motion. If it were not for occupying unnecessary time, he would like to say a few words about the vast amount of trouble and care, patience and diligence of Bros. Hunt and Clutton during the works in question, but he endorsed every word of the Chairman; too much could not be said of the great services to the Institution of Brothers Hunt and Clutton. Bro. Smithson gladly supported the proposition on behalf of the Province of West Yorkshire. The motion was carried unanimously. A case from East Lancashire came before the Court as to whether it should be placed on the list, and after considerable discussion it was rejected, the ground being that the child's health was not such as to justify her being taken into the School. It was stated by the Chairman, in answer to Bro. Britten, that a resolution of the House Committee to educate one child out of the Institution after she had been there a long time arose from the fact that the child had spent 242 days in the infirmary. Consequent upon this a bed in the dormitories was vacant, and while there was an outcry for more admissions to the School this was a very serious matter. There were two other children in the infirmary who were deformed, and could not take part in any of the exercises that the others engaged in, or go out for a walk with them. A West Yorkshire girl, whose father had withdrawn her candidature was restored to the list. The Court then settled the list of candidates for the October election at 27, for whom there will be 18 vacancies. It was resolved to consider at a future time the point whether the petitioners should have henceforth a discretion to admit petitions which were presented less than 14 days before the meeting of the General Committee—14 days being the regulation time. The Chairman announced that his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught P.G.M. for Sussex, and Past Grand Master, had consented to take the chair at the 104th Anniversary Festival of the Institution, next year. A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

We are happy to state that Bro. George Pole Britten has been elected to the benefits of Morden College Blackheath, and will go into residence on Monday next.

AN ILLEGITIMATE SON DISQUALIFIED FOR MASONRY.

HE who assumes to be a teacher in Freemasonry should first have been a learner, or his opinion will be worthless.

Everything of value in Freemasonry is based upon authority. No brother can evolve Masonic doctrine out of his inner consciousness. Masonic truth is objective, not subjective. It exists in the Usages, Customs and Landmarks of the Craft, and these are matters of Masonic record. It is not in the power of any brother to make Masonic law—he can only declare it. That law was made generations and centuries ago, and every purely modern enactment should be in harmony with it, and justly interpret it, or else it becomes a departure from the primitive Usage, Custom, or Landmark, vicious in effect, and injurious not only to the local, but also to the universal Craft.

Under the caption, "Is His Record Clear?"—that is, "Is the Candidate's record clear?"—the Masonic editor of the *New York Sunday Times*, in its issue of 14th June, has a remarkable article—remarkable for its ex-cathedra character, its erroneous interpretation of Masonic Usage, Custom, and Landmark, its mis-statement of Masonic practice, and its perversion of the principles of Freemasonry. Every one of its assertions is contrary to the Masonic law and the Masonic fact involved.

We give, below, for fairness, the article entire, and shall then point out its errors, basing our remarks not upon our individual opinion, but upon the highest authorities known to, and accepted by, Freemasonry. Our judgment is only of value so far as it is the voice of undoubted Usage, Custom and Landmark. We do not now, and never have assumed to, make Masonic law; we only declare it.

The *Times* says:

"Grand Master MacCalla, of Pennsylvania, is credited with a decision which, fortunately, is neither official nor final. He is reported as having decided 'that an illegitimate son is disqualified for initiation into Freemasonry,' adding that 'according to the Landmark, an applicant must be the son of honest parents.' Regarding the 'Landmark' to which he alludes, he must have an exclusive right to it, as it is one of his own raising. We never have seen or heard of such a creed in any legitimate Masonic literature, and for the credit of the Craft we rejoice that such is the case. Such a creed is at direct variance with every principle and essence of Masonry, and he who propounds such a theory, or attempts to engraft such dangerous creeds into the Masonic formula, is certainly most injudicious, to use no harsher term.

"Fortunately, however, this 'decision' is but the opinion, and a most ill judged one, of one man, and as such by no means binding in its application, nor wide-spread in its operation. Masonry owns no such narrow theorism; it is truer, broader, deeper in its humanitarianism, owing no such vindictive creed as this—visiting the sins of the parents upon the children, another form of ancient injustice, a modern application of vicarious atonement.

"No! In Masonry, merit alone is the standard; by that each one is weighed, and woe to him if he be found wanting. Let his individual record be clear, and we care not who nor what his father was. While we honour hereditary integrity and appreciate the dignity of transmitted nobility, we own no law of primogeniture that will throw our portals open to the coming man who seeks admission merely on the merits of his father. It is the man himself we gauge—for it is he, individually, whom we must sit in council with.

"Another point in this matter—and a most significant one, is: This law, if observed, would carry with it other conditions inferentially. If the worthy ones outside our doors are denied admission because of the sins of their parents, how shall we deal with our Brothers in good standing when, as has occurred frequently, their parents may have sinned against God and man? To be just, one must be consistent—and, with Bro. MacCalla's creed put in operation, either of these would be impossible.

"No! Let no consideration but personal merit hold sway when a candidate knocks at our doors."

We will endeavour to correct the errors stated above, and correct them by authority, found abundantly in "legitimate Masonic literature."

The Grand Master's decision referred to, that "an illegitimate son is disqualified for initiation into Freemasonry," was both official and final, in the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, where it was rendered. But it set forth no new law: this law is as old as the Craft, and has been uniformly interpreted as set forth above, by the highest and best authorities, both in America and Europe.

Let us begin with Pennsylvania. The decision was immediately based upon a report of the Committee on Landmarks of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania made on 2nd June 1869, and approved by vote of the Grand Lodge, as follows:—

"As to the real question involved, in the communication referred to

this Committee, it is of opinion that it is only necessary to quote the Landmark, which cannot be altered. It is as follows: 'No Master should take a 'prentice that is not the son of honest parents, a perfect youth, without maim or defect in his body, and capable of learning the mysteries of the art.' This is the Landmark. It is not necessary to say, as a Landmark it is beyond the power of any Mason to alter or change it."

It is clear, therefore, that the decision referred to is the authoritative and established law of Pennsylvania. But it is more than this: it is, and always has been, the law of the universal Craft. This is provable from the oldest of the "Masonic Charges," the "Regius" or "Halliwell" MS. of A.D. 1390, the "Torgan Ordinances" of the German Stonemasons of 1462, the German "Brother-Book" of the Steinmetzen of A.D. 1563, the "Dowland" MS. of 1550, the "Lansdowne" MS. of 1560, the "York" MS., No. 1, of 1600, the "Sloane" MS. of 1646, the "Harleian" MS. of 1670, the "Alnwick" MS. of 1701, the "Papworth" MS. of 1814, and others, too numerous to mention.

The oldest ("Regius") MS. states it thus:

"So that the prentice be of lawful blood."

The Harleian MS. phrases it:

"Descended of good and honest parentage."

Bro. Robert Freke Gould, in his Commentary on the "Regius" MS., says: "The Apprentice must be of lawful blood."

Writing concerning the German Ordinances of 1462 and 1563, Bro. Gould very positively and distinctly says (History of Freemasonry, Vol. I., p 144):—

"The first condition, preliminary to binding an apprentice, was that he should prove his legitimate birth."

Bro. George F. Fort, in his "Early History and Antiquities of Freemasonry," is equally explicit:—

"It was an unvarying qualification, and one not restricted to Masonic fraternities, that the candidate should be of sound body and mind, and unqualifiedly of legitimate parentage. This last stipulation was insisted upon in the thirteenth century, by the French stonecutters, under penalty of a heavy fine."

The Boileau MS., of 1254, a collection of rules regulating the various trades—"Reglemens sur Les Arts et Metiers de Paris," codified by Etienne Boileau, Provost of Paris under King Louis IX., according to Bro. Fort contained a similar provision; and he adds, "Thus early, it would seem, no bastard could become a Mason." Fort's History, pp 206, 105.

So, P.G.M. Bro. Dr. Rob Morris, in his "Dictionary of Freemasonry," p 249, under the caption, "Qualifications requisite to admission into Blue Lodge Masonry," gives the following:

"5. Of honest parentage. 'No bastard?' 'Descended of honest parents,' 'Of a good kindred,' 'Of honest parentage.'"

The old "Constitutions" bear the same testimony, including Anderson's 1723 and 1738 Constitutions, and Noorthouk's 1784 Constitutions.

To sum it all up, for five hundred years, at least (from A.D. 1390, the date of the "Regius" MS., to A.D. 1890, the date of the last official decision, of Grand Master MacCalla, on the subject in Pennsylvania), it has been a Landmark in Freemasonry that a candidate must be "of lawful blood," "the son of honest parents," and "no bastard."

Having abundantly established the fact that the law of Masonry, from the very earliest days concerning which a record remains, has forbidden the initiation of an illegitimate son, let us consider the reason of the rule.

A bastard is a degraded, unfortunate creature, the child of crime—the "son of the pack-saddle," as the French called him, fils de bast, because the muleteers were accustomed to use their saddles for beds in the inns where they stopped over night. Would the reader have his daughter marry a bastard, or his son habitually associate with him? No more would Freemasonry include him among its "good men and true." The Craft's aims are high, its purpose ennobling, its usages, customs and Landmarks its own. Let other societies include illegitimate sons among their initiates, if they will; Freemasonry will not. We proudly style ourselves, "ancient and honourable." We certainly should not be "honourable" if we included bastards in our membership.—*Keystone.*

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.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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FIDELITY LODGE, No. 555.

THE anniversary meeting took place at the Crown Hotel, Framlingham, on Wednesday, 25th ult., when Bro. Brunger was installed as Worshipful Master of the Lodge for the ensuing year. The installation ceremony was very ably and impressively performed by Bro. Fraser. Bro. Abbott acted as Dir. of Cers. The Wardens' chairs were filled by Bros. Balls and Read. The newly-installed Master invested his Officers for the year, as follow:—Bros. Cocks I.P.M., Drake S.W., Vernon J.W., Carley P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Treasurer, Martin P.M. P.P.G.P. Secretary, Rev. J. H. Pilkington S.D., Kidall J.D., Rev. C. A. Sinclair Chaplain, Connor I.G., Read P.M. P.P.G.P. Dir. of Cers., Goodwin Steward, Marjoram Tyler. At the conclusion of the business, it was resolved, on the motion of Bro. Martin, seconded by Bro. Read, that a Life Governorship in one of the Masonic Charities be presented to Bro. Cocks, in acknowledgment of the admirable manner in which he had filled the chair during the past year. The installation banquet was served in most excellent style by Bro. Sewell. The W.M. (Bro. Brunger) presided, and after the menu had been satisfactorily discussed, the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The W.M. proposed the Queen and the Craft, the Grand Master, the Grand Officers, and the Prov. Grand Master Lord Henniker. In submitting the latter toast, he said the Fidelity Lodge always received it very heartily, because they not only had the privilege of numbering Lord Henniker amongst their numbers, but they had the honour of initiating him into Freemasonry, and the Fidelity was, therefore, his mother Lodge. Lord Henniker was very dear to the heart of Suffolk Masons—and he was sure they were all looking forward to the time when the Provincial Grand Lodge would meet at Thornham Hall. Bro. Vernon proposed the D.P.G.M. and the Prov. Grand Officers, and after having spoken in eulogistic terms of the D.P.G.M., coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Tracy, whose Masonic work justly entitled him to the high position he had attained, and which he filled with such conspicuous ability. Bro. Tracy, responding for the present Officers, replied to some remarks made by Bro. Vernon with respect to the chances of obtaining Provincial rank, and pointed out that the task of selecting the brethren for promotion was an extremely difficult one, because there were in the Province 22 Lodges, and only 14 or 15 yearly appointments in Provincial Grand Lodge, so that even if all were working equally well there must be some who had to stand aside, and in this way, in a few years the accumulated number of those who thought they deserved office and had missed it must be very great. What every brother ought to work and strive for should be, the good of the Order rather than mere personal distinction. Bro. Minter responded for the Past Provincial Grand Officers. Bro. Read proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, and said he thought Lodge Fidelity might congratulate itself upon the Masters it had had to preside over it. They had managed year after year, with one or two exceptions, to provide a fresh member for the Master's chair. That, he thought, was very creditable for a Lodge, for all its members could not go through the various offices and undertake the somewhat arduous duties of Master. They had placed in the chair that evening a Master who had filled all the minor offices, the Wardens' chairs, and worked his way up to the position which they were now so pleased to see him occupy, and whom they would have so much pleasure in supporting through the year. In Bro. Brunger they had selected a Master who was in every way qualified for the position, both for his social and Masonic qualities, and he trusted that during the ensuing year his work would not only be excellent in quality but in quantity. The W.M., in responding, said he felt that they had conferred a great honour upon him in electing him as Master of the Lodge, and he assured them that he would endeavour as far as possible to carry out the tenets of Masonry in general, and promote the welfare of that Lodge in particular. His sympathy and delight was in Masonry, and nothing should be wanting on his part to further the interests of the Lodge. The Past Master had set before him a very high ideal, to which he was afraid it was impossible for him to attain. He would, however, do his best, and he was sure he had a set of Officers who would assist him in his endeavour. The W.M. next proposed the I.P.M., and referred to the zealous and energetic manner in which Bro. Cocks had filled the chair. Bro. Cocks responded, and thanked the Past Masters for the assistance they had given him. In conclusion, he proposed the installing Master Bro. Fraser, who had now performed the ceremony for the Fidelity Lodge for 17 consecutive years. Bro. Fraser replied, and congratulated the W.M. upon having attained to the position he filled. He was also glad to see that the Lodge numbered amongst its members two clergymen of the Church of England. He considered that no Lodge was perfect without a Chaplain; it gave them a certain amount of ballast, without which no Lodge was thoroughly equipped. Bro. Vernon proposed the Visitors, for whom Brothers Abbott, Atkinson, Gooding, Marchant, and Riches responded. Bro. Abbott proposed the Past Masters, for whom Bros. Read, and Martin responded. Bro. Fraser in an effective speech proposed the Masonic Charities, of which, he said, Masons were all justly proud. No man was doing his duty as a Mason if he did not subscribe liberally to these Institutions, and, putting it on no higher ground, he claimed that money subscribed towards the Masonic Charities was one of the best investments a man could possibly make. Brother Tracy responded, and referred to the enormous benefits the county of Suffolk had derived from the Charities during the last two or three years. Other toasts followed.

CARNARVON LODGE, No. 804 (HAVANT).

THE 32nd annual meeting of this Lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, on Tuesday last, when Bro. Bates P.M. was installed by the outgoing W.M. Bro. Springings, who performed the

ceremony in a most fluent and graceful manner. The Board of Installed Masters consisted of the following brethren, Bros. Francis P.P.G.W., Collings P.P.G. Pura., Smith-Parsons Prov. G. Pura., Tuck I.P.M. 804, Cottrill 257 P.D.D.G.M. Gibraltar, Haydon 309, Gannell P.P.G. Sup. Works, Leamy 312, Lancaster P.P.G.W., Outridge, Jenkins 487, Naylor 1776 P.P.G. Standard Bearer, Smith 903, Dapree 1069 P.G. Sword Bearer, Miller 1428, Long P.P.G.A.D.C. 1903, Digby 1958, Williams 2068, Birch P.P.G. Sword Br., Taylor P.P.G. St. Br. 2071. The following brethren were appointed to office for the year ensuing, Bros. Springings I.P.M., Slade S.W., Godfrey J.W., Smith-Parsons Treas., Collings Sec., Cox S.D., Bascombe J.D., Tuck D.C., Francis Organist, Huggett I.G., Aylward and Oliver Stewards. Several letters were read from members and W.M.'s of neighbouring Lodges regretting their inability to attend. The Lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where an excellent repast had been prepared by Maybourn, of Portsea, over 40 brethren being present. The usual toast list was interspersed with some excellent singing, by Bros. Pearman, Long, Cottrill, Bleach, Jenkins, Haydon, Gannell and Leamy. Bro. Wilton P.P.G.O. presided at the piano.

ROYAL VICTORIA LODGE, No. 1013.

BRO. WILLIAM M'WILLIAM was, on the 1st inst., at the Masonic Temple, Hope Street, Liverpool, installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. There was a large attendance. The W.M. elect was presented for installation by Bros. Thornton I.P.M. and Evans P.M., the ceremony of installation being efficiently performed by Bro. Hughes P.P.D.G.D.C., the D.C. of the Lodge. Having been duly installed, Bro. M'William proceeded to invest his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Thornton I.P.M., Warburton S.W., Glendinning J.W., Broadbent Secretary, Barnett S.D., Bethell J.D., Proudman I.G., Hughes P.M. P.P.G.D.D.C. D.C., Howard P.M. Treasurer, Jones, Davies, Bromley, and Houlgraves Stewards, Du Chemin Tyler, and Squire Chapman P.M. P.G.S.D. Charity Representative. An enjoyable evening was afterwards spent, the post prandial proceedings being enlivened by the musical contributions of Bros. Barlow, Broadbent, Eaton Batty, Howard, Jack, G. H. Jones, Whittingham, J. B. Jones, Bethell, Ewart, Edwards, Salisbury, M'Donnell, and Proudman.

PRUDENCE LODGE, No. 1550.

THE installation meeting was held on Saturday, the 4th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Princess Square, Plymouth. Bro. O. W. Mutton the new W.M. is an old and ardent Freemason, and one highly respected by all the Fraternity in the Western Counties. The installation was carried out by Bro. A. C. Titherley, the retiring W.M. The Officers appointed were:—Bro. Titherley I.P.M., Godfrey Evans S.W., Budge J.W., Philp P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Treas., Goodall P.M. P.P.G. Organist Secy., Robins S.D., Penwarr J.D., Griffiths I.G., Sewell D. Cer., Edwards A.D.C., Roberts Organist, Barrett, Pryor, and Venning Stewards, and Phillips Tyler. There were also present, in addition to those named:—Bros. Matthison J.W. 2025, Dauster-ville S.D. 189, Dillon S.D. 1099, Buchan 1247, Sach I.G. 189, James 1550, Wilce 1247, Knobbs 1550, Coleman 1550, Stratton 2025, Corrick S.S. 159, Tucker 70, Rean 1550, Prout 70, Chegwiddden 1550, Ellis 1205, Griffiths 1550, Blatchford 2025, Gee 1247, and Bird Organist 1247. Bro. Kevern then asked the W.M. to present, on behalf of the members of the Lodge, two handsome 18-carat gold jewels to Bros. Philp P.M. and Treasurer P.P.G.D.C., and Goodall P.M. and Secretary P.P.G.O., in appreciation of their Masonic zeal and ability and valued services to the Lodge. Bro. Kevern acknowledged the help he had received in getting up the presentation from Bros. Goodman and Pryor. The W.M. said he had great pleasure in asking the acceptance by Bros. Philp and Goodall of the jewels as some recognition of their valuable gratuitous services to the Lodge. When the proposal was first mooted every brother present readily, willingly, and enthusiastically announced his intention to subscribe. It was the glory of Freemasonry that they had such men as Bros. Philp and Goodall, who were anxious and willing to uphold and maintain the true traditions of the Order. Bros. Philp and Goodall were good men and good Masons, and those jewels—a spontaneous contribution from the brethren as a mark of their Masonic esteem—he might say great affection, for them. He trusted Bros. Philp and Goodall would long continue to carry out the duties of their respective offices to the great advantage of that Lodge in particular, and Freemasonry in general. Bro. Philp said he was elected Treasurer about twelve years since, and the work had been a labour of love. As long as he had the confidence of the brethren of Lodge Prudence he should be only too pleased to carry out the duties as long as his health and strength permitted. Bro. Goodall said he appreciated the priceless gift because it came privately from the members of the Lodge, and not out of the Lodge funds. The Secretary read letters of apology from Bros. Hughan, of Torquay, Sewell, Parkinson, Beer, and others. Bro. Beer, B.A., writing from Stoke to the Secretary, said: "May I ask you kindly to convey to Bro. Mutton my heartiest congratulations on his elevation to the position of W.M. of such an honourable Lodge as that of Prudence? It is an honour of which I am convinced he is very proud, and at the same time I take this opportunity of likewise congratulating the brethren of the Lodge on their selection of a brother to preside over them who will be an ornament to the chair, and whose conspicuous abilities must most assuredly enhance the prosperity of the Lodge. Most sincerely do I hope that the coming year will far outshine all preceding ones, and that Bro. Mutton's period of office will be a red-letter epoch in the history of our Lodge. Very much should I have liked to have been present to have participated in that portion of the proceedings of which you yourself and our worthy Treasurer will be prominent figures. To the Secretary and Treasurer of the

Lodge, it must be admitted, is due the present prominent position of Prudence as a Masonic Lodge, and I feel rejoiced that they will now receive some recognition of their unflagging interest and energy in their endeavours to promote its welfare. Though absent in body my heart will be with you, and most sincerely do I hope that this evening will be one of unalloyed pleasure to all my brethren and their friends who are present at the installation. The W.M. said he was sure he was expressing the sentiments of the whole of the brethren when he expressed the hope that Bro. Beer would be speedily restored to health so as to be able to take his proper place in the Lodge. The Treasurer reported a balance in hand of over £35. The annual outing was arranged to take place on Saturday, the 18th. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the refectory, where a pleasant hour was spent.

GALLERY LODGE, No. 1928.

THE annual excursion of the members and their lady friends took place on Saturday, the 4th inst., when a party of between 50 and 60 proceeded from Waterloo to Guildford in saloon carriages placed at their disposal by the London and South-Western Railway Company. On arrival at Guildford the members drove to Fairyland, when an *al fresco* lunch was laid. From thence the party drove to Newland's Corner and the Silent Pool, and were conducted through the beautiful grounds of the Duke of Northumberland's Surrey seat by Mr. Peebles, his Grace's agent. The brethren returned to dinner, at the White Lion Hotel, Guildford, Brother W. T. Perkins W.M. presiding. The toast of the "Gallery Lodge" was proposed in felicitous terms by Brother Asher, who had accompanied the visitors throughout the day.

RAVENSCROFT LODGE, No. 2331.

THE members of this flourishing Lodge assembled in good numbers at the Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, on Saturday, 4th inst., for the second annual "Ladies Night," when the Ravenscroft were permitted to bring their wives and lady friends to enjoy the hospitality of the Lodge. Bro. Fraser P.M. 2206 W.M. presided; and after raising four candidates and passing another, the members assembled around the festive board, each of the brethren being accompanied by a lady. The W.M. and Mrs. Fraser were at the head of the table, the S.W. and J.W., accompanied by their ladies, occupying their usual places. Bro. Phillips, the host, put on an excellent dinner, and during the disposal of the good things, &c. Mr. Peach's quadrille band played a capital selection of music, much to the delight of the diners. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts having been disposed of, the W.M. gave the Ladies, in happy terms, the response being entrusted to Brother Baker Treasurer 2331. The Visitors were also duly honoured. The Officers were given by the Worshipful Master, and replied to by Brother Hudson Senior Warden. All the toasts and responses were commendably brief, and much time was thus saved in order that entertainment in the way of dancing, with songs after each dance, should be as full as possible. The dinner disposed of, Bros. Hudson and Fearie, who made first-class M.C.'s, intimated that the exercises on the light fantastic might commence. The W.M. and his wife then led off the first dance, and in a few moments the whole party joined in, "wall flowers" being conspicuous by their absence. Bro. Thom I.P.M. and the Wine Stewards looked after the refreshment department, while the D.C. did whatever was necessary to ensure the comfort of all present. The dancing, &c. was kept up with much spirit until twelve o'clock, and soon after that hour the guests were speeding homeward, expressing satisfaction with the excellent programme which had been provided by the W.M. and members of the Ravenscroft Lodge. A Committee is about to be formed to carry out a series of cinderella dances during the vacation of the Lodge, and if the opinion of the ladies is any guide, the "small and earlys" should be a big success.

Warner Lodge of Instruction, No. 2192.—The weekly meeting was held at Bridge Chambers, Hoe Street, Walthamstow, on 29th ult., when there were present Bros. Wilson P.M. W.M., Speller S.W., Bestow J.W., Shurmur Prov. G. Treasurer Preceptor, Fortescue Treasurer, Cook S.D., Trickett J.D., Oakden I.G., Allen Secretary, Collett Steward, Spurgeon Organist, Smith, Ives P.M., Stacey, Young, Howe, Herbert, Clark, Short, Peck, Lewes, Parsons, T. H. Lloyd, Bateman, Aldin, James, G. Lloyd, Goulding, Wilson, Kempthorne, Westfield, Lewis, Cropley, and King. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed in a most perfect manner, Bro. Shurmur acting as Installing Master. Bros. Lewis and Oakden answered the questions leading from first to second degree. Bro. Speller was unanimously elected to occupy the chair at ensuing meeting, and appointed Officers in rotation. Bros. Aldin and Lewis were elected members. Nothing further offering, the Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Rather a curious trial has just taken place in a French Provincial law-court. A newspaper having published a list of the local Freemasons, they brought an action against it for libel, and the journal in question was condemned to the payment of £8 damages. It appears that a regular campaign is being fought in numerous localities in France against the members of the Craft by their Roman Catholic opponents in many a political contest. Freemasons in these departments now complain that their adversaries, not content with meeting their attacks with the ordinary weapons of party warfare, cry down their goods if they are in trade, and their abilities if they have embarked in a professional career. At such a pitch has the feud arrived in certain districts that their private interests are menaced seriously. Nevertheless, the step taken recently by the brethren, who awoke one morning to find their names inscribed in the columns of a local newspaper, is disapproved of strongly by some of

the leading members of the Grand Orient of France, and a high dignitary of the Craft has just expressed the opinion that they should have assumed a bold attitude, and shown that they were not ashamed of their colours. This authority says that at one time Freemasons in France were obliged to maintain considerable reserve and to envelop their proceedings with an air of mystery. Now, however, they have no need to keep themselves in the background. On the contrary, they should prove that they are proud to be Freemasons. It is hardly necessary, says a correspondent, to dwell on the fact that in this country Freemasonry is a powerful political factor, which has thrown all its weight on the side of the Republic, to which it rendered good service during the "Boulangist agitation."

—*Eastern Daily Press.*

THE THEATRES, &c.

Globe.—Last Tuesday Mr. Sidney Herbert-Basing presented an original play, in four acts, by Mr. Wilton Jones, entitled "The Scapegoat," which is founded on a novel by his wife. Although well staged and capitally acted, the play will require considerable condensation and some reconstruction before it can hope to attain popularity. The story suggests Ibsen's theory of "heredity," and centres in Aubrey de Vaux, a young Frenchman, who unknowingly suffers from a taint of insanity, the knowledge of which has been carefully concealed from him. On his first introduction we find him a fine manly young fellow, ardently in love with Lola Marsden, the daughter of a country doctor, who has engaged herself to him with her father's consent. Suddenly appears the Marquise de Vaux—throughout the piece she turns up hurriedly and unexpectedly—and forbids the marriage, on account of the family madness. The young people are not informed of the cause, but the engagement is broken off, Aubrey declaring he will never give her up. Seven months elapse, and we find that Lola has married Bruce Laidlaw, of Donnington Hall, and is the object of antipathy to her mother-in-law and her ward, Ellen Granville. This latter, who desires the young Squire for herself, takes advantage of De Vaux's presence at the Hall to arouse Laidlaw's jealousy, and the wife being discovered in a compromising position, is driven to find refuge with De Vaux. Madness, however, succeeds passion in the young Frenchman's breast, and he proceeds to strangle his love, finally leaping through a window, and is presumably killed. The character is powerfully acted by Mr. Lewis Waller, his mad scene in the last act almost rivalling that of Mr. Charles Warner in "Drink," but why does he make up with "two lovely black eyes?" Miss Florence West plays the loving but suffering wife to perfection, and Mr. William Herbert made the most of the unsympathetic Bruce. The lighter and more effective scenes were charmingly played by Mr. Herbert-Basing and Miss Annie Hughes, and some amusement was caused by Miss A. Houston as a lady society journalist. Miss Gertrude Warden contented herself with the part of the envious Ella, Mrs. Theodore Wright was well placed as the Marquise, and Miss Carlotta Leclercq admirably represented Lady Laidlaw. Although the performance was "for one night only," it was acted throughout to perfection, and will doubtless be heard of again.

Tivoli Music Hall.—"Under entirely new management," with the veteran Mr. Charles Morton at the head of affairs, this handsome place of resort is once more in full swing, and the admirable programme, in which old favourites and new aspirants take part, is sure to attract the attention of all lovers of this class of entertainment. Special attention has been paid to the refreshment department, every article being guaranteed of the best quality, experience having proved that the best is the cheapest in the long run. With a constant change of programme, and the introduction of fresh novelties, it may safely be predicted that the re-constructed music hall will prove a success.

SUMMER SERVICE TO SCOTLAND.

AS will be seen from our advertisement columns, the London and North-Western and Caledonian companies—whose railways form the Royal Mail West Coast route between England and Scotland—are making timely provision for the increase of tourist traffic to Scotland, which sets in from about the middle of July until 12th August. In addition to the usual day expresses leaving Euston Station at 10.0 a.m. for Glasgow and Edinburgh, and at 10.30 a.m. for Sterling, Perth, and Aberdeen, a new fast afternoon train is now running, with dining saloon for 1st class passengers attached. This train leaves Euston at 2.0 p.m., and is timed to arrive in Glasgow at 11.0 p.m., Edinburgh at 10.50 p.m., Perth at 3.5 a.m., and Inverness at 6.30 a.m. With regard to the night service, special arrangements have been made with the Highland Railway Company to afford additional facilities for sportsmen and visitors, and to avoid as far as possible detention at Perth. A special express will leave Euston for Perth and Inverness at 7.30 p.m. from Monday, 27th July, until Tuesday, 11th August, inclusive (Saturday and Sunday nights excepted). The Highland Company will take this train forward specially from Perth in advance of the mail train, so as to reach Inverness at 10.40 a.m. The 8.0 p.m. Highland and Aberdeen express from Euston will run on Sundays as well as week days (Saturday nights excepted). It will run specially on Saturday, 8th August. From 3rd to 10th August a relief train will leave Euston in advance of the 8.0 p.m. express, with saloons and family carriages for the north. The old "Limited Mail" is now being run in two portions, the 8.50 p.m. train taking the traffic for Glasgow, Greenock, Gourock and the Clyde; and the second portion, leaving at 9.0 p.m., taking traffic for Perth and the Highland line. For the conveyance of gentleman's horses and carriages going to all parts of Scotland, special trains will leave Euston at 6.20 p.m. (Saturdays and Sundays excepted) from 13th July to 10th August. A carriage specially constructed for the conveyance of dogs will be attached to this train.

FREEMASONRY IN STAFFORDSHIRE.

ON Tuesday afternoon a meeting of preceptors and Lodge representatives was held at the Swan Hotel, Stafford, in furtherance of the scheme of the R.W. P.G.M. Col. Foster Gough, LL.D., for assimilating the ceremonies to those of the Emulation Lodge, Bro. Sudlow Past Grand Standard Bearer England, and member of the Emulation Improvement Committee, attending for the purpose of acting as Preceptor on the occasion. The Lodge Preceptors were entertained at luncheon by Col. Gough, prior to the commencement of the business. At the meeting of Preceptors and Lodge representatives in the afternoon there were present, in addition to the R.W. P.G.M. Col. Gough and Bro. Sudlow, Bros. Bodenham 627 P.P.G.W., Piercy 2149 P.P.G.S.W., Taylor 2149 P.P.G.S.W., Gothard 624 P.P.G.S.W., Waring 347 P.P.G.W., Hooper 624 P.P.G.J.W., Stanger 419 P.G.R., Tooth 2214 P.G.R., the Rev. Bradley P.G.C., Lichfield P.G.C., Ingamells 460 P.P.G.J.D., Tunncliffe 418 P.P.G. Superintendent of Works, Pedley 1924 P.P.P.G. Supt. of Works, Powell 347 P.P.G. Supt. of Works, Townsend 117 P.P.G. Supt. of Works, Storey 451 P.P.G. Supt. of Works, Mossop 1874 P.G. Dir. of Cers. (Worcestershire), Woolridge 726 P.G. Dir. of Cers., Walker 1838 P.G. Assist. Secretary, Taylor 726 P.P.G.O., Peake 1942 P.P.G.P., Stevenson 1942 P.P.G.Swd. Bearer, Aster 925 P.P.G.Swd. Bearer, Platt 662 P.P.G.Swd. Bearer, Jackson W.M. 2214, Howson W.M. 2064, Bradford W.M. 2149, Bamber W.M. 637, Keeling W.M. 456, W. R. Woolridge W.M. 1942, Hampton W.M. 418, Stead W.M. 1520, Garnham W.M. 98, Ward W.M. 546, Newton W.M. 451, Bradbury W.M. 419, Smith W.M. 347, Wilson W.M. 696, Coulton W.M. 1792, Moulsey P.M. 726, Evans P.M. 1520, Barker P.M. 1792, Parker P.M. 456, Cooper P.M. 1587, Eayres P.M. 662, Pepper Past Master 482, Ashmall Past Master 1037, English Pearson Past Master 98, Vaughan Past Master 419, Thompson P.M. 624, Beau P.M. 1859, Brickel P.M. 1715, Bland P.M. 1874, Welch P.M. 1567. The Provincial Grand Master, in addressing the assembled brethren, said it afforded him inexpressible gratification to note the increased interest evinced in the working of the Emulation Ritual. He tendered the most hearty welcome to the visiting brethren from neighbouring Provinces, and said they were especially pleased to see with them their honoured and distinguished visitor Bro. Sudlow. At the meeting of preceptors held that day it had been decided to preserve the existing regulations till the 6th of October—namely, that there should be invited to the meeting two brethren (being the W.M. and a P.M. or two Past Masters) of each Lodge in the Province, with the addition of the Preceptor, with certain Provincial Grand Officers. For the October meeting it had been decided that Bro. Piercy should be the Acting W.M., the Acting Preceptor on the occasion to be Bro. Walker. He then made some suggestions as to the business to be brought before the present and the next meeting, and, having announced that Col. Bindley V.W. D.P.G.M., who was on the continent, was in a fair way of recovering from the effects of a serious illness, he vacated the chair, which was taken by Bro. Walker, and in various ceremonial matters the meeting had the advantage of the instruction of Bro. Sudlow. In accordance with arrangements previously made, Bro. Sudlow performed the ceremony of Installation, in accordance with the Emulation practice, and excited the admiration of every brother present for the marked ability with which he went through the details of the impressive ceremony. On the motion of the Provincial Grand Master, seconded by Bro. Piercy, and supported by Bro. Mossop, a vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Sudlow for his most able and valuable services, so courteously rendered to the brethren of Staffordshire and adjoining Province. A vote of thanks was cordially given to the Staffordshire Knot Lodge, for the use of the room and the Lodge furniture for the meeting. After the Lodge had been closed, the brethren sat down to an excellent dinner, provided by Miss Perks. Owing to the pressure of time, the toast list following the repast was curtailed. The health of the Queen was, of course, drunk with heartiness, and then Colonel Gough proposed the health of Bro. Sudlow, exciting hearty plaudits by remarking that he had every reason to believe that Bro. Sudlow was likely to become a Staffordshire brother. He gratefully acknowledged, not only the splendid talent, but the genuine fraternal kindness of their brother, which all present most sincerely appreciated. That had been made a second red letter day in the history of Freemasonry in the Province, and he only hoped that Bro. Sudlow would be able to be with them again in October, so that they might have a third red letter day. The remembrance of his kind, able, and altogether valuable services would remain indelibly engraven upon very grateful hearts. The remarks of the P.M. were much applauded, and Bro. Sudlow was heartily received on rising to respond. Bro. Sudlow thanked the brethren for the cordiality with which he had been received, and said he did not want them to feel he had put them under any obligation; if there was any obligation, it was the other way about. He then proceeded to speak upon matters relating to the ceremonies which had taken place during the day. The health of the Rev. the P.G.M. was proposed in very kind and felicitous terms by Brother Bradley P.G.C. W.M. 662 and Preceptor, and the toast was enthusiastically received. In response, the P.G.M. expressed his gratification with the proceedings of the day, and said that although his work in the Province was described as a "labour of love," it was in reality a labour which met with a rich and ample reward in the splendid loyalty and support accorded to him by the brethren. The very short time then at disposal did not admit of his addressing the Preceptors upon the subject of their advice and instruction to the Lodges under their care, not only in the matter of ritual but upon a series of special lines calculated to conduce towards the interest and well-being of Freemasonry in the Province. He hoped, however, to do so at the next meeting, on the 6th October. The present was the 18th meeting he had attended in the Province since the middle of May last, and he was sure they would be glad to know

that upon nearly every occasion he had found good cause for congratulating the Lodge upon its remarkable progress in the acquisition of the Emulation ritual and procedure.

The monthly meeting of the Council of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on the 4th inst., at Freemason's Hall; Bro. G. Everett, Grand Treasurer, in the chair. There were also present Bros. J. Bodenham, Stanley J. Attenborough, J. E. Le Feuvre, L. Bourgoyne, Pillin, C. Kedgley, John Glass, F. A. Harris, H. Massey, James Brett, James Linzell, George P. Gillard, Charles J. Cuthbertson, C. H. Webb, G. Adamson, Richard Eve, J. S. Cumberland, W. H. Saunders, Rev. Harry Hebb (Head Master), W. Finch, T. Hastings Miller, Robert Martin, J. J. Thomas, and J. M. McLeod (Secretary). After the minutes had been read and confirmed the report of the Petitions Committee was adopted, and eight boys were immediately placed on the list for the election in October. A motion made by a brother that the rule that the printed paper of cases reported by the Petitions Committee, and in the hands of each member of Council, be not taken away, was rejected, on the ground that it was a private and confidential document the same as the monthly printed list before the Board of Benevolence. It was resolved to recommend to the Quarterly Court of Subscribers that 21 new cases be added to the 16 unsuccessful candidates at the last April election for election in October next, and that there be 19 vacancies in addition to a vacancy for a presentation which will be sent in. Bro. Richard Eve, Past Grand Treasurer, thought the Council should not separate without expressing its gratification at the successful result of the recent Festival of the Institution. Over £29,000 was sent in by the Stewards on that occasion, and he thought that not only was the Institution, and its Secretary Bro. McLeod, to be congratulated on the result, but that the best thanks of every well-wisher of the Institution was due to Bro. McLeod and his assistants for the exertions made in achieving that success, and for the great labour they had gone through in connection with the Festival, and he begged to move the following resolution:

"This Council, in recording its great gratification at the unprecedented subscriptions at the recent Festival for the benefit of the Institution, expresses its high appreciation of the unwearied exertions rendered by the Secretary, in bringing about such a highly successful result."

Bro. Everett, as one who had taken great interest in the late Festival, felt he ought to second the motion. The Institution had derived great benefit under the Secretaryship of Bro. McLeod, and in connection with the late Festival his exertions had been unsparing. The chairmanship of the Earl of Lathom, Bro. McLeod's P.G. Master, had been a great success. It was a high honour to have the Pro Grand Master of England for their president, and Bro. McLeod and the Province of West Lancashire had most ably supported him. Bro. McLeod's labours had been unremittingly given, and he had the satisfaction of realizing a brilliant return. Bro. J. S. Cumberland could not allow the opportunity to pass without adding the expression of his feelings on the subject of the resolution. There was no doubt the Institution had been most fortunate in acquiring the services of Bro. McLeod, and the way he had acquitted himself during his retention of the office of Secretary was a good omen for the future of the Institution. The pecuniary result of the Festival had only been exceeded by the Girls' School, and that was on an exceptional occasion. Bro. McLeod was to be congratulated, and at the same time thanked. The resolution having been unanimously carried, Brother McLeod returned his acknowledgments, and stated that while he had pursued what was to him a labour of love, he had to thank those numerous brethren who came forward and gave him their hearty support. The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman. We are pleased to announce that additional amounts received since the Festival have swelled the total as then announced most materially. We can now record the total as exceeding £29,200.

The Knights Companions of the Royal Order of Scotland will meet in Council at 33 Golden Square, W., on Monday next, at 3.30 precisely. The annual banquet will afterwards be held at the Ship, Greenwich, at 6.30 p.m., precisely.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey.

INSTALLATION OF PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

R.W. Bro. Col. GERARD NOEL MONEY, C.B. (Past Deputy Dist. G.M. Punjab),
R.W. Provincial Grand Master Designate.

W. Bro. Comp. FREDERICK WEST, P.G.D. England,
Deputy Provincial Grand Master in Charge.

June 1891.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Provincial Grand Lodge will be held at the Public Hall, Croydon, on Thursday, the 23rd day of July 1891, at Four o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

The M.W. Pro Grand Master the Earl of Lathom will perform the Ceremony of Installation.

By command,

CHARLES GREENWOOD, P.M. P.P.G.R.
Prov. Grand Secretary.

N.B.—Morning Dress.

12 Serjeant's Inn, Temple, E.C.

BUSINESS BEFORE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.

To call over Roll of Lodges in the Province.
To read the Minutes of the last Prov. G. Lodge.
To instal the R.W. Bro. Col. Gerard Noel Money, C.B., as R.W. Provincial Grand Master.
To receive the Report of the Finance and Audit Committee.
To elect a Provincial Grand Treasurer.
The appointment of Provincial Grand Officers.
General Business.

Banquet at Six o'clock punctually.

The entertainment of Provincial Grand Lodge has been entrusted to the Lodges meeting in Croydon.

N.B.—Banquet will be provided for those only who have taken tickets.

The word Luncheon has been inadvertently inserted in the Application Forms instead of Banquet. There will be no Luncheon, but the usual Banquet at Six o'clock.

PROVINCE OF SURREY.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND SUPERINTENDENT.

INSTALLING OFFICER,

The Most Ex. Comp. THE EARL OF LATHOM,
Pro Grand Z.

The M.E. Comp. Col. GERARD NOEL MONEY, C.B.
Grand Superintendent Designate.

The Ex. Companion FREDERICK WEST,
Provincial Grand H. in Charge.

June 1891.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Provincial Grand Chapter will be held at the Public Hall, Croydon, in the County of Surrey, on Thursday, the 23rd day of July 1891, at Two o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

By Command,

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

N.B.—Morning Dress.

12 Serjeant's Inn, Temple, E.C.

BUSINESS BEFORE PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER.

To call over the Chapters in the Province.
To instal the M.E. the Grand Superintendent Designate.
To receive the Report of the Finance and Audit Committee.
To elect a Provincial Grand Treasurer.
The appointment of Provincial Grand Officers.
General Business.

Banquet at Six o'clock punctually.

N.B.—Banquet will be provided for those only who have taken tickets. The Companions will banquet with the Provincial Grand Lodge.

ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND. PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LONDON AND THE METROPOLITAN COUNTIES.

THE KNIGHT COMPANIONS will meet in COUNCIL, at 33 Golden Square, W., on Monday, 13th July 1891, at 3.30 p.m. precisely, and the R.W. Provincial Grand Master desires the attendance of all duly qualified brethren.

Names and addresses of Candidates, with the name of Lodge and Chapter, must be sent to me not later than the 8th of July.

The Annual Banquet will be held at the Ship, Greenwich, at 6.30 precisely.

By order,

FRANK RICHARDSON, Prov. G. Sec.

23 Golden Square, W.
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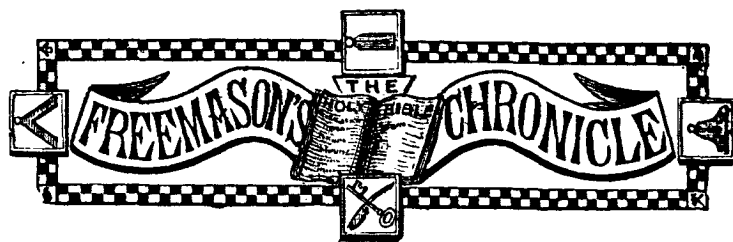
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SATURDAY, 11TH JULY 1891.

ROYAL ARCH.

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CONSECRATION OF THE PLUME CHAPTER, AT MALDON.

FOR some years the R.A. Masons of Maldon have been compelled to travel to Colchester, but being desirous of forming a Chapter in their own town they petitioned the Supreme Grand Chapter, and being supported by a recommendation from the Grand Superintendent of the Province (M.E. Comp. Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G.R.), their prayer was granted, and a Charter issued, empowering nine companions to form "The Plume" Chapter, to meet at the Masonic Hall, Maldon. On Thursday, the 2nd ult., the Grand Superintendent, accompanied by several of the Provincial Grand Officers, attended for the purpose of consecrating the Chapter. The Grand Superintendent reached Maldon by rail at four o'clock, and was met at the station by Comp. Barritt, Z. Elect of the new Chapter, and conducted to the Masonic Hall, when the proceedings at once commenced; the Grand Superintendent being assisted by the following Officers:—Comp. Richard Clowes P.Z. 51 Prov. G.H. as H., Alfred Welch P.Z. 51 P.P.G.J. as J., Thos. J. Ralling P.Z. 51 Prov. G.S.E. as S.E., Albert Lucking Prov. G.D.C. as D.C., and J. P. Lewin P.Z. 276 P.P.G.S.N. as N. The Grand Superintendent, in addressing the Companions, said they were there to assist in a ceremony which must be of great interest to all R.A. Masons, for the consecration of a Chapter was not of every-day occurrence. No doubt the place in which they were assembled had suggested to the founders the name of their Chapter—the name of Plume re-called a benefactor to the town of Maldon, whose memory was cherished, and deservedly so, by the inhabitants. He commended the zeal of the founders in having travelled to Colchester from time to time for the practice of R.A. Masonry, and congratulated them upon the formation of a Chapter in their midst, which he felt sure would be a source of strength to the Province. It was, he thought, a happy augury that this Chapter was the ninth in the Province, the number nine being of special interest to all R.A. Masons. An oration on "The Nature and Principles of the Institution" was delivered by the acting J. (Ex. Comp. Alfred Welch P.Z. 51 P.P.G.J.), who, after remarking upon the comparative rarity of, and consequent especial interest in, an occasion of this kind, said—

It is well that at these times we should call to mind the grand purposes for which Masonry was originally founded, and the sublime precepts inculcated throughout its entire teaching. As you are aware, Masonry does not profess to be a religion, but it is most certainly an excellent handmaid to religion, and is fitly described as a peculiar system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols. It is founded upon the purest principles of piety and virtue. No Masonic function is ever engaged in without first invoking the assistance and blessing of the most high, and its entire teaching is in strict accordance with the divine precepts laid down for our guidance in the volume of the sacred law, and by which our Masonic obligations enjoin us to regulate our lives and actions. The symbolism of Masonry, great in their number and varied in their kind, have all their various uses and distinctive lessons, and furnish a most interesting study to those who derive a pleasure in the pursuit and acquisition of knowledge. Many distinguished writers are of opinion that long before the introduction of written language ideas were expressed in visible form through the medium of symbolism; that allegorical representations of natural objects was a thoroughly understood science, by the application of which it has been found possible to decipher the pictorial representations engraven on ancient monuments, and to read the history of nations whose records have been buried in the grave of remote antiquity, and whose very existence had been forgotten. The sacred volume itself abounds with symbolic teaching, the key to the knowledge of which furnishes in many instances the only true solution of the hidden meaning contained therein, and affords a potent weapon of defence against the assaults of the scientific scepticism of the age. The Jewish nation, from whom we derive much of our Masonic lore, and through whom our traditions have been transmitted, were eminently a people who were instructed through the science of symbolism and allegory. The first Temple (which stands in its relation to Craft Masonry, as the second Temple does to that of the Royal Arch) was the outward and visible expression of the teaching I have described. I need not detail to an assembly so instructed as this the various lessons we are taught in the plan and structure of that wonderful edifice; how the principles of order were inculcated in the workmen engaged in its construction, and how, in accordance with the orderly methods which our traditions inform us were then observed, we have our various degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason, each with its special functions and usages, and all bound by honourable obligations of fraternal unity and loyal obedience. The Jews, who were the builders and custodians of that wonderful Temple, were a chosen and eminently representative people, whose entire history, as recorded in the sacred writings, abound with lessons for our instruction and guidance. The various works undertaken by them which furnish the text and groundwork of Masonic teaching, and

which were executed in accordance with the dictates of the Most High, not only for the generation then existing, but as lessons for our example upon whom "the ends of the world have come." Leaving the traditions and lessons of the first Temple which have from remote times constituted the basis of teaching in Craft Masonry, we find the institution of the Royal Arch derives its ritual and symbolic representations from that of the Second Temple, which, after the expiration of 70 years of captivity, foretold by the prophet Jeremiah, was restored under Zerubbabel the Prince of the People, whose history is so intimately blended with the rites and ceremonies of this exalted degree. The constitution of this Chapter in which we are now assembled, both as regards its forms and ornaments, is in strict accordance with Masonic plan, and has for its object the inculcation of lessons of the highest kind, as we are taught in various lectures which are given from time to time. It is scarcely necessary for me to refer to matters with which you are all perfectly familiar. You know that in every minute detail of our ceremonies, in all the degrees of Masonry, in every object of use or ornament, is associated an idea made sacred by the source from which it originally came. It is well that at the consecration of a Chapter from which the light of Masonry is to emanate we should be reminded of the great purpose and end of all our teaching, which is not merely the improvement of the intellectual faculties, nor even the exercise of those truly Masonic virtues—Benevolence and Charity—but that, seeing as we may do in every object of nature some record of the Divine mind, we may find "Sermons in stones and books in the running brooks." So shall our perceptions become enlarged, and with reverent minds we may hope to have a juster and higher conception of the great Author of all, the Eternal Ruler of the Universe, the Elemental Life, the Primordial Source of all its principles, the very Spring and Fountain of all its virtues. May this Chapter ever retain and jealously guard the high privilege of this teaching. May the blessing of the most High rest upon its members, and may the traditions and beautiful ritual of our Order be handed down in unsullied purity to those who will fill our places when time with us shall be no more.

At the close of the consecration ceremony the Principals were most ably installed by Ex. Comp. J. J. O. Turner P.Z. 51 P.P.G.J., as under:—M.E.Z. Ex. Comp. Arthur Barritt, H. Ex. Comp. Edmund Gowers P.P.G.O., J. Ex. Comp. C. S. Blyth. The Officers of the Chapter were elected by ballot, as follows: Scribe E. Comp. John Hutley, Scribe N. Comp. T. J. D. Cramphorn, Treas. Comp. Francis Bird, P. Soj. Comp. Wm. Howard-Flanders, 1st Asst. Soj. Comp. F. H. Bright, 2nd Asst. Soj. Comp. John Wood. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Grand Superintendent and other consecrating Officers for their attendance, and they were unanimously elected honorary members, a compliment which was suitably acknowledged by the Grand Superintendent. Twelve candidates for exaltation having been proposed, the Chapter was closed, and the Companions adjourned to the King's Head, where a splendid dinner was well served by the hostess Mrs. Rivett.

CONCORD CHAPTER, No. 223.

THE annual meeting was held at Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, on the 2nd inst., to instal the Principals for the year ensuing. Comps. Trout Z., Stenlake H., and Lavers J. The installing Officers were:—Comps. Cornish P.Z. 223 P.P.G.T., Lord P.Z. 70 P.P.G.T., Allsford P.M. 202 P.P.G.P. Soj., the Rev. Dr. Lemon P.Z. 189 P.P.G. 3rd Principal J., and Gidley P.Z. 1203 2025. Among the Board of Installed Principals present were:—Comps. Hifley, Browning, Lavers, Goodyear, Lewarn, Jew, Aitken-Davies, and Pike. The Officers invested were:—Comps. Bridgman I.P.Z., Hifley P.Z. Sc. E., Lillierap S.N., Bell P.Soj., Tozer first A.Soj., Bridgman second A.Soj., Browning P.Z. Treasurer, Hannaford St. Br., Skinner D.C., Hoare A.D.C., Court Organist, J. B. Skinner Steward, Phillips Janitor. Prior to the ceremony of installation a candidate was exalted.

MARK MASONRY.

P.G. LODGE OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE AND HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE annual meeting was held on Friday, the 26th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Cheltenham, when a large gathering of the Order assembled to witness the installation of the Prov. G. Master Designate R.W. Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith, who had succeeded R.W. Bro. the Baron de Ferrières upon the completion of his three years' term of office. The name of Bro. Vassar-Smith was selected by the unanimous vote of Provincial Grand Lodge last year, as that of a Brother of "position, eminence, and ability," worthy to be recommended to the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, for appointment as the Baron de Ferrières' successor, and in accordance with that recommendation, the Grand Master had issued his patent for Bro. Vassar-Smith's installation, and had deputed the M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Most Hon. the Marquess of Hertford, to perform the ceremony.

Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at 4 o'clock, R.W. Bro. Baron de Ferrières Prov. G. Master, presiding and the other Officers of Provincial Lodge present being Bros. O. Shellard P.M. 243 (ex-Mayor of Hereford)

D.P.G.M., W. R. Porcher, M.A., P.M. 10 Prov. G.S.W., T. Blinkhorn P.M. 243 Prov. G.J.W., J. S. Carleton P.M. 10 and 340, P.P.G.M.O. P.G.M.O., W. C. Ferris P.M. 218 Prov. G.M.O. Prov. G.S.O., E. Lea P.M. 218 Prov. G.J.O., the Rev. C. E. Lefroy Austin 10 Prov. G. Ch., J. Balcomb P.M. 10 Prov. G. Treasurer, G. Norman 10 P.G.D. Prov. G. Secretary, W. Powell Prov. G.D., W. R. Felton P.M. 10 P.G. Steward Prov. D.C., J. Northam 183 Prov. G.O. Bristol Prov. G.O., J. Naysmith P. Prov. G.J.W. G. Assist. I.G. Prov. G.I.G.

The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, the routine business of Prov. G. Lodge was transacted. Brother Balcomb was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. H. Phillips Tyler. The arrival of the M.W. Pro Grand Master was then announced, and he was admitted with customary honours, and attended by the following members of Grand Lodge, viz., R.W. Bros. R. C. Else Prov. G.M. Somerset, Captain S. Geo. Homfray Prov. G.M. Mon., C. H. Driver P.G.M.O. G.J.W., Gordon Miller G. Treas., C. F. Matier P.G.W. G. Secretary, V.W. Rev. J. Lloyd P.G. Chaplain, R. Berridge P.G.W. G. Dir. of Cers., V.W. Pierrepont Harris Prov. G. Secretary Bristol P.G.D., V.W. W. Forth P. Prov. D.G.M., Surg.-General Ringer G.S.B., G. Rennie Powell P. Prov. G.S.W. P.G.S., and W. Bro. J. Chandler P.G.S. The Pro Grand Master having assumed the chair, R.W. Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith, the Provincial Grand Master designate, was introduced by the G.D.C., and installed in the chair with due formality and honour. The newly-installed Prov. G.M. then regularly invested V.W. Bro. G. Norman P.G.D. as Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and subsequently proceeded to the appointment of Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year, as follows, viz.:

T. Blinkhorn	Senior Warden
W. R. Felton	Junior Warden
E. Lea	M.O.
S. W. Hadingham	S.O.
J. Barnes	J.O.
Rev. C. E. Lefroy-Austin	Chaplain
J. Balcomb	Treasurer
G. J. Caldwell	Registrar
J. S. Carlton	Secretary
F. S. Collins	Senior Deacon
C. Roberts	Junior Deacon
J. S. Norton	Inspector of Works
W. Heath	Director of Ceremonies
T. A. Huband	Sword Bearer
Col. R. Rogers	Standard Bearer
C. Caldicott	Organist
J. Cadle	I.G.
H. Phillips	Tyler

Before Lodge was closed a cordial vote of thanks to the Past Prov. G. Master was passed and acknowledged. Subsequently the brethren sat down to dinner in the banqueting-room, the Provincial Grand Master presiding. Among the brethren present not before mentioned were:—Bros. Rev. Dr. Lynes P.M. 340 P.Prov.G.W., Rev. P. Hattersley Smith W.M. 10 P.Prov.G.C., W. J. Vaughan 153 (South Africa), H. A. Berham P.G.J.D. (Bristol), W. E. Parry P.M. 183 Prov.G.Reg. (Bristol), Harold Lewis, B.A., S.W. 183 Prov.G.Std.Bearer (Bristol), H. Bevir Senior Warden 401 (Swindon), J. Milligan P.M. 218 P.Prov.G.S.O., F. Fenner 10, J. Owner P.M. 218 P.Prov.G.M.O., E. Lawrence 10, J. L. Butler P.P.G.P., S. Moss M.O. 10, Colonel Moutray Read P.S.O. (Malta). J. Godwin Chance 243 P.Prov.G.I.G., W. H. Oswin, E. L. Baylis 10, H. Gilling 10, &c.—*Cheltenham Examiner*.

About a hundred "Merry Masons" belonging to Lodge St. Vincent, No. 553, journeyed from Glasgow to Caerlaverock on Thursday, the 25th ult. Bro. Denholme, the Master of the Lodge, accompanied the party, which was met at Dumfries by Bros. Harrison, Clark, Houlston and Hay, of the Thistle Lodge, who conducted the strangers round the town, visiting the Burns Statue, Town Hall, Freemasons' Hall, Burns House in Bank Street, and the historic Globe. Dinner was served in the new hall attached to the Queensbury Hotel, and shortly after two o'clock a start was made for Caerlaverock, via Bankend and Hutton Hall. At the Castle the party was photographed. There was a brief halt at Glencaple, and Dumfries was reached in time for tea in the Queensbury. The party returned to Glasgow by the 6.55 train, highly delighted with their outing.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Outward infirmities.—Before the discovery of these remedies, many cases of sores, ulcers, &c., were pronounced to be hopelessly incurable, because the treatment pursued tended to destroy the strength it was incompetent to preserve, and to exasperate the symptoms it was inadequate to remove. Holloway's Pills exert the most wholesome powers over the unhealthy flesh or skin, without depriving the patient from fresh air and exercise, and thus the constitutional vigour is husbanded while the most malignant ulcers, abscesses, and skin diseases are in process of cure. Both Ointment and Pills make the blood richer and purer, instead of permitting it to fall into that poor and watery state so fatal to many labouring under chronic ulcerations.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS

SATURDAY, the 27th June, (the last Saturday in the month), was, according to ancient custom, Ex-pupils' day, and the Institution was *en fête* from 3 o'clock. The weather was all that could be desired, and the Visitors enjoyed themselves for a few hours with lawn tennis and croquet, on the spot they had so often played on in former days. About 50 ex-pupils turned up, together with several members of the House Committee, whom we are glad to see still take a lively interest in all that concerns the Institution and its inmates. Amongst them were Bros. Sir John Monckton, Edward Letchworth, J. H. Matthews, Frank Richardson (Chairman for the month), &c. Tea was served at 5, and a frugal supper at 8.30, after which the Visitors departed, one and all expressing themselves delighted at once more returning for a few hours to the old place where they had spent so many happy days.

On Thursday, the 2nd inst., the whole of the children spent the day at the Crystal Palace, the expense being defrayed out of the grant so kindly provided by the Stewards of the Festival. Notwithstanding the rain in the morning, a most enjoyable day was spent by all. The Manager of the Palace, with very kind consideration, provided seats for the party at a nominal figure to see the happy family of wild beasts perform, which gave infinite amusement to the little folks, who were, after an hour's ride on the steam horses, all safely housed again by about 9 o'clock, rather tired and quite ready for bed. The children were in charge, during the whole day, of Bro. Frank Richardson (Chairman for the month), and amongst other members of the Committee present were Brothers Sir John Monckton, Charles Hammerton, J. H. Matthews, &c., whilst, as Visitors, Lady Whiteway and her daughter went down, and most materially assisted in the day's amusement.

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We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

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THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It is none too early to open up discussion on the points touched upon by your correspondent who wrote under this head last Saturday, but I think whatever is said or done there should be an understanding to let bygones be bygones. We want no bitter recriminations, although personally I do not see room for any, but no doubt critics will spring up who will endeavour to say much that can hurt the feelings of those who have done what they thought best in the past, even if all has not turned out just as they expected. I do not think it is fair to blame the men who arranged the premises of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys that they have proved unsuitable. No one of the original founders could have dreamt that within so short a space of time such radical changes would have occurred. When the first portion of the estate was purchased Wood Green was right out in the country, now it is a part of the great metropolis, and is rapidly being hemmed in on all sides by dwellings. Further than this, the Charity itself is very different to-day to what it was then, and he would have been a bold prophet who would have foretold, at the commencement of operations at Wood Green, that in 1891 the School would have reached its present dimensions.

I like the suggestion of your correspondent to draw up plans for the new buildings on the basis of providing for future development, and shall watch with interest to see what, if any, steps are taken to carry out the suggestion of the Pro Grand Master to find a new home for our Boys.

Yours fraternally,

LIFE GOVERNOR.

NEW PREMISES FOR THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I believe in the old-fashioned principle of striking while the iron is hot, and am of opinion the supporters of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys would do well to make an immediate movement towards providing the new quarters for the School, which the Earl of Lathom suggested at the recent Festival. There is no need for undue haste, but a matter of this description, if taken up at once, often runs much more smoothly than if allowed to linger on indefinitely. I have spoken to several brethren in regard to the remarks of Lord Lathom, and all agree it was a splendid point for the Chairman of the Festival to make, and all urge that there is a great amount of enthusiasm in regard to the suggestion throughout the country.

No doubt we shall have to wait a considerable time before actual plans will be called for the erection of new buildings, but when the time comes I should like the executive to consider the plan which I know is adopted by a somewhat similar Institution, at Watford I think, where a number of houses are built, and the children are accommodated in these, in batches of 20, 30 or so. I remember seeing an account of this Charity, and it struck me at the time theirs was a much better system than the one adopted in connection with the Masonic Institutions, the large buildings of which, if handsome, are also

unwieldy in many respects. I should imagine a number of smaller houses, such as I refer to, would be cheaper, and more desirable from the point of health and many other respects, but on this point I only have my own opinion to work upon.

It also strikes me that the idea of erecting a number of separate buildings would give the different Provinces and other bodies a special interest in the work. A certain sum would pay for the erection and furnishing of a house, and any district raising that sum could have the house named after it. Thus the Institution might have Cheshire House, Hampshire House, Norfolk House, &c., going right through the Counties of England, and I would suggest in connection with this idea, that at the outset the Institution offer to contribute a share towards the erection of each house for which individuals might find a part of the funds. For instance, supposing £1000 was to be spent on each building, the Institution might offer to contribute £400 as its share, if Provinces and others desiring to "name" buildings would contribute the other £600. The Institution will have a large sum in hand from the sale of the Wood Green property with which to do this, and I think it would be a happy way of starting our new buildings. I should be very pleased to see the first house erected as Lathom House, as a compliment to the distinguished nobleman who has made the first suggestion for a removal. Would it be possible to erect this Lathom House as a national testimonial to the Chairman, by limiting subscriptions to it to one guinea? I think some special recognition of Lord Lathom's personal observations would be endorsed by the Craft, but perhaps it is too early yet to say anything on the point. When the time does come there will doubtless be no end of suggestions.

Yours, &c.

A PAST STEWARD.

We have been asked to insert the following:—

THE MASONIC SCHOOL AT WANDSWORTH.

To the Editor of the British Building Journal.

SIR,—In the Royal Academy there is a drawing of the new Centenary Hall, bearing the name of Mr. Knight as architect.

I was at the meeting of Life Governors when it was decided that Messrs. H. A. Hunt and Ralph Clutton should be architects of the new building, and the name of Mr. Knight has never been mentioned.

This matter requires some explanation, as it looks rather as if two surveyors having been appointed, they got an architect to do the work.

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THE BIRKBECK BUILDING SOCIETY.

THE 40th Annual meeting of the Birkbeck Building Society was held on the 1st inst., at the Offices, 29 and 30 Southampton Buildings, Chancery Lane.

The Report, adopted, states that the receipts during the year which ended 31st March last reached £9,519,070, making a total from the commencement of the Society of more than One hundred and forty millions (£141,766,177).

The deposits received were £7,993,047, and the Subscriptions £244,927. The gross profits amounted to £284,315.

The Surplus Funds have been augmented by £244,167, and now stand at £5,098,507, of which £1,628,240 is invested in Consols and other Securities guaranteed by the British Government, and the cash in the hands of the Bankers is £317,929.

A further sum of £25,000 has been added to the Permanent Guarantee Fund, thus bringing up the amount to £150,000, and the balance £134,315, making together £284,315 in excess of the Liabilities. The whole amount being invested in Consols.

The Subscriptions and Deposits withdrawable on demand amount to £5,247,712.

The 13th Triennial Bonus on Investing Shares has been allotted, and the amount placed to the credit of all Shares in existence at the close of the 40th year is £33,033.

The Surplus Funds (which are invested in readily convertible Securities) are sufficient to pay the Depositors 114 per cent. on the amount of their Deposits.

The new accounts opened during the year were 10,051, and there are, altogether, 60,045 Shareholders and Depositors on the Books.

Since its establishment, the Society has returned to the Shareholders and Depositors more than One hundred millions (£117,071,323) the whole amount having been repaid upon demand.

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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, 11th July.

1685 Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1686 Paxton, Surrey M.H., Camberwell
1928 Gallery, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
2206 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon
M.M. 234 Brixton, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
1415 Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1990 Hampshire of Emulation, F.M.H., Landport
2069 Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
2096 George Price, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon
R.A. 1423 Era, Albany Hotel, Twickenham.

Monday, 13th July.

1366 Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
1922 Earl of Lathom, Greyhound, Streatham
M.M. 239 Royal Naval, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
40 Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
75 Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
104 St. John, Ashton House, Greek St., Stockport
151 Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240 St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
292 Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296 Royal Brunswick, F.M.H., Sheffield
297 Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
481 St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Newcastle
599 Druids of Love and Liberty, M.H., Redruth
665 Montagu, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
671 Prince of Wales, Thomas Arms Hotel, Llanelli
797 Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
893 Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook
949 Williamson, St. Stephen Sch., Monkwearmouth
1021 Hartington, Masonic Hall, Barrow-in-Furness
1174 Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221 Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds
1350 Fernor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1438 Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
1474 Israel, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
1592 Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611 Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
1618 Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea.
1691 Quadratic, Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court
1966 Fidelity and Sincerity, Wellington, Somerset
R.A. 149 Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington
R.A. 306 Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall St., Leeds
R.A. 495 Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Wakefield
R.A. 1258 Kennard, Masonic Hall, Pontypool
R.C. Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale
R.C. 12 Red Cross, Athenaeum, Lancaster

Tuesday, 14th July.

167 St. John, Jack Straw's Castle, Hampstead
1960 Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
131 Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184 United Chatham of Benevolence, Old Brompton, Kent
241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
473 Faithful, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
495 Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Wakefield
503 Belvedere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
603 Zetland, Masonic Hall, Cleckheaton
696 St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726 Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hot, Staff
820 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup
903 Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High St., Gosport
1250 Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sankoy, Warrington
1414 Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
1545 Baildon, Masonic Rooms, Northgate, Baildon
1678 Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
2099 Ethelbert, Masonic Rooms, Horno Bay
2222 Frederick West, Castle Hotel, East Molesey
R.A. 70 St. John's, Huyshe Mas. Tem. Plymouth
R.A. 253 Justice, Masonic Hall, Derby
R.A. 265 Judea, Masonic Club, Keighley
R.A. 289 Fidelity, Mas. Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds
R.A. 268 Union, Queen's Arms, Ashton-under-Lyne
R.A. 330 St. Petrock, Masonic Hall, Bodmin
R.A. 558 Temple, Masonic Hall, Folkestone
R.A. 1055 Derby, Masonic Rooms, Cheetham
M.M. 6 Adams, Victoria Hall, Sheerness
M.M. 15 St. George's, Masonic Hall, Exeter
M.M. 152 Dover & Cinque Ports, Royal Oak, Dover

Wednesday, 15th July.

General Committee Grand Chapter, F.M.H., 4
619 Beadon, Greyhound Tavern, Dulwich
700 Nelson, Masonic Hall, William St., Woolwich
865 Dalhousie, Town Hall, Hounslow
1278 Burdett Courts, Approach Tav, Victoria Park
1360 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hot, Wimbledon
1382 Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town
1731 Cholmeley, Regent Masonic Hall, Air St., W.
R.A. 192 Lion and Lamb, Cannon Street Hotel
M.M. 199 D. of Connaught, Town Hall, Shoreditch
20 Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
86 Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Fleet, Lancaster
121 Mount Sinai, Public Buildings, Penzance
137 Amity, Masonic Hall, Market Street, Poole
178 Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan
200 Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
258 Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckindonwike
277 Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Oldham
325 St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
342 Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, Landport
390 Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
580 Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
591 Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
633 Yarborough Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
697 United, George Hotel, Colchester
758 Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn
795 St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead
816 Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Warrle
874 Holmesdale, Royal Sussex, Tunbridge Wells
910 St. Oswald, M.H., Ropergate, Pontefract
962 Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Worthington
972 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury

1019 Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Wakefield
1040 Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield
1068 Walton, Skelmersdale M.H., Kirkdale
1218 Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Manchester
1301 Brighthouse, Masonic Room, Brighthouse
1353 Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster
1413 Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1511 Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull
1536 United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
1634 Starkie, Railway Hotel, Runsbottom
1738 Brownrigg, Swan Ho. Kingston-on-Thames
1983 Mawddack, St. Ann's Bldgs. Barmouth, Wales
R.A. 76 Economy, Masonic Hall, Winchester
R.A. 210 St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, S. Shields
R.A. 323 Charity, Florist Hotel, Stockport
R.A. 344 Beauty, Bull's Head, Radcliffe
R.A. 371 Nicholson, Freemasons' Hall, Maryford
R.A. 539 Vernon, Dragon Hotel, High St., Walsall
R.A. 530 Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
R.A. 625 Devonshire, Norfolk Arms Hotel, Glossop
R.A. 731 Truth, Masonic Hall, Derby
R.A. 1060 Marnion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth
R.A. 1323 Talbot, Mackworth Hotel, Swansea
R.A. 1350 Fernor Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool
R.A. 1375 Architect, Didsbury Hotel, Didsbury
M.M. 135 Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Alnwick

Thursday, 16th July.

1227 Upton, Spotted Dog, Upton
1321 Emblematic, Horus Tavern, Kennington
1363 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton
1623 West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1963 Duke of Albany, M.H., Lavender Hill
R.A. 63 St. Mary, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
M.M. 7 Carnarvon, Café Royal, W.
56 Howard, High Street, Arundel
98 St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
203 Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
268 Union, Queen's Arms Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
600 Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Bradford
283 Armit, Swan Hotel, Market Place, Haslingden
337 Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
341 Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
343 Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Preston
344 Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
345 Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
367 Probity and Freedom, Red Lion, Smallbridge
639 Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
659 Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blytho
1011 Richmond, Crown Hotel, Salford
1042 Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Leeds
1161 Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall
1290 Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1320 Blackheath, Green Man, Blackheath
1327 King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross
1333 Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1872 St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton
R.A. 204 Caledonian, F.M.H., Manchester
R.A. 249 Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 283 Wisdom, Swan Inn, Haslingden
R.A. 327 St. John's, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
R.A. 339 Regularity, Crown Hotel, Penrith
R.A. 546 Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Longton
R.A. 913 Pattison, Freemasons' Hall, Plumstead
R.A. 1235 Phoenix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton
R.A. 1324 Okeover, Mar Hotel, Ripley, Derby
M.M. Canynges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol

Friday, 17th July.

House Committee, Boys' School, Wood Green, 4
975 Rose of Denmark, Greyhound, Richmond
152 Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
271 Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
516 Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
541 De Lorraine, Freemasons' Hall, Newcastle
560 St. Germain, M.H., the Crescent, Selby
993 Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
311 Zetland, Masonic Hall, Leeds
773 Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendlestone
1005 Brooke, Forest Hotel, Chingford
2184 Royal Victoria, Chingford
R.C. Talbot, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

Saturday, 18th July.

1185 Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
1329 Sphinx, Surrey M.H., Camberwell
2308 Vintor, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
M.M. 251 Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
149 Peace, Private Rooms, Moltham
308 Prince George, Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
410 Grove, Sun Hotel, Kingston
453 Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
811 Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1326 Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton
1494 Felix, Clarence Hotel, Teddington
1556 Addiscombe, 105 High Street, Croydon
1597 Musgrave, Angel and Crown Hotel, Staines
1961 Claremont, Crown Hotel, Chertsey
2035 Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
2228 Dene, King's Arms, Cookham, Berks
R.A. 68 Royal Hotel, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
R.A. 1094 Royal Middlesex, Mitre, Hampton Court
R.A. 2018 Henry Levander, Railway Hot, Harrows
M.M. 354 Rose & Lily, Four Swans, Waltham Cross

INSTRUCTION.

Saturday, 11th July.

87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's Park, near Nunhead Junction, 730
179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C. 8
198 Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tav, Southgate Rd., N. 8
1755 Star, Dover Castle, Darentford Causeway, S.E. 7
1258 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8
1364 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7
1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney, 8
1624 Eccleston, 11 Cambridge Street, Fimlico, 7
2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, 730
R.A. Siam, Red Lion, King Street, Regent St., W. 8

Monday, 13th July.

22 Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 730
27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8
15 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St.,
174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7
130 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8
218 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brixham, Devon,
342 Royal Union, Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge
543 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford,
823 Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 730
933 Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, 8
375 Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 73
1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., 8
1339 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 630
1425 Hyde Park, Prince of Wales's Hotel, corner of
Eastbourne Terrace, and Bishop's Road, W. 8
1445 Prince Leopold, 232 Whitechapel Road, E., 7
1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, 8
1489 M. of Ripon, Queen's Hot, Victoria Park, 730
1597 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, E.C., 730
1545 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho., Putney
1608 Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, W., 8
1623 West Smithfield, Manchester Hotel, E.C., 7
1693 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 830
1707 Eleanor, Rose and Crown, Tottenham, 8
1743 Perseverance, Deacon's Tavern, Walbrook, 7
1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Ct. Hot, W. Kensington, 8
1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, 8
2192 Warner, Bridge Chambers, Hoe Street, Walthamstow, 8

Tuesday, 14th July.

25 Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, 8
55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 7
141 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W.
177 Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 730
188 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8
212 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, 8
241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
554 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8
700 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 730
753 Prince Fred. William, Eagle Tav., Maida Hill,
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Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon St., 630
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Wednesday, 15th July.

3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, 8
30 United Mariners', Luzard, Peckham, 730
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.,
224 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8
534 La Tolerance, Portland Hot, Gt. Portland St., 8
594 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7
673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8
720 Panmure, Batham Hotel, Batham, 7
781 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav, Burdett Rd., 730
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, 830
1037 Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1259 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney
1356 Texteth, 149 North Hill Street, Liverpool, 730
1475 Peckham, 54 Old Kent Road, 8
1511 Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull
1601 Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rusby Green, Catford, 8
1604 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W., 730
1662 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow, 730
1691 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair 8
1692 Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, 830
1791 Cretton, Wheatheaf, Shepherd's Bush, 8
1922 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, 8
1963 Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, 730
2206 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 8
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141 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 730
147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8
263 Clarence, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.
754 High Cross, Coach and Horses, Tottenham, 8
879 Southwark, Sir Carnet Wolsey, Rotherhithe New Road
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1017 Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
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1182 Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool, 730
1273 Burdett Courts, Swan, Bethnal Green Road, 8
1306 St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, 8
1714 Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charlotte Street, 8
1950 Southgate, Railway Hot, New Southgate, 730
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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, 730
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1571 Leopold, City Arms Tavern, E.C., 7
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1614 Covent Garden, Criterion, W., 8
1625 Tredegar, Wellington, Bow, E., 7-30
1677 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, 9

Friday, 17th July.

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
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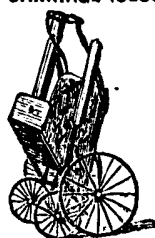
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