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THE FORTHCOMING FESTIVAL OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

NOW that the time is fast approaching for the One Hundred and Fifth Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls it behoves us to place before our reader some facts that will, we trust, prove not only interesting to them but beneficial to the Institution. As is generally known the Institution was fortunate enough to secure a Chairman for the Festival at an early date, and when it was announced that the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston had consented to preside, it was unanimously agreed that a harder or more sympathetic worker for the Girls' School could not have been wished for. Thus far the Institution has been fortunate, but it remains to be seen whether a sufficient body of Stewards will be forthcoming to make the present Festival a success. We would impress upon our readers the absolute necessity of having a large amount collected for the Institution this year, for when we look at the amounts that have been forthcoming since 1888, when the Centenary Festival took place, we cannot but feel that a considerable amount over what has been collected of late is absolutely necessary to make up the lee way and provide for exceptional expenses which have had to be incurred this spring.

From one cause or another since 1888 the amounts collected for the Girls' School have not been so large as could be wished for, but when we look at the great efforts that were made in the Centenary year, and the special calls that the Craft at large have had from the other Institutions we cannot wonder at it. But this year must be the Girls' year. No half-hearted work will suffice; no sum that used to be deemed sufficient will do this year; the Festival of 1893 must be a large and brilliant one, and for that object a band of at least 400 Stewards will be required. We are sorry to say that at the present time the number of Stewards does not come up to 400, and unless Brethren and Ladies send in their names faster than has already been the case the result will not be as it should.

Every one knows what claims the Girls' School has upon the Craft, but as year after year the time comes round when we feel it our duty to address our readers on behalf of that Institution we find it hard to say something that we have not already said. This year, however, we address our remarks to the younger members of the Craft, the older brethren may or may not have read similar remarks before—for it is the recruits of Freemasonry that we must look to for the additional support that is this year required. It will not, therefore, be out of place if we give a brief outline of what the Girl' School has done. It was founded early in 1788, so that this year it will celebrate its One Hundred and Fifth Anniversary Festival. We are chiefly indebted to the establishment of the Girls' School to the kindly and fraternal

enterprise of a certain Chevalier Bartolomeo Ruspini, who was a most enthusiastic Freemason, and for a long term of years held the office of Grand Sword Bearer. At the time we are referring to, the Masonic throne was occupied by a member of the Royal Family—His Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland, Grand Master from 1782 till his death in 1790, George Prince of Wales, afterwards George IV., and his brothers the Dukes of York and Clarence—the latter, years afterwards, ascending the throne as William IV.—were all of them made Masons in the year 1787. It will thus be seen that when Brother Ruspini had conceived the idea of establishing a school for the daughters of indigent or deceased brethren, it was comparatively an easy task for him, having regard to his professional connection with the Court, to enlist the hearty sympathy and support of the Royal Craftsmen. Other prominent brethren loyally assisted in the good cause, and it is hardly necessary for us to say that the ladies, headed by Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Cumberland, wife of the Grand Master, were very far from being the least conspicuous among the patrons and promoters of the project. So warm a sympathy with Bro. Ruspini's idea was excited in the mind, as well of the Duchess as of the Duke of Cumberland, that at the outset of its career the Institution was publicly designated the Royal Cumberland School for the daughters of Freemasons. Under such brilliant auspices, it may well be imagined that funds were forthcoming at once in such plenty that in the year 1793 a school-house was erected for the accomodation of the pupils on some leasehold ground belonging to the Corporation of London, and situate near the Obelisk in St. George's Fields. And here it remained, its fortunes slowly, but on that account all the more surely, improving. With ever increasing means—all be it remembered the result of voluntary subscriptions unless we except the contributions of Grand Lodge—the number of inmates kept on increasing commensurately. The Prince of Wales, who succeeded his uncle of Cumberland as Grand Master, was among the warmest patrons of the School. His brothers, and especially the Duke of Sussex, his successor in the Grand Mastership, followed his illustrious example. In short, from 1788 till now, all who have filled the office of Grand Master, the Grand Officers, the Officers and members of private Lodges, and a large number of Ladies and Lewises, have made it a point of honour and duty to support the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. When, in 1851, the lease of the ground on which the original building was erected fell in, it was found impossible to renew it except at a largely-increased rental, nor, having regard to the crowded state of the neighbourhood in which it stood, was such renewal considered desirable. Some freehold land was therefore purchased at Battersea Rise, and there was raised the present School-house. Not, however, in its entirety as we now see it. In the forty

and odd years that have since elapsed, there have been alterations and improvements and enlargements; fresh ground adjoining has been purchased; the wings of the first house have been extended; the Royal Alexandra and North West wings have been erected. There are also a laundry, an infirmary, and, since the purchase of Lyncombe House, a preparatory school, each and all of them standing separately and distinctly from the main building; and, we suppose we must not omit to add, a splendid swimming bath. There are also the Centenary Hall and other large additions as the result of the Centenary Celebration. With premises so extensive it is possible to accommodate no less than 263 girls, with the requisite educational and domestic staff. The age for admission ranges from eight to eleven, and the pupils are educated and maintained within these hospitable walls till they attain the age of sixteen, while even then, in meritorious and necessary cases, there is further assistance given to those who are leaving, so that they may not be without the means of making a fair start in life.

On the benefits conferred by this Institution we need not dwell at length. We gather from the reports issued by the officials of the Institution that up till now 1711 girls have been educated, clothed, and maintained within its walls. But mere numbers is only in part—a very important part, we admit—a test of the good that has been done for these daughters of our poorer or deceased brethren. The education they have received has been of a character to fit them for well nigh every branch of employment that is open to women, and we rejoice to say, on the authority of a statement in the published reports, those who have been under the necessity of seeking some kind of employment “have so invariably conducted themselves as to deserve and receive the commendations of their employers.” We may add as to the education—in the sense of mental culture—afforded. The majority of those girls who have submitted themselves to the tolerably severe examination imposed by the Cambridge Local Examiners have either passed with honours or secured certificates of proficiency up to a certain standard. We have only to look at the last published result sheet to see how satisfactory have the children acquitted themselves in this respect. At the Christmas Cambridge Examinations no less than 9 of the girls gained honours in different branches of the examination, while ten others passed, being the whole of the Candidates who were entered.

It will be seen from this brief outline how the Institution has grown, and in what way the money year by year subscribed has been used. Now that there is such a special need for more subscriptions, let the Masons of England show their appreciation of the splendid Institution that has been brought to such perfection by their liberal donations at the Festival of 1893.

A word about the noble Chairman, and we will leave the subject to the consideration of our readers. The Right Honourable the Earl of Euston is so well known that it hardly needs anything from us to add to the high estimation in which he is held. Our Right Worshipful Brother is the Provincial Grand Master of Norths and Hunts, and when we look at this Province we find that it has at the present time only 13 Lodges in it. This is not a large number from which to expect a big amount, but we feel sure the Brethren of Norths and Hunts may be relied upon to do their utmost to make the Festival at which their worthy Provincial Grand Master is to preside a success. We only trust that other Provinces will do as much in proportion as the one the Earl of Euston presides over, for then we shall be able to look back at the Hundred and Fifth Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls with pleasure and pride.

THE POPE AND FREEMASONRY.

AS if in confirmation of our article on this subject recently, two paragraphs, which we reprint elsewhere, appeared in the morning newspapers on Monday, the 17th inst., recording two statements from clergymen of entirely different denominations. In the first Cardinal Vaughan, at Salford, addressing a large meeting of Catholics in the St. Joseph's Schools, referring to their Catholic Club, “warned them earnestly not to let politics obtrude themselves into the Club.” In the second paragraph the Venerable Archdeacon Sinclair, preaching at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, made special reference “to the intolerant views existing amongst religious sects of a bygone age, who had propagated their opinions by fire and sword, and had done evil that good might come. Now, however, the ideal of liberty of conscience had been established, and among thoughtful, good, and intelligent men there was now mutual respect.” Bearing in mind the letter of Archbishop Walsh, referred to in our article, the latter sentence of Archdeacon Sinclair appears somewhat to savour of optimism. Although we are proud to number among our brethren many enlightened Roman Catholics, we must not forget that they join us in distinct opposition to the wishes of their spiritual advisers; but did liberty of conscience really prevail, there can be but little doubt that thousands of the followers of His Holiness would gladly embrace the opportunity of enrolling themselves members of our Order. The spread of education is our sheet anchor, for as the principles and tenets of Freemasonry become better known and understood, so will opposition cease, and the ideal liberty of conscience become fully established.

RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE.—The Venerable W. M. Sinclair, Archdeacon of London, preaching at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, on Sunday evening, the 16th inst., made special reference to what he termed the dreadful and intolerant views existing amongst religious sects of the day, who had propagated their opinions by fire and sword, and had done evil that good might come. Even in the bosom of Christianity itself the spirit of intolerance, unknown to the first disciples of the Master, developed itself. Until a comparatively recent period, when the true spirit of Christianity had at last again been understood, Romanists and some of the Protestant sects not only consigned each other to everlasting perdition, but in their different turns had recourse to persecution. Now, however, the ideal of liberty of conscience had been established. Among thoughtful, good, and intelligent men there was now mutual respect between Romanist and Protestant. It was only a vain and intolerant Cardinal who returned from Rome who declared that the English nation belonged to that which was a false religion and a non-existent Church, and that he had come to exterminate the one and convert them to the true and only form of the other. Independents, Baptists, and Wesleyans seemed drawing nearer together. Even the strictest members of the English Church professed to treat non-conforming Christians with courtesy and friendship.

POLITICS IN CLUBS.—Cardinal Vaughan made his first appearance in his old diocese, at Salford, since his elevation to the cardinalate, on Sunday, the 16th inst., at Blackburn. In the morning he preached at St. Joseph's, and in the afternoon was entertained to luncheon by the leading clergy and laity of the district. In the evening he addressed a large meeting of Catholics in St. Joseph's Schools, the Bishop of Salford also being present. His Eminence, in reply to an address, said that as to their Catholic club he looked upon it as a most useful, necessary, and, indeed, noble Institution, which could do valuable work, but he warned them earnestly not to let politics obtrude themselves into the club. He had known Catholic clubs in many large towns—three or four of them, indeed, in Manchester—which had died and been resurrected, and died again, and which had all been wrecked on the rock of politics.

The annual banquet of the St. Augustine's Lodge, No. 1941, took place at the Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley, on Tuesday, the 18th inst. Bro. C. W. Bullivant was installed Worshipful Master.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Chest and Stomach complaints.—The source and centre of almost every ailment is impurity of the blood; dislodge this poison, and disease departs. Holloway's Pills exercise the inestimable power of thoroughly cleansing each component part of the blood, and rendering this fluid fit to perform its important functions. They cope most successfully with chest diseases, stomach complaints, liver disorders, and many other maladies, which were once the besetting dangers of mankind at certain seasons in town and country. The directions for use enable every one to regulate the operation of the Pills with the greatest nicety. Chronic invalids, nervous sufferers, and all whom other treatment have failed to relieve, are respectfully invited to try Holloway's celebrated medicine, which will strengthen and cure them.

THE GRAND FESTIVAL.

THE Annual Festival of Grand Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London, on Wednesday last, the handsome Temple being almost inconveniently crowded so great was the number of brethren who attended. In consequence of having to be present at the funeral of his relative the Earl Derby, the Pro Grand Master was unable to preside and the chair was therefore taken by the Earl of Mount Edgumbe. The Rev. J. Simpson P.G.C. was Senior Warden and the Marquis of Granby, M.P., was Junior Warden. There was also a large attendance of Present and Past Grand Officers, including Lord George Hamilton, M.P., Viscount Ebrington, Sir Albert Woods, Akers-Douglas, M.P., W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Julius Mertey, of Buda Pesth, &c., &c.

Grand Lodge having been duly opened, the Deputy Grand Master stated that he was desired by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to thank the brethren for re-electing him as Grand Master. His interest in Freemasonry had by no means diminished and he regretted that his numerous engagements did not permit him to be present at the meeting, but he hoped to meet them during the present summer, especially at the opening of the Chancery Bar Lodge next month. His Royal Highness was then declared elected and was subsequently proclaimed by Sir Albert Woods, Grand Director of Ceremonies. The Grand Officers appointed were:—

Bro. the Earl of Lathom ...	Pro Master
The Earl of Mount Edgumbe ...	Deputy Master
The Earl of Yarborough ...	Senior Warden
A. Akers-Douglas ...	Junior Warden
The Rev. F. W. Macdonald ...	Chaplains
Canon Bullock ...	
Samuel Cochrane ...	Treasurer
F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., ...	Registrar
R. D. M. Littler, C.B., Q.C., ...	Deputy Registrar
Thomas Fenn ...	Pres. Bd. of Gen. Purposes
Edward Letchworth ...	Secretary
W. E. Brymer, M.P. ...	Senior Deacons
L. G. Gordon Robbins ...	
R. V. Vassar-Smith ...	Junior Deacons
Dr. Clement Godson, M.D. ...	
P. H. Waterlow ...	Superintendent of Works
J. W. Maclure, M.P. ...	
James Edmeston ...	Director of Ceremonies
Sir A. W. Woods, K.C.M.G. (Garter) ...	Deputy Dir. of Ceremonies
S. H. Kirchhoffer ...	Asst. Dir. of Cers.
Major G. C. Davies ...	
Hugh McIntosh, M.D. ...	Sword Bearer
J. L. Griffith ...	
W. H. Marsden ...	Deputy Sword Bearer
Horatio Ward ...	
A. C. Spanll ...	Standard Bearers
R. Willoughby ...	
W. De M. Sergison ...	Organist
A. A. Pendlebury ...	Assistant Secretary
Thomas Minstrell ...	Pursuivant
C. J. R. Tijou ...	Assistant Pursuivant

The various Officers were conducted to the chair by the Directors of Ceremonies and were invested by the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, the brethren expressing their congratulations in the usual manner as the Officers took their appointed places.

The Earl of Mount Edgumbe, before closing Grand Lodge, said he had to announce the appointment of the Marquess of Hertford by the Grand Lodge of Ireland as representative at Grand Lodge of England.

The ceremony having terminated the proceedings were brought to a close by the Grand Chaplain's prayer, and the Grand Lodge was closed. As the procession passed out of the Temple Bro. Sergison played a grand march upon the organ.

The brethren re-assembled at 6 o'clock in the banqueting hall to the number of about six hundred, and several ladies were stationed in the gallery.

At the conclusion of the repast the Earl of Mount Edgumbe proposed the Queen and the Craft, which was duly honoured, and the National Anthem was sung.

The M.W. the Grand Master followed, in giving which the Chairman paid a well deserved tribute to the Prince of Wales for the practical Masonic spirit ever evinced by his Royal Highness, and also for the personal regard he manifested for the welfare of his fellow creatures and sympathy with their feelings and wants. In proof of which he had only to mention that one of his engagements that day, as on many previous days, was at the Royal Commission on the aged poor, in order to promulgate some plan to alleviate the exigencies of their daily life.

Bro. Hugh D. Sandermau P.D.G.M. Bengal proposed the Deputy Grand Master, to which the Earl of Mount Edgumbe replied.

The Earl of Yarborough responded for the Grand Officers Present and Past.

The Rev. Canon Bullock Grand Chaplain proposed the Masonic Charities, and said they were in no sense benefit societies, but no member was relieved unless necessitous, and the benefits were given with no grudging hand. Masons were well called Brothers for they were ever ready to stretch out the hand of good fellowship and assistance to the distressed.

Bro. John Morrison McLeod, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, acknowledged the toast in a capital speech that was loudly applauded, although he stated that he had been taken unawares. He said the Masonic Institutions were all in a good position and were prospering. As regards his particular School he mentioned that the examinations which had taken place during the past half year reflected considerable credit on both pupils and teachers, and he thought the time had now arrived when the capitation grant from Grand Lodge might fairly be increased from the £150 a year, which was fixed in 1838.

Bro. Major-General Frederick Gadsen, President of the Board of Stewards, answered for that body, who, he said, were amply repaid for their trouble, if the brethren were satisfied with their entertainment.

Bro. R. D. M. Littler, C.B., Q.C., submitted the Ladies, and said he was delighted to propose the toast, for he considered there was no woman in the world more sympathetic, better nurses for the sick, or who adorned the homes to which they belonged than the wives, sisters, or daughters of Masons.

Bro. John Smithers suitably returned thanks, and the company then adjourned to the Temple, where a capital concert was given under the direction of Brother Edward Cutter Past Grand Organist, in which Miss Mabel Berrey, Miss Florence Henderson, Miss Edith Hands, Miss Teresa Blamey, Messrs. Hirwen Jones, Andrew Black, and the Horse Shoe Glee Singers took part.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday, the 19th instant, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C., Bro. Robert Grey President of the Board occupied the chair, and the Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents (Bros. James Brett and C. A. Cottebrune) were in their respective places. Bros. E. Letchworth Grand Secretary, A. A. Pendlebury Assistant Grand Secretary, W. Dodd and W. H. Lee represented Grand Secretary's office, and the other brethren present were Bros. S. Vallentine, Wm. Vincent, Charles E. Ward P. Prov. G.S.W. Lincolnshire, Charles J. R. Tijou, David D. Mercer, S. V. Abraham, Geo. R. Langley, William P. Brown, S. H. Goldschmidt, A. C. Woodward, Jas. Bunker, Walter Martin, C. Dairy, W. Hopekirk, C. Braid, A. Stubbs, G. Coupland, S. W. Wilkinson P.P.G.S.W. Cheshire, C. J. Frost, J. Cox, E. L. Horne, G. A. Reall, J. W. Row, Wm. Pound, J. H. Fryer, H. Massey, G. W. Mitchell, W. Belchamber, A. Hubbard, A. Howell, E. Venner, J. Bott, H. Hooper, G. E. Fairchild, A. Calver, A. Dutton, R. M. Bibby, J. R. Owen, G. Flint, W. T. H. Mayer, B. T. Kimpton, T. Wills, S. S. Pearce, W. Lake, A. Darch, G. S. Peachey, C. Graham, J. M. Chapman, J. Tovell, F. Simmonds, J. E. Fells, J. N. Streater, F. R. H. Gooch, E. E. Geflowski, J. F. Jones, C. Pulman, and H. Sadler Grand Tyler. The brethren first confirmed recommendations made to the Grand Master at the March meeting, amounting to £570. Of the new cases there were 40 on the list, qualified through Lodges in the London district, and at Cardiff, Spalding, Croydon, Ipswich, Cowes, Lincoln, Sandown, Sutton Bridge, Abergavenny, Plymouth, Truro, St. Austell, Redruth, Southport, Norwich, Nottingham, Stockport, Walton-under-Edge, Shepton Mallet, Hartlepool, Constantinople, Dartford, Beccles, Alnwick, and Erith. In the course of a sitting which lasted four hours and a-quarter two of these cases were dismissed and six deferred. The remaining 32 were voted a total sum of £965. Two petitions were recommended to Grand Lodge for £75 each; nine were recommended to the Grand Master for £40 each; and six for £30 each; thirteen were awarded £20 each; one received £10 and one £5.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

AT the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire, holden in the Town Hall, Wakefield, on Wednesday, 19th inst., at 2.0 p.m., under the banners of Unanimity Lodge, No. 154, Wakefield Lodge, No. 495, and Sincerity Lodge, No. 1019, there were present the following Provincial Grand Officers:—

Bros. Henry Smith acting Master, William Harrop acting Deputy Master, Rev. T. C. Smyth, D.D., Senior Warden, Richard Jessop Junior Warden; B. Broughton, Col. J. Day, T. Bateman Fox, J.P., and W. F. Smithson Past Wardens; Rev. Ben. Mayou Past as Chaplain, Rev. A. H. B. Lees Chaplain, John Gibbs Treasurer; Charles Letch Mason, Thomas Ruddock, Henry Oxley, and Thomas Harrison Past Treasurers; Captain Joseph Bottomley Past as Registrar; John Cooper Malcolm and Joseph Binney Past Registrar; Herbert George Edward Green Secretary; John William Balme and Albert Walker Senior Deacons; W. C. Lupton and John Cass, J.P., Junior Deacons; C. Tait Rhodes, William Henry Pawson, Davis Richard Glover, William Gankroger, J.P., James Bedford, George Marshall, Charles E. Rhodes, John Read Dore, T. Ibbetson Walker, Frederick Cleaves, William Ridgard Massie, and Fred Rand Past Deacons; Charles Gott, John Barker, Thomas W. Roome, Reuben Castle, J. Lawton, W. Watson, and William Greaves Past Supts. of Works; Tudor Trevor Dir. of Cers., Sydney Thomas Steele Deputy Dir. of Cers., Charles A. Phillips Assistant Dir. of Cers.; Austin Roberts, J. W. Monokman, Edmund Lord, Charles Howroyd, John Dyson, and James Jenkin Past Dirs. of Ceremonies; Colonel F. C. Wemyss Past as Sword Bearer; William Wilson Macvay, John Jas. Rutherford, and John F. Tanner Past Sword Bearers; John Hey Standard Bearer, William Fitton as Standard Bearer; William Laycock, William Asquith, Robert Riley, Thomas Riley, Joseph Wilson, and Robert Fisher Past Standard Bearers; George Carbert Past as Organist; William Ash, Max Blume, and George Frederick Carr Past Organists; Joseph Matthewman Assistant Secretary, Benjamin Fawcett Glover Pursuivant, Charles Shaw Assiet. Pursuivant; Geo. Althorp, Frederick Wm. Turner, Richard Cliffe, Thomas Gankroger, Robert Henry Armitage, John Shoesmith, and G. Blackburn Past Pursuivants; W. H. D. Horsfall, Alfred Scarth, Wm. Fisher Tasker, Thomas Norfolk, Wm. Barrow Wall, and Louis Eismann Stewards; Thomas Leighton Tyler, Thomas Chester Assistant Tyler; also Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, Acting Wardens, and Brethren from Lodges 61, 139, 149, 154, 208, 242, 258, 264, 265, 275, 289, 290, 296, 302, 304, 306, 307, 308, 337, 380, 387, 408, 439, 448, 495, 521, 600, 603, 652, 750, 827, 904, 910, 974, 1001, 1018, 1019, 1034, 1042, 1102, 1108, 1211, 1214, 1221, 1231, 1239, 1283, 1301, 1302, 1311, 1462, 1513, 1514, 1522, 1542, 1545, 1645, 1648, 1736, 1779, 1783, 2035, 2069, 2091, 2259, 2261, 2263, 2268, 2321, 2330. Lodges unrepresented:—401, 458, 810, 837, 971. Visitor—Bro. T. Fletcher Walker Prov. G. Steward Notts.

The acting Provincial Grand Master Bro. Henry Smith, the acting Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. William Harrop, and the Provincial Grand Officers entered at 2.15. The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in form; solemn prayer was offered; and a portion of Holy Scripture read by the Provincial Grand Chaplains.

Letters and telegrams of apology were received from the Provincial Grand Master Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P., Brother Colonel the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett Past Grand Warden D.P.G.M. N. and E. Yorks., also from forty-six Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, and Brethren.

The acting Provincial Grand Master, the acting Deputy, and the Officers of Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge were saluted according to antient custom, after which the roll of Lodges was called, and it was found that 70 out of 75 were represented.

The roll of Present and Past Grand Officers was afterwards called.

The minutes of Provincial Grand Lodge, holden at Bradford, on Wednesday, the 26th of October 1892, were presented and confirmed.

The acting Provincial Grand Master then delivered the following address:—

BRETHREN,—It is exceedingly gratifying to me to see our Annual Communication so numerously attended. It affords strong evidence of your continued interest in the Craft, and at the same time enables you to renew your acquaintance with old and tried friends, and to welcome the many new faces which are yearly to be seen at our gatherings.

The Province of West Yorkshire—in its numbers, its organisation, its enthusiasm, and its generous acts of charity—may be regarded, I venture to believe, as a successful Masonic combination. We are proud of it, and we try to maintain its efficiency and to ensure its progress, and I trust that we, and those who come after us, will ever continue to do so; but we cannot always expect to sustain this high tide of prosperity. As in all human institutions, founded though they may be even upon Masonic principles, we must expect change, and must be prepared in our turn for vicissitudes and for less prosperous circumstances.

Unhappily, for the last two years, we have lamented the absence from our midst of our venerated Provincial Grand Master, Brother Thomas William Tew. Without his guiding hand, his ardent

enthusiasm, and his elevating influence, we have yet struggled on, for we have been buoyed up with hope—we have trusted that "Time, the great healer," would restore him to us—that we should again see his face, and hear his cheery voice in our assemblies.

Brethren, it is my painful duty to quench that hope. Feeling that there is no prospect of his ever being able to discharge the duties of his exalted office in the way in which he considers they should be discharged, our Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master has already placed his resignation in the hands of the Grand Secretary, with the request that it shall be presented to the Most Worshipful Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, at the earliest moment consistent with expediency and the convenience of this Province.

Brethren, this is a great blow to West Yorkshire. It is almost impossible to rate too highly the splendid services and constant devotion of our Provincial Grand Master. Consider his strong personality; his genial hospitality; his unbounded generosity; his entire lack of personal ambition; his noble advocacy and support of our Charities; his munificently fostering care of our Masonic Library; his unwearied efforts to elevate the character of our assemblies—to guide, to teach, and to sustain us. Consider, I say, all these attributes, and you will agree with me that he is a Provincial Grand Master whom it is a calamity for us to lose, and whom it will be difficult, if not impossible for us to replace.

We, the Freemasons of West Yorkshire, owe a deep debt of gratitude to Bro. Thomas William Tew, for, by his efforts, he has not only secured the most cordial relationship between us and Grand Lodge, but he has placed us in the foremost rank of Provincial Masonic communities. He has spared neither labour nor time in our service—for us he has spent many an hour of study and research—on our behalf he has often left his own domestic circle, and regardless of weather or season, has travelled many a weary mile—in a word, Brethren, in the interests of the Masons of his Province, times without number he has sacrificed his health, his comfort, and his convenience.

Devotion like this should not, could not fail to meet with appreciation. He has won the esteem, the respect, and the affection of us all; and I do not hesitate to assert that no more popular chief, and certainly none more deserving popularity, exists than our Rt. W. Bro. Thomas William Tew.

Let us cherish the memory of his services, and revere his name; and though we may not be able to open our hands so generously, or display so great practical benevolence, we can, at any rate, emulate his uprightness, his attention to duty, and his disregard of personal advantage or reward.

Connected with this subject, though of considerably less consequence, I feel it my duty to say that the retirement of our Provincial Grand Master will also involve the resignation of his Deputy. For 23 years I have served the Craft, and have endeavoured, whether as Secretary or Deputy, to improve its organization, and maintain its reputation. Since the illness of Bro. Tew, I have had constant personal communication with him, and, to the best of my ability, I have administered the affairs of the Province; and on the appointment of his successor, I think I may claim to do what I long contemplated, that is, retire from this onerous and important post.

Should, however, it be the wish of the new Provincial Grand Master, and solely with the object of promoting the interests of Freemasonry in West Yorkshire, I would, though very reluctantly, put aside any question of personal convenience, and consent to remain in office until our new chief shall have had time to make himself to some extent acquainted with the routine work of the Province, and to consider the question of the appointment of my successor.

Who our successors may be I know not; some accomplished gentleman and true Freemason will doubtless be found by our Royal Grand Master to take the place of Bro. Tew, and I venture to say that in the selection for that office representations from this Province will receive suitable consideration.

Whilst on personal matters, let me take this opportunity of expressing the thanks of this Province to our very Reverend Brother the Dean of York, for his recent visit amongst us, and for the exceedingly practical and valuable address delivered by him to Defence Lodge, No. 1211, Leeds, on that occasion. The cordial and fraternal feeling which has so long existed between ourselves and the sister Province of North and East Yorkshire must necessarily be strengthened and increased by such visits, and the bold and outspoken utterances—not by way of apology, Brethren, nor of defence, for we need neither—the manly exposition of the Rev. Dean, of what Freemasonry is, and what it is capable of becoming, will find an echo in the heart of every Brother worthy of the name, and will tend to remove the mistaken impressions of the outside world, which doubtless to some extent have been prejudicial to our Order.

Our Provincial Grand Master applauds, too, the action of Acacia, Defence, St. Nicholas, and other Lodges, for their efforts to promote the progress of Masonic knowledge; and is pleased also to see that our worthy Librarian (Bro. William Watson) is devoting some portion of his time to this useful work, and giving such Lodges as may seek it, the benefit of his extensive and long sustained research into Masonic history and tradition; all this shows that the seed which Bro. Tew has long and persistently sown is bearing fruit, and it is, I assure you, a matter of profound satisfaction to our Provincial Grand Master in his enforced retirement.

And now to turn to less personal matters. From the Report prepared by our Provincial Grand Secretary, we find that our numbers are 3,655, as against 3,647 last year, and that 256 new men, I hope good and true men, have been admitted to our Order; that 124 brethren, for reasons which were doubtless good, but which we cannot help regretting, have resigned; that the "icy hands of death" have removed from our ranks no less than 82 members of our fraternity, thus forming gaps in families and Lodges never again to be filled; that there have been 42 exclusions; and that 180 brethren remain in arrears. In relation to this last most unpleasant

item I would only ask Treasurers if they have diligently and conscientiously used every effort to prevent brethren from falling into arrears. I have often impressed them with the necessity and the duty of asking for payment of subscriptions early in the financial year; it is the only way in which a condition of affairs which is, to say the last of it, discreditable to us, can in the future, be prevented.

Then, as to annual returns. Let me remind, or if necessary, inform Worshipful Masters that on the 1st December in each year, the Secretary of every Lodge is supplied with the forms both for this Province and for London, with special envelopes for each set.

The forms for Provincial Grand Lodge returns, I may also say, are carefully written out by our Provincial Grand Secretary, in order to secure accuracy. This must be a material and valuable help to Lodge Secretaries; notwithstanding this it is yet the fact that, at the expiration of the fixed limit, viz., 31st January of this year, 22 Lodges have neglected this simple duty; and in some instances it took many days and much correspondence to obtain the returns.

This should not be, and indeed would not be, if only Worshipful Masters would read and carry out Provincial bye-law 46, and otherwise fully acquaint themselves with the duties and responsibilities of the office they were elected to fill. One of the first duties of a Worshipful Master, for instance, after investing his Officers, should be to sign the return of Past Masters and Wardens, a return which should have been previously prepared by the outgoing Secretary, and see that it is sent off by post the following day. Changing every year, how few Worshipful Masters know this or act upon it.

Again. This same bye-law 46 declares that a copy of every Lodge summons should, month by month, be sent to the Provincial Grand Secretary. If this is neglected, and there can be no excuse for Secretaries, as printed addressed envelopes are supplied for the purpose, information of the work and the progress of the Lodge is withheld, and particulars which have been found most valuable in supplementing or confirming defective or doubtful returns are kept back from the office, and thus inquiry, correspondence, and expense are caused which might otherwise be avoided.

Unless Masters of Lodges take a personal interest in these things it is impossible that the organisation of the Province can be maintained at its proper standard. Though the matter is so simple and the trouble so slight, yet year by year the neglect continues. Then, as to quarterages, the Law distinctly says "6d per quarter or any portion thereof." Yet it frequently happens when an initiation takes place towards the end of a quarter, the necessary 6d is not paid, costing a letter and postage to obtain what is legally due.

Let me also remind Worshipful Masters that an interval of twenty-eight days must intervene between an initiation and a passing, or between a passing and a raising, and no dispensation can shorten that interval.

In respect to the necessary inquiry (bye-laws 30 and 31) in the case of candidates for initiation or joining, there seems to be some laxity. The law is very clear and precise, and states that in the case of a candidate seeking admission to the Craft, or wishing to enter a Lodge as a joining member, inquiry shall be made of the Lodges in the town from which the candidate comes, and proper printed forms are provided for that purpose, which may be obtained of the Provincial Grand Secretary at a nominal cost.

Through the publicity given to accounts of Lodge meetings in other than Masonic papers the outside world knows more of our proceedings than is at all necessary or expedient, and many are doubtless attracted to our ranks by the advantages which they think they can thereby obtain. I would therefore say suffer no reports of your Lodge gatherings to appear in non-Masonic papers; and when it becomes necessary to make inquiry as to any one from another town wishing to join you, see that such inquiry is fully and amply made, and, if there is a doubt, then give, not the candidate, but the Craft, the benefit of that doubt.

Where a Lodge is not progressing, or is not in affluent circumstances, there is perhaps a temptation to lightly interpret this law; but it should be remembered that by admitting an unworthy member though it may be a temporary gain to the Lodge in question, it is a permanent and serious injury to the whole Craft.

After what I said at Leeds in April, and at Bradford in October of last year, on the subject of exclusions, it is not necessary I should add anything to-day.

I have reason to hope that those words were not without effect, and the time is not far distant, I trust, when there will exist no Lodge in this Province to which such remarks can have any possible application.

Brethren, it is not my intention to trespass upon the ground of the Chairman of our Charity Committee, but I venture to state that our three Masonic Institutions are in a flourishing condition. Last year we largely concentrated our donations on behalf of the "Old People," and purchased the "Thomas William Tew Presentation" for Men at a cost of £1,155. This year we propose to give our chief support to the Girls' School, and as Treasurer of that noble Institution, I am glad to hear that no less a sum than 1,100 guineas has been already subscribed and mainly paid, and the votes used for the election last week.

This being our annual meeting, it is my pleasing duty to confer Provincial rank upon sundry deserving brethren. But the pleasure is largely discounted by its extreme difficulty. When I tell you that our Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master has on his list upwards of 200 selected brethren, every one of whom he would, if he could, thus honour, and that he has only 24 collars at his disposal, you may form some slight idea how hard is the task imposed upon him. It is true it is four more than formerly, owing to the new regulations; but what are these amongst so many deserving brethren?

I can only ask you to believe that we have done our best, and can assure you that I, knowing their merits, feel as keenly as themselves the disappointment of those whom the exigencies of our Provincial Grand Master's position have compelled him to pass over.

I cannot close my remarks without offering my hearty thanks to the W.M.'s, P.M.'s and Brethren of the three Wakefield Lodges for

the excellent arrangements they have made for our comfort and convenience to-day. Wakefield has long been a nursing mother of Freemasonry. Within its precincts there is one of the oldest existing West Yorkshire Lodges; and we cannot forget that this city was the original cradle and home of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire as at present constituted. To the Wakefield Masons, distinguished as they are by their brotherly concord, their generous hospitality, and their ardent zeal in all that concerns the best interests of the Craft, our gratitude is due, not for our present visit only, but for many pleasant sojourns which we have on previous occasions made amongst them.

In my own name, and in that of my Officers, I thank you also, Brethren, for your cordial salutations, and for your kindness and patience in listening to this my address.

The address, which was most impressively delivered, was followed with the closest interest, and called forth many expressions of sympathy from a most attentive audience.

The acting Provincial Grand Master then called upon Bro. T. Bateman Fox P.M. 208, Chairman of the West Yorkshire Charity Committee, to present his Report. Previous to doing so, Bro. Fox claimed the indulgence of the Brethren in order to make a few preliminary remarks. He said—

BRETHREN,—We have listened with great interest to our worthy Deputy's most excellent address, and we heartily endorse every word he has said in relation to our beloved Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Thomas William Tew.

We have clung to the hope that for some time at least we should not lose our distinguished chief—that we should see him again in our midst—that we should be cheered by his genial presence, and enlightened by his wisdom. It has pleased the Great Architect of the Universe to order otherwise, and we can only submissively bow to that decree.

It would not become me to take up your time in the attempt to add to the eloquent eulogium which Bro. Henry Smith has pronounced upon our excellent Provincial Grand Master; I will only say that in my humble opinion it is not one whit too strong, and I will venture to add that wherever and whenever West Yorkshire Masons meet, the name of "Tew" will always be received with reverence and respect.

But if words of mine cannot add to or improve upon Bro. Henry Smith's judicious expressions, yet they may supply a deficiency with his characteristic modesty would have ignored.

Brethren, I want to remind you that Bro. Henry Smith too has left his mark upon Freemasonry in West Yorkshire. I want to point out to you that his has been a valuable and distinguished Masonic career—I might almost say unrivalled in our annals. I will go further, and assert that I do not think there is a man living whose Masonic experience has been more extensive, or whose attention to the interests of the Craft has been more devoted.

Bro. Henry Smith was initiated in the Hope Lodge, Bradford, in the year 1852, so that he is a Mason of 41 years' standing. That in itself is worth of note, but it is by no means all. Previous to 1870, he rendered great assistance to the then Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Richard Reed Nelson, and on his death in that year was appointed by the Earl de Grey and Ripon to succeed him. We all know, brethren, the order, the method, the system, the business precision which exist in the office of the Provincial Grand Secretary to-day; that organization we owe entirely to Bro. Henry Smith. On his appointment he was able to see what our condition then was and what it might be made to become; and his comprehensive grasp, his untiring application, his unceasing attention to and mastery of detail, have resulted in our being perhaps the best organized Masonic Province under the banner of the Grand Lodge of England.

On the retirement of the Marquess of Ripon in 1875, Sir Henry Edwards, his successor, recognising the capacity and zeal of the Provincial Grand Secretary, gladly retained his services, and down to 1885 Bro. Henry Smith most efficiently discharged the duties of that office. For fifteen years he faithfully served this Province in that capacity.

In 1885, after the installation of our present Provincial Grand Master, amid the applause of the numerous brethren assembled at Leeds on that occasion, Brother Thomas William Tew made Brother Henry Smith his Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

Eight years he has held that office, and you, Brethren, know how well and ably he has done his duty in that most responsible post. In 1887 he received Jubilee rank as Grand Deacon of England.

Throughout all his Masonic career—41 years a Mason, 15 years Provincial Grand Secretary, and 8 years Deputy—perhaps there is no portion in which Bro. Henry Smith has shown greater interest, or displayed more marvellous energy than in his connection with the Charity Committee of this Province.

From its foundation, in 1859, in which he took an active part, down to to-day, our worthy Deputy's zeal has never flagged. Always present at its meetings, never absent from the elections in London, active in securing new votes and in collecting and judiciously exercising existing ones—it is largely through his efforts that the work of our Charity Committee has resulted so successfully, and that we stand forth possessing a voting strength and an organisation second to none in the Craft.

Out of consideration to Bro. Henry Smith, Brethren, I will not say more—I might call attention to his personal donations to our Charities, and to the appreciation in which he is held by the Managers of our Charitable Institutions, of one of which he holds the important office of Hon. Treasurer, and to other matters—but I am sure you will agree with me that if at the same time that we lose our Prov. Grand Master we are also to be deprived of the services of our Deputy, less I could not have said, and I feel confident that

the circumstances in which we are likely so soon to be placed will be considered ample justification for these few and imperfect remarks.

Some definite resolution of appreciation of his services will no doubt be moved on some future occasion, and I also hope a permanent and fitting recognition of those services will be tendered.

I will now turn to the business of the meeting.

Bro. Fox then announced the successes which had attended the labours of the Charity Committee since the last annual meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge, pointing out that two girls, one widow, and three men had been elected; also that in addition to this they had by presentation secured the benefit of the Charities for one girl, one boy, and one man; that for next month's election they had two men candidates and one widow, the election of all of whom they were hopeful of securing; and that they were fortunately able in the last election to assist a last chance case of the sister Province of North and East Yorkshire. After alluding to the successes obtained by the boys and girls in the Cambridge Local and other examinations, results which proved the efficiency of the Schools, Bro. Fox concluded a most interesting statement by thanking the brethren and the Charity members for the prompt return of the voting papers, and was pleased to find that the leakage had been the smallest on record. He then formally moved the adoption of the Report.

Bro. W. C. Lupton P.M. 974 Vice-Chairman seconded. He thoroughly agreed with all that had been said by Bro. Fox. He announced for the information of the Charity members that complete lists of Lodge and individual votes for the Annuitants' Elections next month were already prepared by the Provincial Grand Secretary, and would be sent out to them in the course of the following day; that the collection of the papers would thus be greatly facilitated; and that he trusted every possible effort would be made to secure their collection.

On being put to the meeting, the report was unanimously adopted.

Bro. John Gibbs P.M. 994 then presented his balance sheet. In moving its adoption, it already having been printed and circulated, he called the attention of the brethren to the increased balance, notwithstanding extraordinary expenditure during the year.

Bro. Joseph Bottomley P.M. 275 seconded, and the balance sheet was adopted *nem con.*

Bro. Charles Gott P.M. 302 presented an inventory of the regalia and other property of Provincial Grand Lodge, and, on his representation, it was duly received.

Bro. Joseph Matthewman P.M. 1019 Provincial Grand Assistant Secretary was then called upon and said:—

PROVINCIAL GRAND OFFICERS AND BRETHREN,—Through the courtesy of the Worshipful Deputy now acting in the chair of K.S., I am permitted to announce that our Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Thomas William Tew, has great pleasure in presenting to each Lodge in West Yorkshire a copy of my book of his Masonic addresses.

In cases where a Lodge Library already exists he trusts the volume will be a welcome addition to its shelves, and where such collections are not to be found, that it may be a nucleus round which other Masonic works, from time to time, may cluster.

The books are here, and if at the close of this meeting Worshipful Masters or other representatives will come forward and sign in the name of their respective Lodges, copies will be handed to them.

Brethren, with the covers of that volume will be found not only a reproduction, with notes and explanatory circumstances, of each one of the very valuable Masonic addresses which Bro. Tew, during the last thirty years, has delivered, but also a record of his stainless and honourable Masonic career.

No printed page, no effort of mine is needed, I know, to keep the memory of our Provincial Grand Master fresh and green in the minds of the West Yorkshire brethren whom I see before me; but I am proud to think that my name is associated with the production of a work which may, I trust, hand down to future generations of Freemasons the record of the life, the character, and the virtues of Thomas William Tew.

I thank you, Worshipful Deputy, for affording me the opportunity of making, in our Provincial Grand Master's name, this presentation to the Lodges, and you, brethren, for the more than kind way in which you have heard me.

Bro. William Watson P.M. 61 P.P.G. Supt. of Works and Honorary Librarian of the Province, then presented his report. He would not, he said, make a long speech, but would remind them that it was just five years since his appointment, and that during that time the library had increased beyond his most sanguine expectations, and that we stood to-day in the proud position of possessing a collection of MSS., books, and curios, second perhaps to only one other in Europe. He moved that the Library Report be taken as read, printed, and circulated.

This was seconded by Brother J. R. Dore P.M. 750 and carried.

The election of Bro. W. Fisher Tasker P.M. 296 as Provincial Grand Treasurer was proposed in most complimentary terms by Bro. John Gibbs P.M. 904, seconded by Bro. William Gaukroger P.M. 61, supported by Brother Carr P.P.G.O., on behalf of Brother C. L. Mason, and carried with acclamation. Brother Fisher Tasker, whose election was apparently a very popular one, duly thanked the brethren.

Bro. Richard Wilson P.M. 289 then rose to propose "That a cordial vote of thanks be given to the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Thomas William Tew, for his gifts to the Library and for his present of a copy of *Masonic Addresses* to the various Lodges." After some discussion as to this being the suitable time or not to add the expression of regret of Provincial Grand Lodge at the announcement of the Provincial Grand Master's coming retirement, and deciding that at present it was premature, this was seconded by Bro. Joseph Binney P.M. 139, and carried with great applause.

Bro. J. Robertshaw P.M. 1239, on rising to propose that the brief address of the Chairman of the Charity Committee be printed, was told that the request had been anticipated by him, and would be carried out.

The retiring Provincial Grand Officers then advanced and gave up their collars, the acting Provincial Grand Master addressing a few words of thanks to them during the process. This done, the new appointments for the year were summoned to the dais and invested. They were—

Bro. Richard Wilson 289	...	Senior Warden
James William Davis, J.P., 61	...	Junior Warden
Rev. John Dunbar 1783	...	Chaplains
Rev. Fred. Edmund Egerton 910	...	
Wm. Fisher Tasker 296 (elected)	...	Treasurer
William James Waugh 1545	...	Registrar
Herbert G. E. Green 1019	...	Secretary
John Foster 974	...	Senior Deacons
William Aked Statter 154	...	
Andrew Macredie 1779	...	
Crosland Hirst 2261	...	Junior Deacons
Henry Cowbrough 1042	...	
William Barrow Wall 290	...	
Thomas Campbell Hope 302	...	Supt. of Works
William Watson 61	...	Librarian
William Dawson Quarumby 208	...	Director of Ceremonies
Walter Dawson Hollis 1311	...	Deputy Dir. of Cers.
Louis Eismann 827	...	Assistant Dir. of Cers.
Thomas Norfolk 600	...	
Thomas Uttley 307	...	
Caleb England 910	...	Sword Bearer
William Haigh 1283	...	Standard Bearers
John Constable 2259	...	
William Cockerlyne 304	...	Organist
Joseph Matthewman 1019	...	Assistant Secretary
Edwin Billington 1462	...	Pursuivant
George Holden Holdroyd 1514	...	Assistant Pursuivant
Joseph Wright Barber 1648	...	Stewards
Edward Jno. Massie 1513	...	
John Dawson 521	...	
Thomas Brayshaw 2091	...	Tyler
William Edward Smithies 1231	...	
Howgate Holroyd 603	...	
Thomas Leighton 139	...	Assistant Tyler
Thomas Chester 904	...	

The Chairman of the Charity Committee announced that at the last meeting of that body three petitions for relief were presented and considered. He proposed the suspension of bye-law 42. Bro. Lupton seconded, and the acting Provincial Grand Master acquiesced. Brother Fox then moved that a grant of £10 should be made in each of the three cases. This was seconded by Brother Lupton, and carried.

A cordial invitation to Provincial Grand Lodge, by Bro. Charles Pawson W.M. 296, to hold its October meeting under the banner of Royal Brunswick, Sheffield, was then given. Brother Pawson in kindly terms hoped that the Provincial Grand Master would accede to his request, and thus assist them worthily to celebrate the Centenary of their Lodge.

The acting Provincial Grand Master did not doubt but the invitation of Bro. Pawson would be as favourably considered as it was heartily given.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in due form with solemn prayer at 4.10 p.m.

Dinner was served in the banquet hall at 5.0 p.m. The acting Provincial Grand Master, Brother Henry Smith, took the chair, and was supported by about 80 brethren.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

CRAFT.

STAFFORDSHIRE KNOT LODGE, No. 726.

ON Wednesday evening, the 19th inst., a large gathering of the brethren of this Lodge assembled at the installation meeting, which was held at the Swan Hotel, Stafford, when Bro. C. J. Nevitt was impressively installed as Worshipful Master by the retiring Master, Bro. W. G. Taylor. He afterwards invested the following Officers:—Bros. W. G. Taylor I.P.M., G. Wormal S.W., J. E. Evans J.W., the Rev. A. H. Talbot Chaplain, J. Mottram Treasurer, J. T. Marson Secretary, W. Hall S.D., the Rev. S. Wickham Jones J.D., P. H. Harston Director of Ceremonies, J. Jackson Organist, F. Amies I.G., J. P. Gates and J. Jackson Stewards, and G. Hebbert Tyler. The brethren present at the ceremony included P.M.'s Brothers Jno. Storer, W. Woodhouse, F. Woolley, J. Wooldridge, W. D. Batkin, E. J. Mousley Dr. E. W. Taylor; Bros. Jno. Nevitt, L. W. Potts, T. Bennett, R. J. Bowen, D. Hollin, William Peach, P. Bridgewood, Dr. G. T. Lee, J. R. Worthington, and a large number of Visitors. At the conclusion of the business of the Lodge, the company adjourned to an excellent banquet, served in the usual able manner by Miss Perks. The floral decorations upon the tables were exquisitely arranged, and were much admired. The usual Masonic toasts were duly received and honoured. During the evening songs, &c., were well rendered by a glee party composed of Bros. Newns, A. Smith, W. H. Smith, and E. A. Smith, and Mr. W. E. Allen, Mr. J. Jackson, A.C.O., ably accompanying, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

GOSPORT LODGE, No. 903.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the India Arms Hotel, Gosport, on Tuesday evening, 11th inst., when the Worshipful Master (Bro. Montague Hart) gave a very tangible proof of his proficiency in the art by performing the ceremonies of initiation, passing and raising. It is always gratifying to see a young Master take to his work in this vigorous manner; too much praise cannot be given to the conscientious minuteness with which every detail of the ceremonies was carried out. Labour being ended, ample justice was done to the refreshments provided at the supper table. Past Masters from neighbouring Lodges congratulated the Worshipful Master upon the very successful manner in which he had gone through the whole of his work that evening. We do not think it desirable that the three degrees should be worked the same night, unless in cases of emergency, yet it shows great application and determination on the part of a W.M., when in the flush of his early membership he does go through the three ceremonies.

SIR FRANCIS BURDETT LODGE, No. 1503.

THIS Lodge met for the despatch of business at the Albany Hotel Twickenham, on the 12th inst., when there were present, among others, Bros. Colonel R. Cuming W.M., the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders P.M. P.P.G. Chaplain acting S.W., E. W. Davis J.W., J. T. Briggs P.M. P.P.G.D. Treasurer, Captain T. C. Walls P.M. P.P.G.W. Secretary, A. Toulmin jun. I.P.M., and others. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and Brother Linnell was impressively raised to the third degree by the Worshipful Master. Subsequently he was appointed Inner Guard. The Treasurer then submitted his annual financial statement, which was in every way satisfactory. The name of Brother W. Fisher P.M. 1572 P.Z., &c., was proposed and seconded as a joining member for ballot at the next meeting. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. W. H. Saunders P.M. P.P.G.D., Captain Perry J.W., A. Macchi S.D., L. Saunders J.D., and others. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. Bro. the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders responded on behalf of the Provincial Grand Officers Present and Past. The I.P.M. proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. In the course of his remarks he mentioned the circumstance that Bro. Colonel Cuming, in order to be present that evening, had travelled all the way from Italy. They had seen how well he had done his work. Personally he hoped that their Worshipful Master would have other opportunities of exhibiting his skill before he vacated the chair. The Worshipful Master having replied, gave the Past Master, coupled with the name of Brother A. Toulmin jun. I.P.M. The latter, in the course of his reply, stated that he had been honoured with the collar of a Provincial Grand Steward, which position he had gratefully accepted. Bros. Briggs and Walls acknowledged the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary. The former congratulated the Lodge on its continued prosperity. He had done his best for 1503, and he hoped to be spared to do more. His efforts were in every way supported by the Secretary, who worked with him most loyally and harmoniously. Bros. Davis and Linnell responded on behalf of the Officers. The proceedings then terminated.

LODGE OF CONCORD, No. 1534.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held at Chester Bank, Prestwich, on Thursday, the 20th inst., Brother W. Willoughby Briggs W.M. There was a good attendance of Officers and Members, and Bro. Henry B. Fawcett, who had satisfactorily answered the test questions, was duly raised to the sublime degree of a M.M. under very favourable auspices, the Worshipful Master performing the ceremony in his usual admirable manner. Bro. W. H. Norton S.W. delivered the charge, Bro. William B. Midgley J.W., as on former occasions, presented the working tools, and Brother S. F.

Simmons P.M. gave the traditional history. This quartette of workers, all excellent in their several parts, rendered a very impressive ceremony with a variety and charm which was pleasing to the auditors. After Lodge business, the brethren adjourned to the festive board, and the remainder of the evening was spent in an enjoyable manner.

ARNOLD LODGE, No. 1799.

THE monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Marine Hotel, Walton-on-Naze, on Tuesday, the 25th instant, when a good muster of the brethren assembled to vote for the coming Worshipful Master. Amongst the Visitors were Brothers T. J. Ralling P.G. Secretary, and Barker 2063. The Officers present were Bros. W. E. Sutton W.M., J. T. Harman S.W., H. Finer P.M. as J.W., E. Osmond Treasurer, C. W. Randall S.D., W. Chamberlain J.D., R. H. Scott Secretary, E. Dorling P.M. as I.G.; P.M.'s C. Hampson, Scarlett, Wright, Pengelly, Collins, and many others. The Worshipful Master passed and raised two members in a splendid manner. On the ballot being taken for the election of Worshipful Master for the ensuing year Brother J. T. Harman the S.W. was unanimously elected; Brother E. Osmond was re-elected as Treasurer, and Brother Cutter as Tyler. The Stewardship of the Boys' School was then brought before the Lodge, and on the proposition of Brother Scarlett, seconded by Brother Dorling, ten guineas was voted to be placed on the Worshipful Master's list, who will support the Provincial Grand Master, Lord Brooke, and represent the Lodge at the Festival. The list was then sent round the Lodge, and £57 odd was announced, with great applause. A banquet was afterwards served by Bro. Bolton, the new manager, in first rate style; the menu was excellent, and did great credit to all concerned. The installation festival will take place on the 3rd of May.

ST. CLAIR LODGE, No. 2074.

THE installation of Brother Woodthorpe as W.M. of this Lodge, took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Landport, on Monday, the 17th inst. The installing ceremony was ably performed by Bro. Dart P.M., who received a hearty vote of thanks. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the outgoing Worshipful Master (Bro. J. Herbert N. Bundy) in recognition of his services during the past year. The Worshipful Master appointed the following as his Officers:—Bros. J. Herbert N. Bundy I.P.M., Nancarrow S.W., Stapleford J.W., Webb P.M. Treasurer, Blackadar Secretary, Birch Assistant Secretary, Boorman P.M. D. of C., Gibbs Organist, Luxton S.D., Windebank J.D., Clare I.G., Digby and Glover Stewards. At the conclusion of the business of the Lodge a banquet was served in the large room of the club.

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THE ANNUAL PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE will be holden at the PARISH ROOM, TREDDINGTON, on SATURDAY, the 6th day of May next, at 3 o'clock, when the Right Worshipful Brother LORD GEORGE FRANCIS HAMILTON, M.P., will be installed as Provincial Grand Master of this Province.

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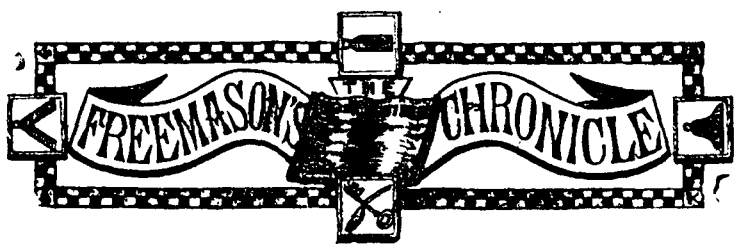
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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

A QUARTERLY Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday, the 3rd day of May, at six o'clock in the evening.

BUSINESS.

The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

Installation of Principals, and appointment and investiture of Officers for the ensuing year.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 18th January to the 18th April 1893, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Balance Grand Chapter	257	1	6	Disbursements during the quarter	300	8	8
Unappropriated Account	212	17	4	Balance	472	11	0
Subsequent Receipts	491	16	8	Unappropriated Account	188	15	10
	£961	15	6		£961	15	6

which balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following Petitions:—

1st. From Companions Thomas Aitken as Z., John Joseph Black as H., Thomas B. B. Baverstock as J., and fifteen others for a Chapter to be attached to the Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 777, Guildford, to be called "The Royal Alfred Chapter," and to meet at the Angel Hotel, Guildford, in the County of Surrey.

2nd. From Companions the Right Hon. Charles Spencer Canning Viscount Dungarvan Provincial Grand Master for Somersetshire as Z., Arthur Duckett Past Provincial Scribe N. as H., Alfred George Hayman as J., and ten others for a Chapter to be attached to the Royal Somerset Lodge, No. 973, Frome, to be called "The Dungarvan Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Frome, Somersetshire.

3rd. From Companions Williams Cook as Z., John William Dewsnap as H., Philip George Philps as J., and eight others for a Chapter to be attached to the Rye Lodge, No. 2272, Peckham, to be called "The Rye Chapter," and to meet at the Peckham Public Hall, Rye Lane, Peckham, near London.

4th. From Companions George William Dixon as Z., George Cook Barry as H., Kenneth Ronald Montgomery as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Lorne Lodge, No. 1347, Sutton, to be called "The Lorne Chapter," and to meet at the Greyhound Hotel, Sutton, in the County of Surrey.

5th. From Companions Joseph Pollard as Z., Henry Robert Rose as H., Joseph William Young Harrison Lavies as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Earl of Mornington Lodge, No. 2000, London, to be called "The Earl of Mornington Chapter," and to meet at the Café Royal, Regent Street, London.

The foregoing Petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee have also to report that they have received a memorial from the Companions of the Jerusalem Chapter, No. 32, Liverpool, Lancashire (W.D.) praying for a Charter authorising them to wear a Centenary jewel, in accordance with the Royal Arch Regulations, Rule 102.

The memorial being in form and the Chapter having proved an uninterrupted existence of 100 years, the Committee recommend that the prayer thereof be granted.

The Committee have likewise received memorials, with extracts of minutes, for permission to remove the following Chapters:—

The Zetland Chapter, No. 1071, from the Masonic Hall, Alexandra Square, to the New Masonic Hall, Fore Street, Saltash, Cornwall.

The Londesborough Chapter, No. 734, from the Masonic Hall, Driffield, to the Masonic Hall, Bridlington, Yorkshire (N. and E. D.)

The Royal Chapter, No. 207, from the Freemasons' Hall, to the Sussex Hall, Hanover Street, Kingston, Jamaica.

The Grosvenor Chapter, No. 721, from the Freemasons' Hall, Eastgate Row North, to Freemasons' Hall, Queen Street, Chester.

The Temperance in the East Chapter, No. 898, from 6 Newby Place, Poplar, to the Town Hall, Stratford.

The Committee being satisfied of the reasonableness of the above requests, recommend that the removal of these Chapters be sanctioned.

The Committee having taken into further consideration their recommendation for an addition to be made to the number of Officers in Provincial and District Grand Chapters, which was referred back by the Supreme Grand Chapter at its last Convocation, in order that the numbers of Chapters in the respective Provinces and Districts may be regarded and not the number of Lodges, in the recommendation, now beg to recommend—

That, in Provinces and Districts numbering 15 Chapters and upwards, the Grand Superintendents shall be empowered to appoint annually two additional Provincial or District Grand Standard Bearers. In Provinces and Districts numbering 20 Chapters and upwards, the Grand Superintendents shall be empowered to appoint two additional Provincial or District Grand Standard Bearers, and two additional Provincial and District Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies. In Provinces and Districts numbering 30 Chapters and upwards, the Grand Superintendents shall be empowered to appoint a Provincial or District Deputy Grand Registrar, a Provincial or District Deputy Grand Sword Bearer, two additional Provincial or District Grand Standard Bearers, and two additional Provincial or District Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies, and that the Grand Superintendents of Provinces or Districts be empowered to appoint such Provincial or District Grand Chapter Officers at the first meeting for the annual appointment of Officers for the several Provincial and District Grand Chapters after the confirmation of the minutes of Grand Chapter.

The following Chapters having exalted candidates before the expiration of twelve months from the dates of raising, viz.:—

The Athol-Israel Chapter, No. 74, Birmingham.

The Pythagorean Chapter, No. 79, Greenwich.

The Downshire Chapter, No. 594, Liverpool.

The St. Marylebone Chapter, No. 1305, London.

in violation of Rule 73 of the Book of Royal Arch Regulations, the Committee ordered the candidates to be re-obligated in Chapters, Nos. 74, 79, and 594, and those Chapters to be severely reprimanded, and that the consideration of the irregularity in Chapter, No. 1305, be postponed for explanation to be given by the Chapter.

(Signed) ROBERT GREY,
President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.

19th April 1893.

After the ordinary business had been disposed of, the following resolution was passed:—

"That the cordial thanks of the members of the Committee be tendered to E. Companion Robert Grey, their President, for the very able and courteous manner in which he has presided over the meetings of the Committee during the past year."

(Signed) THOMAS CHARLES WALLS.

ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES FOR THE ENSUING TWELVE MONTHS.

Notices of motion by Companion Charles M. M'Intyre North P.Z. Chapter 1275, London.

1. That a Committee of Revision be appointed to examine the Ritual of Royal Arch Masonry, and to determine the relative positions, and the correct interpretations of certain portions of the same.
2. That the Committee be composed of the members of the General Committee; one Representative from each Provincial Grand Chapter composed of twelve or more Chapters, two skilled Companions selected by the Committee, and the proposer and seconder of the above motion—seven to form a quorum.

BEAUTY CHAPTER, No. 344.

THE regular convocation of this Chapter was held on the 19th instant, at the Bulls Head Inn, Radcliffe. The business was the installation of Principals. Companion H. T. Grundy was installed in the chair of Z., Comp. J. H. Heap in the chair of H., and Comp. George Whowall P.Z. in the chair of J., the ceremony being performed by Comp. John Marshall P.Z. 61 and P.P.G.P.S. West Yorkshire in his usual effective and impressive manner. The other Officers appointed were:—Comps. Hart S.E., George Wild S.N., Walkden P.S., Partington and Lomas Assistant Sojourners, Kershaw Treasurer, Woodward Janitor. The investiture of the Officers and addresses were given by Comp. Thomas Mellor, of Bury, P.Z. 128 P.P.G.A.S. East Lancashire with such ability as commanded the approbation of all present. Amongst the Visitors were Companions W. S. Barlow P.Z. 128 P.P.G.P.S. East Lancashire, and J. Chadderton J. of Urmston Chapter. Apologies for non-attendance as Visitors were tendered on behalf of Companions T. E. Rigby P.Z. 1055, and Buckley Carr Z. 993, and their absence was regretted as both have rendered excellent service to the Chapter. We are pleased to note that this Chapter has had a year of exceptional prosperity, and its members possess an amount of enthusiasm for the Order which augurs well for its continued success. The Companions afterwards partook of supper, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts being duly honoured.

MARK MASONRY.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

A meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Bradford, on Wednesday, the 12th instant, under the banner of Old York Lodge (T.I.), Bradford, when there were present:—

Bros. Charles Letch Mason P.G. Master, the Rev. T. C. Smyth, D.D., P.G. Chaplain Deputy Provincial Grand Master, T. W. Embleton P.G.S.W., C. J. Schott P.G.J.W., John Barker P.G. Inspector of Works P.P.G.W., G. Althorpe P.P.G.W., J. W. Monckman P.G. Steward P.P.G.W., R. Williamson P.P.G.W., W. D. Shoebridge P.G.M.O., William Flockton P.G.S.O., M. Hayes Old York (T.I.) as P.G.J.O., George Hill P.P.G.O., George Marshall P.P.G.O., &c.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened the roll of Lodges of present and past Provincial Grand Officers was called. Letters of apology for absence were received from various brethren.

The minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Sheffield, on 5th May 1892, were taken as read, a printed copy thereof having been forwarded to all members of Provincial Grand Lodge.

The Provincial Grand Master then delivered the following address:—

BRETHREN,—My first words to-day shall be words of congratulation to the members of the Old York Time Immemorial Lodge on the prosperous condition of their Lodge. Since last we met in Bradford the Lodge had changed its quarters, and I am told that under the new conditions of tenancy the brethren have greater facilities for carrying on the work of the Lodge, and the due performance of our own peculiar rites and ceremonies. It is my pleasure to report that since our last meeting, one more Lodge has been added to our roll. On the 8th February we consecrated the Legiolium Lodge, No. 457, at Castleford. The founders of the Lodge number 14, many of them tried and worthy members of our Order, and we have every reason to hope that from the enthusiasm evinced, a good and flourishing Lodge will exist; and I know that all of you will join with me in wishing the founders success and prosperity in their undertaking. Another matter I must bring before you, and which I do with great reluctance, and one I am sure you will all hear with deep regret. To-day we are losing the services of our tried and well-beloved brother, the Reverend Thomas Cartwright Smyth, D.D., Past Grand Chaplain of England, as our respected and esteemed Deputy Provincial Grand Master. The name of Brother Dr. Smyth is a household one in Masonry. Both in England and in India, Dr. Smyth has worked for the welfare of Masonry, and we feel in losing him we are losing one of whom we may be justly proud. He has been ever ready to help in the various degrees of Freemasonry, and render all the assistance he possibly could, and I feel sure that you will all join with me in conveying to him that vote of thanks which I shall propose shortly. I may also here mention that we shall ere the year passes away lose the services of our Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Tudor Trevor. Bro. Trevor has removed to Cheltenham, and will thus be unable to discharge the Secretarial duties during another winter session. The choice of a successor to Bro. Smyth was a matter of anxiety, but I think, brethren, I have been extremely fortunate in securing the services of our worthy Bro. John Barker P.M. P.G.I. of W. and P.P.G.W. Bro. Barker has been ever ready and willing to render help to any Lodge that required it, and I am glad I thus have the opportunity of publicly acknowledging the work he has done for the welfare of the Order in the Province of West Yorkshire. The appointment of a Provincial Grand Secretary will be announced at our next meeting, as I should like to have the advice and counsel of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master in making the appointment. I named at our last meeting I purposed to lay before you the work of our Mark Charities. I had hoped to have had the pleasure of the presence of our Grand Secretary, Bro. Matier,—the Secretary, likewise, of our Charities,—but an important meeting has detained him in town. Suffice it to say that we have four West Yorkshire children on the education list, deriving a substantial benefit from the Charities. One of our Yorkshire boys received the silver medal from the Board for proficiency. Altogether, 19 boys and 14 girls are being educated; and we have on the annuitant list eight males and two widows. These are elected without expense or trouble, and I for one should be glad to see these Charities more used, instead of waiting, as is often the case, for long periods, for election on to the great Charities. Brethren, I will not detain you longer to-day; thanking you for your attendance, and wishing you all happiness, in your Masonic Lodges as well as in the daily routine of your lives.

The Provincial Grand Registrar read a statement of the numerical position of each Lodge up to 31st December 1892, after which the Provincial Grand Treasurer presented his balance-sheet to 31st December, showing a balance to the credit of £49 6s 7d, which was received and adopted.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Rev. Dr. Smyth, addressed the Provincial Grand Master, and said that owing to his approaching removal from the Province to reside at Coatham, in North and East Yorkshire, he would be unable any longer to fulfil his duties, and felt obliged, to his great regret, now to resign the office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master, which he had held for

so many years with so much pleasure to himself, and he trusted with some little advantage to the Order.

Bro. Dr. Smyth then delivered into the hands of the Provincial Grand Master his collar of office.

The Provincial Grand Master, in accepting Brother Dr. Smyth's resignation and collar of office, said he felt sure that he expressed not only his personal regret, but that of every brother in the Province at Bro. Dr. Smyth's resignation of the office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and after paying a high tribute to the efficiency with which Brother Dr. Smyth had discharged his duties, and his character and bearing as a good clergyman, a courteous gentleman, and a hard working Freemason, he moved the following resolution, which was seconded by Brother Althorpe, supported by Brother John Barker, and carried with unanimous and prolonged acclamation:—
"That the best thanks of this Provincial Grand Lodge be given to the V.W. Bro. the Rev. T. C. Smyth, D.D., Past Grand Chaplain, for his services as Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and that the same be embodied in an address and presented to him."

The following address, beautifully illuminated and framed, was then read by the acting Provincial Grand Registrar, and formally presented to Brother the Rev. Dr. Smyth by the Provincial Grand Master:—

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

To Very Worshipful Bro. THOMAS CARTWRIGHT SMYTH, Past Grand Chaplain, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire.

We, the members of the West Yorkshire Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England, Wales, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, desire, on your retiring from the office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master, to tender you our deep and sincere thanks for all the kind assistance you have rendered at all times in carrying on the business of our Provincial Grand Lodge. It is a matter of great regret to us that your leaving Leeds renders it necessary for you to vacate the office you have so worthily held for so many years, and we pray that it may please the Great Overseer of the Universe to preserve your life and grant that our Order may have the benefit of your valuable services for many years to come.

Given at Bradford this twelfth day of April 1893.

ALFRED E. KIRKHAM Prov. Grand Registrar.
TUDOR TREVOR Prov. Grand Secretary.
C. LETCH MASON Prov. Grand Master.

Bro. Dr. Smyth, in an eloquent and feeling reply, expressed his deep appreciation of the manifestation of regard which he had received, and the great pleasure his tenure of office as Deputy Provincial Grand Mark Master of that Province had afforded him. After having expressed his warm satisfaction of the appointment by the Provincial Grand Master of so well-known and able a Mason as Bro. John Barker as his successor, he bade the brethren an affectionate farewell, with many sincere wishes for the future prosperity of that Provincial Grand Lodge.

Bro. John Barker was then conducted to the pedestal, and after being duly obligated by Bro. Dr. Smyth, was invested by the Provincial Grand Master with the collar, and his patent of office handed to him, as Deputy Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire. He was then saluted.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Mark Master briefly acknowledged the compliment, expressing his deep appreciation of the importance and dignity of the office, he had just received, and his intention to endeavour to follow in the steps of his eminent predecessors, in their efficient discharge of the duties thereof.

Bro. Dr. Smyth retired from the Provincial Grand Lodge, escorted by the Deacons, and all the brethren rising in their places.

Bro. W. E. Smithies, the W.M. of Truth Lodge, No. 137, tendered a hearty invitation for the holding of next Provincial Grand Lodge at Huddersfield, under the banner of his Lodge.

The Provincial Grand Master, in accepting it, expressed his great pleasure at the improved and satisfactory progress the Truth Lodge was making.

It was moved by the Provincial Grand Secretary, and seconded by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and carried unanimously: "That the best thanks of this Provincial Grand Lodge be accorded to the Worshipful Master, Officers and Brethren of the Old York Lodge (T.I.), for their cordial and hospitable reception of Provincial Grand Lodge this day."

The Worshipful Master of the Lodge, Bro. Pattinson, briefly responded.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed.

MASONIC SONNETS.—No. 48.

By BRO. CHAS. F. FORSHAW, LL.D., 295, 1214,
2417 (E.C.), 24, 761 (S.C.)

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LOVE.

I do not write of love that childhood knows;
Nor yet of love for which the maiden sighs;
Nor that which some youth idly from him throws,
As if 'twere something only to despise.
And still paternal Love is not my theme—
Tho' Love of kin aye makes us wondrous kind;
I write of love that was and is supreme,
Boundless and beautiful and clear defined;
It is that love that compasses the globe,
And which true Brethren ne'er by word or deed
Will e'er forget so long as life shall last:
It is the Love Masonic, which will probe
All dross away till all the pure is freed,
And nought remains but treasure unsurpassed.

Winder House, Bradford.
26th April 1893.

Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, No. 25.—On Tuesday, the 25th instant, at the Frascati, 30 Oxford Street, W., there were present Bros. Mulvey P.M. Preceptor, Hewson W.M., Becker S.W., Lillis J.W., Blundell P.M. Treasurer, Bonham P.M. Secretary, Taylor S.D., Dixon J.D., Shales I.G., Klein, Osborn, Watson. The Lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Brother Watson acting as candidate. Brother Mulvey worked the first and fourth sections of the lecture. Brother Watson, of the Broxbourne Lodge, No. 2353, was unanimously elected a joining member. Brother Becker was unanimously elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing week, and appointed his Officers in rotation, after which the Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

Crusaders Lodge of Instruction, No. 1677.—A meeting was held on Friday, the 21st instant, at the Northampton Arms, 205 Goswell Road, E.C., when there were present:—Brothers Blake W.M., Griffith S.W., Willison J.W., Dimes Secretary, Shackell S.D., Barth J.D., Bolton I.G., Weeden P.M. Preceptor. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Brother King candidate. The Worshipful Master vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Edmonds, who rehearsed the ceremony of raising, with Brother Humphreys candidate. The Worshipful Master resumed the chair, and the Lodge was closed in the three degrees. Brothers Tuck and Jamieson were proposed and elected members.

Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012.—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 22nd inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, when there were present—Brothers A. Williams P.M. Preceptor, Hide W.M., Powell S.W., Fox J.W., M. Spiegel P.M. Secretary, Hillier S.D., Pinckbeck J.D., Bone I.G., Craggs, Brown, Larkman, Kirkham, and Reid. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Brother Brown acting as candidate. The first section of the lecture was worked by the Preceptor; and the second section of the same lecture was worked by Brother Hillier the Preceptor of the St. John's Lodge. Brother Powell was elected Worshipful Master for the next meeting, and the Lodge was closed in due form.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Shaftesbury.—One of the merriest pieces now playing is to be found at this pretty house, where, under the management of Mr. F. J. Harris, a new musical farcical comedy entitled "Morocco Bound" has been produced, with every prospect of a successful career. The story by Mr. Arthur Branscombe is of the slightest and appears to illustrate the golden legend of the redoubtable Claimant to the Tichborne Estates, with regard to money and brains, for in order to extricate himself from his financial difficulties, Spooftah Bey, an Irish adventurer, persuades Squire Higgins and his friends to take a trip to Morocco to visit the Grand Vizier, and on their arrival he informs that magnate that they are a troupe of music hall artistes whom he has engaged for the Tangier Theatre of Varieties. Of course the "spooftah" is discovered, but the Bey is pardoned at the request of his victims. The music is composed by Mr. Osmond Carr and possesses considerable merit, indeed many of the songs will be heard of again for they are sure to become popular. Mr. J. L. Shine works hard to achieve success, singing and dancing away as though he enjoyed it, being admirably assisted by Mr. Charles Danby, Miss Violet Cameron, Miss Jenny McNulty, and Miss Letty Lind, the latter lady introducing some very grotesque dances. Mr. George Grossmith

junior as an inane masher is very amusing, and Miss Agnes Hewett, Mr. Colin Coop, Mr. Barraclough, and Mr. Seymour all contribute to the general amusement. It is a capital after dinner piece.

Earl's Court Exhibition.—In connection with the Exhibition of Gardening and Forestry which is to be opened on the 13th May, at Earl's Court, a representation of the Bastille and the Rue St. Antoine is in process of construction. The scheme is designed to represent the Rue St. Antoine and the Place de la Bastille as actually existing in the year 1789, immediately prior to the destruction of the prison fortress. The Bastille itself will be represented by a large building 80 feet high, and having six towers. The interior forms a large hall, with stage and other appointments, where entertainments will be given, and at one end will be fac-similes of the dungeons and torture chamber. Another striking feature will be the Church of St. Marie, with its lofty dome surmounted by a cross, 90 feet above the level. Within this building will be shown a series of tableaux, representing the more startling incidents of the Revolution. Hard by the Hotel de Mayenne and an auberge will supply creature comforts in the French style, although under the direction of Mr. John Bertram. Facing the church will be the hostelry of the Lion d'Or, the Distillerie, and a Laiterie. At one end of the rue will be found the Porte de la Conference, and at the other end the Porte St. Antoine. When the buildings are completed it is hoped that they will faithfully represent a picturesque scene of Old Paris, and provide an attraction at least equal to the representation of Old London which formed so popular a feature at South Kensington some years ago. Various performances more or less representative of the period are given daily in the Place de la Bastille, and a French military band will supply music at intervals. The attendants will be in the costume or uniform of the century, guards and sentries will be posted around the fortress, and every effort will be made to give realistic colour to the scene.

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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, 29th April.

1706 Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant, W.C.

149 Peace, New Masonic Hall, Meltham
308 Pr. George, Station Hotel, Bottoms, Eastwood
336 Benevolence, Jolly Sailor Inn, Marple
444 Union, Courtenay Arms, Starcross
1146 De Moulham, Mowlem Institute, Swanage
1462 Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hot., Penistone
1965 Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley
2201 Earl of Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.C. Stanhope, Queen's Hotel, Chester

Monday, 1st May.

16 Royal Alpha, Hotel Metropole, W.C.
72 Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
188 Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
1256 Unions, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1319 Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1924 Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Brockley
1996 Priory Lodge of Acton, High Street, Acton
2098 Harlesden, National School, Harlesden
2242 Tyssen-Amherst, Amherst Club, Hackney
2400 Brentford, Castle Assembly Rooms, Brentford.
R.A. 4 Royal Somerset House of Inverness, F.M.H.
M.M. 139 Panmure, Mark Masons' Hall, W.C.

37 Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Bolton
53 Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Bath
113 Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston
119 Sun, Sq., and Comp., F.M.H., Whitehaven
135 Perpetual Friendship, Clarence, Bridgewater
154 Unanimity, M.H., Zetland Street, Wakefield
156 Harmony, 1 Princess Square, Plymouth
189 Peace and Harmony, F.M.H., Dover
251 Loyal, Masonic Hall, Barnstaple
302 Hope, New Masonic Hall, Bradford
307 Pr. Frederick, M.H., New Rd., Hebden Bridge
328 St. John, Masonic Hall, Torquay
331 Phoenix, Masonic Hall, Truro
338 Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
388 Prudence, Masonic Hall, Halesworth
395 Guy, Victoria Hotel, Leamington Priors
431 St. George, Masonic Hall, North Shields
441 Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hot., Camb.
478 Churchill, Masonic Hall, Oxford
482 St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Handsworth
529 S. nper Fidelis, Masonic Hall, Worcester
543 Cleveland, Golden Lion, Stokesley
607 Chicheley, Lodge Rooms, Thrapston
622 St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
694 Oakley, Masonic Hall, Sarnum Hill, Basingstoke
699 Boscawen, Masonic Hall, Chacewater
737 Wentworth, Masonic Hall, Wellingborough
827 St. John, Masonic Temple, Dowsbury
850 St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashborne
928 Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield
959 Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Ipswich
977 Fowey, Masonic Hall, Fowey, Cornwall

1045 Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham
1050 Gundulph, King's Head, Rochester
1051 Rowley, Masonic Hall, Lancaster
1071 Zetland, Masonic Hall, Saltash
1077 Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1160 Forward, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
1211 C. erich, Masonic Hall, Leeds
1220 So v.ay, The Grapes, Aspatria, Silloth
1239 Werthworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield
1254 S. nper Fidelis, Masonic Hall, Exeter
1264 Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1272 Tregenna, Masonic Hall, St. Ives
1302 De Warren, White Swan, Halifax
1312 St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
1399 Marlborough, Marlborough Arms, Woodstock
1486 Duncombe, Masonic Hall, Knightsbridge
1564 St. John, Prince of Wales Hotel, Woking
1573 Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer Street, Swansea
1741 Montgomerie, King's Head, Diss
1895 Thames, Masonic Rooms, Henley
1977 Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon
2039 Londonderry, Masonic Hall, Sunderland
2163 Jersey, Coffee Tavern, Southall
2166 Cotehele, Masonic Hall, Calstock, Cornwall
2240 Arrow, Burton House Hot., Kingston, Hereford
2290 Fairfield, 14 Fairfield Street, Fairfield, Lanc.
2373 Hardwick, Star Hotel, Chesterfield
R.A. 312 Britannia, Masonic Hall, Whitby
R.A. 380 Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.A. 404 Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
M.M. 9 Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton

Tuesday, 2nd May.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, 4
18 Old Dundee, City Terminus Hotel, E.C.
171 Amity, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1257 Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1269 Duke of Edinburgh, Gt. Eastern Hotel, E.
1472 Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
1602 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow
2032 Richmond, Greyhound Hot., Richmond, Surrey
2128 United Northern Counties, Inns of Court Hot.
2190 Savage Club, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1159 Marquis of Dalhousie, 33 Golden Square
M.M. 1 St. Mark's, Mark Masons' Hall, W.C.
R.C. 78 Orpheus, 33 Golden Square, W.

70 St. John, Huyshe M.H., Plymouth
103 Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
120 Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford
124 Marquis of Granby, M.H., Old Elvet, Durham
158 Adams, Britannia, Mile Town, Sheerness
226 Benevolence, Red Lion, Littleborough
252 Harmonic, Freemasons' Tavern, Dudley
265 Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Kighley

294 Constitutional, Masonic Hall, Beverley
315 Royal York, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
364 Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath
378 Loyal Welsh, Masonic Hall, Pembroke Dock
396 Unity, Town Hall, Wareham
393 St. David, Mas. Hall, The Parade, Berwick
421 Loyal of Industry, F.M.H., South Molton
411 St. James, Freemasons' Hall, Halifax
457 Loyal Monmouth, F.M.H., Monmouth
493 Royal Lebanon, Bell, Gloucester
510 St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
558 Temple, Masonic Hall, Folkestone
615 St. John and St. Paul, Prince of Wales, Erith
660 Camalodunum, Freemasons' Hall, Malton
673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
731 Londesborough, M.H., Bridlington Quay
779 Ferrers and Ivanhoe, M.H., Ashby-de-la-Zouch
794 Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804 Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant
847 Fortescue, Masonic Hall, Honiton, Devon
948 St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Leighton
980 Bute, 9 Working Street, Cardiff
967 Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Penryn
974 Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Bradford
995 Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulveston

1002 Skiddaw, M.R., Challoner St., Cockermouth
1024 St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
1028 Royal Alfred, The George, Alfreton
1072 Aberystwith, Masonic Hall, Aberystwith
1134 Ne-vall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
1197 Nyanza, Masonic Hall, Ilminster
1244 Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar
1266 Honour and Friendship, M.H., Blandford
1271 Friendship & Unity, M.R., Bradford-on-Avon
1282 Ancholme, Masonic Rooms, Cray Lane, Brigg
1310 Harrow, King's Head, Harrow
1336 Square and Compass, Mas. Rooms, Wrexham
1522 Oicann, The Crescent, Ilkley
1587 St. Giles, The Bank, Bark St. eet, Cheadle
1619 Sackville, Masonic Rooms, East Grinstead
1780 Albert Edward, Masonic Hall, Southampton
1785 St. Petroc, Masonic Hall, Padstow
1799 Arnold, Marine Hotel, Walton-on-Naze
1807 Loyal Wye, Masonic Hall, Builth, Brecon
1903 Cholmondeley, Commercial Hotel, Frodsham
1970 Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
1981 Arnold, The Castle, East Mo'esey
2133 Swan of Avon, Union Club, Stratford-on-Avon
2138 St. Michael's, Chequers Ho., Bishops Stortford
2260 Ridley, Deuchar's Bldgs., Newcastle-on-Tyne
2295 Scarisbrick, Masonic Hall, Stockport
2339 Mistle, White Hart Hotel, Manningtree
R.A. 203 St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool
R.A. 681 Scarsdale, Masonic Hall, Chesterfield
R.A. 784 Wellington, Public Rooms, Deal
R.A. 874 Holmesdale, Pump Room, Tunbridge Wells
R.A. 938 Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
R.A. 949 Williamson, Masonic H., Monkwearmouth
R.A. 1138 Devon, Masonic Hall, Newton Abbot
R.A. 1837 Lullingstone, Masonic Hall, Wilmington
M.M. 115 Bedford, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
K.T. Loyal Volunteers, Queen's Arms Hotel, Ash-ton-under-Lyne

Wednesday, 3rd May.

Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., 6
1299 Royal Standard, Cock Hotel, Highbury, N.
1491 Athenaeum, Athenaeum, Camden Road, N.W.
1585 Royal Commemoration, White Lion, Putney
R.A. 1305 St. Marylebone, Regent M.H., Air Street
K.T. 129 Holy Palestine, 33 Golden Square, W.

74 Athol, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
94 Phoenix, Masonic Hall, Sunderland
128 Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bury, Lancashire
137 Amity, Masonic Hall, Market Street, Poole
150 Brunsvick, Masonic Hall, East Stonehouse
168 Mariners, Masonic Temple, Guernsey
274 Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch
282 Bedford, Bedford Square, Tavistock
287 Unanimity, White Lion Hotel, Stockport
290 Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, Huddersfield
298 Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Rochdale
326 Mo'ta, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
327 Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
372 Harmony, Rolle Arms, Budleigh Salterton
387 Airedale, Institute, Saltair, Shipley
406 Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Newcastle
417 Faith and Unanimity, M.H., Dorchester
429 Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
471 Si urian, F.M.H., Newport, Mon.
533 Eator, Masonic Hall, Congleton
555 Fidelity, The Crown, Framlingham
606 Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
611 Marches, Masonic Hall, Lledlow
645 Humphrey Chetham, F.M.H., Manchester
678 E. Elmesmere, Church Hot., Kersley, Farnworth
730 Ellesmere, Town Hall, Chorley
750 Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cleckheaton
838 Franklin, Peacock Hotel, Boston
970 St. Anne, Masonic Hall, East Loos
992 St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton

1003 Prince of Wales, Masonic Temple, Jersey
1004 Athole, Masonic Hall, Douglas, Isle of Man
1010 Kingston, Masonic Hall, Kingston Sq., Hull
1013 Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1085 Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower St., Derby
1167 Alrick, M.H., Prudhoe Street, Alrick
1206 Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1274 Earl of Durham, F.M.H., Chester-le-Street
1335 Lindsay, M.H., King Street, Wigan
1364 Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh
1363 Tyndall, Town Hall, Clipping Sodbury, Glos.
1403 West Lancashire, Commercial Hot., Ormskirk
1431 St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1461 Clausentum, Masonic Hall, Woolston
1509 Madoc, Masonic Hall, Portmadoc
1520 Earl Shrewsbury, Local Board, Cannock
1532 Bective, County Hotel, Carlisle
1541 Mount Edgecumbe, Masonic Hall, Camborne
1549 Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore
1620 Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, L'pool
1645 Colne Valley, Masonic Hall, Slaithwaite
1660 Arlecdon, Freemasons' Hall, Frizington
1731 Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
1736 St. John's, St. John's Rooms, Halifax
1797 Southdown, New Inn, Hursley, Sussex
1801 Saffield, Angel, North Walsham
1842 St. Leonard, Saxon Chambers, St. Leonards

1854 Weald of Kent, Boro' Auc. Rooms, Tenterden
1862 Stranton, Masonic Hall, West Hartlepool
1864 Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Oldham
2024 Raymond Thrupp, Mitre, Hampton Court
2042 Apollo, 22 Hope Street, Liverpool
2193 Queen's Jubilee, Lord Nelson, Nelson, Lanc.
2224 Fairfield, Pavilion, Long Eaton, Derbyshire
2250 St. Nicholas, Peace Hall, W. Yorkshire
2363 Alan, Queens Hotel, Alderley Edge, Cheshire
2382 Loyal Hay, Hay, Brecknockshire
2391 Orde-Powlett, F.M.H., Middlesbrough.

R.A. 221 St. John, New M.H., Silverwell St., Bolton
R.A. 499 Stortford, Chequers, Bishop Stortford
R.A. 659 Blagdon, Mechanics' Hall, Blyth
R.A. 778 Bard of Avon, Greyhound, Richmond
M.M. 36 Furness, Hartington, Barrow-in-Furness

Thursday, 4th May.

10 Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H., W.C.
27 Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
45 Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
231 St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
534 Yarrowburgh, Green Dragon, Stepney
1155 Excelsior, Sidney Arms, Lewisham Road
1216 Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
1288 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1361 United Service, Regent M.H., Air Street, W.
1425 Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven Road, Paddington
1445 Prince Leopold, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate
1724 Kaisir-Hind, Regent Masonic Hall, W.
1765 Trinity College, 61 Weymouth Street
1790 Old England, M.H., New Thoroton Heath
1950 Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate
R.A. 174 Sincerity, Ches. Cheese, Crutched Friar
R.A. 1607 Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.

24 Newcastle-on-Tyne, F.H., Newcastle
31 United Industrious, Mas. Rooms, Canterbury
38 Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
41 Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Bath
110 Loyal Cambrian, Mas. Hall, Merthyr Tydfil
123 Lennox, F.M.H., Richmond, Yorkshire
185 Hengist, Masonic Hall, Bournemouth
215 Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
219 Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
230 Fidelity, Ebrington Masonic Hall, Devonport
249 Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254 Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266 Nathali, Navigation Inn, Heywood
269 Fidelity, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
289 Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Leeds
295 Combermere, Union Arms, Macclesfield
300 Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
309 Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
317 Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
324 Moira, Wellington Inn, Salford
361 Pomfret, Masonic Hall, Northampton
362 Doric, Masonic Hall, Grantham
419 St. Peter, Star and Garter, Wolverhampton
446 Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire
463 Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms, Ayrington
509 Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham
531 St. Helen's, Masonic Hall, Hartlepool
539 St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall
625 Devonshire, Masonic Hall, Glossop
633 Yarrowburgh, Clavance Hotel, Manchester
637 Portland, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent
703 Clifton, County and Land Ends Hot., Blackpool
792 Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Great Grimsby
856 Restormel, Duchy Palace, Lostwithiel
913 Pattison, Freemasons' Hall, Plumstead
971 Trafalgar, Masonic Hall, St. James St., Batley
976 Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset

1012 Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancs.
1231 Savile, Masonic Room, Northgate, Elland
1284 Erent, Globe Hotel, Devonshire
1304 Olive Union, M.H., Horncastle, Lincolnshire
1324 Okeover, Market Hall, Ripley
1379 Marquess of Ripon, Masonic Hall, Darlington
1394 Equity, Central Hotel, Wdnes
1473 Bootle, 80 Merton Road, Bootle, Lancashire
1500 Walpole, 47 St. Giles Street, Norwich
1504 Red Rose of Larc., Starke's Arms, Padiham
1513 Friendly, M.H., Elstgate, Barnsley
1514 Thornhill, Masonic Hall, Lindley
1557 Albert Edward, Masonic Hall, Haslem
1565 Earl of Chester, Masonic Hall, Lymm
1639 Watling Street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford
1674 Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Rhyl
1748 Castlemartin, Assembly Rooms, Pembroke
1817 St. Andrew, Cambridge Hotel, Shoburness
1829 Burrell, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1899 Wellesley, Wellington College Hot., Sandhurst
2169 Osborne, M.H., Medina Road, E. St. Cowes
2255 Philbrick, Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford
2317 Bisley, National School, Bisley
2350 Corinthian, Bird-in-the-Hand Hotel, Hindley
2386 Clarence, Masonic Hall, Queen St., Chester.

R.A. 187 Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
R.A. 302 Charity, New Masonic Hall, Bradford
R.A. 325 St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
R.A. 337 Confidence, Masonic Hall, Upper Mill
R.A. 496 Mount Edgecumbe, Mas. Rooms, St Austell
R.A. 537 Howe, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
R.A. 1393 Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 10 Cheltenham and Keystone, M.H., Chelt.
M.M. 53 Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

Friday, 5th May.

706 Florence Nightingale, M.H., Woolwich
2076 Quatuor Coronati, Freemasons' Hall, W.
R.A. 3 Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 8 British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

44 Friendship, Albion Hotel, Manchester
242 St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster
291 Rural Philanthropic, Railway Hot., Highbridge
306 Alfred, Masonic Hall, Gt. George St., Leeds
521 Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Huddersfield
574 Loyal Berkshire of Hope, Court. Ch., Newbury
709 Invicta, Bank Street Hall, Ashford
751 Eastnor, Masonic Rooms, Leabury
837 De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
839 Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester
936 Adair, Private Room, Aldeburgh

1009 Shakespeare, F.M.H., Cooper St., Manchester
 1098 Lord Warden, St. George's Hall, Deal
 1102 Mirfield, Masonic Hall, Mirfield
 1230 Barnard, Masonic Hall, Barnard Castle
 1333 Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick
 1375 Architect, Mas. Hall, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
 1405 Southwell, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
 1529 Duke of Cornwall, Masonic Hall, St. Colomb
 1561 Morecambe, King's Arms, Morecambe
 1648 Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Bradford
 1684 Gosforth, Freemasons' H., Gosforth
 1725 Douglas, College Gateway, Maidstone
 1754 Windsor, M.H., Landowne, Penarth
 1838 Tudor Lodge of Rifle Volunteers, Drill Hall, Wolverhampton.
 1993 Wolseley, Trevelyan Hotel, Manchester
 2376 Carnarvon, Eagle and Child Inn, Layland, Lancashire.
 2380 Beneventa, Wheatsheaf Hotel, Daventry
 2433 Minerva, Masonic Chambers, Birkenhead
 R.A. 214 Hope & Unity, White Hart, Romford
 R.A. 271 Lennox, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 R.A. 359 Peace, F.M.H., Albion Ter., Southampton

Saturday, 6th May.

142 St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, E.C.
 1928 Gallery, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 2182 Sterndale Bennett, Surrey M.H., Camberwell
 2202 Regent's Park, York and Albany, Gloucester Gate, Regent's Park

P.G.L. Middlesex, Parish Room, Teddington, 3
 1223 Amherst, Amherst Hotel, Riverhead
 1388 Canynges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
 1458 Truth, Wheatsheaf Hotel, Manchester
 1466 Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
 1494 Felix, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
 1550 Prudence, Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth
 1567 Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham
 1929 Mozart, Grayhound Hotel, Croydon
 2077 Epping, Cock Hotel, Epping
 2148 Walsingham, M.H., Walsingham, Kent
 2205 Pegasus, Falcon Hotel, Gravesend, Kent
 2323 Bushey Hall, The Hall, Bushey, Herts
 2331 Ravenscroft, Red Lion Hotel, High Barnet
 2442 St. Clements, Bell Hotel, Leigh
 2450 Loxfield, Maiden's Head Hotel, Uckfield
 R.A. 1149 Dorking, Public Hall, Dorking
 R.A. 1326 Lebanon, Greyhound, Hampton Court
 M.M. 14 Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield

INSTRUCTION.

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Saturday, 29th April.

87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's Park, near Nunhead Junction, 7'30
 179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C. 8
 198 Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tav, Southgate Rd., N. 8
 1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E. 7
 1288 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8
 1384 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7
 1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney, 8
 1624 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Pimlico, 7
 2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, 7'30
 R.A. Sinai, Red Lion, King Street, Regent St., W.

Monday, 1st May.

22 Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7'30
 27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8
 45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., 7
 174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7
 180 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8
 211 St. Michael's, Noland Arms, Addison Road, Notting Hill, at 8
 248 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brixham, Devon
 382 Royal Union, Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge
 548 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford, 8
 823 Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7'30
 975 Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7'30
 1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., 8
 1320 Blackheath, Milkwood Tav., Loughboro' Junc.
 1339 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 6'30
 1425 Hyde Park, Prince of Wales's Hotel, corner of Eastbourne Terrace, and Bishop's Rd., W. 8
 1445 Prince Leopold, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 7
 1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall Canterbury
 1489 M. of Ripon, Queen's Hot, Victoria Park, 7'30
 1507 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, E.C., 7'30
 1585 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho, Putney
 1608 Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, W., 8
 1623 West Smithfield, Manchester Hotel, E.C., 7
 1693 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 8'30
 1707 Eleanor, Rose and Crown, Tottenham, 8
 1743 Perseverance, Deacon's Tavern, Walbrook, 7
 1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Ct. Hot, W. Kensington, 8
 1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, 8
 2030 Abbey Westminster, Town Hall, S.W., 7'30
 2192 Walthamstow, Chequers Hotel, High Street, Walthamstow, 8
 2427 Hampden, Hampden House, St. Pancras, 8

Tuesday, 2nd May.

25 Robert Burns, Frascati, Oxford Street, 8
 55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 7
 74 Athol, M.H., Severn Street, Birmingham, 6'45
 141 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W.
 177 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7'30
 188 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8
 212 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, 8
 241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 483 East Surrey Lodge of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, 8
 554 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, Station Ho., Richmond, 7'30
 829 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, 7
 860 Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Dalston, 8
 861 Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle St., 7
 1044 Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth, 8
 1321 Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
 1343 St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex
 1349 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 7'30
 1448 Mount Edgecumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Rd., 8

1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 7'30,
 1473 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
 1473 Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, 6
 1540 Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High St.
 1638 Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Norbiton, 8
 1695 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav, N.
 1767 Kensington, Scarsdale Arms Ho., Kensington
 1839 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7
 1949 Brixton, Prince Regent East Brixton, 8
 2146 Surbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton
 2411 Clarence and Avondale, M.H., Leytonstone, E.
 Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon St., 6'30
 R.A. 704 Camden, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., 8
 R.A. 1365 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, 8
 R.A. 1612 E. of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8

Wednesday, 3rd May.

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, Leadenhall St., 8
 228 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8
 538 La Tolerance, Portland Hot, Gt. Portland St., 8
 594 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7
 673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8
 720 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, 7
 781 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav, Burdett Rd., 7'30
 813 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Rd. 8
 862 Whittington, Red Lion, Fleet Street, 8
 972 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, 8'30
 1037 Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
 1269 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney
 1356 Toxteth, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool, 7'30
 1475 Peckham, 518 Old Kent Road, 8
 1511 Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull
 1601 Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rusby Green, Catford, 8
 1604 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W., 7'30
 1662 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow, 7'30
 1681 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair, 8
 1692 Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, 8'30
 1791 Creaton, 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
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Thursday, 4th May.

144 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 7'30
 147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8
 263 Clarence, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.
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 1877 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem, St. John's Road, Clerkenwell, 9
 1996 Priory, Constitutional Club, Acton
 R.A. 753 Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, 8
 R.A. 1471 North London, Northampton House, Canonbury, 8

Friday, 5th May.

Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, 8
 General Lodge, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 8
 167 St. John's, York and Albany, Regent's Park,
 507 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7'30
 765 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
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 1298 Royal Standard, Castle, 81 Holloway Rd., N., 8
 1365 Clapton, G.E. Hotel, Liverpool Street, 7
 1381 Kennington, The Horns, Kennington, 8
 1457 Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton, Essex, 7'30
 1642 E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8
 1677 Crusaders, Northampton Arms, Goswell Road
 1901 Selwyn, Montpelier, Choumont Rd., Peckham, 8
 2021 Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, The Criterion, W., 8
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 R.A. 1275 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 8
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 R.A. 1275 Star, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell, 7

Saturday, 6th May.

87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's Park, near Nunhead Junction, 7'30
 179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.,
 198 Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8
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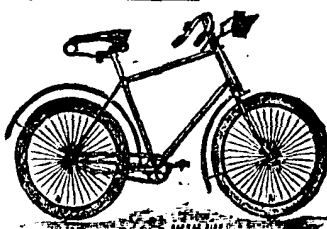
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