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## CUSTODIANS OF LODGE FUNDS.

ANY question associated with the control of Lodge funds is exceptionally difficult to deal with, because it is next to impossible to offer any remark upon the subject without appearing to cast a doubt, either upon the personal character or the integrity of those who have charge of Lodge money. No matter how sincere the motive, or how harmless the comment offered, in the hope of creating greater safeguards with which to surround the funds of our Lodges, there are many who at once jump to the conclusion that some one is being specially attacked, and they are ready with opposition, not because they object to the principle involved in the proposal, but because they are afraid of hurting the feelings of some among them.

An instance of this occurred at an important meeting this week, where a Provincial Grand Treasurer retired from office after holding the appointment for a period of thirty-six years. A successor was regularly elected, and then arose a question as to the desirability of opening a special account for the Lodge funds, and surrounding them with a safeguard in the form of a counter signature by the Provincial Grand Secretary on each cheque drawn. The brethren of Surrey who were assembled on this occasion—for our readers will recognise that it is the Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey we are referring to—immediately jumped to the conclusion that a slight was intended, by this proposition, to the newly-elected Treasurer, and on the spur of the moment they would probably have speedily rejected anything of a restrictive character. Indeed, the proposer of the resolution was at once asked to withdraw that part of his suggestion relating to the countersigning by the Provincial Grand Secretary, and, in view of the apparent opposition to it, he consented. Then followed a discussion on the several points of the case, and ultimately many of those present seemed to recognise that an alteration such as was suggested might be made purely on its merits, and without any desire to reflect on the position or character of any one individual interested in the subject.

When it was argued that no such restrictions had been imposed in the past it was pointed out that it would have been very difficult to make any alteration during the tenure of office of Bro. George Price, the retiring Treasurer; but now that a fresh appointment had been made there was no reason why fresh rules should not be laid down, especially as the state of the Province is so different now to what it was 36 years back, when Bro. Price first assumed charge of the Provincial funds. It may be imagined that a discussion such as this led to comments of a varied and conflicting character, and when one Brother incautiously remarked that he felt Provincial Grand Lodge should not put temptation in

the way of any one by entrusting him with several hundred pounds of corporate funds, he was received with a strong outburst of scorn—but why? Here are public funds to be dealt with, and no man of business capability can possibly take offence if he is asked to give security for such amounts. It is not a question of confidence or the opposite, but one purely of principle; and no matter whether the amount be pence, shillings or pounds, as public funds they should be surrounded with some safeguard, else we are neglecting what should be the aim of every Mason—to set an example to the world at large in all matters which can possibly have any influence on the general public, or in which outsiders can point to Freemasonry as an example.

The mover of the proposition to surround the funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey with some additional safeguards approached the subject purely from a public standpoint. He expressed a hope that Grand Lodge would some day make it compulsory for every Lodge under its rule to keep a separate banking account, and forbid Lodge funds being mixed up with the private affairs of any individual member. There is little hope of this coming about, for the very reason we have already given; the Craft would not calmly discuss the subject, because of the fear of offending the susceptibilities of existing custodians of Lodge monies, while it might be further urged that no necessity existed for altering an arrangement that had worked so well in the past, and which was now only objected to on principle; but this feeling that nothing will be done does not do away with the necessity for something of the sort; and if it is not attempted as a general matter by an edict of Grand Lodge, there is no reason why individual Lodges should not discuss the matter for themselves, and, without any intention of offering a slight, or questioning the integrity of their Treasurer, see that their funds are placed in the condition that all corporate funds should be—as free from risk of loss as it is possible to make them.

## SUPPOSED FREEMASONRY IN THE SOUTH SEAS.

*A Lecture delivered by Bro. John Gaggin in the Doric Lodge, No. 151.*

**W**OR. Sir and Brothers,—This is the first time I have had the pleasure of attending this Lodge, and meeting you all. I am a total stranger to most of you, and am unaccustomed to this sort of thing, so, perhaps, under the circumstances, you will excuse any shortcomings on my part. Perhaps a few may be aware that I have spent some twelve years of my life in the South Seas. Circumstances caused me during a great part of that period to mix very intimately with the natives. I lived among them for years—and the nearest white was about ten miles away—much more so than the generality of the planters, and thus

I had exceptional opportunities of knowing them, their language, manners and customs.

I imagine I have found traces of Masonry among the natives from Fiji to the Solomons, and through the New Hebrides and Banks Groups. When I have told what I have seen, perhaps some may agree with me on the subject.

Let us begin at Fiji first. When the Masonic Lodge was started there (and by the way, let me remark in passing that the Masons of Levuka erected the first hospital in the South Seas—for all comers, too—and kept it going for some time until the Government stepped in) some of us went to Bau to explain matters to the King, &c., as is the Masonic custom. The interpreter of the party went on to explain to Cakobau the well-known principles and objects of Masonry, but he was interrupted by the chief, who said he knew all about it, as the Fijians had it among themselves, and he seemed much astonished at finding it among the whites also. Naturally such a statement from such a person excited much interest among the deputation, and a few direct and close questions followed; but the old King laughed and said characteristically, he did not ask to know their secrets, and why should they seek to find out his; let them establish their Lodge, and so the matter rested, which I think was a pity.

Some years ago I was settled in the Yasawas, the most westerly of the Fijian Islands; a local chief of some power made himself very annoying to us planters; he was not the proper chief by descent, but had a few years previously, partly by intrigue and partly by force, managed to depose his child relation and seize power, and half of the large tribe refused to obey him, so we whites sent for him and told him plainly that if he did not behave himself we would go to Batavia, see the King of Fiji, and put the right chief in his place. Old Sose Tubua—such was the old rascal's name—laughed, flipped his finger and thumb in our faces, and told us plainly that we could not do it as he was "brother to the King." Now I knew he had no blood relationship to any Bauan, and the word "brother" struck me, and I bribed one of his old men to tell me all about it. It appeared that when Sose was a young warrior he loaded a big canoe, took her to Bau, and presented her loaded as she was to the King. In return he was taken alone without his followers to a lonely part of the bush for three or four days, and when he returned all Bau saluted him as "Brother to Cakobau." His relationship stood him in good stead, as we whites failed to remove him, although we tried hard to do so at Bau, and Sose died a chief.

In Fiji I imagine the feudal and absolute power of the chiefs keeps this secret Institution much among themselves, and do not allow it to extend among the people, although signs are not wanting to show that formerly it was much more prevalent; for instance, each village has its club house, called "The Buri," where most of the men live, and although women enter it now, in heathen times they did not. Also in certain seasons of the year the lads are taken into the forests, live in retirement for a time, and are then made men, and go through certain rites and initiations. No women are allowed about. Feasts as in other places nearer home are frequent. When secret rites, &c., are to take place, a spot in the lonely depths of the forest is chosen, and enclosed with a high fence, conch shells are blown continually to keep intruders at a distance. If an unhappy outsider or "cowan" strays to the fence, there is no return, he pays with his life for his rashness.

On one occasion I was shooting at Volua, or Saddle Island—one of the Banks group—and far in the bush came across one of these secret retreats. Conch shells were sounding on all sides; my boy bird finder trembled with fear, and begged me to steal off at once. To this I objected, but going back a little cooed vigorously. In a few minutes two young fellows came up, arrows on strings, and ordered me off with scant ceremony, but I offered a large price: two flasks of powder, to be allowed inside. This they said they had not the power to grant, but would ask. After a time some old men turned up, collared the flasks, threatened the frightened boy with death if he moved, and took me inside, and I saw little or nothing, the remains of a feast and some huge masks which they refused to sell. I was offered food, an offer never refused in the South Seas unless you wish to give offence, and so I returned as wise as I went. In the New Hebrides, and especially in the Banks groups of islands, each little village has its guild hall, or Masonic Lodge. In it its

members live and sleep; no woman or boy or cowan dare enter on pain or death; it is always the largest house in the town, being often 60 or 70 feet long by 14 feet wide, and built 6 or 7 feet off the ground on a raised platform; graven idols cut out of the fern tree 12 or 14 feet big to guard its four corners, the posts also of the house are carved in the likeness of men. These guild men or Masons have much power and control the authority of the chief. If they are hostile no trading &c., can take place. A long broad passage leads down the middle of the house. There are the fireplaces, each with its heap of little stones for cooking purposes—for in this place the men cook and nowhere else will they do so. On each side are the sleeping places partitioned off. Most of the men in each village belong to this Society. Initiation and promotion is paid for with many pigs, guns, and native money. This money is made from small shells, red, black, and white, ground by the women to resemble the segment of the back bone of a small fish and string, and is used all over the Western Pacific as money, our £ s d in fact. The red is four times as valuable as the black, which is worth double that of the white.

A few years ago I was on the N.E. coast of Gan or Ysabel Island. This is one of the wildest and most cannibal places in the Solomons. In many towns the people live entirely in trees and build their houses in them, and are very savage. We were at anchor for three or four days, but the people objected to our landing. We understood some of the local lingo. For my part I did not try to land, as I had not been offered betel nut—the sign of friendship among these people—and in such wild islands if we whites respected the customs of the natives more, there would be fewer murders and cannibal feasts. However, the captain tried to go ashore, and found the natives bending their bows; notwithstanding this the people came freely on board and made themselves quite at home. I noticed that most of the principal men among them wore wigs made of human hair, and I suddenly remembered that some time before a trader, when speaking about Gan, said that if ever we went there we would get among the black Masons, and had chaffed me about my black brothers. I thought he was only joking at the time, now I remembered. It was evening, eight or ten of those wigmen were sitting in a circle on deck chewing betel, it was very hot and all the rest were below. Here goes for a try, I said to myself, so I sat down and joined the circle; all words were useless I knew, so I made the signs known to us and common in the first and second degree—the signs of the third I judged were useless in this case for a reason well known to us all. Every eye was fixed on me, and every jaw stopped wagging as they watched, and nothing occurred for ten minutes or so and I felt rather disappointed. Then one old fellow next me suddenly pulled off his wig and popped it on my head, and all the circle nodded and grinned at me; another old buffer handed me his betel nut box—their sign of friendship as I said before—and our jaws wagged in unison for a bit. Their canoe was alongside and they proposed I go ashore at once with them (mind you, before this for three days they would not allow one of us to touch the beach.) I agreed, and I imagine showed some faith in my new brothers. The surprise, astonishment, and half fright of the captain as he came on deck and saw me leaving the side in a canoe, made me laugh. He called out as we paddled away to be very careful, and he would send the armed boat to the beach to cover me, and so he did. And now a queer thing happened—a mob of boys and girls ran down to see the canoe land; it would never do to show distrust now, so I jumped ashore amongst the foremost, and when the people saw my head gear, yells of astonishment broke out on all sides, and those close to me prostrated themselves, and as I was led up to the temple or Lodge, Lodge or temple, every one we met, except wigmen, put their foreheads to the ground as we passed. There we sat down, the invariable pig was produced, and we did eat and were filled. Was the temple a Lodge? I can't say. There was nothing of our Lodge about it, but no unwigged man entered, or boy or woman. Great hollow fish made of wood hung from the roof, holding the bones of the ancestors of the tribe; human skulls grinned ghastly on all sides, trophies these of the prowess of the tribe, for the Solomonites are head hunters like the Dyaks. Grim idols were all round the walls, three great war canoes, 150 or 200 feet long with sides and bows gleaming with mother-of-pearl and capable of carrying two or three hundred men, were in the middle; vast wooden bowls for holding human bodies at feasts and similarly

ornamented stood around, a place I can assure you to make any man's nerves tingle and quiver. I know mine did, and I thanked my stars I had a wig. When the feeding was over we left and the prostrating again began, so I got a hint to disengage myself and on looking round found all had stripped off their wigs. We remained here three or four days longer; the town was called "Sena," and the villagers became quite friendly to me, only no one else was allowed to land, and when we left I was made half drunk from eating betel nut, and had lost a small fortune in tobacco and found myself the owner of half a dozen very lean pigs, and so ended my introduction to a Solomon Lodge, as I feel such it was. Another thing—all over the Solomons I noticed many of the men wore bracelets, but never the women or lads. Here they are, you see one as the form of a cross on it, and the others peculiar hieroglyphics. I also remarked that when natives of different towns met as strangers, it was these ornamented ones began to talk on each side. I imagine these things are Masonic jewellery, something after the style of our pins, rings, &c. I asked some of the natives, whose language I knew, what these birds' heads, &c., meant, but they refused to answer. Masons are all aware that in consequence of a great crime, many of the old words, signs, &c., are lost to us moderns; perhaps we may yet recover them from the black Masonic Lodges. I consider the subject well worth following up by old South Sea residents who are Masons. Evidently the separation from Asia of these South Sea people is of very ancient date—before the dawn of history. It is a curious fact that the Fijians, with all their numerous gods, their worship of ancestors, their fearful cannibalism, *never worshipped idols*; had no idea of such a thing. Possibly they separated from the continents before idolatry was practised on earth. Perhaps some will consider I have inferred a great deal on very slight grounds—perhaps so. I do not think it. There is yet one peculiar rite practised by these South Sea people universally, and that is "circumcision." This custom is very ancient; it is referred to in the old Testament about the time of Abraham. Now, if circumcision has come to the South Seas from Asia, why not Masonry? And again, this rite is always practised in secret, unknown to the women and children, and is intimately connected with their secret mysteries. I could say more, but I think I have said enough for one night; perhaps some brothers in the South Seas and New Guinea will take up this matter. I have only glanced in at the window, who will open the door and give us light "light?"

*Australian Keystone.*

## PERPETUAL JURISDICTION.

**T**HERE is a difference of views among some Masonic jurists as to the meaning of the term "perpetual jurisdiction in Masonic jurisprudence." The term is broad if its interpretation is to be governed by the general lexicographical definition of the words themselves. But the Masonic meaning depends on the peculiar import given to the idea intended to be conveyed by the use of these words.

To better explain what is the real purpose of this expression in Masonic language, the occasion for its use should be set out.

A petitioner for the rights and privileges of Freemasonry selects for himself the Lodge to which he offers his petition. This is his voluntary act. When this petition is presented to the Lodge, it is subjected to the operation of the rules governing in such cases.

The Lodge appoints a committee to make such investigations and examinations as will justify the Lodge action on this petition. If the Lodge Committee reports the petition favourably, then the Lodge secures exclusive and absolute control, and changes the petitioner into a candidate for the rights and privileges of Freemasonry. If he is unanimously approved, he is ready for further Lodge action. Then he is initiated as a Mason. This done, the candidate is again changed into a member of a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons. In this relation between the petitioner and the Mason the Lodge is the sole and exclusive possessor of jurisdiction over him. This jurisdiction cannot be severed unless the Lodge and their members consent, under the regulations of the Grand Jurisdiction to which the Lodge is a subordinate.

The bond that united the petitioner with the Lodge is a Landmark, unalterable and indissoluble. To perfect the change from a petitioner to a Mason demanded certain proceedings that are unchangeable. As a Mason he is for ever bound by the proceedings on his petition. There is no Masonic authority, or any other, that can absolve the Mason from the consequences of the proceedings by the Lodge on his petition. So long as he is a member of the Lodge he is subject to all the responsibilities created on his initiation. So long as he is in the Grand Jurisdiction to which the subordinate Lodge that initiated him is subject he is under that Masonic jurisdiction. The Mason may *dimit* as it is called from his Lodge, and, under the rules of the Grand Jurisdiction, affiliate with another Lodge in the same jurisdiction. If he goes into any other Grand Jurisdiction and seeks affiliation with one of its Lodges, he must show his right to ask such Lodge to receive him as a member. But all the while the Lodge that initiated him holds a Masonic lien on his Masonic life and character, for it gave him his Masonic life. As a parent has a moral control over his son so a Lodge holds a Masonic control over its Masonic child to whom it gave Masonic life.

But the Mason who becomes affiliated with a Lodge in any Grand Jurisdiction is subject to the rules, and laws, and regulations of the jurisdiction he may at the time be subject.

If the petitioner first applying to the Lodge is rejected by the Lodge, and thus refused the rights and privileges of Masonry which he petitioned to receive, the bond still exists between the Lodge and the petitioner, because he voluntarily sought the action of that Lodge and voluntarily submitted himself to its action. Whatever may be the fate of that petitioner if rejected as unworthy to receive the rights of a Freemason, the Lodge that forbade his becoming a Mason on his petition holds its jurisdiction over him. Why? Because if the petitioner, by any rule of the Grand Jurisdiction, may be permitted to again apply for the rights and privileges of Masonry, that Lodge must consent, or otherwise if it does not consent, no lawfully warranted and duly constituted Lodge of Freemasons can make him a Mason under the Landmark as to his lawful Masonic capacity to receive initiation into Freemasonry. The jurisdiction of the original Lodge over this petitioner is exercised because, if the petitioner applies to any Lodge in any other Grand Jurisdiction and conceals the fact that he had been rejected elsewhere, he deceives that Lodge, or if it is known, the Lodge violates a comity which is now a usage between Grand Jurisdictions. Therefore the meaning of perpetual jurisdiction is explained in a Masonic sense. The petitioner by his act asking the Lodge to make him a Mason set up a relation between himself and the Lodge that cannot be broken. It is perpetual. Another Lodge may act on the petitioner in any Grand Jurisdiction, but its act goes back to the original bond, and that is the basis for all the proceedings taken in the case of the petitioner, by any Lodge of any Grand Jurisdiction of Free and Accepted Masons.

It is the first application that originates the relation of the petitioner to the Craft. That relation attaches to the petitioner from that time. Every Grand Lodge has its Constitution and laws. But that Masonic relation is not destroyed by any provision of a Grand Lodge law or regulation.

This is what is meant by the term "Perpetual Jurisdiction" in the jurisprudence of Freemasonry.

It will be perpetual in this Masonic sense, while the Landmark is held as unalterable in our Craft.—*Keystone.*

## THE THEATRES, &c.

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Mr. W. W. Kelly has taken the Princess's Theatre for fourteen weeks from 21st July, and will open on that date with a revival of "A Royal Divorce," when Miss Grace Hawthorne will resume her impersonation of the Empress Josephine.

This (Saturday) evening a new farcical one act comedy will be presented at the Court Theatre. It is entitled "Faithful James," and is written by Bro. B. C. Stephenson.

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## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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## MARINERS' LODGE, No. 249.

**B**RO. HENRY F. NEALE was, on the 7th inst., at the Masonic Temple, Hope Street, Liverpool, installed as Worshipful Master of the Mariners' Lodge, No. 249, which was established in the year 1783, and the record of which is a highly satisfactory one. The W.M. elect was presented for the benefit of installation by Past Masters R. G. Bradley and Frederick Barnett, and the ceremony of installation was most efficiently performed by the retiring W.M. Bro. Shacklady, to whom a special vote of thanks was accorded and entered upon the minutes of the Lodge. In all there were nearly 180 brethren present in Lodge and at the installation banquet which followed, and which was served under the direction of Bro. Casey the House Steward. During the proceedings a P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. Shacklady together with an illuminated address, and a gold watch and chain for Mrs. Shacklady. The Officers of the Lodge invested by Bro. Neale for the ensuing year were:—Brothers Robert Shacklady I.P.M., Thomas Bush S.W., Henry Brown J.W., J. Hayes P.M. P.P.G.S.B. Treasurer, Morris Davies P.M. Director of Ceremonies, T. Irwin Roberts Secretary, Alfred S. Ewart Organist, Edmund Routledge S.W., Thomas Amos J.D., George Wiggins I.G., J. S. Halliwell, T. Dickson, Isaac Dixon, E. T. Gee, and J. O. Mouldsdales-Williams Stewards. Bro. R. G. Bradley P.M. was elected Charity Representative for the fifth successive year.

## FAITH AND UNANIMITY LODGE, No. 417.

**A** NUMBER of the brethren of this Lodge had a delightful picnic, on Thursday, the 30th ult. They drove through West Stafford and Woodford to Blindon Abbey (visiting the ruins), and thence to Arish Mills, where luncheon was partaken of in true picnic style. Subsequently some rowed to West Lulworth, while others enjoyed a pleasant breezy walk over the cliffs to the same pretty rendezvous, where all sat down together to a lobster tea admirably catered for by Mrs. Butt. The return journey proved very enjoyable, and the excursion throughout was most successful.

## JOHN OF GAUNT LODGE, No. 523.

**T**HE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Friday, the 24th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester. Bro. W. J. Curtis W.M. was supported by Bros. A. Lawrence S.W. W.M. elect, Rev. H. S. Biggs Chaplain, G. Newsome P.M. Treasurer, F. G. Pierpoint Secretary, G. Neighbour S.D., A. F. Holland J.D., J. B. Waring P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C. D.C., Rev. F. Tibbits Organist, W. A. Spencer I.G., W. Bream and F. Cartwright Stewards, T. Dunn Tyler, S. J. S. Partridge P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C. England D.P.G.M., F. J. Baines P.P.G.S.W., J. T. Thorp P.P.G.S.W., R. Taylor P.M. P.P.G. Supt. of Works, J. Young P.M. P.P.G.J.W., T. G. Charlesworth P.M. P.G. Standard Bearer, and Dr. W. H. Barrow P.P.G.O. I.P.M. The members and visitors numbered about 40, and among the latter were Bros. H. R. Maynard I.P.M. 25, J. Raven W.M. 1007, Rev. H. J. Mason P.M. 1146, W. Gardner P.M. 1333, C. J. Wilkinson P.M. 1391 P.G. Director of Ceremonies, H. Howe Worshipful Master 1391, C. S. Lee I.P.M. 1599, J. Gregory P.M. 1779, R. Pierpoint P.M. 1828, and G. Jessop P.M. 2028 2081 P.G.J.W. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. A. Laurence was presented to the W.M. by Bro. J. B. Waring, whereupon a Board of Installed Masters (19 in number) was formed, and Bro. Laurence was duly placed in the chair of K.S. The W.M. was assisted in the installation ceremony by Bros. Dr. Barrow and J. B. Waring, who duly proclaimed the newly-installed W.M., and Bro. J. T. Thorp, who gave the addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and Brethren. The W.M. then proceeded to invest his Officers, as follows:—Bros. W. J. Curtis I.P.M., T. B. Neale S.W., F. G. Pierpoint J.W., Rev. R. W. Lancaster Chaplain, G. Newsome Treasurer, G. Neighbour Secretary, A. F. Holland S.D., W. A. Spencer J.D., J. B. Waring D.C., G. J. Pegg Organist, Rev. H. S. Biggs I.G., W. Bream and R. J. Lulham Stewards, and T. Dunn Tyler. The W.M. then presented a Past Master's jewel to the retiring W.M., who acknowledged the gift in feeling terms. The Treasurer's and Stewards' reports were received and passed. The former showed the Lodge to be in a satisfactory financial condition, due in a great measure to the energy displayed in the duties of his important office by the worthy Treasurer, Bro. G. Newsome. Several items of routine business were quickly despatched, and a letter of condolence was ordered to be sent by the Secretary to the relatives of a worthy departed brother and an old member of the Lodge. Three candidates were proposed for initiation, and a very large number of letters of apology (including one from Bro. W. Kelly P.M. P.P.G.M., the father of the Lodge) was read. Hearty good wishes were tendered from Provincial Grand Lodge and Lodges Nos. 39, 279, 442, 455, 1007, 1146, 1265, 1330, 1333, 1391, 1779, 1828, 2028, and 2081, after which the Lodge was closed. At the customary banquet which followed the W.M. presided, and after full justice had been done to the good things provided, he gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were heartily received by the brethren present. To the health of the W.M. and Prosperity to the John of Gaunt Lodge, proposed by the Immediate Past Master, the Worshipful Master responded in suitable terms. The toast of the Visitors and Sister Lodges, ably proposed by Bro. J. B. Waring, was responded to by Bro. C. S. Lee in a most happy manner. The Worshipful Master next proposed the Immediate Past Master and Past Masters, to which Bros. W. J. Curtis, J. T. Thorp, J. B. Waring, and W. H. Barrow replied. After the toast of the Officers, responded to by the Senior Warden and Junior Warden, the Tyler's toast brought a successful meeting to a happy conclusion. The enjoyment of

the evening was greatly enhanced by the singing of Bros. Birch, McRobie, Page, and Pierpoint, while Bro. Dr. W. H. Barrow most ably presided at the pianoforte.

## ROYAL VICTORIA LODGE, No. 1013.

**T**HE 29th installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 6th inst. The Lodge was opened by Bro. W. M'William, and he was supported by Bros. W. H. Thornton I.P.M., W. Warburton S.W. (the W.M. elect), J. W. Glendinning J.W., S. Howard P.M. Treasurer, G. Broadbent Secretary, T. P. Bethell S.D., and Past Masters Edwards and Evans. Among the Visitors were Bros. R. T. Britton P.G.S. of Works, P. J. Warburton I.P.M. 1588, W. Gosling I.P.M. 724, O. Davies P.M. 1182, W. Savage P.M. 1609, J. H. Light W.M. 1609, S. Kirkham 1609, and J. E. Croker, H.B.M., Vice-Consul Rio Janeiro. The Lodge having been opened, and the usual routine business disposed of, the W.M. elect was presented by Bros. Evans P.M. and M'William P.M. to the Installing Master Bro. R. T. Britton P.G.S. of Works for installation, and the ceremony was most efficiently performed. The W.M. proceeded to invest his Officers. Before the close of the business three candidates were proposed for initiation, and a very pleasing feature was a proposition as a joining member of Bro. W. H. Cooke a Past Master of the Lodge. The installation banquet, provided by Bro. James Casey, was done full justice to by the brethren, after which a very pleasant musical evening was spent. During the evening a handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the retiring Master by the W.M. Telegrams were received from Bros. Colonel C. A. Whitney P.M., T. Lowton P.M., and Dr. Powell, apologising for their inability to attend.

## WILTON LODGE, No. 1077 (BLACKLEY).

**A** MEETING was held on Monday, 11th inst., at the Red Lion Hotel, when there were present Bros. Thos. Foscroft W.M., Lloyd I.P.M., Thos. Stafford P.M. acting S.W., J. Horsfield J.W., J. T. Sawyer P.M. P.P.G.S.B. Treasurer, Winfield Secretary, Lenard S.D., H. M. Wilson J.D., J. K. Coutts, R. Caldwell P.M. P.P.G.S.B., Geo. Jackson P.M., T. Stoddard P.M., J. H. Shaw P.M., J. Haworth P.M., Middleton, Dearden, Jackson, C. H. Coates, S. Wrigley, H. G. Jackson-Gray, A. W. Whittaker, Alfred Smith, W. H. Lowry, A. B. Taylor, and J. Kershaw. Visitors—Bros. Fred Hilton W.M. 1458 Secretary 2363, Thos. Hall P.M. 1458, B. F. Treahy 1458, H. A. Worsley Organist 1458, W. H. Moss 2359, Jas. Hyde 104, John Williams P.M. 1011, and R. R. Lisenden P.M. 317 P.P.G. Steward. The Lodge was opened at six o'clock, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Although the name of a candidate appeared on the summons for passing it was understood he would not be present, and, by arrangement, Bro. Treahy of the Truth Lodge, No. 1458, who was initiated at the last meeting of that Lodge, was passed to the second degree by Bro. Fred Hilton W.M. of the Truth Lodge. The cause for this arrangement was the imminent departure of Bro. Treahy to his home at Toronto. The W.M. of the Wilton Lodge (in which Bro. Fred Hilton was installed) kindly allowed him to perform the ceremony of passing, and it is needless to say that Bro. Hilton did so in that creditable manner for which he is famed. There being no further business the Lodge was closed until the first Monday in October. At the social board the health of Bro. Treahy was proposed by the W.M. and heartily drank. Bro. Treahy replied in appropriate terms. The toast of the Visitors was, as usual in this Lodge, enthusiastically received, and, in reply, Bro. Worsley, as one of the guests, eulogised the manner in which the ceremony had been performed, and also spoke of the keen interest Bro. Treahy took in the ceremony and the previous one, anticipating him becoming a useful and zealous member of the Craft.

## MARWOOD LODGE, No. 1244.

**T**HE annual festival of this Lodge was held on the 5th inst., at Redcar, when Bro. John Lambert was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony of installation being performed by the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett Deputy Provincial Grand Master of North and East Yorks. The W.M. afterwards invested his Officers, as follows:—Bros. John Harrison I.P.M., J. Hornsby S.W., J. Jones J.W., Newton Walker S.D., O. Forster J.D., G. Hood P.M. D.C., R. T. Milner Secretary, J. Jewsey I.G., J. Bramley and A. Kitching Stewards, J. Herbert Tyler. The banquet was subsequently held at the Coatham Hotel, the W.M. presiding, when the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

## ISLE OF AXHOLME LODGE, No. 1482.

**O**N Tuesday, 5th instant, the Festival of St. John was held, when Bro. Brunyee was installed Worshipful Master. The Installing Master was Bro. Behrendt. He was assisted by Bros. Langbridge, Stainforth, and Constable. After the installation Bro. Brunyee invested his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Behrendt I.P.M., Fox S.W., Faulkner J.W., Constable Chaplain, Wood Secretary, Burtenshaw S.D. and Organist, Pickering J.D., Chamberlain D.C., Staniforth Charity Steward and Almoner, Turner Standard Bearer, Scholey I.G., Wressell, Oates, and Franks Stewards. In the course of the ceremony Bro. Webb rendered delightfully the anthem, "Be thou faithful." After the business of the Lodge, the brethren adjourned to the Darby and Joan, where Bro. Cundall had provided a banquet. There was the usual toast list, Loyal and Masonic, and each item was interspersed with harmony. There were numerous visitors, among them being Bros. Pape, Kingdon, Webb, Langbridge, Hemingbrough, Newsam, Martin, Pawson, and Fisher Tasker. The



W.M. acquitted himself most ably. The Past Provincial Grand Organist (Bro. Burtonshaw) presided at the organ, and a very happy festival was the result.

#### CHISLEHURST LODGE, No. 1531.

THE installation meeting of this important Kentish Lodge was held on Saturday, the 25th ult., at the Bull's Head Hotel, Chislehurst. As usual, this popular gathering brought together a goodly number of members and visitors. Among these we may include Bros. Quicke P.M. W.M., Marshall S.W. W.M. elect, Dettmer J.W., Hollis P.M. Treasurer, Goodale P.M. Secretary, Kipps P.P.G.O., Behena P.P.G.P., Brailey P.P.G.A.P., Nevill P.M., Bundy P.M., J. Muir-Smith P.M., Smith S.D., Procter I.G., Muir and Drinkwater Stewards, Tanstall, Shaw, Gleaves, Whomes, Gardener, Herring, Storey, Dowsett, R. G. Robinson, Nathan Robinson, L.L.C., and others. Visitors—Bros. Thomson W.M. 1297, West P.M. 933, Algar W.M. 2147, Harlow 2147, Poole 1321, White 1321, Berry 1321, Callaghan 1278, Rock 2147, Sims 1298, and W. Dettmer 747 Melbourne. The Lodge having been opened, Mr. Robert Gladstone Robinson, who had been previously balloted for and elected, was initiated by Bro. Quicke in his usually able and impressive manner. Bros. J. Muir-Smith and Nathan Robinson were then elected joining members. Bro. Robinson returned thanks in a suitable speech, and thanked the brethren for his own election as a member, and of his son as an initiate that day. Bro. Hollis was re-elected Charity Representative for the ensuing year, and expressed his willingness to carry out the duties of that office. The next business was the installation of Bro. Marshall S.W. W.M. elect. The ceremony was performed by the W.M., Bro. Quicke. The new W.M. then appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Quicke I.P.M., Dettmer S.W., Smith J.W., Hollis Treasurer, Goodale Secretary, Kipps Director of Ceremonies, Gleaves S.D., Perriam J.D., Procter I.G., Gardener A.D.C., Muir and Drinkwater Stewards, Rawles Tyler. Bro. Quicke P.M. then completed the installation ceremony, rendering the usual addresses in a manner that did him the highest credit, and afterwards drew the admiration of the brethren. Before the Lodge was closed a vote of deep sympathy was accorded to the widow of the late Bro. Nunn P.M., in her sad bereavement. The banquet was held in the Village Hall, and it was an exceedingly bountiful and enjoyable spread. The usual toasts received due honour. Special attention was paid to the toasts of Earl Amherst Provincial Grand Master, and Bro. Eastes Deputy Provincial Grand Master. The toast of the W.M. was heartily received, as were also the Installing Master, the Joining Members, and the Initiate. Bros. Nathan Robinson, Dowsett, Kipps, Berry, Harlow, Dettmer, and others, contributed to the musical arrangements. The prosperity of this popular Kentish Lodge is very gratifying, and the brethren are about to present a testimonial to the I.P.M., Bro. C. F. Quicke, as a mark of their appreciation of his services in conducting to the progress of the Lodge, and in recognition of his second year of office as W.M.

#### PRUDENCE LODGE, No. 1550.

THE members of this Lodge met in large numbers at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, on Saturday evening, the 2nd inst., when Bro. Godfrey Evans was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Mutton, the retiring W.M., presided, and a large board of Installed Masters included Bros. Lord, Gover, Bird, Bond, Philp, Kavern, Selleck, Jew, Croydon, Blight, Pike, Parkhouse, Roseveare, Bailey, Goodman, Titherley, Leonard, and Mayne. The ceremony of installation was impressively carried out by Bros. Mutton, Titherley, Lord, Bird, Selleck, and Gover. The newly-installed Master afterwards invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Mutton I.P.M., Budge S.W., Robins J.W., Philp Treasurer, Selleck Secretary, Penwarr S.D., Griffiths J.D., Sewell I.G., Edwards Dir. of Cers., Roberts Assist. Dir. of Cers., Pryor Organist, Venning, Chegwiddden, Arnold and Bone Stewards, and Phillips Tyler. Bro. Philp in presenting the Treasurer's report, said he did so with more than ordinary pleasure, as the past year had been one of the most successful ever held in the history of the Lodge. They commenced the financial year with a credit balance of £29, and, although their expenditure had been heavier than usual, they closed the year with a balance of £53 in their favour. Although he fully recognised that they should not, as Masons, retain large balances in hand, on the other hand he thought every Lodge should have a good working credit balance, and he was glad that Prudence Lodge was now in that satisfactory position, and hoped it would be maintained in the future. It was decided to hold the annual outing, and a Committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements.

#### SUB-URBAN LODGE, No. 1702.

THE installation meeting was held at the Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore, on Thursday, the 23rd ult. Present—Bros. Joseph Tickle P.M. P.P.G. Reg. Middlesex W.M., W. R. Shutt P.M. P.P.G.D.D.C. Middlesex S.W., E. C. Kilsby P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Middlesex J.W., R. W. Bilby P.M. P.P.G. Reg. Middlesex Treasurer, J. Hill P.M. Secretary, A. J. Oliver I.P.M., E. H. Southgate S.D., E. Stockdale J.D., W. P. Blatchford I.G., A. J. H. Goldney W.M. elect, W. T. Buck P.M. P.P.G. Supt. of Works Middlesex, J. L. Mather P.A.G.D.C., W. T. Ramsden, W. E. Mackley, F. H. White, W. F. Brown, T. Sheppard, Rev. F. C. Finch, L.L.D., D. H. Tumber, G. Woodrow, J. Very Tyler. Visitors—J. Duncan W.M. 59, S. B. Wilson P.M. 59, W. Rickwood P.M. 192, C. Nelson W.M. 781, Milton Smith 19, J. H. Merritt 19, W. A. Neades 53, E. Melson 177, J. Herron 206, A. Weston 101, M. Barnard 749, H. Percy Monckton 1827, H. F. Crump 1972, E. H. Moore 2278. The Lodge was opened at 3 p.m., and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Brothers C. Woodrow 1708, D. H. Tumber 1472, and T. H. Wales 1926 were

ballotted for as joining members, and unanimously elected. The Treasurer's balance sheet was presented, and showed the Lodge to be in a better financial position. The balance sheet, with the report of the Audit Committee, was afterwards approved and adopted. The Lodge having been opened in the 2nd degree, Bro. Buck presented the W.M. elect Bro. Arthur John Hone Goldney, and the ceremony of installation was proceeded with in due form, and excellently performed, Bro. Shutt rendering the addresses with especial ability. The W.M. then appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. E. H. Southgate S.W., E. Stockdale J.D., J. Tickle I.P.M. Treasurer, J. Hill Secretary, Rev. F. C. Finch, L.L.D., Chaplain, W. T. Blatchford S.D., T. Sheppard J.D., F. W. White I.G., E. C. Kilsby Dir. of Cers., W. M. Brutton Assistant Director of Ceremonies, W. R. Shutt Wine Steward, W. E. Mackley Assistant Wine Steward, J. Very Tyler. Letters of regret were read from the Grand Secretary Bro. Letchworth, Bro. Howard Room Lee, Assistant Prov. Grand Secretary Middlesex, Bro. Thompson P.G. Organist Essex, and other brethren. Reference was made to the death of the Provincial Grand Master Sir Francis Burdett, and a suitable vote of condolence to the family passed. Other formal business and hearty good wishes completed the work, and the Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. In the interim the brethren assembled in the tennis ground, and were photographed in group by Brother A. Weston, of Newgate Street. At the banquet the usual toasts were honoured. The W.M., in referring to the toast of the M.W. Grand Master, said that the Prince of Wales, amidst the many greater calls on His Highness never forgot or neglected his Masonic duties, and always did his work when possible. Bro. John Lawrence Mather, replying for the Grand Officers, said that Grand Lodge Officers were always ready to do their best for all Lodges, and that the M.W. Grand Master had the assistance of two most remarkable and eminent noblemen in the Earl of Lathom and the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, as Pro Master and Deputy Master, who very justly and ably performed the duties of their office; they were most practical and good Masons, and were always listened to with the greatest pleasure. He believed he was the only honorary member of this Lodge, and was delighted to see the marked progress made since he was present, four years ago. He paid a high tribute to the late Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., whom the hand of death had so recently removed from us. Bro. Mather, continuing, said, putting away sorrow, the brethren were to be thankful for the good services rendered by Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex. Brother Tickle, responding for the Provincial Grand Officers, also referred to the lamented decease of the Provincial Grand Master. Bro. Sir F. Burdett had always been known as a grand old English gentleman, his kindly manner endearing him to all he knew. Bro. Shutt, who has recently been elected Treasurer of the Provincial Grand Chapter, enlarged on the previous remarks, and expressed his wish to do his best to promote the interest of the Province. Bro. Tickle, in proposing the health of the W.M., said, he being one of the children of the Lodge, the members had watched his career, and of all men he had the most pleasure in seeing him installed in the chair of the Lodge. All the members were pleased to see him in the chair, and it would not be their fault if the present W.M. did not excel the previous ones. No brother was blessed with more generosity and kindness of heart than Bro. Goldney, and he was proud of so good a citizen and brother Mason; he wished him a happy and prosperous year of office. The W.M., in response, said he did not know how to thank the members for the kind way they had received him. They had elevated him to the high office of Worshipful Master of the Sub-Urban Lodge, and he would try his utmost to do credit to the position, with satisfaction to himself and honour to the Lodge. Replying to the Visitors' toast, Bro. Dr. Herron thanked the W.M. for the hearty way he had given the toast, and for the great consideration always shown to Visitors by this Lodge. He was pleased to come there and meet his Masonic brethren, to get away from the toil of City life, to enjoy the hospitality of old friends in that beautiful country retreat, where it seemed to be always day and never evening. Bro. W. Rickwood said he was much gratified in being one of the Visitors that evening. No day in the year was looked forward to by him with greater pleasure than the red letter day of his visit to the Sub-Urban Lodge. Bros. A. Weston, Woodrow, and Tumber also replied. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the P.M.'s and Installing Master, said they could not get on with them. The P.M.'s of the Lodge were *par excellence*; they were very hard workers, and it was only when in the chair that you knew how they helped and how kind they were. He then presented to Bro. Tickle, on behalf of the Lodge, a bar for his Past Master's jewel, and, in placing it, remarked that Bro. Tickle was the first Master of the Lodge, some 23 years back. He had subsequently served as Master, and now leaves the chair for the third time. Bro. Goldney made a further presentation to Bro. Tickle of a handsome gold ring, subscribed for by the Lodge as a mark of their esteem, and in recognition of his long and valued services, hoping that he would live long to wear it. Bro. Tickle, in response, said it was a red letter day in his life, and that the handsome way in which he was referred to and treated was more than he deserved. His desire was the desire of all the members—to maintain the honour of the Lodge, which held no mean position in the Province. Wherever the members went in the Province they were always received with honour. The success of the Lodge had undoubtedly been due to the long list of good Masons who had followed and preceded him. He thanked the W.M. and brethren heartily for the beautiful ring with which they had adorned him, and which would always be looked upon by him and his children as an emblem of esteem and regard. The W.M., in giving the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, remarked that the late Provincial Grand Master told Bro. Hill to his face that he was a most valuable Secretary. The evening amusement was enhanced by a few songs rendered by Bros. Weston, Merrett, Milton Smith, Barnard, Shepherd, and a wonderful imitation of bees by Bro. Very the Tyler.

## QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE, No. 2076.

THE fame of Colchester as a place of interest for students is, we are glad to say, extending, and we trust may continue to do so. On Saturday, 2nd inst., some 16 members of the above Lodge paid a visit to Colchester for the purpose of inspecting the valuable antiquarian relics, the party including Bros. George Harry Piper D.P.G.M. Hereford, R. F. Gould, G. W. Speth the indefatigable Secretary of the Lodge, &c. At Colchester Station the party were received by Bro. T. J. Ralling Provincial Grand Secretary Essex, and conducted in Mr. Poole's brake to the Cups Hotel. A move was at once made to the Castle, where the visitors were introduced to Bro. Henry Laver, M.R.C.S., F.L.S., who had kindly undertaken to act as chaperone, Bro. F. C. H. Jones W.M. 51, and Bro. Harold Francis W.M. elect 51. The Castle and Museum were thoroughly inspected, Dr. Laver pointing out the most interesting features of each, and answering the inquiries of his auditory with readiness and courtesy. Luncheon followed at the Cups Hotel, and the afternoon programme comprised visits to St. Botolph's Priory, St. Giles' Church, St. John's Abbey Gate, Holy Trinity Church, the Balkan Gate, and, finally, Mr. George Joslin's museum, which was kindly thrown open to the visitors. At each place the brethren evinced the deepest interest in all they saw and in Dr. Laver's lucid remarks thereupon. Before leaving Mr. Joslin's he was heartily thanked by the brethren for his courtesy in allowing them to see his valuable and interesting collection, and Bro. Gould also conveyed to Brother Laver their most grateful thanks for the pains he had taken to make their visit such a pleasant and instructive one. Tea having been partaken of at the Cups Hotel, the brake was once more called into requisition, and a saloon on the 647 conveyed the visitors back to town. Before leaving, they expressed themselves as most delighted with their visit.

## ROYAL ARCH.

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## CONCORD CHAPTER, No. 223.

THE annual convocation was held, on the 7th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth. The Principals elect were installed—Comps. W. Stenlake Z., J. A. Lavers H., J. W. Cornish P.Z. P.P.G.T. J. Comps. J. R. Lord, W. Allsford, and R. Pike were the Installing Officers. The Officers invested were Comps. A. Trout I.P.Z., J. Hiffley S.E., C. H. Tozer S.N., C. A. Bridgman P.S., P. Hannaford 1st A.S., T. A. Stephens 2nd A.S., W. Browning Treasurer, W. J. Hoare Organist, I. A. Court Director of Ceremonies, J. G. Skinner Asst. Dir. of Cera., W. Biscombe and H. Membrey Stewards, W. H. Phillips Janitor.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE Quarterly Court of Subscribers to the above Institution, was held on the 8th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. C. E. Keyser Grand Deacon in the chair. There being nothing but formal business on the agenda paper the attendance of the brethren was small, but it included Bros. Scurrah, Fairchild, Cumberland, Brett, Adamson, James Terry, J. G. Stevens, Bolton, C. H. Webb, Masters, H. Massey, Pulman, G. E. Lake, W. Russell, and the Secretary of the Institution (Bro. J. M. McLeod). After the minutes had been read the Chairman stated that a reference was made in them to the great exertions of Bro. McLeod for the success of the last Festival of the Institution. That Festival produced £13,000, which, considering the heavy drain on the pockets of the brethren by the extraordinary collection at the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution Jubilee Festival, was quite unexpected, and he thought that some more formal acknowledgment of Bro. McLeod's efforts on behalf of the School than that in the minutes should be made. The brethren agreed in the remarks of the Chairman, and Brother McLeod thanking them, said he had been only too pleased to throw all his efforts into the promotion of the success of the Festival, and it would always be his endeavour to do his best for the Institution. Bro. W. Masters, for Bro. George Everett P.G. Treasurer, moved—

"That the Board of Management be authorised to fill up additional vacancies that have occurred in the School by admitting two of the unsuccessful candidates at the election of Friday, 8th April last, who were next on the Poll."

The motion, which was seconded by Bro. Cumberland, was adopted. On the motion of Bro. Scurrah, seconded by Bro. C. Pulman, the Court settled the list of candidates for the October election at 38, and declared vacancies for 24 boys. Bro. Cumberland afterwards gave notice of motion for the Quarterly Court of 14th October to alter Rule 48 by fixing the monthly meeting of Council for five o'clock p.m. on the first Friday in each month, September

excepted, instead of the first Saturday at three o'clock, stating that business in London now closing at two o'clock on Saturday afternoon it was inconvenient for the brethren to remain in town. The usual compliment to the Chairman concluded the meeting.

## MASONIC SONNETS.—No. 5.

BY BRO. CHAS. F. FORSHAW, LL.D., 2417.

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## THE COMPASS AND SQUARE.—II.

The compass I would liken to a star  
That points unto a harbour free from shoals;  
For both will guide to regions bright afar—  
Where, e'er unclouded, Heavenly ether rolls.  
Virtue's unsullied emblem! Without thee  
No just proportions, beautifully chaste,  
Would mark our deeds with rich serenity—  
All would be void—a bleak and barren waste.  
And of thy sister—the all-powerful square;  
Without her, how unpolished we should be,  
How rugged, rude and rough—how stern and bare,  
How void of sweet morality.  
Without them we should wander in the mire,  
Burned and consumed by lust's repellant fire.

Winder House, Bradford.

The residents of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, were recently invited by Dr. Strong to his house at Worthing, a special saloon carriage being provided for them. They were treated most hospitality by Dr. Strong, and with carriage drives and entertainment on the pier, spent a very enjoyable day, arriving home at East Croydon about eight o'clock.

The German Emperor has contributed 5,000 marks to the fund for the erection of a hall for the Faithful Heart Lodge, in Strasburg. The members of this Lodge have always zealously endeavoured to establish good relations between the native Alsatian and the German immigrants into that Province.

The credit of the Craft has been enhanced by the preferment obtained by Bro. John Hutton, who is chosen to succeed Lord Rosebery as Chairman of the London County Council. Bro. Hutton is a young man—only just turned fifty—but his rise in municipal life has been rapid. Previous to his election to the first council as a Progressive for South St. Pancras he had but little experience, having neither served on a Vestry, Board of Guardians or Board of Works. He was formally editor and proprietor of *The Weekly Times*, past proprietor of *The Sporting Life*, and the owner of the popular and useful ABC Railway guide for over twenty years. He is an earnest advocate of temperance, and is a member of the Reform, the National Liberal, and the Devonshire Clubs.

Bro. Buchan, Secretary of the Duke of Edinburgh Lodge, announces that the Lodge has removed from the Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial Road, to the Eastern Hotel Tavern, Commercial Road, Limehouse. Its meetings are held on the first Tuesdays in February, March, April, May, October, November, and December. Lodge of Instruction meetings are held every Thursday evening, at 7.30 p.m., at the Eastern Hotel, Commercial Road, Limehouse.

The members of the Royal Lancashire, No. 116, Colne, and Queen's Jubilee, No. 2193, Nelson, Lodges, had their annual joint excursion on Monday, the 27th ult., the place selected for the day's enjoyment being Chester. The party left for their destination by saloon carriages, and on their arrival at the city they visited the various places of interest in the locality, including the cathedral, the castle and Eaton Hall (the magnificent residence of the Duke of Westminster). The outing was greatly enjoyed.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS are the best, the cheapest, and the most popular remedies. At all seasons and under all circumstances they may be used with safety and with the certainty of doing good. Eruptions, rashes, and all descriptions of skin diseases, sores, ulcerations, and burns are presently benefited and ultimately cured by these healing, soothing, and purifying medicaments. The Ointment rubbed upon the abdomen checks all tendency to irritation of the bowels, and averts dysentery and other disorders of the intestine. Pimples, blotches, inflammations of the skin, muscular pains, neuralgic affections, and enlarged glands can be effectively overcome by using Holloway's remedies according to the "instructions" accompanying each packet.

## FREEMASONRY.

(BY A WOMAN.)

**T**HE following appeared in a recent number of the *Hawk*.—

From my earliest days, the cult of Freemasonry, its Grand Festivals, and its wonderfully organised charities, its meetings either for business or pleasure, and its outward and visible signs have been familiar to me. When I could but scarcely toddle, I have painfully climbed the flight of nursery stairs to show myself to Mary or to Jane, decked in all the panoply of collar and apron, and my white pinafore plentifully be-struck with Masonic jewels. When I grew a little older it seemed as proper to me that my male belongings should devote so many evenings in a month to attending Lodge meetings as that they should go to church on the Sabbath, while, as my brothers successively grew up and were initiated into the Brotherhood, it was as inevitable in my eyes that they should possess leather cases for their silk aprons as that they should set up a complete smoking apparatus. I am at heart a thorough-paced Freemason, and honour and admire the Craft as much as though I were myself, a man and a Brother. Its extraordinary immutability appeals to me. The knowledge that from the days of Solomon and the building of the Temple of Jerusalem a certain body of men, ever changing, dying out, growing up, have been banded together under a certain code of laws and regulations, preserving among themselves and unto themselves the forms and signs of the faded past, holding staunchly to particular beliefs, even keeping inviolate the mysteries of the ceremonies, has a strange fascination, which is born more of reverence than curiosity for me, as the knowledge that this is so savours more of the immortality of religion and the soul than of the mere earthly existence of men and things. See how the secret societies of all ages have had their day and died the death. The very edifice whose foundation stones bore carven on their surfaces the emblems of Freemasonry has long been raised to the ground.

"And like the baseless fabric of a vision,  
Leaves not a wrack behind."

Fellowships of all kinds have been started, from the grand day of the Knight Crusaders downwards, but their shrift has been short, their extermination complete. Cliques have fathered internal quarrels, factions have bred discord, while as often as not the iron heel of persecution has trodden the flower of freedom into the mire of forgetfulness and obliteration. Betrayal has broken up one society, jealousy has brought another low, but the "Craft" has through the ages shaken prejudice from its shoulders and persecution from its skirts, and has walked, triumphant and indestructible, through the world, and owing to its very nature of grand universal love and charity must continue to do so until the very end. I, whose veneration for this great Brotherhood has entirely submerged within me all traces of feminine curiosity concerning it, though all this as I leant over the edge of the gallery which fills one end of the big room at the Freemasons' Hall, the other evening, and gazed down through the yellow haze of a thousand gaslights at the long lines of tables set forth for the banquet that is one of the features of a Masonic Grand Festival. Far away at the top table were the throne-like chairs for the ruler of the feast and of the high Officers of the Order. And as the procession wound its way among the long tables to the upper places, I remembered that in the beginning all Freemasons are equal. No birth, nor money, not even Royal blood gives an initiate any advantage over his fellows. All are bound together in a common, indissoluble bond of brotherhood, and nothing but work brings the reward of high rank, of glittering jewels, and of the coveted "purple." Freemasonry is a strange anomaly, at once the most conservative body and the most levelling institution in the world. Nothing in it changes, save to make an ever-progressive improvement, and yet all men are equal when within its jurisdiction. Now the great assemblage is seated, and the brilliant red of certain collars and aprons find a legal background in the gorgeous purple and gold, while the pale blue of others lends a celestial tenderness of colour to the scene. The sight is impressive, and contrasted against the sombre tints of our grey and neutral tinted modern life, savours of a splendid barbarity, which is picturesque to a degree, and retrospective of an Eastern past.

Slowly the women file from the gallery, and after a time flock bird-like down the wide staircases to "The Temple." Here, under the bayed and gilded roof, studded with a thousand signs of the Great Architect's works, between these picture-hung walls, are conducted the meetings of those whom long and faithful service have placed at the head of Masonic affairs. The apartment is a magnificent one, and stately for all its gilding and electric light. Either side of the bright purple carpet interwoven with the arms of Grand Lodge and the feathers of Grand Master of England are lines of seats, only broken in the stiffness by the fixed chairs of purple velvet and gold, which will be occupied in due time by certain high Officers. The other women flock together and chatter in little groups round the portraits or the piano, or a wonderful silver model of apocryphal value and proportionate ugliness presented by a defunct Mason to the Craft. But I sink into a quiet corner and dream once more of dimly-lit apartments in the great Jewish temple, where the blazing Eastern sunlight filtered through the thick marble walls and fell in shafts of quivering light on the floor, spaced out into careful squares. I picture the swarthy-faced Orientals, stern of face and cat-like of tread, passing through a curtained doorway; the whiteness of their linen robes splashed only by the brilliant colours and the flashing metal-work of their Masonic clothing. I see the great King himself, the master of the Order, most wise and most beneficent, seated upon the throne of royal purple, and an instinct tells me that the ceremony of to-day and of next year is as solemn, and picturesque, as truly sincere and heartfelt as was that which took place in what we, with a fine scorn that is only equalled by our sub-

lime ignorance, stigmatise as the dark ages. Through the red curtains and over the dark blue carpet come the men. In pale blue and white, silver and gold, crimson, red, and dark blue, bejewelled and bedecked, and yet to my mind, at least, not ridiculous. To a woman's eye it is a little strange, perhaps, to see so much "dressing up" among the sterner sex, but there is so much dignity in the clothing, so much intention in the various jewels, that all idea of frivolity is at once dispelled. Then, again, the demeanour of such a large number of men is quite different from that which they assume on other occasions. At a private house, for instance, half the men look utterly bored by their surroundings, while the other half contribute to the boring process. At a public gathering the men are either supercilious or inclined to be quarrelsome. But here all is amity and good fellowship. Every one knows every one else, the work of the past or of the coming season is discussed, the condition of the various charitable institutions supported by the Freemasons is canvassed. New interests are propounded, new ideas are started. Help is offered and accepted, invitations are given and taken, and all this by a body of men whom many women eye with suspicion, and in an apartment which most of my sex regard with the same foolish and unreasoning abhorrence as, according to Thackeray, they once looked upon clubs.

For those who consider Freemasonry as being merely a vehicle for much dining out and many late nights, I should like to organise a party to one or other of the educational and charitable institutions founded and supported entirely by Masons. I should like, for instance, personally to conduct a few fine ladies I wot of to the Girls' Masonic School at Battersea. I should like them to see how young ladies can be taught to be something more than ornamental dolls without loss of either caste or dignity. I should like to mix with my fine ladies a few of the proprietors of "smart" schools, where "everything" is supposed to be imparted to pupils at the rate of a couple of hundred guineas a year, and where, as a matter of fact a sprinkling of frivolous knowledge is thinly scattered over a solid substratum of vice. Parents who boast of their sons' presence at Eton and Harrow would be somewhat astonished, I fancy, at the bearing and knowledge of the Boys' Masonic School at Wood Green, and I know which of two youths, so differently educated, will make the better man of the two. But now Lord Lathom leaves his seat, and the concert being at an end, the glittering throng slowly melts away, doffing their finery as they go out into the chill air of a wet evening. I, too, go home, with my eyes full of picturesque colour, and my brain alive with the survival of ancient rites and the fascination of old-time ceremonies. Were I a man, I would be a Freemason; being only a woman, I can but respect and reverence Masons and their works as I do my religion.

The 41st annual meeting of the Birkbeck Building Society was held on the 6th inst., at the offices, 29 and 30 Southampton Buildings, Chancery Lane. The report adopted states that the receipts during the year which ended 31st March last reached £9,292,005, making a total from the commencement of the society of more than one hundred and fifty millions (£151,128,188). The deposits received were £8,570,062, and the subscriptions £230,052. The gross profits amounted to £300,406. The surplus funds have been augmented by £505,573, and now stand at £5,544,530, of which £1,638,090 is invested in consols and other securities guaranteed by the British Government, upwards of two millions (2,006,305) registered in the books of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, while the cash in the hands of the bankers is £258,378. The permanent guarantee fund stands at £150,000, and the balance £150,406 makes together £300,406 in excess of the liabilities. The whole amount being invested in consols. The subscriptions and deposits withdrawable on demand amount to £5,674,713. The surplus funds (which are invested in readily convertible securities) are sufficient to pay the depositors 113½ per cent. on the amount of their deposits. The new accounts opened during the year were 10,545, and there are, altogether, 63,145 shareholders and depositors on the books. Since its establishment, the society has returned to the shareholders and depositors more than one hundred and a quarter millions (£125,444,436), the whole amount having been repaid upon demand.

The summer outing of the Whittington Lodge, No. 862, took place in glorious weather on Thursday, the 7th inst., when the W.M., Brother Day, accompanied by 50 brethren, ladies, and friends, left Waterloo Station in saloon carriages for Staines. Well-appointed carriages were in waiting to convey the party for a lovely drive to the Pack Horse Hotel, Staines, which was reached at half-past one. Luncheon was served, and then the party boarded the beautiful steam launch, "Her Majesty," for a delightful three hours' trip to Windsor and back, returning to the Pack Horse Hotel at six o'clock, when tea was enjoyed; dancing and music then being indulged in until it was time to leave again for the station en route for home. Excellent arrangements prevailed, and, as a consequence, the day's proceedings, from first to last, were most enjoyable, not so much as a single hitch occurring.

HULL MASONIC CLUB.—The second annual meeting was held on the 6th inst., in the club house, Bro. F. Blackburn, V.P., in the chair. The Secretary's report and Treasurer's statement of accounts were submitted and unanimously adopted. The progress of the club is remarkable, and in all respects satisfactory. The membership has increased, and there is a balance of funds to meet the wishes of the shareholders. The retiring Officers and members of Committee were re-elected. The usual votes of thanks for past services concluded a pleasant evening's proceedings.

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Buxton ...	9 35	1 47	...	2 15	...	...	4 17	...	5 45
Ashbourne ...	10 20	...	...	3 25	...	...	6 2	...	6 33
Liverpool (Cen.) ...	10 50	...	...	3 25	...	...	5 20	...	7 15
Southport ...	12 5	...	...	3 55	...	...	5 53	...	...
Blackpool ...	12 20	...	...	4 55	...	6 25	...	...	8 45
Ilkley ...	3 15	...	...	3 42	...	...	5 40	...	...
Harrogate ...	11 22	...	3 33	4 19	...	...	5 50	...	...
Morecambe ...	1 15	...	3 55	5 28	...	...	7 22	...	...
Grange ...	12 58	...	3 57	5 18	...	...	7 12	...	...
Windemere (Lake Side) ...	1 35	...	4 50	5 40	...	...	7 55	...	...
Barrow-in-Furness ...	1 37	...	4 30	5 30	...	...	7 45	...	...
Glasgow (St. En.) ...	3 55	...	7 0	8 40	...	...	...	...	...
Greenock ...	4 30	...	7 50	9 52	...	...	...	...	...
Oban ...	...	...	...	4 45	...	...	...	...	...
Edinburgh (Wav.) ...	3 55	...	...	8 20	...	...	...	...	...
Perth ...	5 58	...	...	10 20	...	...	...	...	...
Dundee ...	6 10	...	...	10 35	...	...	...	...	...
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Belfast ...	...	...	10 20	...	...	...	5 30	...	...

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Matlock Bath ...	...	7 43	9 17	...	...	...	...	...
Buxton ...	...	8 22	9 8	...	...	...	...	...
Ashbourne ...	...	8 30	...	...	...	...	...	...
Liverpool (Cen.) ...	8 15	9 35	10 35	...	...	4 55	...	5 55
Southport ...	...	10 2	11 24	...	...	...	...	8 35
Blackpool ...	...	11 10	...	...	...	...	...	8 50
Ilkley ...	...	...	...	11 55	...	...	...	7 55
Harrogate ...	8 27	...	...	12 0	...	5 50	...	8 8
Morecambe ...	10 10	...	...	...	...	...	...	8 50
Grange ...	...	...	...	8 38	...	...	...	9 53
Windemere (Lake Side) ...	...	...	...	9 17	...	...	...	10 55
Barrow-in-Furness ...	...	...	...	5 30	...	...	...	10 50
Glasgow (St. En.) ...	...	...	...	6 25	...	...	7 30	...
Greenock ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8 22	...
Oban ...	...	...	...	12 15	2 34	...	...	...
Edinburgh (Wav.) ...	...	...	...	4 45	6 40	...	...	...
Perth ...	...	...	...	6 5	8 30	...	...	...
Dundee ...	...	...	...	6 20	8 50	...	...	...
Aberdeen ...	...	...	...	8 20	11 0	...	...	...
Inverness ...	...	...	...	11 5	2 45	...	...	...
Belfast ...	...	...	...	9 10	9 10	...	...	...

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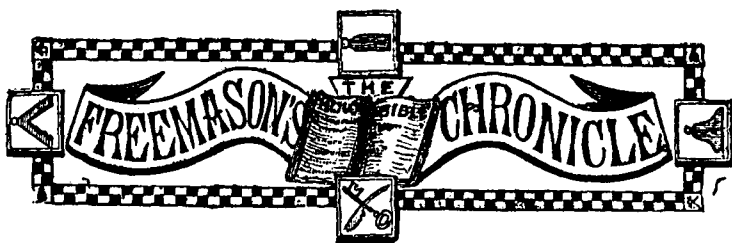
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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF  
 BERKSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Berkshire was held on Tuesday, the 28th ult., at Windsor. There was an unusually large attendance of brethren. The Lodge was held at the Town Hall, and it was admirably fitted up for the occasion. Bro. J. T. Morland Deputy Provincial Grand Master in charge presided.

In the Lodge a resolution expressing the sorrow of the brethren at the death of their late Provincial Grand Master, the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, was passed. It was proposed in an eloquent speech by Bro. the Rev. J. M. Guilding, and seconded by Canon Garry. It was agreed that the resolution should appear upon the records of the Lodge, but it was thought that the more considerate course would be to abstain from sending it to the Prince of Wales. It was stated that the number of Masons in the Province had increased; and that the amount expended in charity was also larger. An announcement was made that the Provincial Grand Secretary (Bro. J. W. Martin) had written to Canon Dalton, and in consequence of subsequent communications to the Prince of Wales and the Queen, Her Majesty had given permission for the Freemasons of the Province to visit the tomb of the late Duke of Clarence and Avondale.

The following were appointed Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. W. H. Gardener 771	...	Senior Warden
S. J. Baker 945	...	Junior Warden
J. M. Guilding 1101	...	Chaplains
A. T. Morland 945	...	
C. Stephens 414	...	Treasurer
Thos. Cooke jun. 2013	...	Registrar
J. W. Martin 414	...	Secretary
H. J. Stollery 209	...	Senior Deacon
E. T. Biggs 1566	...	Junior Deacon

Bro. C. Dearing 795	...	Superintendent of Works
T. P. Stewart 1101	...	Director of Ceremonies
J. Morry 1887	...	Assistant Dir. of Cers.
E. K. Purnell 1899	...	Sword Bearer
James Johns 1770	...	Standard Bearers
H. T. Hobbs 209	...	
C. F. Dyson 771	...	Organist
A. W. Parry 414	...	Assistant Secretary
F. J. Harold 574	...	Pursuivant
J. B. Isaac 1899	...	Assistant Pursuivant
R. C. Davy 1566	...	Stewards
E. Prince 209	...	
F. A. Wells 1899	...	
G. H. S. Milward 1770	...	
F. Parkiss 209	...	Tyler
W. Hemmings 1101 and 414	...	

The Lodge, which had met at four o'clock, was closed shortly after five, and the brethren proceeded to the burial place of the young duke. The beauty of the building and the touching memorials of affection from his relatives made a great impression upon all who were privileged to be present.

In the evening there was a banquet at the White Hart Hotel, and there was again a large attendance, the room being inconveniently full. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Brother J. T. Morland) again attended. With reference to the appointment of a Provincial Grand Master for Berkshire, it was said that in all probability the office would not be filled until a much later period in the year. There was some admirable music, both vocal and instrumental, at the banquet, and the pleasure of the brethren was greatly enhanced thereby.

PROV. GRAND CHAPTER OF SURREY.

THE annual meeting of this Grand Chapter was held on Thursday, at the Assembly Rooms, Surbiton, under the presidency of the Grand Superintendent of the Province, Col. G. Noel Money, C.B., who was supported by Companions Fred. West Prov. G.H., Dr. Strong, C. Greenwood Prov. G.S.E., J. D. Langton, Hugh M. Hobbs, George Price Prov. G. Treasurer, and many others. The Provincial Grand Chapter having been formally opened, the roll of Chapters was called over, and the report of the Audit Committee was adopted. Comp. Dr. Gibbs was elected Provincial G. Treasurer, and the following were appointed as the other Provincial Grand Officers:—

Comp. T. G. A. Burns 370	...	J.
Chas. Greenwood 410	...	Scribe E.
F. Flood 1149	...	Scribe N.
H. C. S. Dumas 410	...	Registrar
Ralph Nevill 1395	...	Principal Sojourner
A. Wilson 889	...	1st Assistant Sojourner
W. Fox-Hawes 463	...	2nd Assistant Sojourner
T. Clark 2246	...	Sword Bearer
C. J. Scott 452	...	Standard Bearer
Gordon Smith 2096	...	Dir. of Ceremonies
A. Lawrence 889	...	Assistant Dir. of Cers.
J. Rhodes 452	...	Organist
Robert Potter	...	Janitor

A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Comp. George Price for his valuable services for many years past as Provincial Grand Treasurer, after which the Chapter was closed.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF SURREY.

THE Craft Masons of the district also met on Thursday, at Surbiton, under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master Bro. Col. G. Noel Money, C.B., there being a very large gathering of Masons at the meeting. Preliminaries having been disposed of, the roll of Lodges was called over, and it was found that representatives of each were present. The report of the Finance and Audit Committee was adopted, including grants of ten guineas each to the two branches of the Benevolent Institution, to the Girls' School, and to the Boys' School; and five guineas to the Surbiton Cottage Hospital, after which came the election of a Provincial Grand Treasurer. There were two nominations for the appointment—Dr. Strong, of Croydon; and Dr. Gibbs of Surbiton. A poll was taken for these two brethren, on the declaration of which it was shown that Dr. Gibbs had been elected by 66 votes, against 53 recorded on behalf of Dr. Strong.

The new Officers were then appointed as follows:—

Bro. J. T. Fairbank 1616	...	Senior Warden
H. C. Houndle 1826	...	Junior Warden
Rev. E. L. G. Houndle 1826	...	Chaplains
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E. H. Minns 1982	...	Assist. Dir. of Cers.
J. H. Hawkins 410	...	Sword Bearer
J. H. Price 2096	...	Standard Bearer
W. H. Gardener 2120	...	Organist
A. D. Blyth 1714	...	Pursuivant
A. W. R. Sowman 1395	...	Assistant Pursuivant
J. B. S. Lancaster 2317	...	Stewards
W. H. Brereton 1920	...	Tyler
A. E. Lean 1564	...	
H. J. Shelly 1981	...	
J. Hodgkin 1872	...	
F. C. Morrison 416	...	
W. H. Brodie 1046	...	
C. A. Hardwick 1347	...	
T. Montague 1638	...	
A. J. Mason 2246	...	
Robert Potter	...	

The Provincial Grand Master then proposed a vote of thanks to their late Treasurer Bro. George Price, who had, he said, held office in their Provincial Grand Lodge for no less than 48 years, his appointment as Treasurer alone dated back as far as 1856. So long a record of honourable service was, he was sure, unusual, and he felt there were few others in Freemasonry who could point to such a career. Thinking it would be the wish of the brethren to offer a special vote of thanks to Bro. Price he had had an address engrossed and framed for presentation, as if not ready now there would be no opportunity of expressing their opinion of his services for another year. The address he had prepared, and which he now asked the brethren to endorse, was to the following effect:—

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE, SURREY.

W. Bro. GEORGE PRICE Past Provincial Grand Senior Warden, not desiring, in consequence of advancing age, to seek re-election for the position of Provincial Grand Treasurer. At a Provincial Grand Lodge held this day at Surbiton, R.W. Provincial Grand Master Colonel G. Noel Money, C.B., in the chair, it was unanimously resolved that the best thanks of this Grand Lodge be (and they are) hereby given to

#### W. BROTHER GEORGE PRICE

Past Provincial Senior Grand Warden Surrey, for the great and valuable services he has rendered to the Province as its Grand Treasurer for a period of over 36 years, during which time he has materially assisted the Masonic Charities, and has endeared himself to every Brother of the Province by his very high personal character, his great zeal for the welfare of the Craft generally, but especially in the Province of Surrey.

Dated this the Fourteenth day of July 1892.

(Sd.) G. NOEL MONEY P.G.M.

Bro. West, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, seconded this vote to Bro. George Price, feeling all must agree that the compliment was well deserved at their hands. He spoke of the pleasure it had afforded him to instal Bro. George Price as Master of the East Surrey Lodge of Concord for the second time after a lapse of close on fifty years, and he felt that in consenting to the proposition then before Provincial Grand Lodge they were showing their regret at severing the connection that had so long existed between them. Dr. Strong supported the proposal. Having been associated with Bro. Price for upwards of 30 years he knew how faithfully he had performed his work. He felt that in passing this vote they were not necessarily bidding adieu to Bro. Price, whose face he hoped would be as frequently among them in the future as it had been in the past. The vote was unanimously agreed to, and the presentation by the Provincial Grand Master was followed by a hearty round of applause. Bro. Price expressed his sincere thanks for the kind way in which he had been spoken of, and he thanked the brethren generally for the hearty reception they had accorded to the remarks of their Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy, and Dr. Strong. It was 36 years since he had first been appointed to the office of Treasurer of the Province, and he had continued in that office without a break up to the present. He had felt it a very great honour to be chosen year after year to so important an office, and he felt that the fact of his now being in his 83rd year was sufficient reason to explain his retirement

at the present time. He was convinced from the vote just passed that he retained the confidence, the good wishes, and the esteem of all, and he hoped to meet them again on many occasions. A discussion subsequently arose as to the desirability of opening a special banking account for the P.G. Lodge, and it was ultimately agreed to refer the matter to the Finance Committee, who should meet forthwith and report any decision they might arrive at. The proposals of Bro. Laughton in regard to the formation of a Provincial Charity Committee next received attention, and they were adopted with but slight alterations—the qualification clause of Lodge representatives was abolished—on the understanding that the Committee should have power to make such slight alterations in the rules as appeared necessary in order to carry out the project on the lines set out. Provincial Grand Lodge was subsequently closed, and the company adjourned to the banquet room where, presided over by the Provincial Grand Master, a most enjoyable evening was spent. At the conclusion of the banquet the Provincial Grand Master proposed the usual toasts, coupling with that of the Grand Officers the name of Bro. Dr. Strong who, in the course of his reply, said he was surprised to find as many matters of details for the Grand Officers to attend to. He thought he might say on behalf of the Grand Officers what he himself felt, that they would do all that lay in their power for the good of Freemasonry. Bro. Belton proposed the toast of the Prov. Grand Master, whom he had had the honour of knowing for many years previous to the association of Col. Money with Surrey. He knew him to be deserving of the highest esteem and felt all present would endorse that view. After a hearty reception of the toast the Prov. Grand Master responded. He thanked the brethren very heartily indeed for the way in which they had drunk his health. The hearty good will expressed by the proposer of this toast and the hearty reception he had met with led him to suppose he was appreciated in Surrey. They had gone on very well during the year in the district and had added a Lodge to the roll, which he believed would be a credit to them. He next proposed the toast of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. West, who had been known to them for a very long time and on behalf of whom too much praise could not be uttered. He had done very much for that Province—in fact for Freemasonry in general. Bro. West said he knew of no meetings in which it was more pleasant to respond than Masonic ones, and none of those more enjoyable than Provincial meetings. This was particularly the case so far as he was concerned in Surrey. He had known nothing but good feeling since he had been associated with the district and hoped that the supreme duties suddenly thrust upon him a few years back had been carried out to their satisfaction. He should continue to give his best services to the Province so long as it lay in his power to do anything for them. Bro. Le Feuvre, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire, responded for the Visitors, after which came the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, and then that of the Entertaining Lodges, each of which was heartily received and duly acknowledged.

## Obituary.

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### BRO. S. CLEAVER.

We much regret to announce the death of Bro. Samuel Cleaver, which occurred at his residence, De Montfort Square, Leicester, on Thursday morning, the 30th ult. The deceased brother had been ill for three years past, and during practically the whole of that time was under the care of Dr. Marriott and Mr. G. C. Franklin. His illness had some time ago a very serious turn, but he fortunately rallied, and was able to get about so recently as Sunday, 26th ult. Since then he had been confined to his room, and succumbed to weak action of the heart about 10 o'clock on Thursday. Bro. Cleaver was well-known and much respected, not only as a member of local public bodies, but in his social and other relations. For many years a Freemason, Bro. Cleaver was at the time of his death a Past Master of St. John's Lodge and P.P.G.S.W. of Leicester. He was also a member of the St. Peter's Lodge, Market Harborough, and several other Lodges and Chapters, and held high office at one time or the other over each of them. Socially he made troops of friends, by whom the news of his death will be received with unfeigned regret. He was in his 73rd year.

## DEATH.

JENSEN.—On the 29th ult., at Ash Dene, Bath, Arthur N. JENSEN, aged 51.

## GLEANINGS.

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**A CENTENARIAN DOCTOR.**—There would seem to be something in the combination of Freemasonry with medicine that makes for longevity. Not very long ago we had occasion to congratulate Mr. William Salmon, of Pennlyne, Glamorganshire, the oldest member of the College of Surgeons, on his completion of his 102nd year. Now a rival medico-Masonic planet swims into our ken in the form of Dr. Enoch Fithian, of Greenwich, Cumberland County (U.S.A.), who, on 10th May celebrated the completion of a century of life. Dr. Fithian, who was born on 10th May 1792, claims to be the oldest Freemason in the United States, having been initiated seventy-six years ago. He boasts that he has seen every President of the United States from Washington, whom he saw at Philadelphia during his second term of office, down to the present occupant of the White House.—*British Medical Journal*.

The following pithy paragraph was captured in an exchange:—Titles are all right, but they are not the man, nor the qualification to fill the office. Ignorance can occupy the Oriental Chair, but cannot teach.

A Lodge in the United States was recently disciplined for "tolerating drunkenness within its walls," the Master being accused also of the same offence. Bro. Wheeler, of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, in his report on correspondence, thus referred to the affair:—If this be true, the sooner that Lodge is blotted out of existence and the Master expelled from the Order, the better it will be for Freemasonry in those parts. A Lodge room is no place to open a club room, with grog proclivities. A few such cases would demonstrate the necessity of a more careful scrutiny of Lodges by competent authority, like the Grand Lecturer or District Deputy system.—*Canadian Craftsman*.

In some jurisdictions in the United States degree are sometimes conferred on Sundays. The *Voice of Masonry* condemns such Sabbath breaking as follows:—Conferring degrees on Sunday would not be religious service, nor work of either necessity or charity, and consequently would not be right. Sunday is a day devoted to religious service and rest, and Masons are supposed to observe it accordingly, or at least not to do anything that will conflict with any of the proper duties of the day. This, in part, is because Masonry is not to conflict with any of the duties one owes to God, to his country, to his neighbour, to his family, or to himself. Any way, six days of the week are sufficient for the conferring of Masonic degrees, and on the seventh the Craft may justly and righteously rest from their labours.

It is not secrecy that the Roman Catholic Church fear. They dare not encourage or countenance a society which inculcates human equality, and takes the Word of God as its supreme rule. They are not afraid of the darkness of treason as they are of the daylight of universal intelligence. They do not dread the cabalistic signs of Freemasonry so much as they do the elevation of their subjects.

I do not think that any one will make the mistake of thinking that Masonry is a religious body; it is not a political party; it is not of any church or sect, but may it be said to our eternal honour that it never will be an organisation of atheists! We try to ingraft a lofty citizenship in our members.—*J. W. Thompson*.

Freemasons are so-called because they are made free, brought out of darkness into light, elevated from ignorance to knowledge, taught how to live in honour and how to die in peace.—*C. W. Camp*.

As an educator in the great moral duties men owe to the race, in breaking down the barriers of social distinctions and teaching the brotherhood of man, in insisting on the duty of charity towards all men, in teaching self-restraint, obedience to authority, to be good men and true, to be good citizens, to look to God as the author and finisher of all, Masonry is doing an estimable service to the state as well as to the individual. It is these things that awaken the enthusiasm of its members. But, brethren, we must never lose sight of the truth that our Order is only what we, its members, make it. It has no inherent vitality. There is a grand ideal set before us, but we must see that that ideal is realised. The world can only judge the Institution by its works; if it judges it harshly we have only ourselves to blame.

As you have a filial reverence for your parents, so, as a Mason, you must have a patriotic veneration for the rulers of your country. Never disturb the public tranquility by joining in plots or conspiracies against the peace of the nation, or against the government under which you live. A Mason ought to be a peaceful subject, and practice in public the lessons of submission and obedience that he is taught in the Lodge. The destruction of order is sin.—*Oliver*.

Every Master agrees not to rule or govern the Lodge over which he is called to preside in a haughty or arbitrary manner. Yet he often acts to suit his own opinions, and with doubtful justice to his Lodge, and there is no appeal from his decision. The Master's prerogative should yield to the equitable, just and parliamentary practice of submitting doubtful decisions on appeal to the body governed, which, we claim, is the superior authority, and did not elevate its Master to his place to become an autocrat, but to simply preside, and act as the executive of its will. We once witnessed a Grand Master give a decision on a measure of considerable importance directly against the manifested desire of the Grand Lodge, and as there is no appeal allowed, as in all other deliberative bodies, the decision was submitted to. Similar occurrences happen often in constituent bodies.

An exchange says that in Mississippi a person who sells lager beer or ginger ale is not eligible for the degrees of Masonry. But how would it be if he sold ginger ale only? There is no alcohol, we believe, in ginger ale, though the name would seem to imply that there is.

Great are the uses of advertisement, but fearful and wonderful are the announcements that sometimes meet our eyes. An advertisement in the *Daily Telegraph* displays a notice in large capitals, "Drunk nearly one hundred years." We gasped for breath and wondered to which degenerate descendant of Methuselah it could possibly refer. We expected to find some patent medical cure for inebriation, and were considerably relieved when reading further on that the startling heading was merely a prelude to a very innocent advertisement of a firm of tea dealers.

The door of Masonry is not supposed to open until he who knocks has proven his entitlement to enter; but quick and wide its portal swings ajar for him who brings an honest heart, a faith in God, a belief in the wisdom of an upright life, an acknowledgment that all need friendly help along life's devious road, and a desire to be of help and comfort to his fellow-men.

The three degrees of Masonry have a peculiar triple significance. They represent youth, when we ought to apply our minds to the attainment of knowledge, in order that in manhood we may apply that knowledge to the duties of the Most High, and the benefit of our neighbour and ourselves; and old age, when we may enjoy happy reflections of a well spent life below, "and contemplate death as the end of affliction and the entrance to a better life."—*Jos. L. Carson*.

In France *Franc-Maçonnerie* is not the institution Freemasonry is in England. In this country politics form no part of the speculative system of Masonic Morality; whereas in France, as well as in Italy and some other countries, politics enter very largely into the proceedings conducted under the cover of Masonic Lodges. It is surprising therefore to note that according to the *Salut Public* there are 24,500 Freemasons in France represented in Parliament by no fewer than 150 deputies, giving one deputy to every 162 Freemasons. The proportion is a very large one, as there is only one deputy to 22,000 ordinary citizens.—*Newcastle Daily Chronicle*.

Sit down heavily upon any one who burlesques the solemn ceremony in our Craft, by ruffianism, by undue severity, or what is worse, by buffoonery. There is no room for "fun" in our degrees.—*Exchange*.

The number of Master Masons (affiliated) in the United States is 673,643; 36,781 were raised last year, and 9,058 died. The largest Grand Lodge is New York, 75,775; Illinois comes second, 42,369; Pennsylvania third, 41,192; the smallest is Arizona, 429. The largest number were raised in New York, 4,622; the smallest in Utah, 21.

An Irishman submits the following in favour of secret societies:—"Gintlemen, I couldn't begin to tell yez half the priviledges appertainin' to a membership in this society, but I'll tell yez a few. First, when yez is sick it'll not be pertaties and tay ye'll be gettin', but foine cuts of roast bafe. Nixt, yez are dead ye'll have such a fine funeral that the folks on the sidewalk'll be after askin' wid their eyes stickin' out like a lobster's, 'Shure, who's in the coffin?' and whin yez are buried, we'll take sech exadain' good care av your woives and childrin that the'll all be rejoicin' greatly because ther're widdies an' orphaus.

Ignorance is the bane of Freemasonry.

The Freemasons of Klerksdorf, South Africa, are in a state of disorganisation. English and Scotch Lodges are quarrelling with each other, and either Lodge among themselves.

In San Francisco all the Lodges meet weekly, the first week in every month being occupied in Lodge business, and the others being devoted to degree work. Neither banquets nor suppers are held.

We regret to notice the use of the words "higher degrees" and "lower degrees" in dealing with Masonic questions. As there are neither higher nor lower degrees, this is a misuse of terms in describing Masonic bodies. There are various and different associations composed of Masons, but there is nothing higher in Masonry than a plain and pure Master Mason. He is the complete unit in Freemasonry, and while he may be aggregated with others to form some new combination calling itself Masonic, it should never be forgotten that the foundation is the three ancient and symbolic degrees. The fact that the higher claimants always are careful to call themselves Masonic, is sufficient proof that the arithmetical progression of figures, while very important in measuring personal wealth, does not in Masonry indicate superiority in any respect.—*Arnold*.

During the period when serious business occupies the attention of the brethren, you must not leave your seat, or engage in conversation with your neighbour, not even in whispers; neither should you move the chair on which you are seated, or make any other noise to disturb the Master or his Officers in the orderly execution of their respective duties. Silence is the leading characteristic of a well-regulated Lodge.—*Oliver*.



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## DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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## Saturday, 16th July.

255 Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond  
1185 Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green  
1329 Sphinx, Surrey M.H., Camberwell  
2041 West Kent Volunteers, M.H., Plumstead  
2308 Viator, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.  
M.M. 251 Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.  
811 Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
1326 Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton  
1491 Felix, Clarence Hotel, Teddington  
1556 Addiscombe, 105 High Street, Croydon  
1597 Musgrave, Angel and Crown Hotel, Staines  
1861 Claremont, Crown Hotel, Chertsey  
2036 Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton  
2228 Dene, King's Arms, Cookham, Berks  
2381 Bushey Park, Greyhound, Hampton Court  
R.A. 68 Royal Hotel, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol  
R.A. 1191 Royal Middlesex, Mitre, Hampton Court  
R.A. 2043 Henry Leander, Railway Hotel, Harrow  
M.M. 14 Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield  
M.M. 354 Rose & Lily, Four Swans, Waltham Cross

## Monday, 18th July.

720 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham  
R.A. 1657 Aldersgate, Albion, Aldersgate Street  
77 Freedom, Falcon Hotel, Gravesend  
236 York, Masonic Hall, York  
248 True Love and Unity, F.M.H., Brixham  
391 Phoenix, Public Room, Truro  
359 Peace and Harmony, F.M.H., Southampton  
382 Royal Union, Public Rooms, Uxbridge  
424 Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead  
925 Bedford, Masonic Hall, Birmingham  
934 Mount, Derby Hotel, Whitefield  
1030 Egerton, George Hotel, Heaton Norris  
1037 Portland, Portland Hall, Portland  
1199 Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congressbury  
1208 Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover  
1502 Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1973 Saye and Sele, Masonic Hall, Belvedere, Kent  
2208 Horsa, Masonic Hall, Bournemouth  
R.A. 40 Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings  
R.A. 139 Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield  
R.A. 248 Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham  
R.A. 264 Nelson of the Nile, M.H., Batley  
R.A. 734 Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Duffield  
R.A. 954 St. Aubyn, Ebrington M.H., Devonport  
R.A. 995 Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston  
K.T. Edmund Plantagenet, Knowsley Hotel, Bury  
K.T. Prince of Peace, Bull Hotel, Preston  
K.T. 39 Fearnley, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury

## Tuesday, 19th July.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, 4  
73 Mount Lebanon, Bridge House, Southwark  
704 Camden, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street  
867 St. Mark, Surrey M.H., Camberwell  
1805 Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow Road  
2191 Anglo-American, Criterion, W.  
2233 Old Westminster, 68 Regent Street, W.  
M.M. 238 Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.  
213 Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Norwich  
418 Monturia, Mechanic's Institute, Hanley  
667 Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1006 Tregullov, Masonic Rooms, Scorrier, Cornwall  
1276 Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead  
1325 Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1427 Percy, Masonic Hall, Newcastle  
1470 Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable  
1534 Concord, George Hotel, Pinstitch  
1561 Charity, Masonic Hall, Birmingham  
1570 Prince Arthur, Mas. Hall, Hope St., Liverpool  
1726 Gordon, Assembly Rooms, Bognor  
1764 Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Northampton  
1903 Pr. Edward of Saxe Weimar, M.H., Portsmouth  
1941 St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms, Ruzeley  
2155 Makerfield, Pied Bull, Newton-le-Willows  
R.A. 41 Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Bath  
R.A. 510 St. Martin's, Masonic Hall, Liskeard  
R.A. 829 High Cross, Bull Inn, Dartford  
R.A. 970 St. Anne's, Masonic Hall, East Loos  
R.A. 1174 Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham  
R.A. 2134 Wilberforce, M.H., St. Luke St., Hull  
R.A. 2256 Warner, Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford  
M.M. York, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York.  
M.M. 266 Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate  
M.M. 380 Temple, Masonic Hall, Folkestone  
R.C. 64 Albion, Concert Hall, St. Leonards-on-Sea

## Wednesday, 20th July.

Board of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
General Committee Grand Chapter, F.M.H., 4  
619 Beadon, Greyhound, Dulwich  
700 Nelson, New Masonic Hall, Plumstead  
865 Dalhousie, Town Hall, Hounslow  
1278 Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park  
1382 Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town  
2140 Huguenot, Criterion, Piccadilly, W.  
R.A. 192 Lion and Lamb, Cannon Street Hotel  
M.M. 199 D. of Connaught, Town Hall, Shoreditch  
20 Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham  
121 Mount Sinai, Public Buildings, Penzance  
137 Amity, Masonic Hall Market, Street, Poole  
179 Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan  
200 Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough  
325 St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Salford  
342 Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, Landport  
591 Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury  
759 Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Kuncorn  
795 St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead  
816 Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wandle  
823 Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
862 Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington

972 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury  
1019 Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Wakefield  
1040 Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield  
1086 Walton, Skelmersdale M.H., Kirkdale  
1301 Brighthouse, Masonic Room, Brighthouse  
1333 Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster  
1413 Salem, Town Hall, Dewlish, Devon  
1501 Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe  
1511 Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull  
1536 United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead  
1634 Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsgate  
1738 Brownrigg, Swan Ho., Kingston-on-Thames  
1988 Mawddack, St. Ann's Bldgs. Barmouth, Wales  
2203 Farnborough and North Camp, Queen Hotel,  
North Camp, Farnborough  
2258 Western District United Service, Masonic Hall,  
Caroline Place, E. Stonehouse  
R.A. 76 Economy, Masonic Hall, Winchester  
R.A. 210 St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, S. Shields  
R.A. 258 Amphibious, F.M.H., Heckmondwike  
R.A. 323 Charity, Florist Hotel, Stockport  
R.A. 344 Beauty, Bull's Head, Radcliffe  
R.A. 371 Nicholson, Freemasons' Hall, Muryford  
R.A. 539 Vernon, Dragon Hotel, High St., Walsall  
R.A. 580 Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk  
R.A. 731 Truth, Maonic Hall, Derby  
R.A. 1024 Plume, Masonic Hall, Maldon  
R.A. 1060 Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth  
R.A. 1323 Talbot, Mackworth Hotel, Swansea  
R.A. 1350 Fernor Hosketh, M.H., Liverpool  
R.A. 1375 Architect, Didsbury Hotel, Didsbury  
M.M. 135 Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Alnwick

## Thursday, 21st July.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, 4  
1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate  
1320 Blackneath, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark  
1321 Emblematic, Horns Tavern, Kennington  
1623 West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
R.A. 63 St. Mary, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge  
R.A. 1383 Friends in Council, 33 Golden Square  
M.M. 7 Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court  
56 Howard, High Street, Arundel  
98 St. Martin, Town Hall, Bristol  
203 Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
268 Union, Queen's Arms Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne  
343 Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Preston  
345 Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn  
367 Probity and Freedom, Red Lion, Smallbridge  
600 Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Bradford  
1011 Richmond, Old Boar's Head, Manchester  
1042 Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Leeds  
1299 Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby,  
near Liverpool  
1327 King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross  
1332 Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon  
1872 St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton  
2158 Boscombe, 3 Carnarvon Crescent, Boscombe  
2268 Hallamshire, M.H., Surrey Street, Sheffield  
2305 Stour, Bank Street Hall, Ashfield  
2352 Universities, Masonic Hall, Durham  
R.A. 204 Caledonian, F.M.H., Manchester  
R.A. 219 Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
R.A. 283 Wisdom, Swan Inn, Haslingden  
R.A. 300 Perseverance, Pitt & Nelson, Ashton-u-Lyne  
R.A. 317 Affability, F.M.H., Cooper St., Manchester  
R.A. 327 St. John's, Lion and Lamb, Wigton  
R.A. 339 Regularity, Crown Hotel, Penrith  
R.A. 546 Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Longton  
R.A. 603 Zetland, Masonic Hall, Colts, Clockheaton  
R.A. 913 Pattison, Freemasons' Hall, Plumstead  
R.A. 1235 Phoenix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton  
R.A. 1324 Okeover, Mar Hotel, Ripley, Derby  
R.A. 2099 St. George's, Mas. Rooms, Heme Bay  
R.A. 2195 Military Jubilee, Masonic Hall, Dover  
M.M. Canyages, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol  
810 Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton  
1393 Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1712 St. John, F.M.H., Grainier Street, Newcastle  
2039 Londonderry, Y.M.C.A., John St., Sunderland  
2415 Tristram, Sunday School Rooms, Shildon  
R.A. 61 Sincerity, F.M.H. St. John's Place, Halifax  
R.A. 212 Zingdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster  
R.A. 1086 Walton, Skelmersdale M.H., Kirkdale  
M.M. 164 Southdown, Station Hot., Hayward's Heath  
K.T. 20 Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Newcastle

## Friday, 22nd July.

810 Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton  
1393 Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1712 St. John, F.M.H., Grainier Street, Newcastle  
2039 Londonderry, Y.M.C.A., John St., Sunderland  
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M.M. 164 Southdown, Station Hot., Hayward's Heath  
K.T. 20 Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Newcastle

## Saturday, 23rd July.

1297 West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham  
R.A. 1329 Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.E.  
1293 Burdett, Mitre, Hotel, Hampton Court  
1464 Erasmus Wilson, Rosherville Hot., Gravesend  
1531 Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst  
1777 Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham  
1871 Gostling Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow  
1982 Greenwood, Public Hall, Sutton  
2048 Henry Leander, Station Hotel, Harrow  
R.A. 308 Affability, Station Hotel, Tadmorden  
R.A. 1777 Royal Hanover, Town Hall, Twickenham

## INSTRUCTION.

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## Saturday, 16th 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.9  
1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E. 7  
1288 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8  
1364 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7  
1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney, 8  
1624 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Finsbury, 7  
2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, 7:30  
R.A. Sinai, Red Lion, King Street, Regent St., W.

## Monday, 18th July.

22 Loughborough, Gauden Hot. 1, Clapham, 7:30  
27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8

45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Rope-maker St.,  
174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7  
130 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8  
213 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brixham, Devon  
342 Royal Union, Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge  
513 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford, 8  
733 Westbourne, Red House Hotel, St. John's  
Wood Road, N.W., 8  
823 Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7:30  
975 Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7:30  
1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., 8  
1349 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 6:30  
1425 Hyde Park, Prince of Wales's Hotel, corner of  
Eastbourne Terrace, and Bishop's Rd., W. 8  
1445 Prince Leopold, 212 Whitechapel Road, E., 7  
1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall Canterbury  
1489 M. of Ripon, Queen's Hot, Victoria Park, 7:30  
1597 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, E.C., 7:30  
1535 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho, Putney  
1603 Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, W., 8  
1623 West Smithfield, Manchester Hotel, E.C., 7  
1693 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 8:30  
1707 Eleanor, Rose and Crown, Tottenham, 8  
1713 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 Walthamstow, Chequers Hotel, High Street,  
Walthamstow, 8

## Tuesday, 19th July.

25 Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, 8  
55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 7  
74 Athol, M.H., Severn Street, Birmingham, 6:45  
141 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W.  
177 Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7:30  
188 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  
753 Prince Fred. William, Eagle Tav., Maida Hill, 8  
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  
1041 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, Canning Town, 7:30  
1416 Mount Edgecumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Rd., 8  
1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 7:30, 8  
1472 Hanley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich  
1473 Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, 8  
1540 Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High St.  
1638 Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Norbiton, 8  
1695 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav, N.  
1839 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7  
1919 Brixton, Prince Regent East Brixton, 8  
2146 Sarbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton  
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon St., 6:30  
R.A. 701 Camden, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., 8  
R.A. 1365 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, 8  
R.A. 1642 E. of Carnarvon, Ludbrooke Hall, Notting  
Hill, 8

## Wednesday, 20th July.

3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, 8  
30 United Mariners', Lugard, Peckham, 7:30  
65 Prosperity, Old Parr's Head, Knightbridge St.  
72 Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., 8  
73 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, Borough, 8  
193 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Londenhall St., 8  
228 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8  
538 La Tolerance, Portland Hot, Gt. Portland St., 8  
591 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  
1260 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney  
1356 Toxteth, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool, 7:30  
1475 Peckham, 518 Old Kent Road, 8  
1511 Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull  
1601 Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rusby Green, Cat-  
ford, 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 Creston, Wheatsheaf, Shepherd's Bush, 8  
1922 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell  
New Road, 8  
1963 Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, 7:30  
2206 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 8  
R.A. 177 Domestic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8  
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R.A. 934 Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 7:30  
M.M. Grand Masters, Mark Masons' Hall, W.C.

## Thursday, 21st July.

144 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 7:30  
147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8  
263 Clarence, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.  
749 Belgrave, Alb on Tavern, Russell St., W.C., 8  
751 High Cross, Coach and Horses, Tottenham, 8  
879 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe  
New Road  
890 Hornsey, Masonic Room, Lewisham, at 8  
1017 Montebello, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8  
1158 Southern Star, Sir Syd. Smith, Kennington, 8  
1178 Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, S.E. 7  
1182 Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool, 7:30  
1259 Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, Commer-  
cial Road, Limehouse, E., 7:30  
1278 Burdett Coutts, Swan, Bethnal Green Road, 8  
1306 St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, 8  
1360 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales, Wimbledou, 7:30  
1426 The Great City, Masons' Hall Avenue, 6:30  
1553 D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Camberwell, 8  
1571 Leopold, City Arms Tavern, E.C., 7  
1580 Cranbourne, Red Lion, Hatfield, 8  
1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, 45 Upper Street, N., 8  
1612 West Middlesex, Bell, Faling Dean, 7:45  
1614 Covent Garden, Criterion, W., 8  
1622 Rose, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8  
1625 Tredogor, Wellington, Bow, E., 7:30



1744 Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte Street, 8  
 1950 Southgate, Railway Hot, New Southgate, 7-30  
 1877 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem, St. John's Road,  
 Clerkenwell, 9  
 1996 Priory, Constitutional Club, Acton  
 R.A. 753 Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel,  
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Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, 8  
 General Lodge, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 8  
 187 St. John's, York and Albany, Regent's Park,  
 507 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7-30  
 785 St. James, Princess Victoria, Rotherhithe, 8

780 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 8  
 834 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith  
 1056 Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, 7  
 1185 Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green, 7-30  
 1228 Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, 8  
 1293 Royal Standard, Castle, 81 Holloway Rd., N., 8  
 1365 Clapton, Navarino Tavern, Hackney, 8  
 1331 Kennington, The Horus, Kennington, 8  
 1457 Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton, Essex, 7-30  
 1642 E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8  
 1901 Selwyn, Montpelier, Choumont Rd., Peckham, 8  
 2021 Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, The  
 Criterion, W., 8  
 R.A. 95 Eastern Star, Hercules Tavern, E.C.  
 R.A. 820 Lily of Richmond, Grayhound, Richmond, 8  
 R.A. 890 Hornsey, Prince of Wales's Hotel, corner of  
 Eastbourne Terrace, and Bishop's Road, W. 8

R.A. 1275 Star, Stirling Castle, Church Street,  
 Camberwell, 7

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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  
 193 Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8  
 1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., 8  
 1288 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8  
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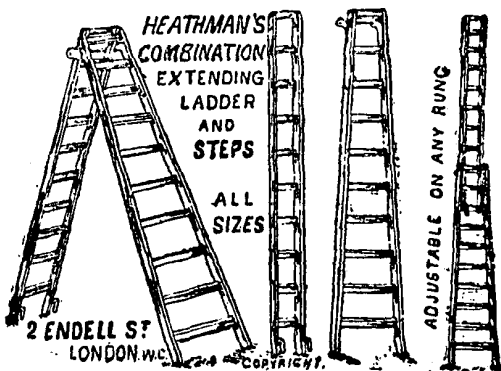
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