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THE GIRLS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

WITH the knowledge that a few days hence the 104th Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will be celebrated, under Royal patronage, we might be justified in relegating the Centenary Festival of that Charity to the records of the past; but as year by year the time comes round to canvass the possibilities of the current Festival the effects of that great event push themselves prominently to the front, and demand consideration. How long this will continue to be the case it is difficult to estimate, but it seems pretty generally recognised that the success of 1888 is still making itself felt in connection with this Institution, and the amount of support accorded to it, although it is but fair to remember that since that date both the other Masonic Institutions have had a special Festival—the Boys' School to inaugurate the "new order of things," and give the new Secretary a fair start upon his road; the Benevolent Institution to mark the celebration of its Jubilee. Each of these events resulted in most satisfactory returns, and we may suppose that the exceptional contributions they received on those occasions were secured, to a certain extent, at the expense of the sister Institution.

It would almost seem that the fates have conspired against the Girls' School since its Centenary celebration. That year its receipts were larger than ever known before, and as a consequence extensions were made which entailed heavy additional expenditure, not only at the time, but year after year, so long as the Institution is maintained at its existing strength; and, as we have so often urged in connection with the Charitable Institutions of the Craft, the members of the Order do not recognise even the possibility of reducing the usefulness of either of their funds. The year following the Centenary was, in a manner so to speak, a blank—the Craft had not recovered from its supreme effort of the year before,—and the succeeding year matters were but very little better; again, last year, as we have already pointed out, came a great event in the history of the Boys' School, to which all attention was turned with the view of making its Festival a special success, and the Girls again suffered. Now that we have come to 1892 matters look as gloomy as ever, for in face of the stupendous total contributed to the Jubilee Festival of the Benevolent Institution it seems next to impossible to expect a return for the Girls' School commensurate with its requirements, and yet, it may be urged, the Benevolent Institution was able to secure the grandest total ever collected within a few months of the special success of the Boys' School.

Without wishing to take too gloomy a view of the prospects for the future, we are afraid the Girls' Institution has not seen the last of its troubles in this direction. We anticipate some steps being taken before long to provide special funds for the removal of the

Boys' School, and then, yet later on, will come the celebration of the Centenary of that Charity, while the Benevolent Institution has set itself such a task by the creation of additional annuities as will tax the resources of the Craft to the fullest extent on behalf of that Charity. The friends of the Girls will, as a consequence, have to work hard to maintain their position, much less make the headway that is really necessary to bring their Festivals up to the old standard. The Craft has now had ample opportunity of judging what can be done with some special object to aim at, but this continuous working at high pressure is by no means beneficial for those who have no special cause to strive for, or who prefer to proceed in the steady plodding manner which some consider leads to the best results in the end. For our part we think such an idea is an erroneous one in association with the Masonic Charities of the present age, but time alone can decide this matter one way or the other. What we have to consider now is, how to secure a return at each Anniversary Festival sufficient for the year's requirements, which it must be recognised are very heavy, and are not by any means likely to become less as years go on, even without any additions being made to the already grand array of beneficiaries. It is perhaps impolitic to argue that the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls has not reaped much benefit from its Centenary success, because it is quite impossible to estimate how much its annual receipts would have been if matters had continued year by year in the usual routine sort of way, but if this year's Festival is not manifestly better than its predecessors since the Centenary, then there will be little to choose between the result of the one grand year and the four quiet succeeding ones, and five ordinary Festivals; indeed, the average of what has actually happened would then stand out in a very unfavourable light when set alongside of what might have been anticipated. Under such circumstances, then, it may be argued that exceptionally prolific years are of no ultimate benefit—neither are they, if they cause a considerable falling off in the returns of many future years. They are, indeed, a direct disadvantage under such conditions, for they lead to extensions, with increased annual outlay, as well as the falling off in income.

We do not believe, however, there is any rule which will be found to work alike in all such cases. We even go so far as to believe that the coming Festivals of the other two Institutions will prove exactly the contrary, as we do not expect to see a particularly meagre total for either the Boys' School or the Benevolent Institution at their next Festivals. If they do not suffer from their special successes why should the Girls' School? This is indeed a question to puzzle over, and one that is very difficult to cope with. One argument, and a fair one is, that the Craft was so carried away by the success of the Girls' School Centenary as to really lose its head. That

was the grandest result ever achieved, and not a few of those who worked to secure it felt that they had reached the summit of their ambition, and could rest. We are afraid many have rested ever since, and have not yet fairly settled down to work again on behalf of the oldest of the Masonic Institutions; still let us hope the end has come to this state of affairs, and that the Festival of the present year will prove that the Craft has not only recovered from its special effort of 1888, but is able to provide exceptional totals for the other two Institutions without making the Girls' School suffer though such liberality.

The Girls' School Festival is fixed for Wednesday, the 18th inst., and enjoys one particular advantage in having a Royal Craftsman for its Chairman, in the person of H.R.H. the Duke of Cannaught, K.G., Past Grand Master of England, Provincial Grand Master for Sussex, &c. We cannot hope that the Duke of Cannaught will repeat the announcement made by his brother, the Prince of Wales, when he presided at the Albert Hall on the occasion of the Centenary, but we trust he will be in a position to proclaim an amount bearing a fair proportion to that grand return. The unanimity of the working of the members of our Royal Family is not carried to such an extent as to preclude all ideas of friendly rivalry, and we are convinced the Grand Master himself would be as delighted as any one to hear that the 104th Festival, held under the presidency of his brother, was a greater success in its way than that over which he presided four years since. We have no special feature to associate with this year's Festival—it is a quiet, ordinary affair—but it can be made as much a success, as an ordinary celebration, as was the special one above referred to. All that is needed is the earnest support of the Craft, and of the many organisations and funds which play so important a part in the Festivals of modern days. We earnestly hope that the events of the next two weeks will clearly prove that this has been secured, and that as a result the Festival of the Girls' School will have enabled the executive of that Institution to start upon another year's work without any anxiety as to where the funds are to come from to carry on the operations of the twelvemonth.

The roll of Stewards now working on behalf of this coming Festival contains the names of 277 brethren, a fair number, it is true, but fears are rife that the contributions secured by this band of Stewards will not produce so good an average as usual; in fact, while the Institution may enjoy the benefits of the quantity it will suffer somewhat in the quality of its Stewards' returns. This is much to be regretted, and we hope that the fears of those associated with the management will be upset by the actual result announced on the 18th inst. There is yet time for a final spurt, and it will be to the credit of all associated with the Festival if this spurt is made during the next few days. If each steward was to secure another five, or if possible another ten guineas for his list, the average might be raised from a poor one to an exceptionally good one, and viewed in this light the effort required to secure success appears to be within the range of many, if not most of those interested in the work. The cause for which they are striving is a particularly deserving one, and we hope each of the Stewards will fully consider the proposition we have set, and use every effort in his power to secure its realisation—not because it will be of any advantage to us, but because it will benefit a most deserving Institution, and give us cause for congratulation in knowing that the care of the orphan girls of the Craft is still regarded as one of the foremost duties of those in more affluent circumstances. It may not be necessary for us to teach the Stewards what the Institution is doing for the daughters of their old Brother Masons; they are no doubt fully posted in

these details, but there may be some brethren who are unaware of the fact that the number of Girls receiving the benefits of the Institution was increased by 20, in commemoration of the Centenary, raising the present number to 264; while the total number of children who have enjoyed the advantages of the Institution since its foundation is 1670. Bro. F. R. W. Hedges, the zealous Secretary of the Institution, specially refers, in his annual appeal, to some of the points we have touched upon in this article, particularly emphasizing the urgent need there is for Stewards on this occasion, in view of the fact that "the result of the last three Festivals has been below the average, and, owing largely to the recent increase in the good work which is being done by the Institution, *insufficient to cover the current expenses.*" He may well add that a successful Festival for 1892 is therefore an important matter. Besides the brethren already enrolled as Stewards there are no doubt many others who are wholly unacquainted with these details, because they have not been in direct communication with the Institution or have not had the points to which we have referred previously brought under their notice. One of the duties of the Stewards is to transmit the knowledge they have acquired from headquarters to all with whom they come in contact, and, to a very considerable extent, the result of their labours proves the success or otherwise of the lessons they have been taught, as well as forms a guide for the whole future of the Charity for which they are working. Such being the case we strongly urge each of the Stewards to use his very best efforts to make the result an unqualified success. We may even go further, and explain to our readers generally that it is not yet too late to enrol their name among the Girls' School workers of 1892. We have already spoken of the small average likely to result from the Stewards' labours, it is not so difficult then for new Stewards to work up to the average position already achieved by their fellows. There must be numberless fields ready for working on behalf of this Festival, and if we can induce a few brethren to undertake a share in the responsibility by immediately handing in their names as new workers we shall be especially satisfied, because we know how much advantage will accrue from a successful Festival. Now that the roll of Stewards has got so far as 277, we hope a final effort will be made to run up the total for 1892 to at least a level three hundred.

THE RECENT MISTAKE IN THE BOYS' SCRUTINY.

THE error that has been brought to light in regard to the scrutiny of votes at the last election of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys opens up a field for serious speculation which—as a correspondent this week argues—certainly calls for more than passing notice. In manner of speaking, the whole matter is still *sub judice*, and until the Craft learns from the Committee of Management whether any reform is contemplated in the method of conducting future scrutinies it will be well to discuss the matter only with the view of making suggestions as to what is best to be done to prevent errors in the future. Our correspondent hits the nail fairly on the head when he points out the scope which apparently exists for the practice of dishonesty, and wisely defends his adoption of such an unsavoury term by a reference to past malpractices in connection with Masonic elections. What happened years ago is just as likely to occur to-day; in fact, the supposition of our correspondent that fraud might be committed in order to ensure the election of a candidate is even more likely, because in that case an immediate and direct monetary benefit would result, whereas in the case he refers to it was not so much a question of financial profit as personal vanity that was at stake.

We can well understand the annoyance of the Executive of the Institution that the subject should be brought so

prominently under notice, but they are not to blame. The system under which the votes are checked has existed for years, and has been revised from time to time, additional safeguards being introduced and every care being exercised to ensure a curacy and justice. But the system has failed, failed so far as to be utterly worthless for future operation, and we can hardly imagine how any one should feel satisfied in allowing the matter to pass without recognising the need for alteration. We believe the scrutineers conscientiously discharge their duties, and we are quite ready to believe that errors are of very rare occurrence, so rare indeed that there is really no necessity for alarm, unless, as our correspondent argues, we are to be alarmed at the bare possibility of such consequences as he points out, and which are in themselves sufficiently serious to cause considerable anxiety.

It has always been a matter of surprise, we may say admiration to us, to see the rapidity with which the result of the elections is made known after the close of the poll, and we could hardly imagine how so many votes could be counted and properly checked in the time. After taking part in one of the scrutinies we were initiated into the mysteries of the procedure, but we cannot say we were satisfied as to the certainty of accuracy, for it must be recognised that, in a manner of speaking, the work is performed by the few who are accustomed to it, by frequently serving, rather than by the whole body of scrutineers. It is hardly to be expected that scrutineers new to the work can at once fall into its intricacies, and it is comparatively easy for an error to occur where many of those engaged on the scrutiny are working more at cross purposes with their fellows—though quite unintentionally so—than in unison with each other.

It must not be supposed either that we are finding fault with the scrutineers; they are no more to blame than the executive Officers of the Institution. They have a certain duty set before them, and perform it to the best of their ability; individually they succeed, but collectively there is room for error, and in the interests of the scrutineers themselves they should be protected from this possibility for the future, or, as "LOOKER-ON" observes, there may be a difficulty in finding brethren willing to accept the duties at future contests. It is almost useless arguing that perfection can be assured; the most experienced electioneering Craftsmen have been guilty at one time or other of polling unsigned or uncompleted proxies, and accordingly must not blame others for passing errors, especially in view of the fact that in the one case perhaps days are available for the preparation of their papers, while in the other thousands have to be dealt with in a few hours. Now that a probable cause of error has been discovered no pains should be spared to render it as nearly inoperative as possible.

ERRATA.—In our last issue, on page 277, under the heading Scotland, line 9, for H. D. Anderson read H. D. Sandeman. In line 27 of same report for Sanderson read Sandeman.

Monday, the 23rd instant, has been fixed for the annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Devonshire, to be held at Exeter. Viscount Ebrington, M.P., the Provincial Grand Master, will preside.

Brother J. E. Shand, P.M. City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563, having completed ten years' service as Secretary and 17 years as member, having mooted his resignation, a committee has been formed—the W.M. Bro. Charles Filhon as President, and Brother E. B. Cox P.M. P.P. Standard Bearer Bucks, 73 Wigmore Street, W., as Treasurer—to arrange for a substantial testimonial to be presented to him, at the next meeting, in recognition of his past services to the Lodge.

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THE THEATRES, &c.

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Criterion.—A very interesting play, in four acts, entitled "The Fringe of Society," was produced here last Saturday, which bids fair to prove an attraction for some time to come, in spite of much adverse criticism. The piece is adapted from the French, so it is stated; but it is essentially English both in plot and dialogue, the latter being full of pungent, witty and telling sayings. Sir Charles Hartley, B.A., after being betrothed to a Mrs. Eve-Allen, ascertains that she is *une divorcée*, and therefore severs the engagement, but upon her solicitation promises to preserve her secret. When, however, his friend Arthur Cuthbert falls a victim to the lady's wiles, he determines to save him, without however breaking his promise. This idea has been several times seen on the stage, but the manner in which the dénouement is brought about is novel. Mr. Charles Wyndham, as Hartley, appears in quite a new character, which is in itself welcome, but he plays the part with such nice balance that it is doubly acceptable. Mrs. Langtry is making rapid strides in her profession, and comes well out of a trying position, as the "speckled peach." Mr. E. H. Vanderfelt is easy and gentlemanlike as Cuthbert, while Mr. Cyril Maude, Mr. Blakeley, Miss Carlotta Addison, and Miss Ellis Jeffreys fill in some clever sketches.

Court.—The re-opening of this Theatre, under the management of Mr. Arthur Chudleigh, was the means of drawing a full and appreciative audience. The management has relied on a triple bill, with the now popular and bright "Pantomime Rehearsal" as chief attraction, and judging from the laughter with which it was greeted it will remain so for some time to come. The first piece is a one act play by Mr. Seymour Hicks, and although not of the best quality, will prove interesting. Major Ensor and Mrs. Dartlington, old sweethearts, after twenty years' separation, during which time the lady has been married and is now left with one son, are brought together by the young man fighting a duel as subaltern with a captain of his regiment. The duel, although a sham one, has such an impression on the young soldier that after standing fire he falls in a faint, and is brought round by the kindly attention of the major. This so pleases Mrs. Dartlington that she at once avows her constancy to the major, and this being to the major's liking, all ends happily. This little piece is well acted by Mr. Brandon Thomas and Miss Gertrude Kingston, as the major and the widow respectively, while able support is accorded them by Messrs. C. P. Little, Elliot, Compton Counts, Ernest Bertram, Vaughan, and Wilfred Draycott. The next piece is Mr. W. S. Gilbert's tragic episode in three tableaux, entitled "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern." This skit upon "Hamlet" is, probably, new to most of those who see it, but the fun and humorous dialogue will surely make it a favourite. Mr. Brandon Thomas was truly comic as the King, while as the Queen Miss Gertrude Kingston was most fascinating. Mr. Weedon Grossmith was quaint as Hamlet, his sly humour standing him in good stead in such a part, while Miss Decima Moore was charming as Ophelia. The other parts were undertaken by Messrs. Elliot, C. P. Little, W. L. Branscombe, R. Rochfort, and Miss May Palfrey. As we have already said, the chief attraction of the evening is "A Pantomime Rehearsal," and here Messrs. Weedon Grossmith and Brandon Thomas, as Lord Arthur Pomeroy and Captain Tom Robinson respectively, were as successful as hitherto; the fun of the piece was ably brought out by these capable actors. Good support was accorded by other members of the company, already mentioned, and by the Misses Ellaline Terriss, Decima Moore, May Palfrey and Christine Noel, as the four young ladies who are such a worry to the aspiring author. We wish Mr. Chudleigh every success in his new venture.

Saturday, the 14th inst., has been appointed for the private view of the Summer Exhibition (the twenty-seventh) of the 19th Century Art Society, at the Conduit street Galleries, and the exhibition will open to the public on Monday, the 16th inst.

The East Surrey Lodge of Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 463, went into recess on Tuesday; it will resume work in September next.

Lord Saltoun has been elected Worshipful Master of the Scots Lodge, No. 2319. Brother H. R. Ritchie, C.C., has been elected Treasurer of the Lodge.

Sir Matthew White Ridley, member for the Blackpool Division, paid his Fleetwood constituents a visit on the 27th ult. In the afternoon he unveiled a stained glass window at St. Peter's Church, presented by the Freemasons of the Fylde district, in memory of the late Brother Doctor Orr. After the ceremony Sir Matthew, who is Provincial Grand Master of Northumberland, was entertained to luncheon by the local Freemasons.

On the 29th ult. a most interesting exhibition was held in the Lodge Rooms, Tuckey Street, Cork, in connection with the forthcoming grand bazaar, to take place in Dublin on the occasion of the centenary of the Masonic Female Orphan School. The exhibition consisted of a costly and beautiful collection of articles which have been sent in by the friends of the Order in Munster for the Provincial Stall.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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THE BOYS' SCHOOL ELECTION MUDDLE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am fully aware of the old Masonic injunction to maintain silence if no good can be spoken of a person, but I think there are occasions, even in regard to Freemasonry, when silence is no longer a virtue. One of those occasions has arisen in connection with the recent election to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, where the Craft has witnessed a complete failure of all the safeguards provided to ensure a fair and legitimate return. Looking at the methods provided by the Institution to lead to a satisfactory scrutiny, and knowing the *theoretical* system under which the scrutineers work, one almost feels that mistakes are impossible, yet we have just had an instance of utter failure of all precautions, no less than 1000 votes being overlooked! This can only be explained on the principle that mistakes do occur, no matter what care is taken to prevent them; but I think it convinces the supporters of our Institution that the elections as at present conducted are a complete farce, and I argue that some stringent and radical change should be at once attempted, to place matters on a satisfactory basis.

I cannot agree with some of those who regard this matter as a mere oversight, and can dismiss it as an unsatisfactory error, one which it must not be assumed frequently occurs, because neither I nor those who satisfy themselves thus easily have any knowledge how often such mistakes do occur. They may be happy in knowing that demands for investigation are rare indeed, but supposing the undiscovered mistakes are made in the opposite direction to what happened in regard to the candidature of the boy Kent? If the scrutineers fail to notice an omission of 1000 votes on behalf of a particular lad, what is there to prevent them overlooking 500 or 1000 put on to a candidate's total? This way of arguing the matter makes the whole subject a very delicate one to handle. I am aware I am supposing a case which, if discovered, would amount to fraud, but unhappily we need not go outside the history of Masonic contests to find an instance of falsification of scrutineers' returns. The Institutions, by their present system of scrutiny, provide the opportunity for dishonesty—whether any one will ever avail himself of that opportunity is another question, but I maintain it is not right to leave the chance available, nor is it fair to the supporters of the Charities to allow the elections to be conducted on a system which has so unmistakably proved itself to be at fault.

Your contemporary, in referring to this matter, says there is no occasion for alarm. The world knows that men will sit on a barrel of gunpowder and smoke a pipe, or strike a match in a coal mine, without occasioning themselves any alarm, but such foolhardiness is the exception, and proves nothing, except that some men have no thought as to the possibilities of what is going on around them. To argue that the loss of 1000 votes and the possible exclusion of a boy from the benefits of the School gives no cause for alarm is, to my mind, the height of absurdity, but the future will prove whether my idea of a reasonable cause for alarm is the popular one or otherwise. If the Craft allows the scrutines to be conducted in the future as they have been in the past, I will admit I am exceptionally sensitive, and have taken unnecessary alarm at the recent disclosures; but I can hardly imagine things being allowed to go on as they are. Of one thing I am certain, it will be a long time before I take part in one of such scrutines, as I think it unfair to ask a man to associate himself in such a risky performance as this has proved to be. I sincerely hope that dishonesty may be kept away from our elections, but is it fair to give the opportunity for fraud which seems to be provided in these cases?

I am, yours fraternally,

LOOKER-ON.

BOYS' ELECTION—CASE FOR CONSIDERATION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Allow me first to thank you for enabling me, figuratively, to again shake the hand of my old friend Bro. F. T. C. Keeble, Past Master of the Great City Lodge. I am delighted to hear he is still alive, and interested in our Masonic Charities in his northern home. He will, no doubt, be pleased to know that the case we have discussed together no longer requires the advocacy or the assistance of individual members of the Order, the scrutiny demanded on behalf of the lad W. G. B. Kent having proved that 2952 votes were recorded on his behalf, in lieu of the 1958 credited to him on the day of election. All's well that ends well, and the lad being now duly elected to the benefits of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the case ends so far as he is concerned. But I do not think the case I originally put forward for consideration should be allowed to drop without some little attention. Young Kent is successful, but what will be the result next time something similar occurs? There may not then be the error of 1000 votes to set the matter right, and I think the possibilities of such an injustice as was made manifest in this case should be provided against. I explained my views of the case in my former letter. The laws of the Institution say that 1958 votes may be recorded on behalf of a candidate on a first and last application, all to be wasted because the total proves to be 218 short of the number needed to secure

election. Can reason and equity agree with this hard and fast rule? I say, certainly not! and now that the Craft can discuss the matter without having any particular case in view to reap the possible benefit, I think the whole subject might be considered, and some provision made to meet the possibilities of such a contingency in the future. I would suggest that, under certain conditions, candidates placed as young Kent appeared to be should be allowed another chance, even though they be over age; and as a proposal I would recommend that any last applicant who secured at least three-fourths as many votes as carried in the lowest successful candidate at any election should be allowed this privilege. This concession would not by any means induce subscribers to play with their chances on a last application, as it would seldom happen that anything short of 1500 votes would secure this proposed privilege, and brethren who could secure that number would not risk losing them by speculating on the chance of having another opportunity of going to the poll. In order to guard against any possible abuse which might arise the exercise of this rule might be made permissive only, not compulsory. That is to say, the Quarterly Court following the election might be called upon to decide whether or no the additional chance should be given to the candidate, but for myself I think it would be more fair to say that all last application cases which came within the three-fourths limit should receive the concession. I fail to see where any hardship would occur, while the continuance of the present rule may cause considerable hardship, as the friends of young Kent very nearly discovered.

I am, yours fraternally,

LIFE GOVERNOR.

28th April 1892.

A NEW HOME FOR NORTH LONDON MASONS.

IT was with pleasure that we recently responded to an invitation to inspect the magnificent premises of Messrs. Beale, which have a frontage in Holloway Road of 40 feet, and in the Tollington Road of 22 feet. In addition to the 22 feet in Tollington Road, Messrs. Beale own Nos. 2, 4, and 6 of the same road, which cover another 60 feet. These houses are now occupied by Mr. Beale's sons and assistants; the space is, however, available at any time for extension purposes, and we have no doubt there will shortly be a necessity in this direction. On arriving we were taken in hand by Mr. Beale himself, and after carefully examining the different kinds of articles to be seen in his shops, such as cakes, jams, all kinds of biscuits, preserves, jelly, ices, hams, butter, cheese, and, in fact, every kind of eatable that could be imagined, we were taken down to the basement which leads out under the Tollington Road. Here we found every description of wines and spirits of the finest quality; the beer cellar and cold rooms are also in the basement, facing the Holloway Road. We were then taken upstairs to the daily dining-room, which looks out upon the Holloway Road. In this room Messrs. Beale supply all kinds of dinners, while the grill, which is at one end of the room, is kept separate by means of curtains. This room can be converted in a few minutes into a buffet and lounge, and is used as such on the occasion of dances, &c. On this floor is also a ladies room, and what is, perhaps, of more interest to our readers, a magnificent large hall, capable of accommodating a hundred and twenty persons at one time. Messrs. Beale have evidently been at great pains to make this hall as handsome as possible; the decorations are of the most costly description, the appointments appropriate, and the whole fitted up in a way that does great credit to the proprietors. As Mr. Beale states, this hall would make a capital Lodge and banqueting room, with the suite of rooms on the same floor as ante-rooms, and in this we concur. The proprietors have also secured a magnificent Masonic carpet to cover the whole floor, which adds considerably to the aspect of the room. We next come to the lavatories, which are built outside the main building; thence to the billiard and smoking room, which is handsomely fitted up, and commands a pleasant outlook on the Camden Road. On the next floor, entrance to the gallery in the large hall is to be obtained, while the kitchen, pastry-cook's room, larder, stores, scullery, and pantry are also close at hand. In these rooms we saw delicacies of every description in course of preparation, whilst the making of wedding-cakes was also proceeding. The icery is situated on the roof of the main building. We may add that the corridors and stairs are all tiled, and present a clean and bright appearance.

We next come to the bakery and electric lighting machinery, and here is to be seen the only bakery in London that is worked entirely by electricity. The flour is lifted from the ground to the store and mixing rooms, then converted into dough; flour, peel, and butter are also mixed; whilst even the eggs are beaten by the same electrical power. Messrs. Beale have a large bread trade, and it was most interesting to see the different kinds of loaf in course of preparation by the aid of electricity.

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ANGEL LODGE, No. 51.

THERE was a large muster of the members of this Lodge and a few visiting brethren, on the evening of Thursday, 28th ult., to witness the admission into the Masonic Order of Capt. Naylor Leyland, 2nd Life Guards, who has just taken up his residence at Lexden Park, near Colchester. The ceremony usual on such occasions was ably performed by the Wor. Master (Bro. F. C. H. Jones), assisted by Bros. Harold Francis S.W., Claude Egerton-Green J.W., Harry Becker J.D., R. Howard Ives P.M. Dir. of Cers., and Bro. J. W. Start I.G. At the dinner which followed, the W.M. gave the health of Bro. Captain Naylor Leyland, remarking that it was hardly possible for a newly-admitted brother to fully realise the beautiful symbolism which the initiatory ceremony was calculated to convey to a cultured mind, but was quite sure that when such a brother received further instruction so much the more would he appreciate the system of Freemasonry and realise the good which its teaching was intended to inculcate. Bro. Captain Naylor Leyland, who was most warmly received, said that being absolutely the youngest Freemason in Her Majesty's dominions he would not commit the error of making a long speech upon what at the present time he knew so little. He was, however, fully aware, as most people outside the Order knew, that Freemasonry was an Institution combining a considerable amount of conviviality with a large amount of charity. He knew, as all the world knew, that the Benevolent Fund of the Order dispensed some £10,000 annually to indigent brethren, and that Freemasons could point with pride to their Boys' School and Girls' School, in which the sons and daughters of deceased Masons were educated. He trusted that whilst enjoying the social pleasures of the meeting after Lodge, he should also take part in the duties of Masonry, and that together they might do all they could to further the interests of the Institution.

IMPERIAL GEORGE LODGE, No. 78 (MIDDLETON).

A MEETING was held on Thursday, 28th ult., at the Assheton Arms Hotel. Present—Bros. Tom Lawton W.M., Robert Hilton P.M. acting S.W., Rev. J. O. Jelly J.W., Harvey Heywood P.M. Treasurer, Wield Secretary, Hall S.D., Brown J.D., Peter Lawton P.M. D.C., Hartley I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. Birtles and Coleman; Bros. Hulbert, Taylor, Inglesant, Hawkins, Walker, Lee, Mellaleen, and Harlon Tyler. Visitors—Harry Goldman 323 and Lisenden P.M. 317. The Lodge was opened with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. M. Stanfield was balloted for and elected to become a member of the Lodge. He was afterwards initiated into Freemasonry by Bro. Harvey Heywood. There being no further business the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

PERFECT FRIENDSHIP LODGE, No. 376.

ON the 26th ult., the brethren with their wives and lady friends assembled at the Masonic Hall, Soane Street, Ipswich, to assist at a social musical evening, promoted by a committee, of whom the W.M. Bro. H. C. Monteith was the chairman. The entertainment was a pronounced success. The comfort and convenience of the guests had evidently been carefully studied. The whole suite of rooms was utilised, and each was tastefully furnished and decorated by Messrs. Fredk. Fish and Son, under the direction of the W.M.

St. MARTIN'S LODGE, No. 510.

THE members held a successful dance in aid of the Masonic Charities, on the 21st ultimo, at the Public Hall, Liskeard. The hall was originally fixed for the day on which the Duke of Clarence died. The hall presented a charming appearance. Mottoes and devices connected with the Order adorned the walls, and several portraits of distinguished brethren were conspicuous. The gasaliers were tastefully draped with bunting of various colours, and underneath were affixed large Chinese lanterns. Lady friends of brethren had also in the window recesses executed pretty designs, with primroses and violets on beds of moss, which considerably enhanced the effect. Music was furnished by members of the Royal Marine Band, and Bro. J. Cleave proved an efficient caterer. The committee upon whom responsibilities devolved were Bros. E. Venning (chairman), J. T. Cheves, R. A. Courtney, A. Hancock, T. E. Moon, W. Nettle, and A. H. Wenmouth, the honorary secretaries being Bros. W. Hammond and W. H. Stanton. Brothers Stanton, Wenmouth and Hancock must, however, be credited with a large amount of the decorating. The brethren wore full Masonic clothing. Amongst the visitors was the Right Hon. Leonard H. Courtney, M.P. Dancing was kept up until about four o'clock.

TOWNLEY PARKER LODGE, No. 1083 (MANCHESTER).

A MEETING was held at the Grand Hotel, on Wednesday, the 27th ult. Present—Bros. Selby W.M., Parker J.W., Simister Secretary, Lingard S.D., Hayland P.M. D.C., Jno. W. Taylor I.G., Edmondson Organist, Fitzsimons Steward; P.M.'s Waud, Goldsmith and Armitage; Bros. Barnes, Hartley Gill, Domger, Honsley, Downs, Lowe, and others; Visitors Bros. Ashworth J.W. 1161, Froggatt 152, Bateman 32 1973 2076 2032, Mortimer 2109, Dransfield 1213, Joseph Lomax 344, Matt Lomax 344, and Woodward 344. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the

previous meeting were read and confirmed. Brother Howarth was raised to the sublime degree by the Worshipful Master, after which the Lodge was closed.

ST. GEORGE'S LODGE, No. 2025.

THE annual installation and banquet took place on the 26th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Princess Square, Plymouth. The W.M. elect (Bro. Henry Reynolds) was installed. Bros. J. Gidley, James Griffin, J. Giffard, and C. G. Withell were the installing Officers. The Officers invested were Bros. W. J. Pengelly I.P.M., C. F. Matthison S.W., H. Coleman J.W., James Harvey Chaplain, C. G. Withell Treasurer, J. Efford P.P.G.D.C. Secretary, T. J. Cole S.D., R. Brickwood J.D., J. E. Bannerman D.C., F. M. H. Somerville A.D.C., W. H. Lang Organist, S. E. Cole A.Org., J. E. Weale I.G., W. T. Bone, R. S. Blatchford, T. Hewitt, W. H. Strathon, and T. J. Brewer Stewards, and W. H. Phillips Tyler. Bro. Jas. Griffin was re-elected the representative of the Lodge at the Committee of Petitions, and Charity Steward. A capital photograph of the members of the Lodge had been recently taken and in recognition of the liberal support the photographer, Mr. Yeo, had received, he now presented the Lodge with one of the photographs in colours and handsomely framed, to be hung in the Lodge room. At the close of the Lodge business the banquet followed. Over eighty brethren were present. Bro. H. Reynolds presided, supported by his newly-installed Officers, and among the company were Bros. G. R. Berratt, J. T. Bond, John Griffin, F. Crouch, S. Jew, R. Pike, J. B. Gover, P. G. L. Pearce, H. J. Kitt, W. J. Sweet, C. F. Dunsterville, F. R. Thomas, H. Rogers, W. H. Burt, J. H. Blackell, W. Sweet, T. Gibbons, W. H. Mayne, R. G. Bird, C. A. Nicholson, W. H. W. Macey, and W. H. Williams. The usual toasts were given.

MINNIEHAHA MINSTREL LODGE, No. 2363, (MANCHESTER).

A MEETING was held at the Victoria Hotel, on Monday, 25th ult., when there were present Bros. Wrigley W.M., Martin Thomas P.G.J.D. I.P.M., Wollaston S.W., Brabner J.W., Harrop Treasurer, Fred Hilton Secretary, Beever S.D., Wand J.D., Edwin Smith Organist, Lisenden P.M. Tyler, J. C. Wood P.M. P.P.G.D.C., Duckworth, Normanton, Openshaw, Hamnett, Lilley, and Watson. Visitor—T. A. Galloway Wilson J.D. 633. The Lodge was opened at 6.15, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Brother Lisenden was invested and addressed by the W.M. as Tyler. The ballot was taken for Mr. W. W. Hitchin, and being declared unanimously favourable he was initiated into Freemasonry by Bro. Martin Thomas. Bro. Openshaw being present to take the third degree, was interrogated as to his proficiency in the second, and withdrew. He was subsequently raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason by the Worshipful Master. There being no further business the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

BISHOPSGATE LODGE, No. 2396.

THE installation meeting was held at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, on Monday, 2nd inst. Amongst the members present were Bros. George Noah Johnson P.G.S. W.M., Ald. H. D. Davies S.W., Henry J. Tibbatts J.W., Frederick Dadswell Treas., Milton Smith Sec., Alfred J. Hollington P.G.S. S.D., Samuel Jacobs P.P.G.P. Herts J.D., Edwin G. Cherry I.G., Henry Mead Past Prov. Dir. of Cers. Middlesex D.C., J. Collinson Steward, C. F. Hogard Past Grand Standard Bearer, Dr. J. F. Haskins Organist, R. H. Goddard Tyler; also Bros. A. P. Little, Francis M. Mercer, F. E. H. Dadswell, Harry Halliday Richardson, David A. Romain, Charles James Thomas, Wm. Newman, Woolf Jacobs. The Visitors were represented by Bros. Tickle P.M. 1196 W.M. 1702 P.P.G. Reg. Middlesex, Alderman H. W. Wilkin P.M. No. 1 P.G.S., H. Montague Bates P.M. 91 P.G.S., David G. Reddall W.M. 49, Frank S. Jackson P.M. 715, J. W. Tyler W.M. 2077, J. L. Cross P.M. 90, J. S. White P.M. 715, Rob Beswick J.D. 11, F. R. Meister 142, R. Marshall 813, F. Knight 1185, W. J. Marshall 1385. This Lodge, which was consecrated in April of last year, has had a most successful year, under the auspices of its first W.M. Bro. G. N. Johnson P.M. No. 1. After the preliminary opening, the minutes of last meeting were read and approved. The Secretary next read a dispensation from Grand Lodge, granting the request of the members for postponement of the installation ceremony from the previous Monday. The Audit Committee's Report was read and adopted; it showed that the Treasurer had a goodly balance in hand. Bro. Horatio David Davies (Alderman of the City of London) was then duly installed into the chair of K.S. by the I.P.M. Bro. G. N. Johnson. The W.M. appointed and invested as his Officers for the year the following brethren:—G. N. Johnson I.P.M., H. J. Tibbatts S.W., H. J. Hollington J.W., Frederick Dadswell Treasurer, Milton Smith Secretary, S. Jacobs S.D., E. G. Cherry J.D., J. Collinson I.G., A. P. Little Steward, Henry Mead Dir. of Cers., J. F. Haskins Organist, R. H. Goddard Tyler. Bro. G. N. Johnson then completed the installation ceremony by a careful rendering of the addresses, and was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel in recognition of his valuable services during the year. Later on it was arranged that the W.M. should represent the Lodge as Steward at the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Lodge business being ended the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet. After the cloth had been removed the toasts customary on these occasions were done full justice to, and some capital speeches, brief but to the point, were given. During the evening an excellent selection of vocal music was rendered, under the direction of Bro. Dr. J. F. Haskins, who was assisted by Miss Masie Riversdale, Miss Hilda Reading, Miss Emily Foxcroft, Bro. John Bartlett, and Mr. Michael Dwyer.

RICHMOND LODGE, No. 2032.

THOUGH the state of our health compels us to look churlily upon all invitations that will necessitate our being out late at night, we always greet with pleasure the missives sent us by our dear friend Bro. Rowland, the zealous Secretary of No. 2032. At Richmond we are sure to meet well-tried friends who never tire in their exertions to make us comfortable, and at the annual meeting, which took place at the Greyhound, Richmond, on Tuesday last, this was apparent in the most pronounced fashion. True, on this occasion we missed some familiar faces, but the course of events took during the evening gave evidence of the fraternal spirit that so strongly exists amongst the brethren of this Lodge. The W.M., Bro. Albert Crew, commenced the business at 3.15, when he was supported by Past Masters B. E. Blasby, E. Dare, C. I. Digby, and H. Sapsworth. The Senior Warden's chair was filled by Bro. Alfred Aldin, and Bro. T. Covell was in his place as J.W., with Bro. Rowland at the Secretary's table, and other Officers well to the fore. After preliminaries the minutes were read and confirmed, and the statement of the Benevolent Fund Committee was received. The report of the Audit Committee was adopted. Bro. Sapsworth P.M. now took the chair and raised Bro. Ratcliff, performing the ceremony in a masterly fashion. Bro. B. E. Blasby kindly undertook the duties of Installing Master, and he gave a perfect rendering of this difficult ceremony; his addresses at the close being eloquently delivered. The new W.M., Bro. Alfred Aldin, invested the following as Officers for the year:—Bros. A. Crew I.P.M., T. Covell S.W., T. Aldridge J.W., E. E. Blasby Treasurer, G. C. Rowland Secretary, S. Abell S.D., H. F. Nash J.D., G. Trinder I.G., T. Keyes D.C., E. Dare P.M. Steward, F. R. Robinson and A. C. Taylor Assistant Stewards, F. Hampton Organist, Mitchell Tyler. The ballot was next brought into requisition for Mr. Henry Hill Smith, aged 26, who was proposed by Bro. Aldin and seconded by Bro. Capel Smith. The result was favourable, and Mr. Smith was introduced and regularly initiated by the Worshipful Master, who gave the charge of the degree. Routine business followed; it was announced that a letter had been received from Bro. Foster Reynolds, which was read by the Secretary, and a resolution passed that it be entered on the minutes, and that Bro. Rowland, on behalf of the Lodge, should acknowledge its receipt. The following is a copy:—

Membenup Vasse, Western Australia.
17th March 1892.

To the Worshipful Master of the Richmond Lodge.

Worshipful Sir,—I hope you will receive this on the 3rd May. Although not with you in flesh, shall be in spirit, and will drink to the good health of you, Sir, and all members of the Richmond Lodge. May it go on and prosper, root and branch, and still uphold those truly Masonic ornaments which Bro. Aldin has so much at heart, viz., benevolence and charity. The watch the Lodge so kindly presented to me has been much admired. I wore it on the way, and since leaving England, when I make use of it the watch reminds me of secrecy; the hour hand of fidelity, and the minute hand of obedience; three of the excellences of a Masonic character. With my good wishes to you all,

Believe me, Worshipful Sir, to remain,

Yours truly and fraternally,

FOSTER REYNOLDS, P.M.

Let's drink, laugh, and sing,

Our wine has a spring,

Here's a health to an accepted Mason.

Letters were also announced as having been received from Bros. Thomas Fenn, Frank Richardson, Robert Grey, and others, regretting inability to be present. Reference was made to the services rendered to the Lodge by its energetic Secretary, and a Committee was appointed to take steps to present him with a testimonial. The case of the girl Soanlebury, who polled 1321 votes at the School Election in April, was next mentioned; the brethren were thanked for their exertions on that occasion, and urged to renew their efforts, so that success might attend the case in October next. After other matters had been considered, Lodge was closed. The following were present as Visitors:—J. W. Brooking 1541, W. Bennett S.W. 732, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, Thos. Neal D.C. 1348, H. Massey P.M. 1928, &c., J. Fryer W.S. 1791, J. H. Jarvis P.M. 1627, G. T. Harrison 733, H. E. Harrison P.M. 167, W. J. Hatton 186, J. W. Clarke J.W. 1512, H. J. Wilson 1321, G. B. Wheeler 2032, J. E. Shand P.M. and Secretary 2030, W. T. Peat 1656 P.G. Org. Middlesex, S. Hunt 1196, J. A. Allison P.M. 788, J. D. McDougall P.M. 788, M. D. Akerman J.W. 1466, A. Tucker P.M. 1365, Frank Bridge 1732, H. McNeill 733, C. R. Smith 1656, F. Barker 503, C. W. Bennett 179, H. Clifford 432, W. G. Johnson 975, &c. Brother Mufflet, mine host of the Greyhound, had provided a capital banquet, which was served in the perfect fashion, that rules at this establishment. The usual toast list was done justice to, the Loyal toasts being especially well received. Bro. Crew in graceful terms proposed the health of the W.M., who was an initiate of the Lodge and the first of that band who had risen to the chair. In reply Bro. Aldin expressed his gratification at the kind reception he had met with. Some time back he almost came to the conclusion that he ought not to aspire to the chair, but the encouragement he met with from all the members induced him to persevere. He could assure them it was his desire the Lodge should go on—as hitherto—successfully. They had all the material requisite, and nothing should be wanting on his part. He felt assured the members would loyally assist him. In response to the toast, given in his honour, the initiate Bro. H. H. Smith, after thanking the Lodge, for the reception he had met with, said he trusted he might ever do his duty, and eventually become a respected member of the Craft. The Visitors was the next toast given; they were accorded a hearty welcome, and Bros. Akerman, Jarvis, McDougall, Alison,

Tucker, Morgan and Massey each made brief replies. The other toasts were equally well received, but brevity as regards the speeches was a necessity in consequence of the calls of Time. Bro. G. H. Broadmore had charge of the musical arrangement of the evening; he was assisted by Miss Jessie Hudson, A.L.A.M., gold medallist; Miss Gertrude Hudson, L.R.A.M.; Bros. Herbert Sobartau, C. T. Johnson, Edward Dalzell, and Mr. Sydney Beckley. The evening passed most agreeably.

ROYAL ARCH.

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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

THE Quarterly Convocation was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. Comp. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Grand Superintendent of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight occupied the chair, Comp. Lieut.-Col. Townley Caldwell, M.A., Grand Superintendent Cambridgeshire as G.H., and Comp. Col. Noel Macey, C.B., Grand Superintendent of Surrey as G.J. Comps. Edward Letchworth G.S.E., Capt. N. G. Philips as G.S.N., Robert Grey President Committee of General Purposes, Baron de Ferrières as G.P.S., Sir G. D. Harris as 1st A.G.S., Hamou Le Strange as 2nd A.G.S., Frank Richardson G.D.C., George Everett G. Treasurer, R. C. Sudlow, Ralph Clutton, C. H. Driver, J. H. Matthews, C. Belton, J. E. Le Feuvre, Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, F. S. Knyvett, Dr. Ralph Gooding, James Glaisher, H. Garrod, C. F. Hogard, C. F. Matier, A. A. Pendlebury Assist. G.S.E., and a large number of other Present and Past Grand Officers were present.

After the minutes of the last convocation had been read and confirmed, Comp. Beach announced that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.E.G.Z., had again appointed the Earl of Lathom to be Pro Grand Z.; The Earl of Mount Edgcumbe to be Grand H.; and himself (Comp. Beach) to be Grand J.

Comp. Beach was then obligated as G.J., and afterwards re-assumed the chair of G.Z. Comp. Edward Letchworth was invested by the acting M.E.G.Z., and congratulated by him on being appointed G.S.E. by the Prince of Wales.

The other Companions appointed to Grand office for the year were:—

Comp. Lord Alfred Spencer Churchill	S.N.
Robert Grey	Pres. Com. of G.P.
J. D. Murray	Treasurer.
F. A. Philbrick, Q.C.	Registrar.
Rev. H. R. Cooper-Smith, D.D.	Principal Suj.
Major-Gen. J. Crossland Hay, C.B.	1st A.S.
Samuel Gibson Sinclair	2nd A.S.
Charles Edward Keyser	Sword Bearer.
Fercival A. Nairne	1st Std. Br.
Geo. Henry Hopkinson	2nd Std. Br.
Henry John Strong, M.D.	3rd Std. Br.
Frederick W. Coles	4th Std. Br.
Frank Richardson (P.A.G. Soj.)	D.C.
Frederick Mead	Deputy D.C.
Dep. Insp.-Gen. Belgrave Ninnis	1st Assist. D.C.
William Peter Brown	2nd Assist. D.C.
Michael Maybrick	Organist.
Alfred A. Pendlebury	Assist. S.E.
Henry Sadler	Janitor.

Comp. Letchworth, G.S.E., announced that the M.E.G.Z. had been pleased to nominate Comp. Robert Grey President of the General Committee of Grand Chapter, and Comps. Sir G. D. Harris and F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., to be members of that Committee.

On propositions duly made, Comps. Capt. T. C. Walls, W. A. Scurrah, Mihill Slaughter, H. A. Garrod, Lennox Browne, and Philip Waterlow were elected the other members of the Committee of Grand Chapter.

The report of the Committee of General Purposes, taken as read, was ordered to be received and entered on the minutes. We gave the full text of this report last week.

The various recommendations were moved by Comp. Robert Grey, seconded by Comp. Frank Richardson, and were unanimously approved. This completed the business, and Grand Chapter was then closed.

BIRTH.

GOSTLING.—On the 4th inst., at 270 Caledonian Road, N., the wife of W. R. GOSTLING of a son.

DEATH.

PLATT.—On the 2nd inst., at his residence, City Road, E.C., from exhaustion, after a severe attack of chronic rheumatism, followed by bronchitis, THOMAS PLATT (an old resident of Clerkenwell), aged 79 years. Interred at Highgate Cemetery, on the 6th inst.

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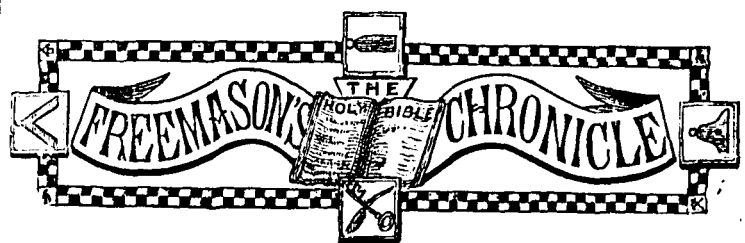
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SATURDAY, 7th MAY 1892.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

AT a Provincial Grand Lodge, holden in the Church Institute, Albion Place, Leeds, on Monday, 25th ult., at 2.15 p.m., under the banners of Lodges 289 Fidelity, 306 Alfred, 1042 Excelsior, 1211 Goderich, 1221 Defence, 1311 Zetland, and 2069 Prudence, there were present:—

Bros. Henry Smith Past Grand Deacon of England, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, acting Prov. Grand Master; Wm. Hy. Brittain, J.P., Past Grand Sword Bearer of England as Deputy Prov. Grand Master; W. F. Smithson Prov. G. S. Warden, Thomas Crossley P. as Prov. G. J. Warden; Benj. Broughton, Lieut.-Col. Joshua Day, T. W. Embleton, George Brooke, Wm. Harrop, and T. Bateman Fox, J.P., P. Prov. G. Wardens; Rev. J. Rosser P. as Prov. G. Chaplain, Rev. Claud A. Lambert Prov. G. Chaplain, Rev. T. Smyth, D.D., P. Prov. G. Chaplain, William Pepper Prov. G. Treasurer; C. L. Mason, Thos. Riddock, and John Leach P. Prov. G. Treasurers; Fred. Walker Prov. G. Registrar; John C. Malcolm, A. W. Stanfield, J.P., and C. M. Wilson P. Prov. G. Registrars; Herbert Green Prov. G. Sec.,

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Letters and telegrams of apology for unavoidable absence were received from the Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master; from Bro. John Chadwick P.M. Prov. G. Secretary East Lancashire; Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M. P.G. Sword Bearer; from five Provincial Grand Officers, and forty-two Brethren.

A letter from Bro. Tew was read by the Secretary, and on the motion of Bro. Pepper P.M. 1042 Prov. Grand Treasurer, seconded by Bro. C. L. Mason P.M. 2069 P.P.G.T., it was ordered to be entered on the minutes. It was as follows:—

The Grange, Carleton, Pontefract,
15th April 1892.

MY DEAR DEPUTY,—With great regret, for the second time, I must plead inability to be present at the meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge. My health, though much improved, has not yet been restored sufficiently to enable me to venture upon out-door exertion. I must, therefore, ask you to take charge of and conduct the business at this, the annual meeting, and I hope you will tell my brethren how sorry I am that I am still unable to be with them.

I feel sure that the affairs of this important and ever increasing Province have been well and faithfully administered by you and the outgoing Prov. G. Officers, and that nothing has been neglected to promote its best interests. For this care and diligence, to you and them, I tender my sincere and grateful thanks. I trust the brethren will still further extend indulgence to me and excuse me from making any attempt personally to visit their Lodges, with the hope that the G.A.O.T.U. may shortly give back to me my former strength and enable me to the best of my ability to serve the Province I have learned to love so well.

Pray express to the brethren my deep obligations for the resolution of sympathy recorded at the meeting at Sowerby Bridge, and for their spontaneous and generous contributions to the Thos. Wm. Tew Presentation Fund, whereby they have, in perpetuity, associated my name and that of this Province with the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Let me in conclusion add my testimony of sorrow and regret at the lamented death of H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence and Avondale; also at that of Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke. The latter, as Grand Secretary, was intimately associated with this Province, whilst the former was as closely allied to the whole country.

With the earnest wish for the peace, harmony, and contentment of every Lodge under my jurisdiction, and the hope that we shall continue to be loyal and true to our Grand Master and to each other.

I am, my Dear Deputy,

Faithfully yours,

T. W. TEW P.G.M.

The following visitors were also present:—Kros. Jas. Morrison McLeod, P.P.G.W. Derbyshire, Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and A. E. Charlesworth 324.

The acting Prov. G. Master, Bro. Henry Smith; the acting D.P.G.M., Bro. Wm. Hy. Brittain J.P.; and the Prov. G. Officers entered at 2.15 p.m. The Prov. G. Lodge was opened in due form; solemn prayer was offered, and a portion of Holy Scripture read, by the Provincial Grand Chaplains. The acting Provincial Grand Master, the acting Deputy, and Bro. McLeod were saluted according to ancient custom. The roll of Lodges was called, and it was found that 71 out of 75 were represented, after which the roll of Present and Past Grand Officers

was called. The minutes of Provincial Grand Lodge holden at Sowerby Bridge, on Wednesday, 14th October 1891, were presented. It was proposed by Bro. F. Cleeves P.M. 904, seconded by Bro. Wm. Gaukroger P.M. 61, and carried—"That the minutes be taken as read, and confirmed.

The acting Provincial Grand Master then delivered the following address.

BRETHREN,—The unfortunate circumstances which compelled me to take this chair and address you at our last meeting at Sowerby Bridge, still, I regret to say, continue.

The condition of our R.W. Provincial Grand Master during the period intervening has been very precarious, but is now, I rejoice to say, decidedly improved. If this improvement is maintained, as I trust it may be, we may confidently hope that at our next October meeting we shall see Bro. Tew in his accustomed place, and I doubt not, Brethren, should that be so, that he will receive at your hands a welcome which will warm his heart—a welcome such as his long and honourable devotion to the interests of the Craft in this Province eminently deserves.

Meanwhile, Brethren, though I know how much I fall short of it, I will endeavour to the best of my ability to supply his place.

My first duty is a melancholy one. The loss which the Nation has sustained by the death of H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence is great; the sympathy which that unfortunate occurrence has called forth has been universal, and it would ill become us, who, as Masons are proud of our loyalty and devotion to our Queen and Country, to let this, the first opportunity we have had, pass by without recording upon our minutes how greatly we regret the Prince's untimely death, and how deeply we sympathise with all those to whom he was near and dear. In the direct line of succession to the throne, heir to a noble heritage, beloved and esteemed by all who knew him, betrothed and on the eve of marriage with a young and amiable Princess—all these circumstances only intensify the feeling of sorrow which the death of one so young and apparently so singularly blessed would naturally evoke. Add to this, that he was one of us, that he was following in the footsteps of his illustrious father our Most Worshipful Grand Master, and what more can be said? Brethren, you will some of you, I am sure, before we part, move a resolution which will adequately express our sympathy and sorrow.

By the death of Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, too, our late esteemed Grand Secretary, the Craft has sustained a severe blow, and West Yorkshire has lost a good friend. Amiable, courteous, and thoroughly efficient at all points, he was able to combine the *suaviter in modo* with the *fortiter in re* in the exercise of his secretarial duties in a way which was peculiarly his own. He will long be missed at Lodge Consecrations and other Masonic functions, at which his charm of manner and complete mastery of ceremonial detail were so conspicuous. In his successor, Bro. Edward Letchworth, we have got, I doubt not, an able and efficient Mason, and it must be our duty, Brethren, to render him loyal and hearty support, and to endeavour to maintain that good understanding and pleasant relation which has so long existed between this Province and the executive of the Grand Lodge of England.

To come now to home affairs. The Thomas William Tew Presentation Fund has been successfully completed, and the opinion of our Rt. Worshipful Provincial Grand Master in relation to it has been expressed in most kindly and grateful terms in the letter which he addressed to me—a letter which I at once circulated in the Province, with the request that it should be read in all your Lodges. This, I trust, has been done, for I cannot too strongly commend that letter to your notice.

Bro. Tew, since his appointment as Deputy in 1875, has been unsparing in his efforts, by means of papers and addresses given at Installations, Consecrations, and Provincial Grand Lodge meetings, to instruct the brethren of this Province, and to lift Masonry up to a somewhat higher level.

Those addresses have cost him much time, labour, and research, and by consenting to a re-publication of them, under the Editorship of Brother Matthewman, Prov. Assistant Grand Secretary, he trusts, as he says in his letter, that his efforts will meet with appreciation at your hands.

It will be within the recollection of many of you, I dare say, that in my Address at Sowerby Bridge, in October last, I endeavoured to impress upon W. Masters, Treasurers and Secretaries the necessity of a prompt and conscientious discharge of their duties, particularly in relation to the sending in of the Annual Returns.

I regret extremely to be compelled to say that, notwithstanding that admonition, on the 31st January last—the day upon which by Provincial Grand Lodge By-Law 46 all these returns should have been in our hands—no less than 23 Lodge Secretaries had failed to send in the requisite papers; and it is only within the last few weeks, and by persistent application and repeated reminders, that we have been able to get the statistical information from those who are responsible for its production.

Worshipful Masters, this should not be so. I appeal to you all, but more especially to those of the Lodges to which these remarks particularly apply.

Do not cast the blame on the Secretary—his predecessor, it is true, should instruct him and help him in his duties—but it is you, and you only, who are responsible.

You are raised by the suffrages of your brethren to the highest honour the Lodge has power to bestow. You accept that honour; you are proud of it—justly proud of it; but, brethren, besides the honour there is the responsibility: when you accept office as W.M., you undertake certain duties, and those duties you should master, and once mastered, thoroughly carry out. How much more gracefully will you wear the honours if you can conscientiously feel that you are doing the work! Down to the smallest detail of organization and management you should let your supervision extend.

Direct, advise, reprove if necessary, and if you cannot get matters accomplished as promptly or as satisfactorily as you would wish, why do them yourself rather than suffer the stigma of neglect or indifference to be connected or associated with the Lodge of which you are the head.

The chief reason why our Prov. Grand Master has not called us together quite three weeks ago has been, that the returns came in so late, it was impossible to get matters into train earlier.

As to arrears, I must again say we are in a condition which permits of much improvement. One Lodge has no less than 12 members in this condition. There are others with 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, respectively, 2 with 6, and so on, making a total of 165 brethren who have failed to pay their dues.

It is the earnest wish of our Prov. G. Master that something should be done to alter this. The remedy is simple. Give all reasonable notice or warning, and then apply that remedy.

During the year 1890 the increase on our roll was 82. This year it amounts to 36. The figures stand thus:—

	New.	Resigned.	Dead.	Excluded.	In Arrear.	Total Nos.
1890	300	113	69	36	161	3611
1891	286	126	89	40	165	3647

I notice that whilst some Lodges have been very active and added as many as 10, in one instance 11, new members, there are, on the other hand, 5 who have had neither an initiation nor a joining brother to increase their numbers throughout the entire year.

I do not complain of this, if the reasons are satisfactory. Better be without candidates than introduce unsuitable ones. But, brethren (I will not say I very much fear, that would be a subterfuge), I know that those reasons, in some cases, are not satisfactory—that they will not bear going into.

I want to lay down a principle which I think cannot be gainsaid, and that is, that no Brother has the right to blackball a candidate against whom no objection, Masonic or otherwise, has been taken, merely for the purpose of satisfying his own feeling of animosity, revenge, or pique.

By doing this he not only obstructs the progress and advancement of his Lodge, but he throws everything out of gear; he strangles its very life, and what is worst of all, he inflicts the greatest possible injustice upon those—most probably the majority, who have no concern in his quarrel, and have taken no part whatever in bringing about the difficulty under which the Lodge labours.

All true Masons take a pride in their Lodge; they are jealous of its reputation and honour; they delight in the efficiency of its W.M. and Officers; they are wishful to increase its numbers and influence; they congratulate themselves when peace and concord reign within its portals, and they are willing, nay anxious, to do all in their power to maintain this satisfactory condition of affairs; and yet in spite of all their zeal and efforts, in some unhappy instances, a few discontented brethren will spoil everything—will for peace substitute discord, and for order bring about chaos!

This being our Annual Meeting, it will shortly be my duty to invest with collars those who have been selected for office.

Brethren, this conferring of honours is a most difficult task—a task the burden of which year by year increases. Our R.W. Provincial Grand Master has gone most carefully into this matter, he has diligently considered the names of those who may be fairly deemed eligible for the purple, and he has selected according to the best of his judgment. His award can scarcely be expected to give universal satisfaction; there are many, doubtless, who will be disappointed, but I ask you to believe that Bro. Tew has been actuated by the highest motives, that he has striven to be just and impartial, and I know that he has the fullest confidence that you, brethren, will loyally abide by his decision.

There is another aspect of this question I should like to glance at.

In an ordinary Craft Lodge a Brother's rank is an important matter, as the higher he gets the more nearly does he approach the chair—the goal of his ambition. As, however, the office of Provincial Grand Master is beyond the reach of most of us, it seems to me that to obtain a Provincial Collar, of any rank, is an honour with which one might reasonably be satisfied, and that the distinctions in Provincial Grand Lodge are more imaginary than real. It is impossible to confer what is deemed high office upon all, and the Brother who is considered by his Provincial Grand Master worthy to wear the Collar of his Province, does not need to trouble himself much as to the jewel that hangs therefrom.

As to the duties which are associated with the various offices, they are clearly laid down in our Provincial By-Laws. I would strongly enjoin the brethren appointed carefully to acquaint themselves with those duties, with a view to their effectual performance.

I would further suggest that a very valuable method of assisting the executive might be organised, if the Provincial Officers would at intervals systematically visit the Lodges, more especially those that lie remote from some great Masonic centre. The brethren visited would value the honour, and a closer and more intimate association would result, which I am sure would be productive of good and conduce to a more general spirit of brotherhood in the Province. I commend these suggestions to your sound sense and good feeling, brethren.

I fear I am detaining you rather long, but there is only one thing more I would add.

Our Library, under the supervision, experience and fostering care of Bro. Watson, is now rapidly becoming a most valuable institution. The Province owes much to our Librarian, and whilst I propose to offer him an opportunity to give us some account of the results of his labours, I yet feel that this acknowledgment of his services is justly his due. The support which he receives from our Rt. W. Provincial Grand Master is another evidence that his work is highly appreciated.

And now, Brethren, I have done. Death has claimed its victims since I last addressed you, but that is in the ordinary course of events.

I trust that when we next meet, I shall stand on a lower step, to the right of the Chair, and that the place of honour will be occupied by him who has so worthily filled it, whose interest in the Craft is warm as his own warm heart.

I know how it will rejoice him (if spared) to visit you again, and great though that pleasure may be to him, it will not exceed the gratification and delight which it will afford you to see him amongst you once more.

The address was listened to which marked attention, and the Brethren showed their appreciation by frequent applause. On its conclusion, Bro. W. H. Brittain rose to thank the Brethren for their cordial greeting. In referring to the Address, he said that it combined both poetry and prose, that it was graceful as well as practical, and that in all his experience he had never listened to an Address which so happily combined firm treatment with delicate handling. He spoke in feeling terms of the death of H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence, and concluded a very effective speech by proposing the following resolution: "That this Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire recognises, with the deepest regret, the great loss which the Craft and the Nation have sustained by the death of H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, K.G., P.G.W., R.W. Prov. Grand Master Berks, on 14th January last, and takes the earliest opportunity of recording on its minutes their profound sorrow and sympathy with Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, Her Serene Highness the Princess May of Teck, and the rest of the Royal Family in their sad bereavement." This was briefly seconded by the Rev. T. C. Smyth, D.D., P.M. 2069 P.G. Chaplain, &c., and carried.

Bro. T. Bateman Fox, Chairman of the West Yorkshire Charity Committee, then addressed the meeting. After complimenting the acting Prov. Grand Master upon the fearless and outspoken terms of the address which they had just heard, an exposition of Masonic principles and conduct with which he thoroughly agreed, Bro. Fox presented the Annual Report of the Charity Committee. In proposing its adoption he pointed out the advantage of accumulating votes upon chairs, recommended the Boys' and Girls' Schools to the special charitable consideration of the Province, and gave particulars as to the leakage which had occurred in relation to the voting papers in the late election. He urged the Charity members to be untiring in their exertions in collecting and sending in the votes, and strongly deprecated receiving papers twenty-four hours after the elections to which they referred were concluded.

Bro. W. C. Lupton, Vice-Chairman, seconded. Whilst most highly commending the brethren for their munificent subscriptions to the R.M. Benevolent Institution, he urged upon them the desirability of promptly redeeming their promises by the actual payment of the money, pointing out how strongly votes were needed for the forthcoming Annuitants' Election, and that it was only by securing this additional voting power they could hope to carry the candidates whom the Committee had adopted. That the election was on the 20th May, and that it was desirable, in order to give time for the issue of new voting papers, that the donations should be sent in not later than the 10th of that month.

On the motion "That the Report of the Charity Committee be adopted" being put from the Chair, it was carried unanimously.

Bro. C. Phillips, from the body of the room, inquired what the average cost per boy was in the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Bro. W. F. Smithson, Ex-Chairman of the Charity Committee, and a member of the Board of Management, replied, that for educating, clothing, and maintaining the boys in the School, the average cost per head was a few shillings over £40 a year.

Bro. Wm. Pepper Provincial Grand Treasurer then presented his balance sheet, and moved its adoption. This, a printed copy of which had been issued throughout the Province, was seconded by Bro. T. B. Fox, and carried.

Bro. John Gerrard Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works presented an inventory of furniture, regalia, &c., belonging to Provincial Grand Lodge. On his assurance that all was in good order and preservation the inventory was received.

The Chairman next called upon Bro. Wm. Watson Provincial Grand Librarian. Bro. Watson said he had prepared a report, which would be duly circulated, that during the past year that most valuable and important books and MSS. had been added to the Library, that in consequence

of the munificent support which he received from the Provincial Grand Master we had now a collection of which every Mason in West Yorkshire might be justly proud. He also referred to the reprints of the Masonic MSS. which, at great cost of time and labour, had been issued and sent to every Lodge in the Province. He feared that in some instances they had scarcely received that notice or attention which their importance deserved. He moved the adoption of the report.

This was seconded by Bro. John Barker, and carried *nem con.*

Bro. C. L. Mason then proposed Bro. John Gibbs as Treasurer for the ensuing year. He spoke of his Masonic merits and financial abilities, and assured the brethren that he would prove a worthy successor to Bro. Wm. Pepper, the retiring Treasurer. This was seconded in brief and epigrammatic terms by Bro. W. H. Brittain. There was no other candidate, and Bro. Gibbs was therefore unanimously elected.

The retiring Provincial Grand Officers then advanced and formally took leave of the acting Provincial Grand Master, at the same time handing in their badges of office.

The new Officers for the year were called up and invested, as follows:—

Rev. Thos. C. Smyth, D.D.	...	Senior Warden.
Richard Jessop	...	Junior Warden.
Rev. H. L. Clarke, M.A.	...	Chaplains.
Rev. A. H. B. Lees, M.A.	...	
John Gibbs (elected)	...	Treasurer.
William Ramsden	...	Registrar.
Herbert G. E. Green	...	Secretary.
John William Balme	...	Senior Deacons.
Albert Walker	...	
John Cass, J.P.	...	Junior Deacons.
Richard Prince Brindley	...	
John William Cocking	...	Superintendent of Works.
W. Watson P.P.G.S. of W.	...	Librarian.
Tudor Trevor	...	Dir. of Cers.
Sydney Thomas Steele	...	Deputy Dir. of Cers.
Chas. A. Phillips	...	Assist. Dir. of Cers.
John E. D. Darling	...	Sword Bearer.
John Hey	...	Standard Bearers.
W. T. Beauland	...	
Samuel Jacob	...	Organist.
Joseph Matthewman	...	Assistant Secretary.
Benj. Fawcett Glover	...	Pursuivant.
Charles Shaw	...	Assistant Pursuivant.
W. H. D. Horsfall	...	Stewards.
Alfred Scarth	...	
William Fisher Tasker	...	
Thomas Norfolk	...	
William Barrow Wall	...	
Louis Eismann	...	Tyler.
Thomas Leighton	...	
Thomas Chester	...	Assistant Tyler.

The acting Provincial Grand Master took the opportunity, before closing the proceedings, of thanking the brethren for their kind reception of himself and their attention to his address. He thought that as they had with them Bro. McLeod, the Secretary of the Boys' School, they would like to hear him. He therefore called upon Bro. McLeod, who said: That the thanks of all the three Masonic Institutions, and of their Secretaries, were due to the Freemasons of West Yorkshire; that he, in his own person, was especially grateful to them; that their splendid charitable organisation was admirably and most judiciously worked; that they were in the proud position of heading the Provincial Lists at the late Festival of the Benevolent Institution; that they had nobly supported both the Girls and the Boys, and that they had a distinguished representative share in the working of both Institutions, since the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, Bro. Henry Smith, was Treasurer of the Girls, and Bro. Smithson on the Board of Management of the Boys. He recommended the brethren to keep up their influence by maintaining their donations, and thanked the acting Provincial Grand Master for giving him the opportunity of saying these few words.

There were no invitations for the October meeting, and Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in due form with solemn prayer at 4.30 p.m.

Dinner was served by Bro. Powolny in his handsome new Restaurant, in Boud Street, at 5.0 p.m. About 140 brethren were present, the acting Provincial Grand Master presiding.

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 1624 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Pimlico, 7
 2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, 7.30
 R.A. Sinai, Red Lion, King Street, Regent St., W.

Monday, 9th May.

22 Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7.30
 27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8
 45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St.,
 174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7
 180 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8
 248 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brixham, Devon,
 382 Royal Union, Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge
 548 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
 1330 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 6.30
 1425 Hyde Park, Prince of Wales's Hotel, corner of Eastbourne Terrace, and Bishop's Rd., W. 8
 1445 Prince Leopold, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 7
 1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall Canterbury,
 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, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 8.30
 1707 Eleanor, Rose and Crown, Tottenham, 8
 1743 Perseverance, Deacons's Tavern, Walbrook, 7
 1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Ct. Hot, W. Kensington, 8
 1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, 8
 2192 Walthamstow, Chequers Hotel, High Street, Walthamstow, 8

Tuesday, 10th May.

25 Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, 8
 55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 7
 141 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W.
 177 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7.30
 189 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8
 212 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, 8
 241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

551 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8
 700 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 7.30
 733 Prince Fred. William, Eagle Tav., Maida Hill, 8
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 860 Dalhousie, Mill on Arms, Dalston, 8
 861 Finsbury, King's Head, Three-Inciple St., 7
 1044 Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth, 8
 1321 Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
 1313 St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex
 1349 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 7.30
 1416 Mount Edgecombe, Three Stags, Lambeth Rd., 8
 1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 7.30, 8
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 2146 Surbiton, Maple Hill, Surbiton
 Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon St., 6.30
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Wednesday, 11th May.

3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Baronsbury, 8
 30 United Mariners', Lugard, Peckham, 7.30
 72 Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., 8
 73 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, Borough, 8
 193 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall St., 8
 228 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8
 538 La Tolerance, Portland Hot, Gt. Portland St., 8
 594 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7
 673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8
 720 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, 7
 781 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav, Burdett Rd., 7.30
 813 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Rd. 8
 862 Whittington, Red Lion, Fleet Street, 8
 902 Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Strand, 8
 972 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, 8.30
 1037 Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
 1269 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney
 1356 Foxteth, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool, 7.30
 1475 Peckham, 518 Old Kent Road, 8
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 1922 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, 8
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Thursday, 12th May.

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

879 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New Road
 890 Hornsey, Masonic Room, Lowisham, 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
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 R.A. 753 Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, 8
 R.A. 1471 North London, Northampton House, Canonbury, 8

Friday, 13th May.

Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, 8
 General Lodge, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 8
 167 St. John's, York and Albany, Regent's Park,
 507 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7.30
 733 Westbourne, Swiss Cottage Tavern, Finchley Road, N.W., 8
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 1298 Royal Standard, Castle, 81 Holloway Rd., N.,
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 1381 Kennington, The Horns, Kennington, 8
 1457 Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton, Essex, 7.30
 1642 E. Carnarvon, Ludbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8
 1901 Selwyn, Montpelier, Choumont Rd., Peckham, 8
 2021 Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, The Criterion, W., 8
 2030 Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, S.W., 7.30
 R.A. 95 Eastern Star, Hercules Tavern, E.C.
 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
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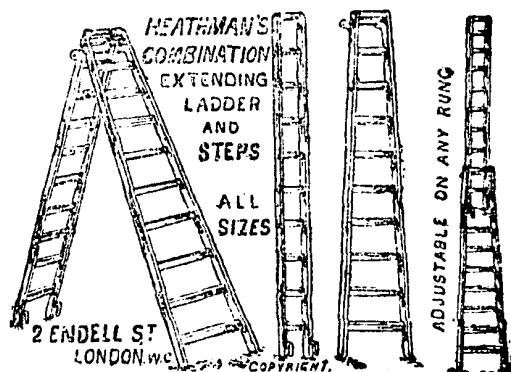
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