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## A TOPIC FOR CONSIDERATION.

THE off season has come to be regarded by various public authorities as the proper time for discussing alterations, innovations or improvements in existing affairs, and we see no reason why the Masonic Order should be different in this respect from the many other sections of the community whose grievances or requirements have been considered in the public Press during the more quiet portions of past years. The doings of Freemasons may not be quite so much open to discussion with a view to amendment or alteration as those of the outside world, but even here there are many points where change might prove most beneficial, and these need not involve alterations interfering with the time-honoured basis of the Order, or upsetting of the traditions or special characteristics of the Craft. Freemasonry itself, from its peculiar nature, does not present many points which call for amendment, even if the mere suggestion that there is room at all for improvement is not going beyond the limit to which we should confine ourselves, but of late years so much has been added to what may be termed the supplementary surroundings of the Craft, that we need run no risk of a charge of heresy when we attempt to lead the way to reform in some of the matters which, if not actually handed down to us as Ancient Freemasonry, have at least come to be recognised as part and parcel of the modern system.

The set banquet after labour, which may now be regarded as a necessary adjunct to Freemasonry, is really no part of the system handed down to us by past generations, and here at least we may offer suggestions for alteration or reform without being guilty of un-Masonic behaviour, or even seeming to wish to upset the landmarks of the Order. Those of our readers who, as visitors, are in the habit of dining out from time to time will agree with us that in spite of the care and attention they usually receive from their hosts there are frequently little matters of detail apparently neglected which go far to upset the pleasures of the day, and occasionally rob the outing of much of its enjoyment. We have, from time to time, written in regard to some of these minor misfortunes, and we are bold enough to believe that our efforts for improvement have not been wholly thrown away. Brethren who have experienced the troubles we have written about, when visiting other Lodges, have recognised the truth of our remarks, and have come to a determination to endeavour to prevent similar mishaps occurring in their own Lodges, with results which have justified outside interference, and have been fully appreciated by those on whose behalf we have acted.

Probably the most important items for consideration in this respect are those of punctuality, and an early conclusion of the day's proceedings, and these matters may be said to call for more particular attention at the present season of the year, from the

fact that a larger number of meetings are held away from the busy towns than is the case in the winter months, and as a consequence the members and visitors frequently have longer journeys before they reach their homes than is the case when they are attending a meeting of their regular Lodge. Further than this, a visit to an outside meeting may involve such an amount of cross country travelling as to render the journey home a matter for serious concern, and here it is that local men, or those who have the arrangement of affairs, have a splendid opportunity of proving their ability as organisers, and of showing the value of forethought and determination to ensure punctuality. One particular matter likely to cause trouble in this respect is, as we have pointed out in previous remarks, the fact that those who have the arrangements of a meeting are frequently local men, who have no railway journey before them, and who often actually overlook the exigencies of the train service, or how far their programme may upset the comfort of those who have to travel. The commencement of the day's business half an hour beyond the time appointed may put everything so far behind that guests or members residing at a distance are compelled to leave at an inconvenient part of the proceedings, and not only miss a large portion of the entertainment provided for their enjoyment, but also cause an early break up of the meeting, and altogether upset the company. This trouble is not, perhaps, so annoying to those who have to leave as to those who remain, although it is very unpleasant to have to hurry away from a gathering when another half hour would have completed the business up to a desired point. Those who stay behind have, however, to face the empty seats, and the thread of the proceedings having been broken, it is often very difficult to take up the ends and resume the harmony with the same swing as previously prevailed. An unsatisfactory state of affairs has, in fact, arisen, which might have been prevented if a little more attention had been given to details, and a little more regard had been shown for punctuality, and with this advice we for the present leave the topic for the consideration of our readers.

On the occasion of the meeting of the Suffolk Provincial Grand Lodge, at Thornham Hall, the seat of the R. W. Prov. Grand Master Lord Henniker, on Friday, 7th August, the Great Eastern Railway Company has consented to run a special train from Ipswich to Mellis, leaving Ipswich at eleven o'clock, and picking up passengers by the 11.2 from Bury at Haughley. The Company has also consented to run a special from Mellis to Haughley at 8.35 p.m., meeting the last train from Bury St. Edmund's, due in Ipswich at 9.33, in time to catch the down train, which leaves at ten o'clock. Return tickets will be issued from all stations at a single fare and a quarter, to all brethren producing the summons to Provincial Grand Lodge. Arrangements will be made at Mellis to convey the brethren to Thornham Hall and back free of charge.

## MARK MASONRY.

## PROV. G. L. OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND.

THE annual Grand Mark Lodge of this Province was held in the Masonic Hall, Eaglesfield Street, Maryport, on Wednesday, the 15th inst., under the banner of the Whitwell Lodge, No. 151. The Whitwell Lodge of Mark Master Masons was opened at 2 p.m. by Bro. Scott, W.M. P.P.G.I. of Works, assisted by his Officers; and one candidate was balloted for, and advanced to the honourable degree. The acting R.W. P.G. Master, Worshipful Bro. Colonel Sewell D.P.G.M., with his Grand Officers, were reported at three p.m., and admitted. The following brethren were present:—Worshipful P. de E. Collin P.M. 151 P.G.D. England as D.P.G.M., Rev. J. Anderson P.M. 213 P.G.S.W., Thompson P.M. 282 P.G.J.W., Nanson P.M. 60 P.G.M.O., Hartley P.M. 216 P.G.J.O., P. de Collin P.G. Treasurer, Gandy P.M. 195 P.P.G. Registrar of Marks, Gardiner P.M. 151 P.G. Sec. P.G. Steward of England, Burns W.M. 213 P.G. Steward, Richardson Tyler 213 P.G. Tyler, Atkinson 213, Muir J.W. 213, Broadbent S.W. 213, Starkey M.O. 213, Penrice P.M. 151 P.P.G. Reg. of Marks, Hodgson, Nicholson P.M. 151 P.P.G.S.W. P.G.D. of England, Smith P.P.G. Organist, Abbott P.M. 151 P.P.G.J.O., Messenger P.P.G. Tyler, Dickinson P.M. 213 P.P.G.J.W., Swainson 213, Reed 213, Reach P.P.G.A.D.C., Brown, Dalrymple P.M. 216 P.G.A.D.C. of England, Bland 216, Nicholls 216, Argles W.M. 195 P.P.G. Registrar Marks, Barwise 216, Peacock P.M. 229 P.P.G.S.W., Hewson W.M. 229 P.P.G. Tyler, Mason P.M. 229 P.P.G.J.O., Atkinson I.P.M. 229 P.P.G.J.D., Salkeld P.M. 282 P.P.G. Registrar of Marks, Loach W.M. Elect 282, and others. Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form, and the roll of Lodges in the Province called, which were all represented. The last appointments of Grand Officers were next called, when a few from a distance had tendered an apology for absence. The minutes of the last annual meeting, held at Whitehaven, were read and confirmed. Bro. Collin P.G. Treasurer read a statement of accounts, showing a balance to the credit account of £38 3s 3d, which was passed as read, and the following brethren were invested as Provincial Grand Officers for the year.

T. A. Argles	Senior Warden
E. B. Penrice	Junior Warden
Rev. James Anderson	Chaplain
Thomas Ormiston	M.O.
Joseph Hewson	S.O.
J. O. Scott	J.O.
P. de E. Collin	Treasurer
H. Burns	Registrar of Marks
James Gardiner	Secretary
G. B. Mackay	Senior Deacon
James Stout	Junior Deacon
F. J. Thornber	Inspector of Works
Edwin Loach	Director of Ceremonies
George Starkey	Assist. Dir. of Cers.
S. Broadbent	Sword Bearer
Dr. J. F. Muir	Standard Bearer
J. Smith	Organist
J. Gibson	I.G.
Thomas J. Richardson	} Stewards
D. Atkinson	
James Lowrey	
A. Moordaff	
Caleb Bland	Tyler

The following were appointed members of the Committee of General Purposes for the year:—Bros. Nicholson, Harper, Rev. J. Anderson, and Thompson. The R.W. P.G. Master was unanimously elected Provincial Grand Master for a further period of three years. Bro. Hartley P.M. 216 P.P.G.J.O. moved that the next annual Grand Mark Lodge be held at Egremont, under the banner of the Sewell Lodge, No. 421, which was agreed to. Bro. Collin moved that ten guineas be voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Bro. Dalrymple seconded the motion, and it was unanimously agreed to. Bro. Sewell moved that Bro. Peacock P.M. 229 P.P.G.S.W. be recommended to the M.W. G.M. to receive the honour of Grand Steward of England. Bro. Thompson seconded the recommendation, which was passed unanimously. Bro. Dalrymple gave notice of motion for ten guineas to be paid to the Cumberland and Westmoreland educational scheme. With other general business, Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in

due form, and the brethren retired to Bro. Atkinson's, Star Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served. The usual loyal toasts were proposed from the chair by Wor. Bro. Sewell. The health of the D.P.G.M. Bro. Sewell was proposed in eloquent terms by Wor. Bro. Argles, the High Sheriff for Westmorland, and Bro. Sewell briefly replied; it was always a great pleasure to him to attend, and if required to preside over a Masonic gathering—in fact, it was rare if ever he allowed anything or any other engagement to prevent him being present; and when, as on that day, he had the pleasure of investing such a fine set of Provincial Officers, that was a reward for his labour of love alone. The newly-invested Officers was proposed, and Brother Argles P.G.S.W. replied. The Masonic Charities was proposed by Bro. Collin, and responded to by Bro. Dalrymple. With the Tyler's toast the meeting closed, after a most successful day.

## ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE MARK BENEVOLENT FUND.

THE twenty-third Annual Festival in aid of the Mark Benevolent Fund was held on Wednesday last, the 22nd July, at Freemasons' Tavern, when the the Right Hon. Viscount Dungarvan G.S.W., Provincial Grand Master of Somersetshire, presided. The attendance was very large, covers being laid for 180. Amongst the distinguished brethren present were Bros. the Earl of Euston Deputy G.M., the Marquess of Carmarthen G. Warden, Baron de Ferridros P. Prov. G.M. for Gloucestershire and Herefordshire, the Hon. Chief Justice Way Lieutenant Governor of South Australia, Dr. Dawson District Grand Master of Auckland, New Zealand, Charles Matier Grand Secretary, R. Berridge G.D.C., Charles Belton P.G.O., Captain C. J. Knightley Prov. G.O. Middlesex and Surrey, and many Grand Officers, Provincial Grand Officers and Stewards from all parts of the kingdom. The lady Stewards, consisting of Lady Eleanor Harbord, Mrs. G. P. Airey, Mrs. A. B. Cook, Mrs. C. J. Knightley, Mrs. F. Mead, Mrs. F. Cordoux Rhys, and Miss Rosalind Haynes, were well looked after by some of the Grand Officers. The presence of nearly seventy ladies at the banquet added unusual brilliance to the scene. Grace having been sung by the choir, the noble Chairman proposed the usual loyal toast of the Queen. The national anthem was sung, and the Chairman proposed the toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales the Grand Master of Mark Master Masons, which toast was received with enthusiasm.

In proposing the next toast, namely, the Grand Officers, the name of the Earl of Euston as Deputy Grand Master was received with much cheering. He returned thanks in a concise speech, and explained to the ladies present that the objects of Masonry were to do good to those around us. The Earl of Euston then proposed the health of the noble Chairman the Viscount Dungarvan, which was duly responded to. The toast of the evening was then given Prosperity to the Mark Benevolent Fund, and the noble Chairman explained at much length the objects of it and made an eloquent appeal for the Charity. It appeared that the result of previous Festivals has been the means of providing for the relief of Mark Master Masons in distress, and for the assistance of their Widows and Children. The numerous grants already made by the General Board and by Grand Lodge have in every case been highly appreciated, and have been of such material service to the recipients as to afford the best possible justification for the establishment of the Fund and the annual appeal for continued support.

The fund is divided into three branches Benevolent, Educational, and Annuity, and all contributions received are equally apportioned to these most deserving objects.

The Benevolent Branch for relief and benevolence is under the control of the General Board, and the grants above certain amounts have to receive confirmation by Grand Lodge. Over £2,000 has been voted in grants of relief since the formation of this Fund.

The Educational Branch has for its object the education of the children of Mark Master Masons eligible for assistance, at Grammar or other Schools in the vicinity of their parents' residences.

Thirty children are now being educated by annual grants from this Fund, and by a vote of Grand Lodge on 30th November 1886, each child will receive annually the sum of £5 to procure necessary clothing.

The Annuity Fund was established by vote of Grand Lodge on 1st December 1885, when the amount of £1,000 was voted as a nucleus, and its object is to grant Annuities of £26 each to aged and decayed Mark Master Masons, and £21 to the Widows of Mark Master Masons, after election by the subscribers. There are now ten aged brethren and some Widows who not only receive the annuity, but also a sum of £5 at Christmas in each year.

These important extensions of the objects for which the "Mark Benevolent Fund" was originally constituted, have been rendered practicable by the support extended by members of the Order since its establishment in 1869.

A peculiar claim attaches to this Festival, owing to the presence of ladies, who, on each annual occasion, have largely contributed to its success, both as Donors and as Stewards.

Bro. Matier the Grand Secretary then announced the Stewards' lists of donations, showing a grand total of £1856.

The Province of Kent contributed £178, Hants £47, Herts £36, East Anglia £26, Lancashire £58, Middlesex and Surrey £328, West Yorkshire £71, Warwickshire £48, Berks and Oxon £40, Dorsetshire £31, London Lodges £312. Somerset, including a special donation

of fifty guineas from the Chairman as Prov. G. Master, £165. The lady Stewards sent up between £30 and £40. Let us add that with a grand total of £1856 the fund will be considerably enriched.

Bro. Frederick Mead responded in a humorous speech for the ladies, and pleaded his youth and inexperience as some excuse for not doing so much justice to the toast as it deserved. The toast of the Board of Stewards was given, to which Bro. Jabez Church as President responded. Bro. Frank Richardson proposed the toast of the Visitors, and stated that Visitors were present from Australia, Africa, America and New Zealand. Bro. Dr. Dawson the District Grand Master of Auckland, New Zealand, responded.

A capital musical programme was provided by Bro. H. E. Rose Past Grand Organist, assisted by Madame Clara Samuel, Miss Jeannie Rankin, Mr. Bernard Lane, Bro. Charles Tianey, and Bro. W. Lewis Barrett (solo flute). A string band performed during the dinner. The menu was selected with the greatest care, having regard to the many eminent ladies and brethren present. After the banquet, the company adjourned to the drawing room, where a choice selection of vocal and instrumental music was provided. A most enjoyable evening was spent by all present.

### BANK HOLIDAY RAILWAY FACILITIES.

THE arrangements recently made by the Great Western Railway Company for the issue of ordinary as well as excursion tickets at their principal City and West-end Offices have probably never been so much appreciated as they are likely to be during the week preceding the Bank Holiday, when large numbers of people are certain to avail themselves of the opportunity thus afforded for obtaining tickets at their own time and without the crowding and worry inseparable from a large railway station at holiday seasons. The fares charged are the same as at Paddington, and the tickets are available for use under precisely the same conditions as those issued at that station. The following are the offices at which tickets are issued, viz.,—193 and 407 Oxford Street, 23 New Oxford Street, 269 Strand, Holborn Circus, 29 Charing Cross, 26 Regent Street, 5 Arthur Street East, London Bridge, 82 Queen Victoria Street, 43 and 44 Crutched Friars, 67 Gresham Street, and 4 Cheapside.

The booking offices at Paddington station will be open for the issue of tickets all day on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 29th, 30th, 31st, and August 1st, and the tickets issued (except those for specified excursion trains) will be available for use on any of those days.

To meet the expected additional traffic by the ordinary trains on Saturday, August 1st, the Company will run in duplicate the 11.45 a.m., 1.0, 3.0, 5.0, and 9.0 p.m. trains to the West of England; and the 12.0 noon and 5.45 p.m. trains to Weymouth, Hereford and South Wales. The first portion of the 5.0 and 9.0 p.m. trains will leave Paddington at 4.55 and 8.57 p.m. respectively, but the first portions of the other trains will leave at the advertised times, and the second a few minutes afterwards, the long distance passengers being as far as possible taken in the first portion, but with a few exceptions both trains will stop at the advertised stations to take up and set down passengers. On Friday, July 31st, an excursion train will leave Paddington at 7.45 a.m. for Gloucester, Cardiff, Newport, Swansea, New Milford, &c.; passengers will also be booked at excursion fares to certain Stations in the South of Ireland. Fast excursion trains for the West of England will leave Paddington at 7.45 a.m. and 3.15 p.m. on Saturday, August 1st, reaching Exeter in 5½ hours and Plymouth in 7½ hours; and excursions will also be run on the same day to Bath, Bristol, Dorchester, Weymouth, (for the Channel Islands), Cheltenham, Worcester, Malvern, Hereford, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Shrewsbury, Chester, Liverpool, Manchester, and other Stations on the Great Western System.

On Sunday, August 2nd, excursions will be run to Cirencester, Stroud, Gloucester, Cheltenham, &c., and on Monday cheap trains will be run to Oxford, Leamington, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Bath, Bristol, Stroud, Gloucester, Cheltenham, Reading, Pangbourne, Goring, Wallingford, &c.

### LONDON AND NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY.

THE London and North Western Company announce that the ticket offices at Euston, Broad Street, Kensington, and Willesden Junction will be open throughout the day from Monday, July 27th, to Monday, August 3rd, inclusive, so that passengers wishing to obtain tickets for any destination on the London and North Western Railway can do so at any time of the day prior to the starting of the train. Tickets, dated to suit the convenience of passengers, can be obtained at any time (Sundays and Bank Holidays excepted) at the following town receiving offices of the Company: 15 Queen Street, E.C.; Spread Eagle; 3 Whittington Avenue, Leadenhall Market, E.C.; Swan-with-Two-Necks, 65 Gresham Street, E.C.; 13 Eastcheap; Cross Keys, Wood Street, Cheapside, E.C.; 22 Aldersgate Street, E.C.; 65 Aldgate, E.; 30 West Smithfield, E.C.; 8 and 9 Clerkenwell Green, E.C.; Bolt-in-Tun, 64 Fleet Street, E.C.; 116 Holborn, E.C.; George and Blue Boar, 235 High Holborn, W.C.; 43 New Oxford Street, W.C.; Universal Office, Spread Eagle, Piccadilly Circus, W.; Golden Cross, Charing Cross, W.C.; Hotel Windsor, Victoria Street, S.W.; Royal Albert and Victoria Docks; Canning Town Goods Station; 34 Parliament Street, Westminster; 231 Edgware Road W.; Atlas Office, 167 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.; 70 St. Martin's Lane, W.C.; Lion, 108 New Bond Street, W.; 496 Oxford Street, W.; Griffin's Green Man and Still, 241 Oxford Street, W.; 33 Hereford Road, Bayswater, W.; Knightsbridge, 34 Albert Gate; S.W., Kensington, 33 High Street, W.; 117 High Street, Borough, S.E.; 233 and 234 Blackfriars Road, S.E.; Surrey Railway Office, 138 Newington Causeway S.E.; 194 Westminster

Bridge Road, S.E.; Islington, "Angel," 5 Pentonville Road, N.; 3 James Street, Covent Garden; London, Brighton, and South Coast Office, 8 Grand Hotel-buildings, Charing Cross. Tickets can also be obtained at Gaze and Son's Tourist Office, 142 Strand, W.C. The Company also announce that on Thursday, July 30th, and Friday, July 31st, special express trains will leave Euston at 6.25 p.m., for Holyhead and Ireland. On Saturday, August 1st, special trains will leave Willesden Junction at 2.45 p.m. for the Trent Valley Line and Stafford, and from Euston at 4.25 p.m. for Birmingham, calling at Willesden, Rugby, Coventry, and Stetchford. The 4.10 p.m. train, Euston to Kendal, will be extended to Windermere. On the same date a special express train (1st, 2nd, and 3rd class) will leave Birmingham (New Street) at 4.5 p.m. for Northampton, calling at Stetchford, Coventry, and Rugby. On Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday, August 1st, 3rd, and 4th, the 7.0 p.m. express from Birmingham to London will travel via Northampton, thus affording an additional service from Birmingham to Northampton, and Northampton to London. The train will arrive at Northampton at 8.20 p.m., depart 8.23, arrive Bletchley 8.50, depart 8.52, arrive Willesden 9.47 p.m., and London (Euston) at 10.0 p.m. On Bank Holiday, Monday, August 3rd, the following express trains will not be run from London (Euston), viz., the 9.30 a.m. to Birmingham and Wolverhampton (passengers for this district must leave Euston at 9.0 a.m.); the 3.0 p.m. to Bletchley; and the 4.30 p.m. to Birmingham, Melton Mowbray, Nottingham, and Coventry (passengers for Melton Mowbray, and the Nottingham Line must leave Euston at 3.15 p.m.), as well as the express trains to and from the City, St. Albans, Watford, and Kensington. Numerous residential trains will also be discontinued, particulars of which can be ascertained on reference to the Company's local notices. The up and down dining saloons between London, Liverpool, and Manchester, will not be run on Bank Holiday. Cheap excursions will be run by this company from London to Birmingham, Coventry, Leamington, Kenilworth, Dudley, Walsall, Wednesbury, Wolverhampton, Leicester, Liverpool, Manchester, Huddersfield, Bradford, Shrewsbury, Hereford, Aberystwith, Borth, Abergavenny, South and Central Wales, Chester, North Wales, Bolton, Blackburn, Southport, Morecambe, Blackpool, Carlisle, the English Lake District, and to various other places on the company's system. Similar trains will be run from many of the districts named to London, including bookings to Brighton, Hastings, St. Leonards, Portsmouth, Southampton, and also to Paris and the Continent. Bills and full particulars can be obtained on application at the railway stations and at the company's offices.

THE GENERAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY have made special arrangements for those who may patronise them during the Bank Holiday week. Their splendid steamers will leave for Antwerp on Saturday, 1st August, at 4 p.m., arriving in Antwerp on Sunday Morning; returning from Antwerp on Tuesday, 4th August, at 2 p.m. For Ostend, leaving London on Saturday, 1st August, at 9 p.m.; returning from Ostend on Tuesday, 4th August. For Hamburg, via Harwich (Express), leaving Liverpool Street Station by Continental Express at 8 p.m. on Friday, 31st July, or Saturday, 1st August, arriving in Hamburg on Sunday or Monday Morning. Steamers will also be despatched to Margate, Ramsgate, Deal and Dover and Boulogne. A steamer will leave for Yarmouth, from London Bridge Wharf, at 6.30 a.m., 8 a.m., 8.15 a.m. Also at 8.45 a.m. and 10.15 a.m. (1st class only), on Saturday, August 1st. Further particulars can be had at the Offices, 55 Great Tower Street, London, E.C.

Bro. Clifford P. MacCalla, P.G.M. Pennsylvania, left by the s.s. City of Berlin on 15th July, and will be in London from 28th July to 1st August inclusive. He accompanies the Albany Templars. We learn that Bro. MacCalla only made up his mind at the last moment to join the party. The "Pilgrimage" will extend over about two months, and the brethren will visit England, Ireland, and the Continent.

Freemasonry in Reading has again given proof of its progressive energy, by the establishment in the town of a Rose Croix Chapter, for the practice of the higher degrees as cultivated in connection with the Ancient and Accepted Rite. This Chapter, which at present is the only one in Berkshire, is named the "Albert Victor Chapter, No. 117," and has recently been consecrated under most favourable auspices.

A good deal was said about Cornwall at a recent banquet at Thomas's Hotel, Devonport, in connection with Lodge Sincerity 189. The toast of the P.G.M. of Cornwall, the Earl of Mount Edgcombe, was proposed by W. Bro. F. R. Thomas P.M., who alluded to the fact that the Earl of Mount Edgcombe was now the oldest Past Master of Sincerity, and who coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Niness, of Boscawen Lodge, Chacewater. "The Visitors" were represented by Bro. H. W. Hookin S.W. of Lodge Honour and Prudence, Truro, who was the guest of the newly-installed Master Bro. George Stawell. The Treasurer of Lodge Sincerity is Bro. George Hawken, Manager of the Cornish Bank at Plymouth, and on Monday evening Bro. F. E. Sach was appointed S.D.



## IS MASONRY A RELIGION?

*An Address delivered by P.G. Master Bro. John W. McGrath, before Oriental Lodge, Detroit, Mich., 19th May 1891.*

THE term religion is one of the most elastic in the English language. Webster defines the word: First, as the recognition of God as an object of worship, love and obedience; right feelings towards God as rightly apprehended; piety. Second, as any system of faith and worship.

The "recognition of God as an object of worship" is common to most religions, while "right feelings towards God as rightly apprehended," would be interpreted by each sectarian to mean that apprehension which his sect entertained. Superstition is defined to be "an ignorant or irrational worship of the Supreme Deity," or "the worship of false Gods." Hence, practically, superstition is that apprehension which is entertained by those who differ from ourselves. It is what the "other fellow" believes. Any system of faith and worship includes any one of the thousands of systems of faith and worship.

It is said that Mohammedanism teaches the absolute sovereignty of God, towards whom man, being nothing in himself, has only one duty, that of obedience. The relationship between God and man it regards as one between the king and the subject or slave.

Buddhism is said, on the other hand, to neglect the Divine and elevate the human. The theory of Christianity is a fusion of these two, of what is termed religion, the recognition of God as an object of worship, love and obedience, and what is termed ethical thought, or the duty of man to man.

These three forms of religious thought only have been in any sense universalistic or nomadic, all others have been nomistic.

Practically the Christianity of the day is tinctured with Mohammedanism, and man is driven towards Buddhism.

Webster says further: "Religion denotes the influence and motives to human duty which are found in the character and will of God." Had Webster stopped here, I should be glad to adopt this latter definition, but he adds "While morality describes the duties to man."

Religion, as we understand it, denotes the influences and motives to human duty, both to God and man, which are found not only in the character and will of God, but grow out of man's relation to God and his fellows. It is no less than a code of human conduct—not only right feelings towards God, but towards man as well. The mischief of religion is the exclusion of ethical considerations.

No system of moral or religious ethics has ever been devised or formulated by human ingenuity adapted to all the wants and conditions of humanity, and at the same time sufficiently comprehensive in detail to provide rules of conduct for every relation or condition of human life. In the face of the experience of ages this is a moral impossibility, if detail is to be observed. It is impossible not only to anticipate relations and physical or social conditions, but to comprehend individual mental conditions as well.

It may be the duty of one individual to do that which should not be required or expected of another. Express rules of conduct therefore would be as multifarious as there are different conditions, both mental and physical. There is not only a diversity of moral perception, but there is an essential difference in both quantity and quality of brainy matter. The human "Think Book," as George MacDonald terms it, is not only different in form, but in size as well, and not only is there a wide difference in the number of pages, but in the quantity and quality upon each page.

It has been said, that although the features of the human face cover a superficial area of but a few inches, yet among the millions on millions of human beings that inhabit the earth, no two human faces are exactly alike; and the same unlikeness exists in the mental constitution or mental aspect or condition of the human family. Hence the insurmountable difficulties in the way of the codification of comprehensive rules for the government of human conduct.

Beliefs are as much dependent upon mental characteristics as feelings are upon physical conditions, and there

is a degree of irresponsibility even in the dyspeptic.

To formulate an abstract system of moral ethics, not only is the highest type of moral perception necessary, but the best fortune of mental endowment as well, and having devised such system, its adaptation to all types of moral perception, to all conditions of mental endowments, is essential to its universal adaptation and acceptance. In the construction of ethical systems, the great difficulty in their adaptability has been the presence in the mind of the architect thereof, of some belief, based upon some individual interpretation, that there is a fixed law by reason of which a large percentage of the human family are to be excluded—must necessarily be excluded—from the fortunes of that or any other system. Exclusiveness lies at the very root of the structure—that exclusiveness depending not so much upon practice as upon theory, not so much upon the condition of the heart as upon the product of the mind.

I have no faith in any theory which would punish men of honest beliefs, or honest purposes.

We need a system of religious ethics which shall comprehend and be adapted to the greatest possibilities for the greatest number, the largest fortunes for the greatest body of the human family, a system that shall be adapted to all conditions of man, physical as well as mental, that shall recommend itself to men of dull moral perception, as well as to those of keener moral intuitions, that shall embrace the better fortunes for men having less than the average number of ounces of brain, as well as those having the larger quantity, a system that shall mete out rewards and punishments not in accordance with iron rules forged by man for man, but rather in obedience to the will of "Him who tempers the wind to the shorn lamb;" and who alone can judge of the moral responsibilities of His own handiwork.

That system of ethics is of the most universal adaptation, the elemental and the fundamental principle of which affords the least room for difference, and which at the same time leaves the widest margin for individual judgment; which does not undertake to lay down arbitrary rules for individual action, or to define too minutely those things which admit of more than one definition, or to interpret arbitrarily those things which are susceptible of various interpretations.

One of the basic elements of Masonry is its constitutional adaptation to the wants, conditions and relations of all its votaries. It demands of the neophyte one belief, and only one—belief in God—an over-ruling Providence, the Creator of man and all things else, of mind and matter. It asks no man to define his conception of God as a condition precedent to his admission. It lays down a broad platform upon which men of different beliefs regarding the composition of the God-head may unite. It avoids all those questions, whether of doctrine or dogma, concerning which men may and do disagree. The Unitarian and Trinitarian kneel side by side at its altars and assume its duties and obligations. It concedes to both their undoubted right to their several interpretations; It requires certain obligations, but these afford no room for disagreement. It prescribes a limited number of rules of conduct, but none but those that have universal sanction. That which it prohibits none are found to defend. It does not undertake to define, or measure, or enumerate man's duty to God, or to his fellow, but contents itself with the establishment of the basis, not only of the mutual obligations of men, but of man's duty to God, leaving to each individual the responsibility of both the enumeration and discharge of those duties and obligations. Neither does it anywhere, either expressly or by implication, limit the range of duty or obligation.

One may be nominally a Mason by being initiated, passed and raised, thereafter paying his dues and simply avoiding those offences which render him liable to Masonic discipline, but no man was ever raised to the sublime heights of Masonic privilege or enjoyment, who contents himself with these attainments or observances. Masonic nourishment comes of Masonic activity. He most lives Masonically who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best, Masonically. As healthy physical growth comes of proper bodily exercise, as mental progress depends upon exercise, so does Masonic attainment, development and enjoyment depend upon Masonic activity.

Masonry adopts Revelation as the "rule and guide," the "inestimable gift," but it leaves its interpretation or

application to individual judgment. It makes each individual responsible not to "its" interpretation, but to "his own."

I, as a Mason, am opposed to that thought which would treat Masonry as a cold system of morality, divorced from that which gives to morality its energy, its vitality, viz., Godliness—possessing none of the warmth which that presence gives to it. The essentially basic principle of Masonry is belief in God; its life and all its thought are derived from that fundamental belief—belief in relationships growing out of the great Fatherhood. It points with no unmeaning frequency to the multifarious duties growing out of that relationship, not only as between finite and finite, but as between finite and infinite. I am opposed, too, to that thought that would limit the range of Masonic obligation to the expressed "thou shalt nots," or to the expressed "musts" of its ritual. Statutes do not prescribe the entire duties of citizenship, they but provide for public order and regulate within certain limits. The ten commandments do not cover the entire duty of man. No human creed ever undertook to cover the entire range of man's obligations.

Masonry not only gives to Revelation a place, but it makes it an essential feature and part of the Lodge. It not only declares it to be "the rule and guide," but points to it as containing the whole duty of man. Is there any system more comprehensive than that embraced in this Revelation; Is there any code of morals more explicit in its requirements?

Among the basic elements of Masonry, then, is, the great pivotal thought, belief in God—a system of morality it is true, but a system of moral philosophy not dissociated from religious thought—a system hinging upon that great central idea, that great fundamental truth. It associates its ethical teachings and precepts with what are termed the secular duties of man—indeed, in this respect, Masonry may still be said to be operative—at the same time, Masonry does not ignore, but everywhere recognizes and declares, man's duty to the Supreme Architect, the origin of relationships, the mainspring of all obligations. It raises no issue with church, or sect or creed, because it recognizes individual right to individual interpretation. In these matters, it allows the broadest latitude of belief and judgment, consistent with its great central thought. It glories in the length and breadth of its platform, and in the universal adaptation of its ethical thought. It inculcates charity, but not alone that charity which recognizes differences in conditions and dispenses to physical needs, but that charity which recognizes differences in mental construction, and gives to honest beliefs and purposes a place in the moral economy of the universe.

Masonry is designed to apply to the practical or secular activities of life certain principles of human conduct based upon human relationships. It recognises men as a constituent element of God's economy. Originally designed to protect operatives in their arts, it has advanced beyond the swaddling clothes of that morganatic period, when it was prostituted to the protection of individuals whether right or wrong. It is the co-worker with all other ameliorating or christianizing agencies. It wars against vice, crime, greed and selfishness. It is not an enemy to the church, or to any church. No person has a right to place me or my Masonry in an attitude of antagonism to any faith, creed, sect or belief. Honest convictions, which have their root in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, are entitled to the respect of every Mason, of every man. Neither should the belief of others, or an attitude of open opposition, change our status. It is not surprising that those from whom our mystic symbolism is hidden should judge it, its objects and purposes, by its effects upon our lives and conduct, which are not hidden. We would do well to remember that our words and deeds often belie our professions. So long as this is true, men will have little faith in our system, and criticism is both just and salutary. We should endeavour to silence opposition by our deeds, rather than our words, by our practices rather than our professions.

Masonry teaches not alone the brotherhood of Masons, but the brotherhood of man. A worthy man needs no Masonic pin to entitle him to my respect and esteem, nor can a Masonic pin cloak over the sin of Masonic unworthiness. Thanks to Masonry it has not left the question of worthiness to be determined by the size, or texture, or adjustment of a Masonic pin, but to individual judgment.

The great purpose of Masonry is to intensify the relationship of man to man, and thereby to intensify the obligations of man to man. God has created this earth for man, and man in his own image and so far as we know the limit of God's glory is man's possibilities. If man is a failure, I say it reverently, all else is a failure. Man is an integral part of the universe. God's glory is man's elevation and advancement. Both earth and heaven were created for him. Religion, inspiration, revelation exist for his comprehension. They exist because he exists. Man, all along, through the pages of history, has protested against the divorce of God and man, against the elimination of a man's duty to man from any religious code or system. All development, civilisation, advancement and progress must come, if at all, through the agency of man. Here and there have sprung up men, denounced as moralists, who have advanced ethical considerations, who have during the intensity of a practical fetichism pleaded for men not to stone gods, but to men, to the better instincts of man.

A practical atheism is often the product of an irrational theism.

Dr. Farnham, in a paper read before a gathering of clergymen in New York, on *Modern Scepticism*, referred to it as the natural reaction from foolish traditions and teachings. He said that the difficulty has not been in disbelieving the truth, but in not having the truth to believe.

The great difficulty with our moral, if not our religious theories, is their segregation, their separation from the practical duties and relations of life. The crying evils of the day are selfishness, cupidity and greed. They fill the world with poverty, distress and want. They are the bane of society, they stand in the way of the adjustment of pregnant questions of political economy. From the pulpit we banish the discussion of all secular questions, and from our legislative halls we exclude all sentimental considerations. Yet the fact is, that if religion is worth anything, its value is in that it teaches how, in what spirit, to transact the ordinary duties and business of life.

The progress of religious thought is too apt to be measured by the increased number and height of our church spires, rather than by the increase of honesty and square dealing. Expensive church buildings may be the sign of the decline of commercial integrity. Men are apt to pay more for absolution than for reformation. The most expensive temples erected to the glory of the Father are built in localities where there is most poverty, suffering and want among his children. The tallest church spire often casts its shadow over the greatest number of homeless children, or homes where poverty reigns. Men talk of the glory of the Father, under such circumstances, as though the Almighty Father, who observes the sparrows fall, could be glorified by magnificent temples, while his children were suffering for food and shelter.—*Keystone*.

(To be continued.)

PREPARE FOR PROMOTION.—It would be well if the custom were generally adopted of giving the subordinate Officers in a Masonic or other Lodge a practical training in the discharge of the duties of the various offices to which they may be promoted prior to such promotion. For example, in not a few Masonic Lodges the custom prevails of requesting the Senior Warden to occupy the East temporarily during the transaction of ordinary business, and even during the conferring of a degree, in order that he may gradually familiarise himself with the duties which he may be called upon to discharge. Especially is this invaluable when the brother's knowledge of parliamentary law is limited, and his confidence in himself perhaps still more limited. It is known that the late Schuyler Collax, who was one of the best parliamentarians the United States ever produced, laid the foundation of his ability as a presiding Officer in an *Odd Fellows' Lodge*. This is, perhaps, the most conspicuous example of what can be done by the brethren in the Lodge room in the way of advancing themselves, not only officially in Orders with which they may severally be connected, but in the great outside world, where positions of responsibility may be awaiting them.—*Fraternal News*.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—The Great Need.—The blood is the life, and on its purity our health as well as our existence depends. These Pills thoroughly cleanse the vital fluid from all contaminations, and by that means strengthen and invigorate the whole system, healthily stimulate sluggish organs, repress over-excited action, and establish the circulation and secretions throughout every part of the body. The balsamic nature of Holloway's Pills exercises marvellous power in giving tone to debilitated and nervous constitutions. These Pills remove all obstructions, both in the bowels and elsewhere, and are, on that account, much sought after for promoting regularity of action in young females and delicate persons who are naturally weak, or have from some cause become so.

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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## LODGE OF FREEDOM, No. 77.

THE annual festival of this ancient Lodge took place last Monday, at the Town Hall, Gravesend, where a large number of the members and brethren from the Provincial Lodges assembled at three o'clock to take part in the interesting proceedings. The W.M. Bro. Frank Hitchins presided, and was supported by the following brethren:—Solomon S.W., Rev. Augustus Jackson J.W., Champion P.M. P.P.G.D.C., Biggs P.M. P.P.G.D.C., Beamish P.M., King P.M., Carter P.M., Hedger P.M., Teece P.M., Doughty P.M., Russell P.P.G. Treasurer, Deane P.M., Rackstraw P.M., James Torry P.G.S.B., Adams P.P.G.S.W., Moulds P.G.S.B., McLeod P.P.G.S.W., John Barnard P.M. Secretary 2205, Cobham P.M. 1345, Palmer W.M. 1089, Wiggins W.M. 20, Walker W.M. 1464, Elston W.M. 183, Salt W.M. 1424, Wyatt W.M. 1050, Young W.M. 125, Tanner W.M. 184, Wood P.P.G.J.W., Busbridge W.M. 913, Wadmore W.M. 1678, Coste P.M., Barlow P.M., Hills P.M., Potter W.M. 1343, Berry, Soft, Regan, Nettlingham, Solomon, Buckle, Masters, Lygo, Shaw, West, Simpson, Orilton Cooper, Munday, French P.M. 483, Sam, Hawker. The Lodge having been duly opened in the various degrees, the W.M. announced that Bro. Joseph Solomon had been elected by the brethren as Master for the ensuing year; he was therefore brought before the Lodge and signified his assent to the usual questions. The Board of Installed Masters was then formed, and the ceremony of installation was impressively performed by Bro. William Russell, who conducted Bro. Solomon to the chair. The new Master having been saluted by the brethren according to ancient custom, proceeded to appoint and invest his Officers:—Bros. Rev. Jackson S.W., Rackstraw J.W., Biggs Secretary, Nettlingham S.D., Whitfield J.D., Gunn Dir. of Cers., Robins P.M. Organist, Shaw and Masters Stewards, Martin Tyler. Bro. Fowle was appointed I.G., but being absent on his honeymoon, his investiture was postponed. Bro. Champion having been re-elected Treasurer was also invested, and was subsequently appointed Charity Steward of the Lodge. The W.M. announced his intention of acting as Steward for the Jubilee Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and expressed his willingness to receive subscriptions. It was proposed by Bro. Beamish that the Masonic sermon preached by the Chaplain, Rev. Augustus Jackson, at Holy Trinity Church, Perry Street, on 21st June, should be printed at the expense of the Lodge. This was seconded by Bro. Teece, and carried unanimously. The thanks of the brethren were accorded to Brother William Russell for acting as Installing Master. The W.M. then proceeded to invest the I.P.M. Bro. Hitchins with a past Master's jewel, which had been cordially voted by the brethren in acknowledgment of the manner in which he had carried out the duties of the chair during his year of office. Brother Hitchins suitably returned thanks, and stated that he should always hold the jewel in high esteem, as it was the greatest compliment the brethren could bestow upon him. He had enjoyed a very pleasant year of office and had endeavoured to uphold the credit of the Lodge wherever he went. He then proceeded to present a Secretary's jewel to Bro. Biggs, who had filled that post since 1883, to the entire satisfaction of the Lodge, and though it was no easy berth, he trusted he might long be spared to occupy it. Bro. Biggs, in reply, said that the presentation had come upon him as a surprise, as he had carried on the work without expecting any reward, but he should now be assured of the good will of the brethren and consider the handsome jewel as a mark of esteem. The business of the afternoon being thus brought to a happy termination, the Lodge was closed in due form with solemn prayer, and the brethren adjourned to the New Falcon Hotel, where an excellent repast was served by Bro. John Simpson. The Wor. Master presided, and most of the above-mentioned brethren were also present. At the termination of the banquet the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received, Bro. Terry responding for the Grand Officers, and Bros. Moulds and Tanner replying for the Provincial Grand Officers. Bro. Hitchins once more resumed the gavel, for the purpose of proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, and said it was not often that a Bro. Solomon filled the chair. He had now reached the summit of his Masonic ambition by being elected Master of the Lodge in which he had been initiated. It was quite unnecessary to recite his qualifications for the post, as he was well known to the entire county. Bro. Solomon, in reply, said that he was greatly gratified to occupy the proud position, which was one that every Mason aspired to, especially in his own Lodge. He would do his utmost to fulfil his duties in a manner that would be satisfactory to the brethren, and in doing so he should tread closely on the heels of his predecessor, who had proved one of the best of Masters. Bro. William Russell, in an able speech, proposed the Masonic Charities, which he said were faithfully carrying out the grand principles inculcated at initiation. As Masonry was a progressive science, so must the Institutions go on increasing. The present year had been very notable in this direction, and the friendly rivalry that existed between the three great Masonic Charities was sure to bring about a beneficial result. The toasts were acknowledged by Bro. Terry for the "Old People" and by Bro. McLeod for the Boys, both of whom made urgent appeals on behalf of their institutions, which want of space alone prevents us reporting. The speeches were greeted with great applause. Bro. Wiggins, as representative of the oldest Lodge in the county, responded for the Visiting Brethren. Bro. Hitchins in replying for the Past Masters, said that being but recently a member of that honourable body he could not say much; still, now that he felt free from the cares of office he could look back with pleasure on the past year. He had represented the Lodge of Freedom at nearly every Lodge in the county, and had seen most of the Present Masters installed, he also found that the Lodge was always looked upon with respect wherever

he went. Bros. Champion, Biggs, Jackson and Rackstraw were likewise complimented, and returned thanks for their respective appointments. The very pleasant proceedings were brought to a close with the Tyler's Toast, and the company separated.

## ST. PETER'S LODGE, No. 481.

THE annual meeting was held on Monday, the 13th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle. Bro. Purvis S.W. was installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year by Brother Hamond W.M. There were 22 Present and Past Masters of Lodges at the raising to the chair of K.S. The following were invested Officers:—Bros. Hamond I.P.M., Bruce S.W., Cook J.W., Dinning Secretary, Spearman Treasurer, Ford Dir. of Cers., Liddle Organist, Turnbull S.D., Smith J.D., Stelling I.G., Nixon and Sutton Stewards, Curry Tyler. At the conclusion of the ceremony, which was very largely attended, the brethren adjourned to the Crown Hotel, Clayton Street, where over seventy sat down to dinner, which was served in Miss Robson's excellent manner. The usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a harmonious evening was brought to an end by the Tyler's toast.

## EVERTON LODGE, No. 823.

BRO. John Mantle was, on the 15th inst., at the Masonic Temple, Hope Street, Liverpool, duly installed as Wor. Master for the ensuing year. The Officers present were Bros. Britten W.M., Lunt P.M., Gow P.M., Boyle P.M., Molyneux P.M. P.P.G.D.C., Houlding P.M. P.P.G. Reg., Galley P.M., Beesley P.M., Mantle S.W., Kite J.W., Gilbert Secretary, King S.D., Spencer J.D., Maddox P.M. D.C., Ewart Organist, Millington I.G., Turner, Oates, Davey and Villar Stewards, Ball Tyler. Among visitors were Bros. Goodacre P.G.S.B. of England Prov. G. Sec., Haradon Prov. G. Treas., Bargery P.M. P.P.G.S.D., Footo P.P.G. Treas., Ebdy P.P.G.S. of Works (Durham), Whalley P.P.R. G.D. of C., Salter P.P.G.D., Lewis P.D.G.P. (Hong Kong and South China), Bottomley P.P.G.D. of C., Fineberg W.M. 1609, Peers W.M. 1620, Hunter W.M. 2290, Lowton W.M. 2042, Gosling W.M. 724, Kirkpatrick W.M. 1502, Rawsthorne W.M. 1182, Davaynes P.M. 667, Booth P.M. 1299, Hewson P.M. 249, Savage P.M. 1609, Grierson P.M. 1756, Webster P.M. 2215, and Davies P.M. 724. Having been duly installed by Bro. Britten, the retiring W.M. Bro. Mantle proceeded with the investiture of his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Britten I.P.M., Kite S.W., Gilbert J.W., Boyle P.M. Treas., King Secretary, Spencer S.D., Millington J.D., King P.M. P.G.J.D. D.C., Ewart Organist, Oates I.G., Bennett Davey, Griffiths, Bulmer and Welch Stewards, Ball Tyler, and Galley P.M. Charity Representative. During the after proceedings Bro. Lunt P.M. P.P.G. Treas., who is resigning the Treasurership, after holding it for twenty-two years, was presented with a handsome illuminated address.

## DALHOUSIE LODGE, No. 865.

THE regular monthly meeting was held on Wednesday, the 15th inst., at the Town Hall, Hounslow. Those present included Bros. Williams P.M., Keene P.M. P.G.P., W. C. Williams P.M., Swann I.P.M., Clare, Woods, Hatt, Spraggs, Betts, Gardner, Sidders, Cory, T. Barth, F. Barth, Haynes, Cox, Alexander, Dyer, Brown, Kow, Essex, &c. In the absence of the W.M., the I.P.M. occupied the chair. Bro. Alexander was passed to the second degree. Bros. Brown Dyer, and Knapp, of the Royal Commemoration Lodge, were raised to the sublime degree of Master Masons, by the W.M. The report of the Outing Committee was received, the arrangements being for the brethren, on the third Thursday in August, to take train to Maidenhead. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to Host Ball's, of the Red Lion, where an excellent repast was served.

## NEPTUNE LODGE, No. 1264.

ON the 15th inst. the members and their wives, to the number of eighty, held their annual picnic at Kew Gardens, Southport. The party travelled by rail from the Exchange Station, and on arrival at Southport they were conveyed to the gardens in wagonettes. A substantial dinner was served, and after the usual loyal toasts, Bro. J. J. Harley W.M., who presided, presented Mrs. Kohn with a silver tea and coffee service; also a tray, the latter containing the following inscription:—"Presented to Mrs. Wm. Kohn, together with a tea and coffee service, by the Neptune Lodge of Freemasons, No. 1264, as a mark of the appreciation of their gift of a handsome banner to the Lodge, and other acts of kindness by her during her husband's year of office as W.M. Liverpool, 15th July 1891." During the afternoon ladies' sports were held, the results of which were as follows:—Obstacle Race—1 Mrs. Halewood, 2 Miss Ironside. Potatoe Gathering Race—1 Miss Mothershead, 2 Miss Cotter, 3 Mrs. C. Fothergill. Quoits Competition—1 Mrs. Rimmer, 2 Mrs. Shipley, 3 Mrs. Fraser. Pipe Race—1 Miss Edwards, 2 Miss Hettie Edwards. Skipping Race Competition—1 Mrs. F. Ordish, 2 Mrs. Damp, 3 Mrs. Thompson. Egg and Spoon Race—1 Miss Irvin, 2 Miss Fraser, 3 Mrs. Linaker. Votes of thanks were passed, to the W.M. for the able manner in which he had conducted the arrangements, and to the management of the gardens for their excellent catering; Bro. Whittle, one of the Directors, responded to the latter.

## KENLIS LODGE, No. 1267.

AT the ordinary monthly meeting of this Lodge, on the 14th inst., Bro. James Muncaster P.M. P.P.G.S.D. Treasurer of the Lodge was presented with his portrait, painted in oils and beautifully framed, with a suitable inscription engraved on silver. Brethren from neighbouring and distant Lodges had assembled to do honour to the occasion. In making the presentation, Bro. James Stout



I.P.M. P.P.G. Sword Bearer feelingly alluded to his long personal acquaintance with Bro. Muncaster, extending over a period of forty years; and, in a neat speech, expressed the great obligations which the members of the Kenlis Lodge and himself personally owed to the long and unwearied labours of Bro. Muncaster on its behalf generally. Incidentally it was mentioned that Bro. Muncaster was one of the surviving founders of the Lodge, and its first Secretary. In concluding, Bro. Stout, in the name of the Past Masters, Worshipful Masters, Officers and Members, presented the portrait, as some slight recognition of Bro. Muncaster's long connection with and valued services to the Lodge, and hoped that it might be handed down to posterity, at the same expressing kindly wishes for Bro. Muncaster's health and long life. The presentation was applauded in the usual Masonic fashion. Bro. Muncaster, who was warmly greeted on rising to thank the brethren for the great honour conferred upon him, traced the history of the Lodge from its formation, and spoke of the many difficulties he and his colleagues had to surmount in the early days after its establishment. He gave due praise to the many eminent brethren who assisted in the enterprise, specially naming Bro. Crowther Morton, Whitehaven, for the great services he had rendered. Bro. W. Armstrong P.M. P.G. Steward proposed the toast of the visiting brethren, in a racy speech, and welcomed the large array of brethren on that particularly interesting occasion, whom the members of the Lodges were delighted to have the honour of entertaining. A most enjoyable evening, and one long to be remembered in the annals of Kenlis Lodge, was brought to a close in the usual Masonic manner.

#### DEE LODGE, No. 1576.

THE installation meeting took place on the 16th inst., in the Mostyn House School-room, Parkgate, and was numerously attended by members of the Lodge and Visitors from West Lancashire and North Wales. The retiring Worshipful Master Brother Hawkins presided, and there was a large body of Visitors. The W.M.-elect was presented by Bros. the Hon. H. Holbrooke and Richmond. The ceremony of installation was impressively performed by Bro. Morris P.M. The Worshipful Master invested his Officers, as follows:—Bros. Hawkins I.P.M., Forester S.W., Evans J.W., Morris P.M. Treasurer, Gibbs Secretary, Mayers S.D., Fearn J.D., Gerrish I.G., Jones P.M. D. of C., Dutton, Davies, Edwards Stewards, Phipps Organist, Crott Tyler. Bro. Hawkins I.P.M., was presented with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, in recognition of his very valuable services to the Lodge during the year. Subsequently the brethren adjourned to the Lodge Room, the Union Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served by Mrs. Acton. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to. The musical brethren contributing to a highly enjoyable evening were Bros. Curwen, Ellis, Robinson, Richmond, Ramage, Ritson, Poole, and Phipps, the latter at the installation officiating at the organ, and also presiding at the piano-forte at the banquet, where he contributed a march of his own composition, specially written for the occasion, and which was received with much favour by the many brethren present.

#### CRICKLEWOOD LODGE, No. 2361.

THE annual meeting took place at the Royal Hotel, Henley, on Thursday, the 2nd inst., there being present Bro. James Willing jun. Worshipful Master and Mrs. Willing, Bro. Stephens Secretary and S.W. and Mrs. Stephens, Bro. J. Potter J.W. and Mrs. Potter, Bro. J. W. Spooner, Bro. and Mrs. Wilkes, Bro. and Mrs. Paul, Bro. and Mrs. Hare, Bro. Paul Burgess, Bro. Ginger, Bro. and Mrs. Lloyd, Bro. Shaw, Bro. and Mrs. Hedges, Bro. and Mrs. Parkess, Bro. Denton, Bro. Galland, Bro. Warner, Mrs. McLeod (wife of Bro. McLeod Secretary of Boys' Masonic Institution), Miss Osborn, &c. The W.M. felicitously proposed prosperity to the Cricklewood Lodge. The three bachelors of the Lodge, Bros. Spooner, Burgess and Lloyd responded for the Ladies, and the three sons of the W.M. for the Visitors. The health of the W.M., proposed by Bro. Stephens, was received with cheers, and replied to by Bro. Willing in an admirable speech, in the course of which he expressed their hearty acknowledgments to their host and hostess, Bro. and Mrs. Trotman. The steam launch, the "Fashion," was engaged to bring the Visitors to Henley, and a band of music played on the lawn during and after the banquet. The Cricklewood Lodge is an offshoot of the Strand Lodge, No. 1987, of which Bro. Willing was W.M. for the first two years; he was also the founder of the Metropolitan, No. 1507, the Savoy, No. 1744, and lastly of the Cricklewood, No. 2361 Lodges. His great popularity is attested by the fact that here (as in other Lodges) he has just been re-elected W.M. for the second time.—*Reading Mercury*.

#### Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614.—

At the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 16th inst., there were present Bros. Bergholz W.M., Hambly S.W., Lincoln J.W., Foon Assistant Preceptor, Reynolds Treasurer and Secretary, Hoggins S.D., Bromley J.D., Warwick I.G., Weeks Tyler, Kirk and Reynolds. After formalities had been observed, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. Reynolds candidate. The Lodge was resumed. Bro. Hambly was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Warner Lodge of Instruction, No. 2192.—At Bridge Chambers, Hoo Street, Walthamstow, on Monday, 20th inst., there were present Bros. Trickett W.M., Westfield P.P.G.S.B. S.W., Cooke J.W., Shurmer Prov. Grand Treasurer Preceptor, Fortescue Treas., Ives P.M. S.D., Bestow J.D., Lloyd I.G., Allen Secretary, Collett Steward, Stacy Organist, Dunbar, Jeremy, Short, How, Smith, Lewis, Clark, Wilson, Bateman, Taylor, Baillie, Stauffer, Horst, Wilson P.M., Goulding, Knight P.M., King, Pinder P.M., MacCalla, Kempthorne, McGowan P.M. After preliminaries, Bro. Oakden offered himself as a candidate and answered the questions leading from 1st to

2nd degree. He was entrusted, and the Lodge was opened in 2nd degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Bro. Bestow then occupied the chair, and Bro. Clarke answered questions leading to 3rd degree, and was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in third, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Bro. Westfield was unanimously elected to occupy the chair at ensuing meeting. A cordial vote of thanks was passed and ordered to be recorded upon the minutes for the excellent way in which Bro. Trickett had worked. There being no further business, the Lodge was closed and adjourned.

#### INTERESTING CEREMONY.

ON the 16th inst., an interesting ceremony took place at the Masonic Hall, Molesworth Street, Dublin, on the occasion of the installation of his Grace the Duke of Abercorn Grand Master of Ireland, as Grand King of the Royal Arch Chapter, in room of Judge Townshend, resigned. The Royal Arch Masons mustered in strong force, in full regalia. The gathering presented a most brilliant spectacle. Companion Judge Townshend the out-going Grand King presided, being supported by all the Grand Officers. The incoming King having been announced in due form, Companion Judge Townshend expressed the pleasure it gave him to instal the Grand Master into the office which he had himself held for many, many years. He hoped his Grace would occupy the high office for many years, in health and prosperity, for he was aware that his Grace entered upon his new duties with the hearty good-will of all the members of the Order. He had now great pleasure in handing him the sceptre, showing his authority in the highest position of the Royal Arch Order in Ireland, and in investing him with the emblems of his high office. His Grace, having been saluted according to ancient custom, expressed his high appreciation of the great honour that had been conferred upon him. It was greatly enhanced by the way in which his honoured and highly esteemed friend the Past Grand King had spoken of him. It would, he assured them, be his great object to fulfil the duties of his new office in a manner in some degree approaching the efficiency with which their late Grand King had discharged them. The Grand King then announced that he had appointed Companion Fox Goodman as his Deputy, and expressed regret that owing to illness Companion Goodman was not present to be installed. Companion R. W. Shekleton, Q.C., ex-Deputy Grand King, proposed a vote of thanks to Companion Judge Townshend for the highly satisfactory manner in which he had discharged his duties as Grand King during a period extending over many years. The motion was passed with acclamation. Companion Judge Townshend thanked the Companions with whom he had acted for so many years. Their association had been of the happiest character. It was gratifying that the Royal Arch Order was now one of great magnitude and influence. It was only owing to advancing years that he had been obliged to retire from the office which he had held with the greatest pleasure to himself, and he was glad to know that he had filled it also with satisfaction to the members of their great Order. The convocation was then closed.

The Officers and brethren of the Masonic Lodges in Doncaster, with their lady friends, held their annual picnic on the 16th inst. Arrangements were made, under the presidency of Bro. Langbridge of the Mark, and Bro. Fitzgerald of the Craft, to visit the Dukeries. The party, numbering over 70, left for Worksop and Retford in saloon coaches at 9:45, having a special from Retford, and before 11 o'clock were fairly on their way, mounted on char-a-bancs drawn by four horses each, towards the seat of his Grace the Duke of Portland. After the wonders of Welbeck Abbey had been viewed, the friends went forward to Edwinstowe, and dined in the midst of forest scenery, and a well prepared dinner here received justice at the hands of the visitors. The Principal of the Chapter, Bro. Bellerby, presided, and after a sojourn of nearly two hours, Bro. Pawson the M.C. gave instructions to go forward to Clumber. No description need be attempted of this magnificent residence, Church, or Library, for no one can fairly well conceive the splendour of Welbeck and Clumber, or the beauty of the surrounding scenery without a personal visit. After Welbeck Abbey, Sherwood Forest, Edwinstowe, Thoresby, and Clumber were "done," the party drove back to the house of Bro. Knight, at the Station Hotel, Worksop, where tea was provided. After a pleasant repast, the brethren escorted the gentler majority to their saloons for home, and arrived in Doncaster shortly after eight o'clock. Bros. Rayner and Blake the Treasurers, and Bro. Hanson, the Secretary, contributed to make the excursion an enjoyable and successful one; whilst the Worshipful Masters and Scribe E. received the well-merited approval both of brethren from home and other towns who had joined the party.

At the last meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Meath, held in the Masonic Hall, in the Town of Cavan, a beautifully illuminated address and gold repeater watch, was presented to Bro. Dr. F. E. Clarke, of Boyle, who held the office of Provincial Grand Secretary from September 1880 until the end of last year, "in gratitude for his valuable services, and as a mark of affection and esteem." The watch is a most valuable one, and the address is signed by the Marquis of Headfort, Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Meath on behalf of the brethren, and countersigned by Brother G. H. Miller, who succeeded Dr. Clarke in the Provincial Grand Secretaryship. It is a splendid specimen of the illuminators' art. The presentation was made by Brother Norman D'Arcy, the Deputy Grand Master of the Masonic Province of Meath.

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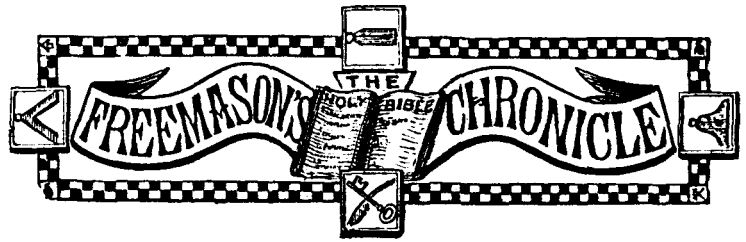
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### PROV. GRAND LODGE OF SURREY.

THE announcement made some weeks back, that the Freemasons of Surrey were once again to enjoy the rule of a regular Provincial Grand Master, called forth general expressions of approval in the district; not that the Craftsmen of the county were dissatisfied with the work of the official who had been in charge since the death of the late General Studholme Brownrigg, who filled the office from 1871 to the time of his death, but rather because it is so usual in all Masonic matters to recognise a chief that anything like working under a Deputy creates a strange feeling—one of something wanting, which leads to the belief that the system is incomplete, and causes a certain lack of enthusiasm which must be detrimental to the district which it affects. Surrey has long mourned the death of its late Provincial Grand Master, but has this week had the pleasure of welcoming a successor in the person of Colonel Gerard Noel Money, C.B., who not only comes to the district fully qualified by experience in a somewhat similar office, but has already won considerable respect in the Province of which he is now the chief, by personally attending some of the meetings held since he was appointed to the office by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and showing a desire to become acquainted with the brethren over whom he will rule, let us hope, for many years to come.

The Province of Surrey, at the present time, includes thirty-six Lodges, which are well distributed throughout the county, and have shown themselves capable of good work in the past. No doubt Colonel Money will find them ready and willing to respond to his directions, and it is but natural to look for increases from time to time, considering the importance of the district, and the rapid way in which towns are being extended. The records of the past give the following succession of Masonic rulers:—

Thomas Parker . . . . .	appointed 1772
John Meyrick . . . . .	1795
Frederick John, 5th Lord Monson . . . . .	1836
Alexander Dobie . . . . .	1847
General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B. . . . .	1871

The installation of Colonel Money took place on Thursday, at the Public Hall, Croydon, the ceremony being performed by the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master of England the Earl of Lathom, who was supported by a distinguished body of Grand Officers, with a very large contingent of members of the Province of Surrey. The Deputy Grand Master, in charge of the Province, opened Provincial Grand Lodge, and his first duty was to appoint Dr. Strong Senior Warden in place of Colonel Money. The Provincial Grand Master in charge having been formally saluted, he appointed a deputation to receive the Pro Grand Master, who was regularly introduced into the Lodge. The roll of Lodges in the Province was then called over, it being found that all were represented. The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, the Pro Grand Master addressed Grand Lodge, explaining the purpose for which they were assembled that day—the installation of Col. Gerard Noel Money, C.B., Past Deputy District Grand Master of the Panjab. Lord Lathom paid a high tribute to the memory of the late Provincial Master General J. Studholme Brownrigg, whose services to the Province had been so highly appreciated, and he ventured to express the opinion that a worthy successor had been found in Colonel Money, who was in waiting to receive the benefit of installation. Colonel Money having complied with the request to submit his patent, this was read, and the Provincial Grand Master Designate was introduced, obligated, and regularly installed. The new Provincial Grand Master was then duly proclaimed and saluted, and announced his intention to continue Bro. Frederick West P.G.D. in the office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master. The patent of this Officer having been read, the appoint-

ment was formally made by Colonel Money, who, in doing so, referred to Bro. West's past services, and the appreciation in which they were held by the members of the Province. Bro. West was then obligated, and took his seat as Deputy Provincial Grand Master. Bro. George Price was re-elected to the office of Provincial Grand Treasurer, no other nomination being offered, while the following were invested as the Officers for the year:—

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G. F. Roumieu	Junior Warden
Rev. J. Cater	} Chaplains
E. L. G. Houndle	
Charles Greenwood	Secretary
J. Nightingale	Registrar
Alfred Lambert	} Senior Deacons
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H. J. Garrod	} Junior Deacons
J. R. Hubbard	
W. Woodward	Supt. of Works
C. H. Knight	Dir. of Cers.
David Hughes	Deputy Dir. of Cers.
A. Wilson	Assist. Dir. of Cers.
P. Shepherd	Sword Bearer
W. E. Potter	} Standard Bearers
H. L. Gooch	
T. A. Hill	Organist
F. P. Hill	Pursuivant
R. Bunce	Assist. Pursuivant
A. W. R. Sowman	} Stewards
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A. E. Lean	
W. G. Fenn	
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R. Potter	

A congratulatory address was presented to the Provincial Grand Master from the members of his Lodge—the Peace and Harmony, which was gracefully acknowledged by Colonel Money. The Treasurer's report showed the accounts of the Province to be in a sound condition, with upwards of £300 balance in hand. Grants were made to the two branches of the Benevolent Institution: Widows' Fund £31 10s; Male Fund £37 15s, those amounts completing the Province's qualification as Patron of each Fund. A further sum of £21 was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and a like sum to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The Provincial Grand Master expressed the approval of all present at the efforts made by the entertaining Lodges, and thanks were tendered to Bros. Woodward and Langton for their exertions. The next announcement Col. Money had to make was one of regret—that Lord Lathom would be unable to remain for the banquet, but he was sure he was expressing the feeling of those assembled when he tendered him hearty thanks for the honour he had done the Province and the service he had rendered them that day. Lord Lathom briefly returned thanks. He was under orders from the Most Worshipful Grand Master to dine with him that evening, or should have had infinite pleasure in remaining in Surrey. It was gratifying to him that his first official act since his appointment as Pro Grand Master had been the installation of his old friend Colonel Money. It had afforded him great gratification, and he heartily wished Col. Money might have a long and prosperous reign. This completed the business, and Provincial Grand Lodge was closed. Among the Grand Officers present were General Laurie Grand Master Nova Scotia, Colonel Elliott D.G.M. Barbadoes, Hugh D. Sandeman P.D.G.M. Bengal, Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg Past Grand Chaplain, Richard Eve P. Grand Treas., D. P. Cama P.G. Treas., F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, Thomas Fenn President Board General Purposes, C. Belton V.P.B.G.P., Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, Frank Richardson P.G.D. (who acted throughout the day as Director of Ceremonies), Captain N. G. Philips P.G.D., H. J. P. Dumas P.G.D., V. P. Freeman P.G.D., Magnus Ohren P.G.A.D.C., J. Lewis Thomas P.G.A.D.C., James Terry P.G. Sword Bearer, C. F. Hogard P.G. Std. Bearer, C. F. Matier P.G. Std.B., Henry Garrod P.G.P., Henry Sadler Grand Tyler, &c., &c. Among the Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers were H. M. Hobbs, H. C. L. Bennett, J. D. Langton, H. C. S. Dumas, C. H. Woodward, Lennox Browne, H. G. Thompson, W. H. Hall, G. Dixon, J. M. McLeod, Wardens; W. Vincent, H. W. Turner, Lord Victor A. Seymour, Chaplains; W. F. Hawes, J. S. Streeter, S. W. Lambert, Registrars; H. E. Francis, A. T. Jeffery, J. S. Fraser, W. Smith, F. T. Ridpath, R. Piper, L. J. Wood-

ward, J. Hamer Owens, S. Parsons Smith, J. W. H. Thompson, T. F. Lloyd, C. T. Tyler, J. Chumley, Deacons; S. P. Catterson, W. Pile, J. K. Pitt, J. J. Slade, E. C. Mulvey, W. Chapman, H. W. Humphreys, S. Bearers; F. Flood, A. E. Taylor, W. Clifford, Z. King, R. W. Price, F. R. Doorman, G. D. Lister, G. Yaxley, Supt. of Works; F. Cambridge, J. Rhodes, G. C. Barry, John O'Connell, Organists; F. Carter, John Hughes, G. Payne, T. Long, A. Lamb, John Hooke, Dirs. of Cers.; W. A. Laker, A. F. Asher, George Moorman, W. P. Catterson, Pursuivants; F. K. Pearce 1362, H. A. Howe 1362, W. J. Farmer 463, F. F. Mullett P.M. 1556, J. William 2146, M. A. Alison 2146, T. K. Beck S.W. 2146, E. St. Clair I.P.M. 2060, C. Sargent S.W. 1261, G. Collins J.W. 2317, A. W. Reade Chaplain 1920, L. Weaver 2317, A. W. Crewdson W.M. 2120, C. Wallis 771, C. Prior 1089, W. Gripper S.D. 1826 E. J. Berry 1321, W. O. Welsford D.C. 1321, W. Thomas S.W. 2222, W. E. Fenn W.M. 1556, G. S. Horsnail W.M. 1790, D. Hughes P.M. 901 2222, W. J. Day Sec. 1790, R. P. Clowes 2201, A. H. Dyball 1790, G. H. F. Prynne 1826, R. Maidstone 463, S. Spicer J.W. 410, R. S. Armstrong J.D. 410, A. Adams P.M., H. Gough 463, W. J. James 2218, A. W. R. Sowman I.P.M. 1395, Martin Taylor 463, Gordon Smith P.M. 14, T. W. Evans 2234, C. Y. Holdgate P.M. 1929, T. Whitford 121, R. Gardner S.W. 1826, H. J. Shelley W.M. 1981, C. K. Heather 416, J. B. Lancaster P.M. 2317, Thomas Daysh 1564, C. W. Stephens P.M. 14, A. H. Rees I.P.M. 1362, A. Crowley 463, B. A. Williams S.W. 463, G. H. Chapman P.M. 1556, T. Pennington D.C. 1638, G. A. King 463, A. Wood 1362, Abel Laurence P.M. Sec. 1638 P.P.S.G.D., W. Youldon P.M. 1638, J. Youldon P.M. 1981, W. Parker P.M. 1851, S. C. Reid P.M. 1174, A. Lionel Scott P.M. 370, F. A. Lloyd 370, C. R. Joslin 1981, F. G. Smith 1981, C. Cooke S.W. 1851, W. J. Holmes 1981, J. J. Wright S.D. 1981, A. Baker 1981, J. Keal 1981, F. Finch J.D. 1851, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, F. S. Smyth S.W. 1982, W. C. Sabine 1892, E. Leigh P.M. 1616, W. H. Brodie Worshipful Master 1046, F. Hallows Past Master 1982, H. James 463, A. Meier 1538, W. W. Morgan jun. 177, S. Marsh 2234, James Beeby 1826, F. S. Silliton W.M. 1362, M. Spiegel P.M. 1981, E. T. Madloy S.W. 2120, T. Johnson 2146, W. D. Hayward D.C. 2096, F. Harper 2120, G. F. Budden J.W. 2146, E. Trencarne J.D. 1536, R. Babbs I.G. 2146, J. Bolton S.D. 1790, W. Bunce 2146, F. E. Babbs D.C. 2146, T. Bentham 1616, H. Summers P.M. 1362, H. D. Aslett P.M. 1892, H. Wilson 370, C. F. Davis 1981, F. Tolmie J.D. 1360, G. H. Martin 463, J. E. Jepps 1892, J. Morley 1638, J. H. Taylor J.W. 1638, E. Privett 1362, J. Kilvington P.M. 1790, F. R. Rayner I.G. 1790, H. J. Garrod P.M. 416, C. Chcel, J.W. 777, E. C. Symmons S.W. 1790, P. E. Campbell J.W. 1670, F. C. Mornson S.W. 416, A. T. Hill W.M. 1347, C. A. Hardwick W.M. elect 1347, W. E. Chapman W.M. 2190, G. A. Ball J.W. 1981, A. L. Spiegel 1981, J. A. Chalk 1929, S. Ellis 1981, H. W. Noakes 1982, J. S. Cumberland P.M. 1611 and 2128 P.P.G.W. N. and E. Yorks, T. Griffiths J.W. 463, G. J. Barnett J.W. 1929, J. Pollard I.P.M. 1826, J. H. Crofts I.P.M. 1872, A. H. Salter J.D. 1892, A. Briscoe W.M. 1929, C. H. Howlett A.D.C. 1929, W. Woodward P.M. 1920, W. H. Breerton W.M. 1920, G. W. Smith 1920, C. Reader Chaplain 1920, W. Avery 463, W. Jolly S.W. 1929, S. H. Hodgkin J.W. 1872, F. A. Norton W.M. 1892, J. H. Price W.M. 2096, E. J. Hammett 1287, Frank Taylor P.M. 1260, C. Bayley W.M. 370, J. Wayte I.G. 2096, J. Pearson 2096, S. Brooks P.M. 1900, E. E. Westmacott 889, F. P. Hill P.M. 2146, H. Almond 2234, A. C. Murton 1649, G. W. Pent 1362, S. Hewett W.M. 2146, A. Wilson P.M. 2146, R. Williams S.D. 2146, H. Blakeney P.M. 1149. After the conclusion of the Lodge proceedings the annual banquet was held, under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master, who in due course proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft, which was followed by the National Anthem. The health of the Prince of Wales was next given, and was heartily honoured. In proposing the toast of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past Col. Money referred to the honour done him by the attendance of the Pro Grand Master. He was also indebted to Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, who had so kindly acted as Installing Officer at the Royal Arch meeting. With the toast he associated the name of Colonel Elliott, District Grand Master Barbadoes, who, in reply, said a great honour had been done him in associating his name with the toast. He had not anticipated such a compliment, but he had

been taught to be equal to an emergency and he felt bound to carry out the wish of the chairman. He referred to the zeal displayed by the members of the Province in their Masonic work, and urged the desirability of promoting Brotherly Love, and to uphold the best principles of Freemasonry as practised throughout the world. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, proposed the health of the Provincial Grand Master. He, like the last speaker, had not anticipated being called upon, as he expected Lord Lathom would have remained with them. Colonel Money and he were brother Officers, and he was pleased to see him in his present proud position. Col. Clerke next made reference to what Lord Lathom had said in regard to the late General Brownrigg. It might be urged that a wave of sorrow had passed over the Province when his death was announced. The past, however, must deal with the past, and in the course of events the Most Worshipful Grand Master had appointed a distinguished military man to succeed the late General. Through the exigencies of health, Col. Money had been compelled to relinquish a distinguished military career abroad, and he was now enjoying and appreciating the benefits of repose and change of climate. In Colonel Gerard Noel Money they had a gentleman who would devote himself most assiduously to the advancement of the Province of Surrey and its Masonic doings. He had great pleasure in submitting the toast for the acceptance of the brethren. In reply Colonel Money said the Grand Secretary had alluded to the loss sustained by the Province by the death of General Brownrigg. He (Col. Money) felt he had a difficult task to perform in following so zealous and enthusiastic a Mason, but he felt himself now at home, and began to appreciate the meaning attaching to the word Brother. He trusted they would treat him as an elder brother, and would look up to and regard him as one.

The health of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and the other Officers was next proposed by the Chairman, who looked forward to the pleasure of knowing them better by the time his Grand Lodge again assembled. Bro. West, in the course of his reply, stated that was the first opportunity he had had for the last three and a half years of returning thanks as a Provincial Grand Officer. In following General Brownrigg, and as Provincial Grand Master in charge, he had a difficult task to perform, but he was comforted and supported by the assistance he had received on all hands. It was a happy thing for the Province that a local man had now been installed as its ruler. He assured the Provincial Grand Master that not only he, but all the other Officers of the district, would do all that lay in their power to render him assistance, and second his efforts to promote the welfare of the Craft in Surrey. General Laurie, Grand Master Nova Scotia, responded for the visitors, and a few other toasts having been given, the proceedings were brought to a conclusion.

#### PROV. GRAND LODGE OF NORFOLK.

ON Wednesday, the 15th inst., the Annual Meeting was held in the Corn Hall, Dereham, which had been tastefully arranged and decorated by Messrs. Holborn, of Norwich. It was attended by about 150 members, including Lord Suffield R.W. P.G.M., Mr. Hamon Le Strange G.D. W.D.P.G.M., Rev. H. C. Casson, Rev. J. Wimble, H. J. Sparkes, H. G. Barwell, R. H. Aldham, B. Bond Cabbell, G. W. G. Barnard, J. B. Aldis, Walter Diver, H. Haylock, W. Smith, R. T. Noverre, J. A. Barnard, G. F. Smith, &c. After the meeting the members, wearing their regalia, walked to the parish church, where a service was held and a sermon preached by the Rev. J. Donne, vicar of Yarmouth, from the words "I sanctify myself." The offertory, which was in aid of the restoration fund, amounted to £10 10s. In the evening a banquet was served by Mr. G. Barton, of the King's Arms Hotel, in the Corn Hall, and about 100 sat down. Lord Suffield presided, and after the repast the usual loyal and masonic toasts were drunk, interspersed with singing.

The last number of "The Caterer," a journal devoted to the interests of hotel and restaurant proprietors, contains a portrait and biography of Bro. John Simpson, the manager of the Old and New Falcon Hotels, at Gravesend, together with sketches of both houses.

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#### PROV. GRAND CHAPTER OF SURREY.

PREVIOUS to the assembling of Provincial Grand Lodge the annual Convocation of the Royal Arch Masons of the county was held, when Colonel Money was installed Grand Superintendent of the Province, and the following were invested as the Officers for the year:—

Frederick West	H.
C. Tyler	J.
George Price	Treasurer
C. Attersoll Smith	Registrar
C. Greenwood	S.E.
C. M. Hogg	S.N.
W. J. Nicholls	P.S.
H. J. W. Dumas	1st A.S.
A. Adams	2nd A.S.
W. G. Fenn	Sword Bearer
J. Youldon	Standard Bearer
C. Sheppard	Dir. of Cers.
G. Moorman	Assist. Dir. of Cers.
F. Cambridge	Orgaunist
R. Potter	Janitor

Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke officiated as Installing Principal.

Among those who attended, in addition to many of those included in the list of Provincial Grand Lodge Officers, were—

W. S. Fenn H. 463, G. S. Horsnail 2096, J. Warren Z. 1348, J. A. Baber P.P.G.S.B., W. Parker H. 1851, G. Edridge 463, W. Gripper 2182, A. H. Scurrah N. 2048, W. A. Scurrah P.Z. 749, J. D. Hunt 1321, E. St. Clair H. 2060, R. Williams 889, W. E. Chapman H. 2190, E. Houndle, H. J. Dumas Z. 410, W. D. Hayward 2096, W. W. Lee A.S. 1524, John Youldon 452, W. Youldon 452, C. G. L. Knipling 452, W. F. Howe 463, J. R. Mosse 463, J. H. Price 1321, Arthur Adams H. 2096, Abel Laurence Z. 889, J. H. Sumner 889, Pennington 889, G. Moorman P.Z. 889, S. Brooks P.Z. 1900, H. Summers H. 1149, C. H. Knight 1395, H. C. S. Dumas J. 410, T. Clark P.Z. 2246, S. Hewett Z. 1614, A. Wilson S.N. 889, F. Taylor J. 1260, Gordon Smith J. 2096, G. Pearson 2096, H. Blakeney 1149, J. M. Andrew P.Z. 410, W. F. O'Connell 393, W. O. Welford 1321, E. S. Berry 1321, C. C. Bayley 370, C. Sheppard P.Z. 2246, M. Spiegel J. 1556.

#### WEAK MASTERS.

WILL the time ever come when Masonic office-seekers in this jurisdiction will learn that there is much more to be acquired than the ritual, in order to be able to fulfil their duties in the East?

There are—and we blush to say—men sitting in the east who are as ignorant of the sublime history and ancient landmarks of Masonry as they are of the Coptic rites. Like the parrot in Grant Allen's "By Taboo," they are able to lisp their ritual in a stumbling and halting way. Half of the symbolic language is so much Greek, and they will not even go to the trouble of buying a cheap pronouncing dictionary, so as to be able to use the Queen's English. Then when it comes to ruling, they know of no other law than the gavel. Oh, what a multitude of ignorance that rap of the gavel covers! What a sublime sound; yes, the music of the spheres jingles in that rap. What a wealth of judicious acumen? "I gavelled the motion through," we have heard a Master say. We wonder if that Master ever realized the lessons taught by the symbolism of that gavel. When he brought it down, did he intend "hewing to the line," or was he using the emblem of Masonic power to further some poor, weak, and contemptible human scheme?

The gavel is the first resort of a weak Master; it is the last of the man who is versed in Masonic law and Masonic history. It is the emblem of authority, but, like mercy, it should drop "like the gentle rain from Heaven." "Error once, upon a time," so the fable says, "stole the garb of Truth, and has been masquerading in it ever since." Ignorance, truly, has stolen the emblem of Masonic power—the gavel—and masquerades as authority.

The gavel, like the devil, may help a weak Master out of a tight corner, but it is at the expense of self-respect, and the respect of those ruled. It would be much better and wiser to peruse the Masonic press, and read Masonic literature, in order to acquire a knowledge of the aims and past history of the Craft. A few hours given to the study of Masonic jurisprudence, will arm any Master with sufficient Masonic law to enable him to dispense with the gavel, except when required by the ritual. Then "white-winged peace" will reign in the Lodge Room, and merit alone will be the qualification for office.

—Canadian Craftsman.



## 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, 25th July.

1297 West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham  
1541 Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct  
1871 Gostling Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow  
1293 Burdett, Mitre, Hotel, Hampton Court  
1462 Wharnciffe, Rose and Crown Hot., Penistone  
1464 Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhitho  
1531 Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst  
1065 Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent  
1982 Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom.  
2048 Henry Levander, Station Hotel, Harrow  
R.A. 1777 Royal Hanover, Town Hall, Twickenham  
M.M. 14 Prince Edward, Station Hot., Todmorden

## Monday, 27th July.

1745 Farringdon Holborn Viaduct Hotel  
48 Industry, 34 Denmark Street, Gateshead  
62 Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester  
148 Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington  
827 St. John, Masonic Temple, Dowsbury  
909 Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
1177 Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke  
R.A. 189 Sincerity, St. George's Hall, E. Stonehouse  
R.A. 210 Faith, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton  
R.A. 310 Union, Freemasons' Hall, Carlisle  
R.A. 321 Faith, Crowe Arms Hotel, Crowe  
R.A. 331 Loyal Cornubian, Ma-onic Hall, Truro  
R.A. 1045 Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham  
R.A. 1205 Elliott, 1 Caroline Place, E. Stonehouse  
R.A. 1222 Inkerman, M.H., Wotton-Super-Mare

## Tuesday, 28th July.

310 Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Carlisle  
573 Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Halesowen  
798 Crescent, Island Hotel, Twickenham  
1016 Ekington, Masonic Hall, Birmingham  
1358 Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton  
1586 Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead  
1809 Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1636 St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
1675 Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
2025 St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse  
R.A. 47 Abbey, George Hotel, Nottingham  
R.A. 94 De Lambton, Freemasons' Hall, Sunderland  
R.A. 109 Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak, Dover  
R.A. 418 Staffordshire Knot, F.M.H., Hanley  
R.A. 815 Blair, Town Hall, Hulme, Manchester  
R.A. 1094 Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
M.M. 202 St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Canterbury  
K.T. 114 Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Leeds

## Wednesday, 29th July.

898 Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar  
103 Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
304 Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Leeds  
439 Scientific, Masonic Rooms, Bingley  
996 Soudes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk  
1119 St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow  
1219 Strangeways, Masonic Rooms, Manchester  
1283 Ryburn, Central Buildings, Sowerby Bridge  
R.A. 236 Zetland, M.H., Duncombe Street, York  
M.M. Howe, Masonic Hall, New St., Birmingham  
M.M. 24 Roberts, Masonic Rooms, Rochester

## Thursday, 30th July.

General Committee Girl's School, F.M.H. 4.  
111 Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington  
286 Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup  
807 Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Norwich  
904 Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham  
966 St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek  
1313 Fernor, Masonic Hall, Southport  
R.A. 57 Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull  
R.A. 129 Kendal Castle, 12 Stramondgate, Kendal  
R.A. 266 Naphthal, Masonic Hall, Heywood  
R.A. 1395 Weyside, Masonic Hall, Woking  
M.M. 32 Union, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester

## Friday, 31st July.

R.A. 134 Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, E.C.  
810 Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton  
R.A. 212 Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster

## Saturday, 1st August.

General Com. Boys' School, F.M.H., 3  
1223 Amherst, Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverhead  
1929 Mozart, Greyhound Hotel, Craydon

## INSTRUCTION.

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## Saturday, 25th July.

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

## Monday, 27th July.

22 Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7:30  
27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8  
45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St.,  
174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7  
180 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8  
249 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brixham, Devon,  
332 Royal Union, Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge  
518 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford,  
823 Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7:30  
975 Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7:30  
1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E. 8  
1339 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 6:30  
1425 Hyde Park, Prince of Wales's Hotel, corner of Eastbourne Terrace, and Bishop's Road, W. 8  
1445 Prince Leopold, 292 Whitechapel Road, E., 7  
1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall Canterbury, 8  
1489 M. of Ripon, Queen's Hot, Victoria Park, 7:30  
1507 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, E.C., 7:30  
1585 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho, Putney  
1608 Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, W., 8  
1623 West Smithfield, Manchester Hotel, E.C., 7  
1693 Kingsland, Cook Tavern, Highbury, N., 8:30  
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, 28th July.

25 Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, 8  
55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 7  
111 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W.  
177 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7:30  
188 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8  
212 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, Cam Ion Town, 8  
211 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
551 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8  
700 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 7:30  
753 Prince Fred. William, Eagle Tav., Maida Hill,  
820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 7:30  
829 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, 7  
860 Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Dalston, 8  
861 Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle St., 7  
1044 Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth, 8  
1321 Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8  
1343 St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex  
1349 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Cannoning Town, 7:30  
1446 Mount Edgecumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Rd., 8  
1471 Islington, Cook Tavern, Highbury, N., 7:30, 8  
1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich  
1473 Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, 6  
1540 Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High St.  
1638 Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Norbiton, 8  
1695 Now Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav, N., 8  
1849 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7  
1949 Brixton, Prince Regent East Brixton, 8  
2146 Sarbiton, Maple Hall, Sarbiton  
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon St., 6:30  
R.A. 704 Camden, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., 8  
R.A. 1365 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, 8  
R.A. 1642 E. of Carnarvon, Ladbrooke Hall, Notting Hill, 8

## Wednesday, 29th July.

3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, 8  
30 United Mariners', Lugard, Peckham, 7:30  
72 Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., 8  
73 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, Borough, 8  
103 Conducco, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall St.,  
229 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8  
533 La Tolerance, Portland Hot, Gt. Portland St., 8  
591 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7  
673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8

730 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, 7  
781 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav, Burdett Rd., 7:30  
813 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Rd.  
862 Whittington, Red Lion, Fleet Street, 8  
902 Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Strand, 8  
972 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, 8:30  
1037 Portland, Portland Hall, Portland  
1269 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney  
1356 Toxteth, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool, 7:30  
1475 Peckham, 516 Old Kent Road, 8  
1511 Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull  
1601 Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rusby Green, Catford, 8  
1604 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W., 7:30  
1662 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow, 7:30  
1681 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair 8  
1692 Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, 8:30  
1791 Creton, Wheatsheaf, Shepherds' Bush, 8  
1922 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, 8  
1963 Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, 7:30  
2206 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 8  
R.A. 177 Domatic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8  
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144 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 7:30  
147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8  
263 Clarence, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.  
754 High Cross, Coach and Horses, Tottenham, 8  
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890 Camden, Masonic Room, Lewisham, at 8  
1017 Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8  
1158 Southern Star, Sir Syd. Smith, Kennington, 8  
1182 Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool, 7:30  
1278 Burdett Courts, Swan, Bethnal Green Road, 8  
1306 St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, 8  
1744 Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte Street, 8  
1950 Southgate, Railway Hot, New Southgate, 7:30  
1998 Priory, Constitutional Club, Acton  
R.A. 753 Prince Frederick William Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, 8  
R.A. 1471 North London, Northampton House, Canonbury, 8  
1360 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales, Wimbledon, 7:30  
1426 The Great City, Masons' Hall Avenue, 6:30  
1558 D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Camberwell, 8  
1571 Leopold, City Arms Tavern, E.C., 7  
1580 Cranbourne, Red Lion, Hatfield, 8  
1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse, Liverpool Road, N., 8  
1612 West Middlesex, Bell, Ealing Dean, 7:45  
1614 Coven Garden, Criterion, W., 8  
1625 Tredegar, Wellington, Bow, E., 7:30  
1677 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, 9

## Friday, 31st July.

Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, 6  
General Lodge, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 8  
107 St. John's, York and Albany, Regent's Park, 8  
507 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7:30  
733 Westbourne, Swiss Cottage Tavern, Finchley Road, N.W., 8  
765 St. James, Princess Victoria, Rotherhithe, 8  
R.A. 820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 8  
R.A. 890 Hornsey, Prince of Wales's Hotel, corner of Eastbourne Terrace, and Bishop's Road, W. 8  
780 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 8  
834 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith  
1046 Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, 7  
1185 Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green, 7:30  
1228 Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, 8  
1294 Royal Standard, Builders' Arms, Canonbury,  
1365 Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, 7:30  
1381 Kennington, The Horns, Kennington, 8  
1457 Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton, Essex, 7:30  
1642 E. Carnarvon, Ladbrooke Hall, Notting Hill, 8  
1901 Selwyn, Montpelier, Choumont Rd., Peckham, 8  
2021 Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, The Criterion, W., 8  
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R.A. 1275 Star, Stirling Castle, Camberwell 8,

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87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's Park, near Nunhead Junction, 7:30  
179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., 8  
198 Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8  
1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E.,  
1288 Finsbury Park, Cook Tavern, Highbury, 8  
1364 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7  
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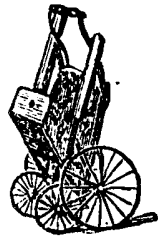
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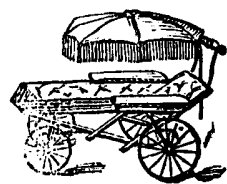
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