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THE FORTHCOMING ELECTIONS.

THE Annual General Meeting of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution is to be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, on Friday next, the 19th inst., when, as is the usual custom, the ordinary business of the Institution will be transacted, after which the Governors and Subscribers will proceed to the election of candidates for the benefits of this noble Charity. The lists this year are exceptionally heavy, while the vacancies in comparison are few, thus many an aged brother or widow will have to wait another year before they can hope to be successful.

Looking at the ballot papers we see that there are no less than sixty candidates for the fifteen vacancies in the Male Fund, while fifty-five widows are competing for the ten vacancies in their department. Thus we have a total of 115 candidates for 25 vacancies, including the three "deferred" annuities, available on the death of some of those already in receipt of the grants given by the Institution. These figures show that a large majority of the candidates will have to go away disappointed, but we trust the more deserving will be returned among the successful.

The ballot papers certainly show a peculiar state of affairs. From a glance at the list of applicants for the Male branch of the Institution we find that there is one candidate applying for the eleventh time, one for the tenth, one for the ninth, one for the seventh, two for the sixth, two for the fifth, five for the fourth, seven for the third, seven for the second, and thirty-three for the first time. It would seem that the unfortunate brothers who have applied so many times for the benefits of the Institution will never get elected, inasmuch as the one applying for the eleventh time has only now got 96 votes to his credit, while other candidates stand very much in the same position. We would again ask where are the Craftsmen who helped to get the names of these brethren on the list of candidates? Have they deserted their case, or do they think that having once got the name on the list they have done their duty. If they are under the latter impression we would say that it is not worthy of a true Mason to raise a distressed brother's hopes, and allow him year after year to seek election, and never to give a helping hand. We trust that the election of Friday next will remove some of the black spots from the ballot papers, and that when the 1894 sheet is published it will be free from such announcements as the "eleventh application."

Turning to the widow's list we find even a worse state of affairs, for here we have one candidate applying for the thirteenth time, and she has only 353 votes to her credit. Besides this there are two candidates seeking election for the tenth time, two for the ninth, three for the eighth, two for the seventh, five for the sixth, twelve for the fifth, three for the fourth, eight for the second, and seventeen

for the first. We trust that some of those who have been waiting so long will this year reap the reward they so richly deserve.

It is not our intention to attempt anything like a review of the merits of the several candidates for the annuities of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. There is not much, if anything, to choose between them, inasmuch as they all seem deserving of the fullest consideration and the greatest amount of support it is possible to give. Nearly all can boast of long association with Masonry, some of them having exceptionally long records of Masonic service, and the chief regret of any one who really attempts to analyse their particular merits must be that it is not possible to admit all to the benefits of the Institution. This, we are sorry to say, cannot be done, but we hope the time is not far distant when we shall have ballot papers before us that have not so many applicants names on them, and have more vacancies to offer.

So far as we can see the other business to be transacted on Friday next is of the ordinary description, consisting as it does of the election of a Treasurer and a notice of motion standing in the name of Bro. W. Maxfield. Mead W.M. 1805. The motion is as follows:—"To alter Rule No. 13, lines 3 and 4, by leaving out words 'of which number three Men and three Widows' and insert in place thereof one half (if even or if not an even number one half of the next higher or next lower number as the Committee may decide) shall be allotted by rotation to those Candidates eligible as Annuitants who shall have been longest on the list of applicants and subject to such allotment the Annuitants shall be elected as hereinafter provided. Two Men and two Widows next longest on the list of applicants and two Men and two Widows who shall have polled the next highest number of votes to the successful Candidates by ballot shall be placed on deferred list but." This hardly calls for comment from us, so that we may safely close our remarks this week by merely drawing our readers' attention to the fact that the poll opens at one o'clock, or immediately the general business is over, and will close precisely at three o'clock.

IMPROPER MATERIAL.

THE Masonic Fraternity claims that by its rules and regulations the character of applicants for the rights and privileges of Masonry must be fully investigated before their approval. Membership in Masonry is of far higher import than in profane associations.

The relations between Masons are based on very especial requirements. The single idea of fellow-associates, which concludes the prerequisites for admission into general societies, is not recognised in Freemasonry.

The Fraternity of Freemasons demands that the character

of the applicant for membership must be investigated fully to determine if he is fit for those relations with his Brethren as such relations demand.

They are peculiar. The mental character is first to be known, so that the applicant possesses the intelligence fully to comprehend what these relations are and what is expected in their practical application. A defective mental condition would not justify the admission into a Lodge of one lacking mental capacity in healthful action.

The moral character must be tested, that it may be known if the applicant is reliable, honest, and regards the performance of a direct and implied duty as paramount to the devices of evasions which a lack of high moral principles might tolerate under any circumstances.

The physical character must be examined that no bodily defects exist, that he is a perfect youth, not maimed in any of his members, but is free from those disabilities that in themselves preclude his membership.

These are essential in Freemasonry. The Mason must be intelligent, honest, of good report, free from those vices which taint the moral constitution, and among the profane are not infrequently classed as smart, sharp, tricky, if exhibited in dealings with people at large.

It will be observed that these prerequisites for admission of an applicant into Freemasonry are based on the principles which underlie the foundation of the Fraternity. They are absolutely necessary to its perpetuity.

These are the characteristics of the material out of which the Craft must be composed as the generations pass away. To maintain the inheritance which comes to us of this day the historic rule must be continued in the integrity which adopted it.

Therefore when applicants offer themselves in any Lodge for membership it is the solemn and imperative duty of the Brethren to see to it that improper material is not selected. If it is known to any Freemason that a person applying to any Lodge is not under that good report which qualifies him for admission, he is required to let it be known. If in his own Lodge, the member has the means to prevent it. If in any other Lodge he is required to let the members, or some of them, know that the admission of the applicant is not permissible because of the fact that he is improper material to be united to the whole Craft which would follow his admission into any Lodge of the Craft. To preserve the character of the Fraternity it is needed to be known that such an applicant is not worthy of being made a member of the Craft. All Lodges have the same interest in preserving the whole Craft from the injury that would arise from the introduction of an unworthy Mason into the Brotherhood.

The effect of the use of improper material is not manifest until the defects in his character are demonstrated by his life and conduct. Then it is too late, unless he has brought discredit on the Craft by actions that are in contravention of Masonic law, and triable therefore under Masonic jurisprudence. Then he can be expelled. But much mischief has occurred which affects the entire Fraternity.

It needs no argument to prove the utmost importance of thorough investigation of the character of all applicants for admission into each and every Lodge of Freemasons wherever located. Improper material, if accepted anywhere, brings discredit everywhere. It is the duty of every true Mason to perform a duty to prevent it.

The landmarks and the regulations of Freemasonry give to every Mason the means to enforce prohibition. The black ball is the right of every honest, true Mason to use, to reject improper material. It is not a right to be exercised except for one object, the protection of the Craft from the direful results of accepting men unworthy of Masonic Fraternity. A member of a Lodge, though it may not be the Lodge to which application is made, has the right, and it is his duty, to prevent any other Lodge from admitting improper material, by giving notice of the true character of the applicant. He may give information of the fact to any member of that Lodge, or an officer, and especially to the Worshipful Master. This information, if it is based on known facts, without personal animosity, or malice, or pique, or enmity, is lawful notice that the applicant is not "under good report." That is a disqualification *per se*. Every well-instructed Mason knows this is a landmark—"Good report"—must be established. Can it be maintained that any Freemason knowing the applicant to be unworthy, is not bound to give notice that he is improper material which is about to be used in the moral Masonic structure?

True, he may not be a member of the Lodge, but he is a member of the Fraternity. The whole Fraternity is directly interested in preventing the introduction of improper material into Masonry.

Whatsoever brings discredit, by the action of one Mason, is felt by the entire Brotherhood. This needs to be emphasized. It is not always duly considered. The disgrace occasioned by the reprehensible conduct of a member of any Lodge extends to the Fraternity. The stone, small as it may be, thrown into the placid waters, agitates its entire surface.

A candid, calm consideration of the principle and its administration is most likely to convince the intelligent Mason that this is the strict construction of the duty every Brother owes to the whole Craft. Therefore it is a subject which is worthy of that judicial spirit of investigation and consideration, which gives to all conclusions on the interpretation of principles authoritative sanction, free from a just ground for animadversion.—*Keystone*.

Obituary.

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BRO. FREDERICK B. NETTLEINGHAM.

AGAIN we have to increase our mournful list of deceased brethren by the announcement of the death of Brother Frederick B. Nettleingham, J.P., who died suddenly at his residence Beckley, Overcliffe, Gravesend, on 3rd inst., at the age of sixty-eight. The deceased gentleman was a P.P.G. Assistant Secretary of Kent and P.M. of the Lodge of Freedom, No. 77. He was elected a member of the Town Council of the Borough of Gravesend in November 1862, and was raised to the Aldermanic Bench in 1884. He twice filled the office of Mayor, and was connected with nearly every local charity and association. The great respect entertained towards Bro. Nettleingham was evinced at his funeral last Saturday, which was attended by all the principal inhabitants, including the Mayor and Corporation. His brethren of the Masonic Lodges not being able to wear their regalia had sprigs of acacia in their buttonholes, thoughtfully supplied by Bro. Biggs P.P.G.D.C.

FAREWELL BANQUET TO BROTHER STOCKS HAMMOND, MUS. DOC.

ON Friday evening, the 5th inst., some thirty gentlemen assembled in Leuchter's Restaurant, Bradford, to entertain Bro. Stocks Hammond to dinner and present to him as a token of respect a handsome clock and side ornaments, subscribed for by upwards of a hundred of the leading gentlemen of the town, prior to his departure to fill a three years musical engagement in America. Alderman Hardaker, J.P., presided, and was supported by Bros. Dr. Stocks Hammond 24 (S.C.), Chas. F. Forshaw, LL.D., 1214, W. J. Kaye, M.A., P.M. 1522, Councillor James Freeman P.M. 1648, Rev. Dr. Strauss, M.A., late Chaplain 600, J. Watson Treasurer 1018, J. Dawson 387, E. Dawson 387, A. V. Hammond 302, F. C. Galloway 2417, and Messrs. Addy, Law, Benn, Chaplin, Scruton, Wood, Taylor, Crabtree, Wilson Silcock, Schrumph, Pullan, Rigg, and others. Bros. Dr. Forshaw and Galloway acted as President and Treasurer of the Committee of the presentation fund. The menu card was the choicest we have seen for some time; the front page contained Brother Forshaw's sonnet, which appeared in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE last week, and appropriate motto's from the works of Dickens and Shakespeare had been selected by Bro. Forshaw to intersperse the toasts and menu. In addition to the presentation of the clock, &c., Bro. W. J. Kaye, M.A., Principal of Ilkley College, handed to Bro. Hammond, on behalf of the Vice Chancellor of Church Musicians of the State of Kansas, their honorary degree of Doctor in Music.

At a meeting of the Duke of Edinburgh Lodge, No. 1259, held last week, Mr. William Berry, Master of the ship "Maggie Warrington," was initiated, and Brothers Sankey and Penrose were passed to the second degree by the W.M., Bro. J. W. Trappett.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—All our Faculties.—Almost all disorders of the human body are distinctly to be traced to impure blood. The purification of that fluid is the first step towards health. Holloway's Pills recommend themselves to the attention of all sufferers; no injurious consequences can result from their use, no mistake can be made in their administration. In indigestion, confirmed dyspepsia, and chronic constipation the most beneficial effects have been, and always must be, obtained from the wholesome power exerted by these purifying Pills over the indigestion. Persons whose lives have been restored to ease, strength and perfect health by Holloway's Pills after fruitless trial of the whole pharmacopœia of Physic, attest this fact.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

CRAFT.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF SOMERSET.

THE Officers and Brethren of the Rural Philanthropic Lodge, No. 291, had the honour, on Friday, 5th inst., of commemorating their Centenary, and of receiving the members of Provincial Grand Lodge. The occasion was an eventful one in the local annals of Freemasonry, and there has not been so large and distinguished a gathering in Highbridge of "the brethren of the mystic tie" for many years. Justly proud of the event and of the honour of entertaining their august visitors, the members of the Rural Philanthropic Lodge determined to give their brethren in the Craft a truly fraternal welcome and a reception befitting their Masonic dignity. The ordinary Lodge-room at the Railway Hotel being too small, the Town Hall was engaged, and the hall itself was fitted up for the Lodge, and the offices furnished for the reception of the Provincial Grand Master and the Provincial Grand Officers. The hall looked quite picturesque, with its bannerets, its throne, and its draperies.

The Worshipful Master, Brother R. C. Else, D.P.G.M. Somerset P.G.D. England, presided over the Lodge business, and the gratification of the brethren was much increased by the presence of the Provincial Grand Master, Viscount Dungarvan, and the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, who were received with the customary honours. Among the Provincial Grand Officers present were—

Bros. T. Meyler S.W., B. H. Watts J.W., Rev. C. J. McConnell and Rev. A. W. M. Weatherly Chaplains, C. L. F. Edwards Treasurer, J. C. Hunt Secretary, J. T. Dunsford Assistant Secretary, E. A. Crosse Director of Ceremonies, T. H. Railton Assistant Director of Ceremonies, E. Stephens Sword Bearer, J. S. Naish Standard Bearer, M. H. Clark Pursuivant, R. Moody Assistant Pursuivant, W. H. Westlake Steward. The following brethren also recorded their names:—Bros. J. Burnett P.P.G.S.W. 291, E. Bath P.P.G.D. 772, A. B. Shaw 291, H. Davies W.M. 772, J. Phillis P.M. 285, G. P. Davie P.M. 285, C. Hopkins P.P.G.S.W. 379, E. R. Hayter P.P.G.O. 976, W. C. Leaker J.D. 772, A. Edwards P.G.O. 437, H. Harrold 976 P.G.S.B., T. Parker P.P.G.P. 285, W. Warner 285, H. Hawkins P.P.G.S.B. 772, F. B. George P.P.G. Steward 446, J. Coates W.M. 976, E. Creed S.D. 976, A. H. Taylor W.M. 446, E. A. Crosse P.G.D.C. 446, J. L. Bewsey I.P.M. 437, H. M. Marsh 191, W. Clarke 285, W. Gough W.M. 2038, A. C. Peskett P.M. 291, E. King 976 J.D., R. M. Worlock P.P.G.J.W. 1296, T. G. Vincent P.P.G.D.C. 976, Elliot Armstrong 291, I. Tidbury 261, A. B. Wickenden W.M. 1750, G. E. Alford P.P.G.S.W. 1222, F. W. Macdonald Grand Chaplain England, J. Cooper S.D. 1222, W. Long P.P.G.S.W. 1750, B. C. Board P.P.G.S.B. 291, T. Cox 1222, E. J. Morris Chaplain 1222, H. B. Ffarrington P.P.G.R. 1222, E. Stevens 1197, W. Adams 261 P.P.G.D.C., F. T. Elworthy 261 P.M., W. H. Westlake 261, F. J. Heynes 261, H. McGowan 135, A. J. Spiller J.D. 1197, H. Powell S.D. 1197, A. G. Pitt 291, H. Hyssett 1222, C. S. Payne 2038 I.P.M., T. G. Smith 1197, T. H. Railton 291 P.G.A.D.C., S. Sellick 1222 I.P.M., T. C. Brice 297, W. H. Pain 291, W. H. Wooler 1222 P.P.G.S.W., W. E. Perrett junior 1222 P.P.G. Dir. of Ceremonies, F. T. Perrett 1222, H. B. Crouch P.M. 772, H. K. Law 1953, J. B. Sincock I.P.M. 291, E. A. Sandford Chaplain 291, M. P. Betty 291, E. White 41 and 1222 P.P.G.S.W., W. E. Perrett P.M. 1222, C. J. Hook J.W. 329, W. J. Davis P.M. 135, T. Cogle 1222, W. Stilling 291, C. S. Leech 291, F. W. S. Wicksteed P.P.G.J.W. 1222, A. E. Burnett J.W. 291, E. F. Wade 291 P.P.G.J.W., J. Bond P.M. 101, M. Herniman 291, T. C. Manning P.M. 286, W. Reece P.M. 1199 P.P.G.D.C., W. H. Webb P.M. 1222 P.P.G.Stwd., R. J. Dart 1222, W. W. Baker I.P.M. 135, R. H. Carton 135, J. P. Capell W.M. 1222, W. C. Thomas 1222, J. Tyler S.W. 291, W. Brewer Stwd. 291, F. W. Hesse P.M. 1199, T. Tyler W.M. 1966, H. W. Chapman I.G. 291, N. Wade 285, T. G. Coggan 772, W. Belcher I.G. 135, J. Terry P.G.S.B., J. McLeod P.P.G.S.W., J. R. Stead 291, J. H. Sharpe J.D. 291, J. H. Davis 2390, E. J. B. Mercer 41 P.P.Supt.Works, J. C. Hodger 285 P.P.Stwd.Br., R. Hole W.M. 2390, H. A. Fry W.M. 53, W. Woodward P.G. Tyler.

The Worshipful Master, Bro. R. C. Else, said the members of the Rural Philanthropic Lodge, No. 291, were celebrating their centenary that day, and it was no doubt an honour for any Lodge to be able to attain such an age. He highly appreciated the honour they had done him by appointing him as their Master for the third time, and he desired to thank the Provincial Grand Master and his Officers for their presence on that auspicious occasion. Bro. Norris the Secretary of the Lodge had prepared a history of the Lodge, and it had been introduced by that celebrated Masonic historian, Bro. W. J. Hughan P.G.S.D. of England, by an account of the state of Somerset Craft in 1793, and at the present time.

Bro. T. F. Norris P.M. and Secretary then read the carefully prepared historical sketch of the Provincial Grand Lodge, showing that the warrant was granted in the time of George II., the Provincial Grand Master then appointed, having charge of nine Provinces. Bro. J. Smith was the first Provincial Grand Master of Somerset, his appointment dating 1796. The late Earl of Carnarvon was appointed in 1868, and he was succeeded on the 26th July 1890 by Viscount Dungarvan. Coming to the history of the Rural Philanthropic Lodge, Bro. Norris said its warrant was dated 21st January 1793. The brethren first met at the Highbridge Inn, Huntspill, and the first meeting was held on Sunday, 3rd February 1793, Bro. J. Jennings being installed as Master. The record stated that "the evening was spent in harmony, and the Lodge was closed in due form." The Lodge was duly constituted in 1795, and as many as six meetings were held in a month, and two degrees worked in one evening. The bye-laws were very severe on brethren who absented themselves. In 1796 it was recorded that one brother accused another of supplanting him in business without giving him proper notice, and another entry in the minute book showed that a Lodge was held one morning and a candidate initiated, after which an adjournment was made to the Lamb Inn, Taunton, the closing sentence informing the brethren that "the day was spent in harmony and the Lodge was closed in due form." There were no minutes from 1811 to 1857, but the working of the Lodge between those dates was easily proved. In 1857 the Lodge was removed from Huntspill to Highbridge. Bro. R. C. Else was proposed as a candidate in March 1858, and in July 1865 he was installed into the chair of K.S. He was again appointed W.M. in 1877, and for the third time he was in the chair this year. The record closed with a reference to Brother Else's appointments in connection with the Provincial Grand Lodge and Grand Lodge.

Bro. Norris then read the Centenary Warrant, dated 20th January 1893, giving the brethren of Rural Philanthropic Lodge permission to wear a jewel in commemoration of the Centenary.

The Provincial Grand Master said Masonry was very old in Somerset, and was more flourishing than ever. The history of the Rural Philanthropic Lodge was most interesting, and he believed there was no more harmonious Lodge in existence. He was very pleased to be able to hand the warrant just read into the keeping of their W.M.

The W.M. Bro. R. C. Else acknowledged the gift, and referred to the good and solid work which had been done under the banner of the Lodge in years gone by.

The Secretary then distributed the Centenary jewels to those members of the Lodge who had applied for them, a hymn being sung meanwhile.

Bro. J. Burnett alluded to the kindness of the Provincial Grand Master in attending the Lodge, and proposed him as an honorary member.

Bro. Wade seconded, and the proposal was carried.

Bro. Burnett also acknowledged the kindness of the Provincial Grand Officers, and proposed that the executive Officers, Bros. C. L. F. Edwards Treasurer and J. C. Hunt Secretary, be also made honorary members.

This was seconded by Brother J. T. Dunsford, and carried.

Bro. Else said the history which their able and energetic Secretary had prepared, was one which they might be proud of, and he proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Norris and to Bro. Hughan.

Bro. Wade seconded, and on its being carried, Bro. Else presented Bro. Norris with a combination P.M.'s and Secretary's jewel.

Bro. Norris acknowledged the gift and the vote, and said what he had done had been a labour of love. He should highly prize their kindness as long as he lived.

The Provincial Grand Master Lord Dungarven then took the chair, and proceeded with the business of Provincial Grand Lodge. On the Lodge roll being called it was found that every Lodge in the Province was represented.

The Secretary, Bro. Hunt, presented the accounts, which showed that the receipts amounted to £331 12s 3d, including a balance in hand from previous year of £148 18s 7d. After meeting all expenses, including several additional items, there is now a balance in hand of £107 9s 2d. The report was considered very satisfactory, and the balance-sheet was approved.

The various offices having been declared vacant the

appointment and investment of new Provincial Grand Officers was proceeded with, collars being bestowed upon the following:—

Bro. J. S. Haddon 1966	-	-	Senior Warden
A. W. C. Peskett 291	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. A. W. M. Weatherly	-	-	} Chaplains
Rev. H. S. Hume 261	-	-	
C. L. F. Edwards	-	-	Treasurer
J. G. Wilton 41	-	-	Registrar
J. C. Hunt 291	-	-	Secretary
J. T. Dunsford 291	-	-	Assistant Secretary
W. F. Gould 53	-	-	Senior Deacon
H. F. Raymond 329	-	-	Junior Deacon
W. K. Thomas 1755	-	-	Supt. of Works
T. H. Railton	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
W. P. Buckley 976	-	-	Assistant Dir. of Cers.
Captain A. F. Rose 1750	-	-	Sword Bearer
S. P. Davie 285	-	-	} Standard Bearers
H. B. Cronch 772	-	-	
F. W. Hesse 1199	-	-	Organist
W. E. Perrett 1222	-	-	Pursuivant
J. M. Davis 135	-	-	Assistant Pursuivant
A. J. Salter	-	-	} Tylers
S. Bigwood	-	-	
O. W. Catgood 814	-	-	} Stewards
J. Hookey 1197	-	-	
F. H. Mitchell 1953	-	-	
C. S. Payn 2038	-	-	
O. W. Loveless 906	-	-	
P. Ellinger 973	-	-	

After the report of the Charity Organisation Committee had been read, the alms were collected, and these, amounting to £6 7s 8d, were voted to the Bridgwater Infirmary, on the proposition of Bro. Else.

The National Anthem was sung and the Lodge closed, after which the usual banquet took place.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MIDDLESEX.

AT the Paris Rooms, Teddington, last Saturday, Lord George Hamilton, M.P., was installed Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex, in the presence of over 400 members of the Order. The ceremony was performed by the Earl of Lathom Pro Grand Master, assisted by Bros. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, Col. Noel Money Provincial Grand Master Surrey, E. Letchworth Grand Secretary, Thos. Fenn President Board of General Purposes, Frank Richardson P.G. Deacon acting Director of Ceremonies, and many other distinguished Masons.

The proceedings having been opened, Lord George Hamilton, M.P., was introduced, the Earl of Lathom, having previously paid a high tribute to the personal and Masonic merits of late the Provincial Grand Master, Col. Sir Francis Burdett, and to the great personal and Masonic worth of the new ruler of the Province. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., was then duly installed as Provincial Grand Master, and appointed his deputy, Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp, and the other Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year.

A sum of fifteen guineas was voted to each of the Masonic Charitable Institutions, and ten guineas was voted to the vicar of the parish, in consideration of his kindness in allowing the use of the parish rooms, to be devoted to Loyal Charitable Institutions.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was closed, and a banquet was afterwards held at the Town Hall, at which nearly 300 took part.

Lord George Hamilton, who presided, proposed the usual loyal toasts, and also the toast of the Grand-Officers.

Col. Noel Money P.G.M. Surrey referred to the love and respect all Masons felt for the late Provincial Grand Master, Sir Francis Burdett, who would always live in their memories. Their new Provincial Grand Master was a man who had made his mark not only in Freemasonry, but in the political life of England.

Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp Deputy Provincial Grand Master proposed the health of the Provincial Grand Master, Lord G. Hamilton, M.P., who said, in reply, that twelve months ago he little thought he should occupy that position, and he should not have accepted the post had he not known that he should be supported by many Masons of experience in the various offices.

Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar responded

for the Visitors, and Lieut. Col. Rushton for the Provincial Grand Officers.

During the evening the Schartau Part Singers discoursed sweet music to enliven the proceedings.

SAMSON LODGE, No. 1668.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 9th inst., at the Café Royal, Regent Street, under the presidency of Bro. A. F. Casperd, the Master for the past year. The business of the day included the passing of Bro. S. Gottlieb and the initiation of Mr. T. D. Corthine, after which Brother E. Hahn was installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, subsequently appointing the following as his assistant Officers:—Bros. J. Nash S.W., A. Clark J.W., M. D. Loewenstark P.M. Treasurer, B. D. Barnett P.M. Secretary, N. Nercessian S.D., J. J. Nelson J.D., G. Levin I.G., J. D. Hood Dir. of Cers., I. Silvestone and J. L. Rosenthal Stewards. The Auditors' report for the year was submitted, and a handsome P.M.'s jewel presented to the outgoing Master, with the best wishes of the members of the Lodge and thanks for the services Bro. Casperd had rendered during the past year, after which the Lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to the installation banquet, the newly-installed Master presiding. At the conclusion of the banquet the W.M. proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft, which was heartily received, and followed by the National Anthem. The next toast was that of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, in submitting which the Master included the other members of Grand Lodge. As Masons, they heartily congratulated the Grand Master on the approaching marriage of his son with the Princess May, and could but express a wish that they might succeed in all their undertakings. Bro. Casperd I.P.M. gave the next toast. He was very pleased to be able to resume the gavel on this occasion, especially as it was to propose the health of the Worshipful Master. Their W.M., Senior Warden and himself had been initiated in the Lodge on the same evening years ago. Through the years that have since elapsed they had worked without a word of disagreement; they had kept together shoulder to shoulder and to-night he had the great pleasure of proposing the health of one of his brother initiates as Worshipful Master of the Lodge. He was convinced Bro. Hahn would do his very best for the Lodge. He was *au fait* with the ceremonies, and he was quite certain their new ruler would conduct the work in every way up to the standard they desired. They wished him a most successful year of office, and might confidently look forward to prosperity under his rule. The members of the Lodge could congratulate themselves on being in a better financial position than had been the case for some years at least. Looking back he might be allowed to say that the year just completed had been one of the most harmonious ever known in the Lodge; there had not been a single hitch in the working, all having done their best to secure the happy result which had attended the conduct of the Lodge during the year. In reply, the Worshipful Master tendered his thanks, and assured the brethren he should do his best during his term of office to win the satisfaction of the members, and induce them all to feel that they did not regret having installed him as Master. The toast of the Initiate was next given from the chair. The Master had hoped to have welcomed three new members into the Lodge that night, but two were unable to come forward. The one who had come amongst them was a worthy brother, and would doubtless become a credit to the Lodge. In acknowledgment of the toast the Initiate tendered his hearty thanks. Words failed him to express the pleasure he felt in being admitted as a member of the Lodge. He had long desired to become a Mason, but never imagined he should be so heartily received as he had been that night. He hoped he should always be a credit to the Lodge and the Order of which he had just become a member. The next toast was that of the Visitors. The members of the Samson Lodge, said the Master, were always pleased to have guests among them, and hoped they were able to make them so enjoy themselves as to feel a desire to come again. He would ask the Secretary to read the names of the Visitors, which Bro. Barnett did, the list including Bros. T. R. Cass S.D. 1320, W. H. Brownsword W.M. 180, H. Hill P.M. 1305, S. J. Heilbron 463, A. H. Marks I.G. 1563, A. Salmon 1622, J. Levy W.M. 205, H. Baldwin P.P.G. Standard Bearer Middlesex, W. G. Dickinson 1608, T. M. Lamble 511, J. Stroud P.M. 1227, W. W. Morgan jun. The Master gave them all a hearty welcome, and expressed the pleasure of the members at having them present. The toast of the Visitors was duly acknowledged. Other toasts of the evening included the Past Masters of the Lodge, the Treasurer and Secretary, the Officers of the Lodge, and finally, the Tyler's toast brought a most successful meeting to a conclusion. As is usual at the installation meetings of this Lodge a splendid musical programme was arranged, Bro. W. H. Brownsword being entrusted with the music, and being admirably supported by Bro. Sam Wright, Bro. G. T. Miles, Mr. Alfred Wareham, and others. Bro. Wright's humorous songs and Bro. Miles's harp solos were particularly good.

QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE, No. 2076.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, on Friday, the 5th inst. Present—Bros. Professor T. Hayter Lewis W.M., W. H. Rylands P.G. Stwd. I.P.M., Dr. W. Wynn Westcott S.W., W. M. Bywater P.G.S.B. P.M. as J.W., G. W. Speth Secretary, C. Kupferschmidt J.D., R. F. Gould P.G.D. P.M. D.C., C. Purdon Clarke I.G., and S. T. Klein Steward; also the following members of the Correspondence Circle:—Brothers A. Howell, R. I. Finnemore District G.M. Natal, G. R. Cobham, J. Frost Creswick, C. N. MacIntyre North, Harry Tipper, F. W. Levander, J. Roper, C. F. Silberbauer, R. Palmer Thomas, H. Ffranch

Bromhead, G. Stevens, C. B. Barnes, H. Le Strange P.G.D., Dr. J. Balfour Cockburn, H. H. Shirley, Rev. Hugh Thomas, J. Bodenham P.A.G.D.C., Thomas Cohn, G. Gregson, E. Haward, J. S. Cumberland, F. F. Giraud, Professor P. L. Simmonds, T. E. Dickinson, W. F. Stauffer, and Milton Smith. Also the following visitors:—Bros. W. Herbert Phillips, of Lodge St. Albans, No. 38, Adelaide, and W. P. Eversley P.M. Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10. The following Lodges and Brethren were elected to the Correspondence Circle:—Star of the Border Lodge, No. 293 (I.C.), Stanhope, Queensland; Raphael Lodge, No. 1850, Roma, Queensland; Port Fairy Lodge, No. 67, Victoria; New Caledonia Lodge, No. 11, Picton, Nova Scotia; Yarborough Lodge, No. 551, Ventnor; Gosport Lodge, No. 903, Gosport; Robinson Lodge, No. 2046, Maidstone. Brothers George Potts sen. P.M. 932, Rockhampton; W. Bastick 1315, J. Tolmie 775 (S.C.), E. Hemeworth 775 (S.C.), all three of Toowoomba, and C. W. Lister 775 (S.C.), Jondaryan, all in Queensland; A. G. Poudleton W.M. 38, Adelaide, South Australia; Lieut.-Col. G. M. Moore, R.A., District Grand Master, Rev. J. T. Lawrence District Grand Organist, Rev. A. Westcott P. District G. Chaplain, and Col. R. R. E. Drake-Brockman, R.E., P. District Grand Supt. Works, all four of Madras; A. R. Pilcher P.M. 434, Secunderabad; J. Pickett P.M. 30, Hawkes Bay; E. Macfarlane 30, Napier; A. Kidd P.M. 1, and W. H. Cooper P.G.W., both of Auckland; and E. G. Lane, Otago, all in New Zealand; P. Lange, Unity Lodge, Senekal; C. van Blommestein, H. H. Dickson, and R. S. St. J. Green, of Star Africa Lodge, Jagersfontein, all in the Orange Free State; W. K. Mager P.M., Queenstown, South Africa; F. de P. Rodriguez, Hijos de la Viuda Lodge, and J. Pellon, G. Secretary, Cuba, both of Havana; J. F. Hitchcock W.M. 197, New York City; F. R. Stewart 31, Mannington, West Virginia; T. Tapper jun., Blue Hill Lodge, Canton, Massachusetts; O. C. Hanson P.G.D., Morris; T. Montgomery Grand Secretary, and I. B. B. Sprague P.M. 5, both of St. Paul, all in Minnesota; H. Fletcher 21, A. H. Armington P.M. 21, Dr. C. M. Godding P.M. 33, S. White Grand Master, W. R. Sherman P.M. 30, A. M. Peck P.M. 36, M. Livsey Dis. Deputy G.M., H. P. Morgan W.M. 36, all of Providence, Rhode Island; H. Kneekens 2036 (E.C.), Oldenburg, Germany; F. Philipson, L. Ferdinande Carolina, of Copenhagen; A. S. Macbride W.M. 170, Glasgow; Colonel the Hon. W. E. Sackville-West, Bangor; J. Millington 1221, and C. A. Braim W.M. 289, A. Scarth P.M. 289, and R. Wilson P.M. 289, all of Leeds; J. Hammond P.M. 481, Newcastle-on-Tyne; G. Shread 482, Birmingham; M. W. Heath 686, Bristol; E. Conder 1204, Colwall, Hertfordshire; E. Conder jun. 1036, Charlbury, Oxon; F. W. Schofield, Rev. A. G. Grisewood, and M. F. Charlton, all of 1036 and Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire; Major W. H. Beaumont W.M. 1466, Brighton; W. F. Stauffer 19, Chingford, and T. E. Dickinson 2318, Walthamstow, Essex; G. Stevens 19, Woolwich; W. Tailby 700, Plumstead; A. O. Side W.M. 183, E. N. Glaeser 1627, C. N. Knight 1036, G. R. Carsberg 19, Leint.-Gen. C. W. Randolph, T. Moss 2427, Professor L. P. Simmonds and M. Smith 19, all of London. The W.M. having alluded in feeling terms to the death of Brother H. J. Whympier, called upon Brother R. F. Gould, who delivered the following address:—"Henry Josiah Whympier,—the fourth son of Mr. J. W. Whympier, the well known water-colour painter (now residing at Haslemere, Surrey), was born in Lambeth on 26th April, 1845. His active career as a man of business was begun in the service of Mr. Nicholas Trübner (afterwards merged into Kegan Paul, Trench, Trübner and Co.), but by his own desire he was transferred by his father from London to Burton-on-Trent, where he was first of all a clerk in one of the larger breweries, and subsequently became assistant brewer in one of the smaller establishments. Shortly before this time a number of Indian Officers had attempted to set up two breweries in the Himalayas, one at Murree and the other at Kussowlie. But they were not fortunate, in regard to their brewers, who could not succeed in making beer which would keep. Having lost a large part of their capital, the chairman of the company came to Burton-on-Trent, with the hope of inducing some really competent brewer to save them from ruin. The Burton brewers, however, who were doing well at home, remained content with their local prosperity, and not one of them would listen to his proposals. Henry Whympier then heard of them, tendered his services, and was sent in the first instance to Kussowlie (the smaller of the two breweries), where he at once gave a signal proof of his ability and resource by turning the beer made by his predecessors into vinegar and selling it at a profit. This must have been about 1863 or 1864. He speedily produced beer that would keep, and is believed to have been the first person who succeeded in doing so in India. The directors, finding that they had secured the services of a man who understood his business, soon transferred him to Murree, and placed him in full charge of their affairs. This took place in about 1865 or 1866. The Murree Brewery Company subsequently established a very large place at Rawal Pindee, in the plains, and opened branch breweries at Quetta, in Madras, and in Ceylon. These positions are farther apart than the North Cape, Gibraltar, and Moscow, and a supervision over such distant establishments was only rendered possible by Henry Whympier constantly travelling throughout every portion of the Indian Empire—from Kashmir to Cape Comorin, and from Afghanistan to Barmah. On the occasions of all the frontier wars, and the campaigns in Afghanistan, the Murree Brewery, or, to use plainer words, Henry Whympier, has always been looked to for support, and the supply of beer to the front has frequently involved the employment of thousands of persons and beasts of burden. For services rendered at these and other times, he received the thanks of the Indian Government on more than six occasions, and in recognition of his public services he was nominated C.I.E. (about 1891). Henry Whympier was the first person to introduce hop cultivation in Kashmir. Having sought out the most suitable varieties in this and other countries, he shipped a large number of plants at his own cost. The first instalment was lost by shipwreck in the Channel, and he had to commence *de novo*, but ultimately had the satisfaction of raising hops in the Himalayas equal in quality to the best grown

in England. In these efforts, however, which promised to lead to the establishment of a new and valuable industry in Kashmir, he was much hampered and thwarted by the native officials. During the last great famine in India, Henry Whympier spent many hundreds of pounds, and displayed the greatest energy in organising relief. For this he was officially thanked, and, as before stated, the Companionship of the Indian Empire (C.I.E.) was bestowed on him. But by those who were best competent to judge of the circumstances, the recognition of his services by the Government fell far short of his deserts, as it was well known throughout the Punjab that he was the life and soul of the relief organisation. He was, indeed, a man of boundless physical and mental activity. For, not content with the management of a vast commercial enterprise, he added to his labours by the establishment of a new bank, of which he became a director; and last, but not least, in the round of duties he so laboriously and efficiently performed, was the devotion of every moment of his home life that he could, strictly speaking, call his own, to the investigation and tabulation of facts relating to Freemasonry. Our brother died suddenly at Bombay, on the 27th of April, but no particulars have yet come to hand, and all we know is that he is dead. He leaves a widow and five children, four daughters—one of whom is married, and the others are with their mother at Pindi—and a son, who is in this country. Standing as we may now be figuratively said to do—by the open grave of our dear brother, the time has not yet arrived when his services to our Society can be appraised at their due worth. I shall therefore merely say to-night what I feel quite sure will find an echo in your thoughts, viz., that from 1872, when he was initiated, down to eight days ago, when his heart ceased to beat, there was no one who more fully discerned the grandeur of Freemasonry, or laboured with greater earnestness to unfold its beauties to the world. Nor has there been any member of this Lodge who had its success more at heart, or laboured more diligently to promote and ensure it. That the few words I have strung together, by way of expressing our sense of the loss we have sustained, are inadequate to the occasion, there is no one more conscious than myself. But a full heart is not always accompanied by a ready tongue, therefore the great affection I entertained for our late brother, you must allow me to plead in extenuation of the feeble address I have delivered in his memory." A vote of condolence, to be transmitted to the family and relatives of the deceased, was then put and carried by acclamation. A paper was next read by Bro. C. Pardon Clarke (C.I.E.) I.G., on "the Masonic tracing board in Oriental and Medieval Masonry." This was followed by a discussion, in which the W.M. and Bros. Rylands, Gould, Speth, and other brethren took part. A hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer brought the proceedings to a close.

COTEHELE LODGE, No. 2166.

BRO. WILLIAM HENRY BONE was on the 1st inst., at the Masonic Hall, Calstock, installed Worshipful Master by Bro. C. T. Pearce P.M. 557. After the business had been transacted, the brethren adjourned to banquet. The Loyal and Masonic toasts having been responded to, Bro. A. B. Why proposed the health of the Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall, the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, and the Provincial Grand Officers. He alluded to the fact that the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe had been specially appointed by Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Deputy Grand Master of England, and H.R.H. not only did honour to the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, but also to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall. The Provincial Officers of Cornwall had shown that they were well able to carry out their duties. Bro. C. T. Pearce, who first replied, said the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe carried out his duties as Provincial Grand Master with the greatest tact and ability, and he hoped he would be connected with the Provincial Grand Lodge for many years to come. Bro. J. T. Williams also replied, and remarked that their Provincial Grand Master was not only revered and respected by Cornish Masons, but by members of every Province in the United Kingdom. Bro. E. Herring referred to the admirable way in which Lord Mount Edgcumbe consecrated the Cotehele Lodge, and he believed that the success of that Lodge was due in a great measure to the fact that the Lodge was named after his lordship's country seat. Bros. Down and Sowden also acknowledged the toast, and the latter submitted the health of the W.M., Bro. W. H. Bone, who was, he said, in South Wales on business, and said he was sure he would prove an able and capital Master. Bro. Coulter gave the health of the I.P.M., Bro. R. R. Alford, who was, he said, kind and courteous to every brother, and always willing to take any office in the Lodge, the duties of which he carried out with great ability. Other toasts followed, and a general opinion was expressed that the Cotehele Lodge would prove one of the most successful in the Province. During the evening songs were given by Bros. Captain Trenance, Heathman, Smale, Coath, and others.

RAVENSROFT LODGE, No. 2331.

THE installation meeting of this prosperous Lodge took place at the Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, on Saturday last, the 6th instant, when Bro. John Hudson S.W. the W.M. elect was installed into the chair of K.S. in accordance with ancient custom by Bro. G. Arnold P.M. 737 P.P.G. Supt. of Works Norths and Hunts, the retiring W.M., who was subsequently invested as I.P.M. The W.M. having been proclaimed and saluted in due form, appointed the following brethren to the offices respectively set against their names:—Bros. Bintliffe S.W., J. H. Gunn J.W., D. Baker Treasurer, Fraser P.M. P.G. Standard Bearer Herts Secretary, S. Wright S.D., M. Powell J.D., Catchpole Director of Ceremonies, E. Rawlinson I.G., C. Gammon, Curry, and Fearis Stewards, and Bro. Richardson was appointed to assist the Secretary. Letters expressing their inability to attend on the interesting occasion were read from Bros. James Terry

P.G.S.B., Charles Bullock Prov. Grand Secretary, and others. The newly installed Worshipful Master subsequently introduced Messrs. Aikman and Rutt to the mysteries of Freemasonry as E.A.'s, and after some routine business the brethren adjourned to dispose of a first class meal which had been prepared by mine host, Mr. J. Bushell, the new proprietor of this well known house. It is very gratifying to observe the rapid strides which have been made by the Ravenscroft since the granting of the warrant by the M.W.G.M.; "2331" now has 50 members, and there are indications of its becoming one of the largest and most influential Lodges in the Province under the genial rule of Col. Halsey, and his Deputy Bro. G. E. Lake. It is also worthy of note that the members of the Ravenscroft—like the deceased benefactor whose name they adopted, have not in their prosperity been unmindful of matters charitable, and last year's list from the Lodge to the Old People's Festival amounted to more than £200.

MINNEHAHA MINSTREL LODGE, No. 2363.

It did not transpire who was responsible for having provided the intellectual and musical combination given at the last meeting of the above Lodge, in the Masonic room of the Victoria Hall, Manchester, on Monday, the 24th ult., but those who were happily present enjoyed a treat of a superior kind. Almost at the onset the brethren were invited to listen to a very effective rendering of one of the Ancient Charges, after which Bro. Henry Hall P.M. J.D. repeated his lecture on "Masonic History," originally given at the Architect Lodge, No. 1375, a fortnight previously. Subjoined is a synopsis of the lecture in question, which was of an instructive kind, and very effectively rendered. At the festive board which followed one of the visitors (Brother S. F. Symons) said he wondered how it had been possible for Brother Nall to rake up such interesting matters. He had had most attentive listeners, having opened out a new path in this direction, which he hoped would be traversed by other Past Masters. The visitors, most of whom were musical, contributed greatly to the harmony of the evening. A very lovely trio, "Come sweet mirth," composed by William Shaw, formerly an organist at one of the Manchester chapels, was rendered by Brothers Hinchcliffe, Thomas, and Shorrocks, Brother Ferneley presiding at the piano. This was followed by a quartette, "Strike the lyre," rendered by the same artistes, with the addition of Brother Nall. Bro. Symons sang and played a very humorous song, which was followed by "Blue-eyed Nelly," given by Brother Hinchcliffe, and a sketch by Brother Roberts. We may here be allowed to correct a slight error which occurred in our last report of the Minnehaha Minstrel Lodge. By a slip of the pen Brother M. Thomas P.M. was credited with having raised Brother Nagib Fiani to the sublime degree. As a matter of fact, it was Brother Wollaston Worshipful Master who performed the ceremony, and in justice to the latter Brother we make this correction. The following is our synopsis of the lecture on "Masonic History." Brother Nall prefaced his remarks by admitting that until a recent period, all which was known of Freemasonry of the remote past, was founded upon legends and traditional history, and mentioned that the oldest Masonic document (from which he gave various extracts) is that of the Halliwell MS., first brought to light in 1839, by Mr. not Brother Halliwell, which document had lain for over a century in the king's library under the title of a "Poem of Moral Duties." He stated that since the publication of Brother Dr. Anderson in 1723, of his "Book of Constitutions," no less than 48 copies of different "old charges" have made their appearance, all tending to prove that Freemasonry may be traced back to Lamech, the son of Adam, and from him in true chronological order direct to St. Alban, who, according to Elias Ashmole, the antiquarian, and founder of the museum at Oxford, was the first to introduce it into Britain. During the progress of the lecture Brother Nall explained the difficulty met with in obtaining properly authenticated documents and facts with regard to the early history of Freemasonry by saying in effect that being a secret society, its members sworn not to divulge any of its mystic rites; and because of various vexatious and penal laws, which he quotes, being from time to time framed in opposition to them, it was only natural that they would retain and suppress any documentary evidence. According to Dr. Anderson, even Queen Elizabeth herself, "not being able to learn the secrets, and as she could not be Grand Master, and being jealous of all secret assemblies, sent an armed force to break up their (the Freemasons') annual Grand Lodge at York, on St. John's day, 27th December 1561." Brother Nall traced the development of Operative Freemasonry through many of its varying fortunes, and also explained the genesis of the term Speculative Mason. He said that although ancient Masonry was an operative organisation, yet others besides operatives were admitted into their congregations, these being lords, knights, squires, and sheriffs, who might have become members merely for judicial and other purposes, without being intrusted with the secrets; and according to the records of the time, gentlemen or Speculative Masons were admitted to full membership. Operative and non-operative Masons were members of the same Lodges as far back as 300 years ago, and in looking retrospectively over the history of the transitory period from purely Operative Masonry to purely Speculative Masonry, we have mostly to rely upon the records of Scottish Lodges, with the satisfaction, however, of knowing that these records are reliable and authentic. Brother Nall quoted from a paper read by Brother Speth in the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, to prove that in Scotland the Masons had laws of their own, applicable only to themselves, they being practically an isolated brotherhood as far as their dealings with each other were concerned. He described how Apprentices and Fellow Crafts were admitted, giving the conditions imposed upon them. For instance, a youth desirous of learning the Mason's Craft, was apprenticed to a Master Mason for a term, the shortest of which was 7 years. The Master Mason having bound his Apprentice,

it became his duty to report this to the Lodge, in order that the youth might be booked, or "entered." He was then entrusted with the grip and word; he paid certain fees (£6 Scots being mentioned) "to pay to the banquet for all the members of the Craft within the Lodge, and 'prentices thereof." As a general rule every Mason chose a mark, which became an integral part of his signature, and was also used operatively. In Kilwinning, apprentices paid their booking money and got their marks. A Fellow Craft was an apprentice, who, having served his time, was passed into the Lodge and its fellowship. Certain statutes provided that "no apprentice shall be made brother or fellow in Craft unless he has served an additional term of 7 years, making 14 in all. What then became of the other apprentices who did not complete this second term? They remained journeymen. In 1681 we find the Lodge of Edinbro' forbidding the employment of journeymen who had not passed, thereby showing that all apprentices did not become Fellow Crafts. The fees payable at the passing of a Fellow Craft in 1599 were £10, which included cost of banquet, and 10s worth of gloves. Modern, or Speculative Masonry, said Brother Nall, dates from the formation of the Grand Lodge in 1717, and he furnished some very interesting particulars relating thereto. It appears that in 1716, the members of Lodges meeting at various taverns in London (which are named) imagining that they were neglected by Sir Christopher Wren, their Grand Master, appointed a general meeting to be held at the Apple Tree Tavern, near Covent Garden, and made preliminary arrangements towards the formation of a Grand Lodge, which included the appointment of a Grand Master, and the fixing of the first annual assembly. This was to be held at the Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, on the day sacred to the memory of St. John the Baptist, in the 3rd year of the reign of King George the First (circa 1717.) At a subsequent meeting Constitutions were framed, and ordered to be printed, and thus was built up the important fabric by which the Order is now regulated, and which differs, not in principle, but only in matters of detail from the original ones. The lecturer referred to the schisms arising between the London "moderns" and the York "ancients," and their ultimate incorporation in 1813 under the comprehensive title of the United Grand Lodge of England. Brother Sir C. Warren, author of "Underground Jerusalem," &c., who conducted the Palestine Exploration 1867-1870, and who was first Worshipful Master of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, gives it as his opinion, founded upon careful and exhaustive personal investigation in the East, that Masonry has undoubtedly descended to us through the Gentiles, and not through the Hebrews, and after citing his reasons for this, he expresses his conclusions, as follow:—"The Phœnicians instituted our present Order of Masonry, with the concurrence of the Hebrews, and on their own mysteries (including their own knowledge of the Arts and Sciences), engrafted the knowledge of the true God, learnt at the building of the Temple, that they were aware of the untimely death of H.A., assisted at the last ceremonies, and carried their account into their own Lodge." Sir C. Warren goes on to explain that Solomon's Temple had but one door, and that in the East, whereas the early heathen temples of Syria, Greece, and Italy had doors in the East, North and South, and proceeds, "The fact seems simply to be that the Phœnicians obtained from the Hebrews the knowledge of the true God, and added it to their own mysteries, together with details legendary and otherwise of the death of the Master of the work, and incorporated the latter into a ceremony symbolising the whole matter to suit their existing temples. In a word, I think there is not a doubt that in our Order we are the direct descendants from the Phœnicians, who first moulded Masonry into its present form, and who were unable to openly worship the true God for fear of the people." The words used in Freemasonry, and which were explained by the lecturer, we cannot for obvious reasons do more than make a passing reference to. Of them, and the signs, Brother Nall said, as they are the very secrets of secrets amongst us, we cannot possibly trace the origin of their use, but the following very remarkable coincidence has recently been brought under our notice. In the early portion of the year 1890 Brother Rev. Haskett Smith, Rector of Braucewell, Lincolnshire, after a sojourn of many months among the Druses of Lebanon, was admitted to the most secret intimacy of the tribe by reason of his having saved the life of a prominent young man amongst them, and was initiated into a number of mysterious rites hitherto unknown to any foreigner. To use his own words, "the natives startled him, as a Freemason, by communicating the signs which are most characteristic of Masonry." This, continues Brother Nall, is a wonderful confirmation of Brother Sir C. Warren's belief, as the Druses are an isolated hill tribe, dwelling on the high lands above ancient Tyre. In concluding his very admirable lecture, Brother Nall said, to-day Masonry forms a bond of Brotherhood among all nations, races, and creeds; it enables men, vastly different in every other respect, to unite in common fellowship with one another; it aims to bring out the better portions of our nature; and teaches us "to give up every selfish propensity which might injure others;" and it extends, with no sparing hand, comfort, relief, and consolation to the aged, the worn, and the afflicted, as well as to the widow and the fatherless; and above all, it unites all its adherents in a recognition and a worship of the One Great Architect of the Universe. Brother Wollaston proposed a vote of thanks to the lecturer, which was seconded by Brother Wrigley, and supported by Brothers Brabner and Thomas. The following is a list of those present at the Lodge and festive board:—Brothers F. W. Wollaston W.M., Seth Wrigley I.P.M., W. A. Brabner S.W., Cyril H. Beever J.W., Charles Harrop Treasurer, Fred Hilton P.M. acting Secretary, G. R. Ward S.D., Henry Nall P.M. J.D., M. Thomas P.M. P.F.G.D.C., H. V. Lilly, A. J. Schofield, and Arthur B. Barlow Stewards, E. Rober's P.M. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), Nagib Fiani, J. W. Lloyd, Sam Luke, Richard Brown, Thomas Hannett, W. W. Hitchin. Visitors—Brothers Thomas Shorrocks P.M. 204, S. F. Simons P.M. 1534, B. Haworth P.M. 1077, M. Ferniley 1387, and J. Hinchliffe 204.

Freedom and Sympathy Lodge of Instruction.

The annual supper in connection with this Lodge of Instruction, held under the banners of the Lodge of Freedom, No. 77, and the Lodge of Sympathy, No. 483, was held at the New Falcon Hotel, Gravesend, last week, when a fair number of the brethren of both Lodges assembled to enjoy a pleasant evening. Bro. J. Rackstraw S.W. 483 presided, and among others we noticed Bros. Rev. A. Jackson, R. J. Beamish, J. C. Biggs Secretary, Joseph Davis, E. B. Wilks, J. Martin, J. Hedger, George Masters, C. Woodford, F. Hitchins, &c. Beyond the Queen and the Craft there were no toasts, but references were made to the marked improvement in the ritual that had been made by the brethren attending the Lodge of Instruction during the past year, so that the mother Lodges need never suffer from want of efficient Officers in the future. The pleasure of the evening was enhanced by some capital songs, and the brethren separated at a late hour.

Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, No. 25.

A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 9th instant, at the Frascati, 30 Oxford Street, W. Present:—Bros. E. C. Mulvey P.M. Preceptor, H. Sillis W.M., J. Dixon S.W., W. Truman J.W. J. Blandell P.M. Treas., F. Bonham P.M. Secretary, F. Klein S.D., M. Taylor J.D., F. Hewson I.G., F. Marx Deputy Preceptor, E. J. Gittins, H. Evenden, J. Mason, W. Shales, and J. Watson. The Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Shales being candidate. Bro. Watson answered the questions leading to the second degree. The Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. Evenden answered the questions leading to the third degree and was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Evenden being candidate. The Lodge was resumed in the first degree. Bro. Dixon was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

Crusaders Lodge of Instruction, No. 1677.

A meeting was held on Friday, the 5th inst., at the Northampton Arms, Goswell Road, E.C. Present:—Bros. Willison W.M., F. G. Scheib, S.W., A. J. Blake J.W., Hunter P.M. Treasurer, E. Dimes Secretary, Barth S.D., C. Weeden Preceptor. The Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. J. Robinson as candidate. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. F. G. Scheib was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was closed in due form.

MASONIC SERVICE AT KINGSBRIDGE.

THE members of the Duncombe Lodge, No. 1436, Kingsbridge, on Monday, the 1st inst., attended a special service at Dcdbrooke Church, at which the sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. J. Watson Prov. Grand Chaplain for East Lancashire. The brethren assembled at the Lodge in Duncombe Street, and marched in full regalia to the Church headed by the town subscription band. Amongst those who attended were Bros. N. Chase I.P.M., H. Lambie, G. Hooper, D. A. Adkins, P. Trant Jan., R. C. Balkwill, J. Balkwill Treas., J. Foal P.M.'s; Bros. the Hon. H. V. Duncombe, W. Kelland, J. Kelland, E. Warren, D. L. Staig, G. Watts, and the Rev. S. H. Clements. The procession was met at the porch by the clergy and choir, the former who took part in the service, in addition to the Rev. J. Watson, being Canon Houghton (rural dean), Bros. the Revs. T. C. Lewis (rector), and J. Hennings, while the Revs. J. Watson and B. Brown were also present. Bro. J. Cranch presided at the organ. The Rev. Brother preached from the text "the greatest of these is charity," 13th Chapter of St. Paul's Epistle to the Corinthians. He felt, he said, that he had to speak in two different languages—the language of those who understood Freemasonry and the language of those who were supposed to know nothing about it. He wanted, therefore, to disabuse the minds of the latter class so far as regarded the great principle upon which the Order was founded. Freemasonry had learned the great lesson which the Saviour taught while on earth, that, as brethren, they should love one another. They were ready to agree that the term "charity," as used in the passage of the text, had two meanings. It had its own intrinsic meaning and the meaning which was unusually applied to it in the present day. The Order received it in its true intrinsic meaning; it was "love." The great principle which they set as their guiding star was that of love to one another. Freemasonry taught them to be loving, and to show it forth in acts of kindness to each other, especially in bestowing relief in times of necessity, and in being perfectly honest in word and pure in deed. In order to illustrate how those principles were being carried out he drew their attention to the fact that for the sake of showing their brotherly affection there were three classes of persons specially singled out. They were the aged of the Order, the aged of those who had belonged to the Order, and the children. There were some who through circumstances over which they had no control had come to poverty, and it was the duty of Freemasons to help them to bear it, and enable them to rise above that depth to which they would otherwise have fallen. It was their privilege, and they esteemed it as such, to help the widows of deceased brethren, and also their children. There was no position which was not now open to the children of the poor, and if by their perseverance and diligence they availed themselves of the advantages offered there was no reason why the highest positions in the land should not be filled by them. It was the desire of the Order to endeavour to train the children to

occupy those important positions. They did not leave the work entirely to national effort. The London Institutions, beautiful, great, and important as they were, were not alone in seeking to carry out the principle of the Order. In each Province they had organizations for carrying out the work on a smaller scale. There were institutions for relieving in their own homes and keeping from the direst poverty those who might have been left in positions of indigence by their fathers and husbands. There were others for relieving the temporary distress of Masons or their widows, and for providing means by which the children could be sent to various good schools in their own neighbourhood without removing them from their parents. One of the highest, holiest, and best things was to do a little in their own way for the advancement of God's glory, and it would be a blessing to them to feel that they had done their utmost to honour Him by loving one another. The collection was in aid of Masonic Charities. The brethren returned to the Lodge room, where Bro. J. R. Gill was installed W.M. In the evening the annual banquet was held in the King's Arms Hotel, being largely attended and a most successful event.

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And say to all 'tis noble to be good.
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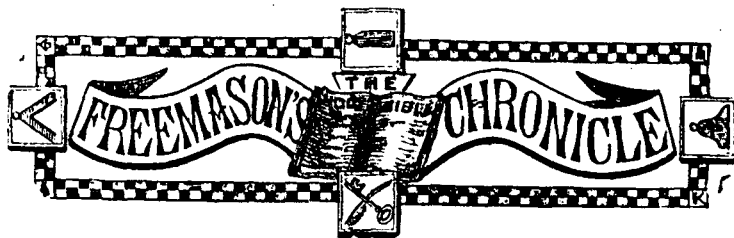
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PROV. GRAND CHAPTER OF SUSSEX.

THE annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Chapter was held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on the 13th ult. The Provincial Grand Chapter was opened by the Prov. G. Superintendent (Comp. Lieut.-Gen. C. W. Randolph), who was supported by the Officers of the Province, as follow:—Comps. W. E. Morrison H., V. P. Freeman S.E., C. Bampfylde Warre S.N., R. Pridcock Registrar, C. Histed 1st A.S., G. Holman 2nd A.S., T. Berry Sword Bearer, J. Easter Standard Bearer, Frank Holland Director of Ceremonies, W. Norman Roe Org., W. Seymour Burrows Steward, and H. H. Hughes Janitor. Those present also included—

Comps. F. West P.A.G.S. P.G.H. Sarrey, C. F. Matier P.D.G.D.C., J. Adames P.Z. 311 P.P.G.P.S., T. C. Woodman P.Z. 271 P.P.G.P.S., S. Tanner P.Z. 311 P.P.G. 1st A.S., G. E. Chapman P.Z. 311 P.P.G.S.B., F. J. Cox M.E.Z. 916, H. M. Davey P.Z. M.E.Z. 38 P.P.G.H., C. W. Tones P.Z. 916 P.P.G. 1st A.S., W. Gill P.Z. 811, C. H. Hain P.Z. 916, W. Wright H. 311, R. Piper 732, W. W. Smith 732, Walter Smith 732 P.G.P.S., B. Burfield H. 811, J. W. Broad M.E.Z. 311, S. Stone P.Z. 311, F. Hart 1821, J. D. Dennis J. 916, T. W. Marwick P.Z. 40, C. C. Cook P.Z. 732, A. Lloyd P.S. 732, T. Clark H. 732 P.G.S.B. Surrey, R. Hughes M.E.Z. 40, G. Wilson J. 311, H. W. G. Abell J. 811, S. B. Legg P.Z. P.P.G. 2nd A.S., O. N. Wyatt P.Z. 38 P.P.G.S.N., A. F. Lamette 271, R. Clowes G.C. P.G.S.B., R. Weston 311, Alf. King P.P.G.J., C. C. J. Hood 271, W. Barnes 811, E. Broadbridge 811, W. Botting M.E.Z. 732, M. Clark 255 P.P.G.S.B., A. Coe 732, H. Langton M.E.Z. 271, W. Dawes P.P.G.J., J. C. Buckwell M.E.Z. 811, and J. Parkinson P.G.S.B.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the roll was called, all the Chapters in the Province being represented. The sum of 20 guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

The Provincial Grand Superintendent then addressed the Companions. He expressed his great gratification at the increase, though small, in the number of Royal Arch Masons in the Province within the last two years, and earnestly hoped the Order, for which he had great affection, would continue to prosper. He next proceeded to point out certain combinations of letters known to Royal Arch Masons, and, in an interesting and instructive manner, entered into a method of elaborating their use.

The Provincial Grand Superintendent appointed the following Officers for the ensuing year, those present being invested with the insignia of their respective Offices:—

Comp. W. Seymour Burrows	.	.	H.
Very Rev. E. R. Currie	.	.	J.
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W. N. Roe	.	.	Organist
J. P. Slingsby Roberts	.	.	Steward
H. H. Hughes	.	.	} Janitors
A. Coe	.	.	

On the termination of the meeting the Companions sat down to a banquet, at which the customary Royal Arch toasts were duly honoured.

During the evening vocal selections were rendered by Miss Maud Bond, Miss Alice Holman, and Comp. J. P. Slingsby Roberts, the duties of accompanist being ably carried out by Comp. W. Norman Roe Provincial Grand Organist.

ZETLAND CHAPEER, No. 236.

THE installation meeting of this Chapter was held on the 26th ultimo, at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe Place, York, when

there was a large muster of the Companions, amongst whom were Comps. S. Border M.E.Z., Robinson H., Brogden J., J. Todd P.Z. Treasurer, Parnell S.E., Gramshaw P.S., Wright 1st Asst. Sojourner, Buckle, B.A., P.Z., J. Sykes Rymer P.Z., H. Foster P.Z., M. Rooke P.Z., George Kirby P.Z., Captain D. Grant, Waistell, Hodgson, Tweedy, James Ward, E. R. Turner, Laughton, Draper, Bryson, Proctor, Biscoomb, Dow, Anderson, and others. The Chapter having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed, the M.E.Z. elect, Comp. G. J. Robinson, together with Comps. Brogden and Hodgson, were duly installed by Comp. J. Todd. The Officers elected at the previous Chapter were invested by the M.E.Z., and Comp. Hollander 1611 was elected a joining member. The Companions dined in the banquet room of the Lodge, when the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and honoured. The M.E.Z., replying to his toast, expressed the great gratification it was to occupy the position the Companions had been pleased to elect him to, and assured them that no efforts on his part should be wanting to ensure the success of the Chapter and Royal Arch Masonry. Several Companions contributed to the harmony of the evening, and the proceedings terminated in a most agreeable manner.

DOVE CHAPTER, No. 456.

AT the annual meeting of the members of this Chapter, held recently, Comp. William Torrence was installed in the First Principal's chair, and Comp. Hodgkinson in that of the Third Principal; Comp. George M. Bond, who should have been installed in the Second Principal's chair, being unfortunately prevented from attending by illness. The Installing Officer on the occasion was Comp. Wm. Brickel P.P.G.P.S. Amongst the visitors present was Comp. Pepper P.G.H., who availed himself of the opportunity offered after dinner, in responding to the toast of the Provincial Grand Chapter, to address some very useful and encouraging remarks to the Companions present upon the work of the Dove Chapter, and upon Royal Arch Masonry in the Province.

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THE GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY

ANNOUNCE that an excursion to Gloucester, Cardiff, Newport, Swansea, New Milford, and other stations in South Wales and the South of Ireland will be run on Friday, 19th May, and that a fast excursion train for the West of England will leave Paddington at 7.45 a.m. on Saturday, 20th May, reaching Exeter in 5½ hours and Plymouth in 8 hours. Excursions will also be run on the same day to Bath, Bristol, Dorchester, Weymouth, the Channel Islands, Worcester, Malvern, Hereford, Oxford, Leamington, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Shrewsbury, Chester, Liverpool, Manchester, &c.

On Whit Sunday a cheap train will run to Swindon, Stroud, Gloucester, and Cheltenham, leaving Paddington at 8.20 a.m. At midnight, on Sunday, an excursion for 1 or 4 days will leave Paddington for Oxford, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, &c.

On the Bank Holiday cheap trains will be run to Maidenhead, Reading, Bath, Bristol, Stroud, Gloucester, Cheltenham, &c.

Excursions will be run to London from most of the principal stations, and cross country trips have also been arranged.

Cheap tickets are now issued daily from London and many suburban stations to Staines, Windsor, Taplow, Maidenhead, Henley, Goring, Wallingford, and other riverside resorts. These tickets can be obtained throughout the Whitsuntide holidays, and in fact during the whole of the summer months.

To meet the expected additional traffic by the ordinary trains on Saturday, 20th May, the Company will run in duplicate, the 5.0 and 9.0 p.m. trains from London to the West of England; the 10.20 a.m., 3.15 and 9.15 p.m. trains to Weymouth, Hereford, and South Wales. The first portions of the 5.0 and 9.0 p.m. trains will leave Paddington at 4.55 and 8.55 p.m. respectively, but the first parts of the other trains will leave at the advertised times, and the second a few minutes afterwards, the long distance passengers being as far as possible taken in the first portion, but with a few exceptions both trains will stop at the advertised stations to take up and set down passengers.

Ordinary and excursion tickets are issued at the Company's City and West-end offices, viz.:—193 and 407 Oxford Street, 23 New Oxford Street, Holborn Circus, 29 Charing Cross, 269 Strand, 26 Regent Street, 5 Arthur Street East, London Bridge, 82 Queen Victoria Street, 43 and 44 Crutched Friars, 97 Gresham Street, 4 Cheapside, Cambridge Circus, Shaftesbury Avenue, W.C., "The Piazza," Covent Garden, 17 Brompton Road, S.W., and at the L.B. and S.C. Company's excursion office (under Grand Hotel), Trafalgar Square. Tickets can also be obtained at Victoria, L.C. and D. Railway, Kensington (Addison Road), Uxbridge Road, Hammersmith, and other stations.

The booking offices at the Paddington station will be open all day on May 17th, 18th, 19th, and 20th, so that passengers wishing to obtain tickets for any destination on the Great Western Railway can do so at their convenience. Ordinary tickets will be dated to suit the convenience of passengers.

THE LONDON AND NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY

ANNOUNCE that the ticket offices at Euston, Broad Street, Kensington, and Willesden Junction will be open throughout the day from Monday, 15th May, to Monday, 22nd May, inclusive, so

that passengers wishing to obtain tickets for any destination on the London and North Western Railway can do so at any time of the day prior to the starting of the trains. The tickets will be dated to suit the convenience of passengers. Tickets for all the principal stations on the London and North Western system and its connections can be obtained at any time (Sundays and Bank Holidays excepted) at the usual town receiving offices of the Company. The tickets obtained at these offices will be available from either Euston or Kensington (Addison Road), and will be issued at the same fares as charged at those stations. They can also be obtained at Messrs. Gaze and Sons' Offices, 142 Strand, 4 Northumberland Avenue, 18 Westbourne Grove, W.; and at the Army and Navy Co-operative Society's Stores, 105 Victoria Street, Westminster, at the same fares as at Euston Station. On Thursday, 18th May, a special train will leave Manchester (Exchange) at 12.55 p.m. for Rhyl and Llandudno. On Friday, 19th May, a special train will leave Euston Station at 6.25 p.m. for Holyhead and Ireland; a special train will leave Manchester (Exchange) at 12.55 p.m. for Rhyl and Llandudno. On Saturday, 20th May, a special train will leave Rugby at 11.5 a.m. for Shrewsbury and North Wales; a special train will leave Willesden Station at 2.55 p.m. for Bletchley, Wolverton, Blisworth, Weedon, Rugby, principal stations on Trent Valley Line, and Stafford; additional trains will also leave Euston Station for Birmingham at 4.25 p.m. and 6.50 p.m.; a special train will leave Manchester (Exchange) at 12.55 p.m. for Rhyl and Llandudno; and relief trains will leave Birmingham at 2.7 p.m. and 4.7 p.m. for Northampton; a special express will leave Birmingham at 3.53 p.m. and Wolverhampton at 4.20 p.m. for Liverpool. On Whit Monday, 22nd May, the 4.30 p.m. train from Euston Station to Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Walsall, &c., will not be run. Passengers will be conveyed by the 5.0 p.m., except those for Melton Mowbray, Nottingham, and the Great Northern Line, who on this date will travel by the 3.15 p.m. train from Euston; the 8.0 a.m. train, Wolverhampton to London will not run. On Whit Monday, 22nd May, numerous residential trains will not be run. The Company also announce that they will run excursions to and from London, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Leamington, Coventry, Walsall, Leicester, Macclesfield, Stoke, Stone, Liverpool, Manchester, Chester, North Wales, Shrewsbury, Hereford, Oswestry, Preston, Wigan, Blackpool, Morecambe, Carlisle, the Lake District. Excursions will also be run from London and other principal towns to Scotland for the Whitsun Holiday week.

THE MIDLAND RAILWAY COMPANY

HAVE arranged, with a view to the greater convenience of the public, for the booking offices at St. Pancras and Moorgate Street Stations to be open for the issue of tickets all day on Friday and Saturday, May 19th and 20th, and tickets to all principal stations on the Midland Railway can be obtained beforehand at their offices, 445 West Strand, 267 Strand, 183 Victoria Street, 170 Queen's Road, Bayswater, 5 Charing Cross (corner of Northumberland Avenue), 10a New Bond Street, 33 Cranbourne Street, 101 High Holborn, 1 Shaftesbury Avenue, Piccadilly, Gloucester office, 495 Oxford Street, 13 Parkside, Knightsbridge, 272 Regent Circus, Oxford Street, 109 Tottenham Court Road, 9 Sloane Square, 33 Cannon Street, 13 Aldersgate Street, 10 Commercial Road, "Four Swans," 36 Camomile Street, 122 Mare Street, Hackney, Army and Navy Stores, 105 Victoria Street, Westminster, Cook's Tourist Offices, Ludgate Circus, 99 Gracechurch Street, 33 Piccadilly, and 82 Oxford Street; at the L.B. and S.C. Co.'s Offices, 28 Regent Street, Piccadilly, and 8 Grand Hotel Buildings, Trafalgar Square; and at "Red Cap," 6 Camden Road, "Empire" Office, 30 Silver Street, Notting Hill Gate, Myer's, 1a Pentonville Road. The tickets obtained at these Offices will be available from St. Pancras Station, and will be issued at the same fares as charged at that station, and dated to suit the convenience of passengers. Cheap excursion trains will be run from London to Dublin via Morecambe, on Wednesday, 17th May, to return May 20th, 23rd, 25th, 27th, 30th, or 1st June; to Dublin via Liverpool, on Thursday, 18th May; to Belfast, Londonderry, and Portrush for Giants Causeway via Barrow, on Friday, 19th May, for 16 days; to Londonderry via Morecambe, on Saturday, 20th May, to return May 22nd, 25th, 29th, or June 1st, as per bill of Lading; to Leicester, Nottingham, Newark, Lincoln, Birmingham, Walsall, Wolverhampton, Burton, Derby, Manchester, Liverpool, Blackburn, Bolton, Oldham, Sheffield, Leeds, Bradford, Scarborough, Newcastle, the Farness District, Carlisle, &c., &c., on Saturday, 20th May, returning the following Monday or Thursday; to Carlisle, Castle Douglas, Dumfries, Edinburgh, Glasgow, &c., on Saturday, 20th May, returning the following Tuesday or Saturday; to St. Albans, Harpenden, Luton, Bedford, and Birmingham, on Whit-Monday, 22nd May, for one day; and to Manchester, for the races, on Thursday midnight, 25th May, returning Saturday, 27th May, and tickets for these trains for starting from St. Pancras Station can be obtained on the two previous days to the running of the trains at the above-named offices. Cheap excursion trains for five or eight days will also be run to London from Carlisle, Bradford, Leeds, Sheffield, Liverpool, Manchester, Blackburn, Burnley, Bolton, Bury, Rochdale, Oldham, Lincoln, Newark, Burton, Derby, Nottingham, Birmingham, Walsall, Wolverhampton, Leicester, &c., on Saturday, 20th May, and for 6 days on Monday, 22nd May. Passengers will be booked by these trains at cheap fares to Brighton, Hastings, St. Leonards, Eastbourne, &c.; and to Paris and other places on the Continent, having the privilege of returning by any ordinary train within 16 days.

DEATH.

NETTELEIGHAM.—On the 3rd inst., at Overcliffe, Graysend, FREDERIC BECKLEY NETTELEIGHAM, J.P., aged sixty-eight.

LITERARY BLUNDERS.

(Continued from page 283.)

RICHARD CUMBERLAND, great grandson of the illustrious Bishop of Peterborough, introduces in his "Memoirs" the following whimsical erratum, which, he says, was printed by his friend George Faulkner, in an issue of the *Dublin Journal*. Faulkner was editor of this publication towards the close of the last century.

"Erratum in our last.—For His Grace the Duchess of Dorset, read Her Grace the Duke of Dorset."

An Irishism once occurred in connection with that well-known essay on "Irish Bulls," by the Edgeworths, for the title was included in a catalogue compiled by a French writer of works on Natural History. A still greater blunder, however, was perpetrated by the astute directors of an Agricultural Society in the North of England, for they actually ordered several copies of the work, and were naturally disgusted to find that the title referred to creatures of the brain, and was not a dissertation on the bovine species.

A very ridiculous erratum occurs in "Alison's lives of Lord Castlereagh and Sir Charles Stewart." In describing the great public funeral of the Duke of Wellington, the historian is made to say that "the pall was borne by the Marquis of Anglesea, the Marquis of Londonderry, Lord Gough, Lord Chambermere, and Sir Peregrine Pickle," thus substituting the immortal Peregrine of Smollett's celebrated novel for Sir Peregrine Maitland, which was the name intended.

Bishop Thirlwell (1866) speaking of Victor Hugo's last work says, "he there calls the Scotch national instrument the bug pipe."

Dr. Johnson, while compiling his dictionary, sent a note to the *Gentlemen's Magazine* to inquire the etymology of the word *Curmudgeon*. Having obtained the desired information, he explained it in his work as follows:—"CURMUDGEON, s. vicious way of pronouncing Cœur Méchant," at the same time recording his obligation to an anonymous writer thus:—"An unknown correspondent." Ash copied the word into his dictionary in the following manner:—"Curmudgeon, from the French cœur, 'unknown,' and méchant, 'correspondent.'"

Goldsmith, in his History of England, omits to mention the great plague and the great fire of London, two very serious blunders indeed.

A curious error appears in the Dictionary of English Literature by W. D. Adams. Under the heading "Newspapers," we learn that "the first English Provincial newspaper was published at Birkenhead in 1642," whereas it appears to have been really published at Oxford by Sir (?) John Berkenhead.

One day Thackeray, the novelist, was driving along an Irish road, at due intervals along the sides of which posts were set, with figures of distances and the initials G. P. O. Overtaking a peasant in a jaunting car, he inquired the significance of these initials. The man gravely informed him that they stood for "God Preserve O'Connell!" Out came the tourist's note-book, in which a memorandum was at once jotted down of the curious fact. In the first edition of the *Sketches* the fact was duly mentioned, but it was suppressed in all subsequent issues, owing to the discovery that the initials stood for "General Post Office," indicating that the highway was a post-road.

Thackeray's dislike to the trouble of revision causes him to have committed many trivial mistakes. In one instance he mortally wounded an old lady with a candle instead of a candlestick, and afterwards attributes her death to a stone staircase. Newcome senior is colonel and major at one and the same time; Jack Belsize is Jack on one page, and Charles on another; Mrs. Raymond Gray, introduced as Emily, is suddenly re-christened Fanny, and Philip Fermor on one occasion becomes transformed into the author's old hero Clive.

A correspondent in the *Notes and Queries* says: "I have seen no reference to the mistake in the illustration of Charles Dickens' edition of *Dombey and Son*. As the captain's saying is found every week on the cover of this paper, it seems the proper place to point out the curious error into which the artist fell in depicting him. Facing p 209 we see that the captain has lost his left arm; on turning to p 428 the illustration shows the captain with his right arm amputated."

It is stated that after the publication of Tennyson's poem "A Vision of Sin," the Laureate received the following communication from Mr. Babbage, the arithmetician:—

"Dear Sir,—I find in a recently published poem from your pen, entitled 'A Vision of Sin,' the following unwarrantable statement:—

'Every moment dies a man,
Every moment one is born.'

I need hardly point out to you that this calculation, if correct, would tend to keep the sum total of the world's population in a state of perpetual equipoise, whereas it is a well-known fact that the said sum total is constantly on the increase. I would therefore take the liberty of suggesting that in the next edition of your excellent poem, the erroneous calculation to which I refer should be as follows:—

'Every moment dies a man,
And one and a sixteenth is born.'

I may add that the exact figures are 1:167; but something must of course be conceded to the laws of metre. I have the honour to be sir, yours sincerely, C. Babbage."

Here is another specimen of the matter-of-fact commentator. Nearly every reader of Shakespeare will be familiar with the lines in Hamlet:—

"Our indiscretion sometimes serves us well,
When our deep plots do pall; and that should teach us
There's a divinity doth shape our ends,
Rough-hew them how we will."

This is how the critical Steevens comments upon the above pro-

found and brilliant passage:—"Dr. Farmer informs me that these words are merely technical. A woolman, butcher, and dealer in skewers, lately observed to him that his nephew (an idle lad) could only assist him in making them; 'he could rough hew them, but I was obliged to shape their ends.' To shape the ends of wood skewers, that is, to point them, requires a degree of skill; any one can rough hew them. Whoever recollects the profession of Shakespeare's father will admit that his son might be no stranger to such terms. I have frequently seen packages of wool pinned up with skewers."

A most singular blunder was produced by the ingenious "Hermippus Redivivus, or the Sage's Triumph over Old Age and the Grave." The work was by Dr. Campbell, from the German of Johan Heinrich Cobansen, M.D., and was a curious banter on the hermetic philosophy, and the universal medicine; but the peculiar irony is so closely kept up throughout the admirable treatise, that it deceived for a long time the wise pundits of the day. According to Macrae, "his notion of the art of prolonging life by inhaling the breath of young women was eagerly credited. A physician, who had himself composed a treatise on health, was so influenced by it that he actually took lodgings at a female boarding school, that he might never be without a constant supply of the breath of young ladies."

The Rev. S. Baring Gould describes the Hermippus Redivivus as "a curious physics—medical examination of the extraordinary manner in which he extended his life 115 years." He further says:—"The whole of this strange work is built on a Roman inscription, said to have been found in the seventeenth century, and figured by Thomas Reinsius. In English it is thus:—To Æsculapius and to health. Lucius Clodius Hermippus dedicates this who lived 115 years, 5 days on the breath of little girls, which, even after his death, not a little astonishes physicians. Ye who follow protract your life in like manner."

"About twenty years ago," said one of a number who were relating professional anecdotes, "I was employed with the Lippincotts. Thomas Hughes, Q.C., the author of *Tom Brown's Schooldays*, was at that time being lionized very extensively, and when he reached Philadelphia, went of course to see the great publishing house, and was shown all over the place. After he had inspected the whole establishment, and expressed his surprise and gratification, the head of the house took him by the arm, and said:—'Now Mr. Hughes, I want to show you one of the greatest publications—Allibone's Dictionary of English Literature. It contains the name of and some information about every author of any account in England and America. Now let us see, for example, what it says about Thomas Hughes? So he turned to H, and lo! the name of the author of *Tom Brown's Schooldays* was not to be found. It is one of the oddest coincidences I know of that the only serious omission in this great work should have been discovered in this accidental way."

"Book of Rarities," by Bro. EDWARD ROBERTS P.M.

Owing to Mr. Edward Terry's visit to Australia, Mr. H. J. Brickwell has accepted the position of business manager at the Comedy Theatre. For some time past this gentleman has been devoting his leisure hours to the compiling of a theatrical code which he hopes to issue during the present year. Mr. Brickwell is also completing his arrangements for a syndicate which is being formed to exploit Mr. E. J. Lonnen, the popular comedian, late of the Gaiety, on his return from Australia in the autumn. Mr. Lonnen will be supported by a powerful company of experienced artistes in a class of entertainment in which he has made himself particularly popular, and in which it is believed he will have opportunities of making still greater success than heretofore.

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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, 13th May.

173 Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
174 Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate Street
1328 Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1685 Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton
1686 Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
2029 King Solomon, Mark Masons' Hall, W.C.
2206 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon
R.A. 1297 West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
M.M. 234 Brixton, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

869 Gresham, Great House, Cheshunt Park
1755 Eldon, Royal Hotel, Portishead
1990 Hampshire of Emulation, F.M.H., Landport
2008 Tilbury, Tilbury Docks Hotel, Essex
2069 Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
2095 Caterham, Masonic Hall, Caterham, Surrey
2359 Doric, Didsbury Hotel, Didsbury.
R.A. 1293 Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
R.A. 1423 Era, Albany Hotel, Twickenham.

Monday, 15th May.

1 Grand Masters', Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
8 British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
21 Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate Street
720 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham
1694 Imperial, 24 Victoria Street, Westminster.
2060 La France, 68 Regent Street, W.
2265 Barnato, Cafe Monica, Piccadilly.
R.A. 59 Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1593 Trafalgar, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
R.A. 1657 Aldersgate, Albion, Aldersgate Street
M.M. 224 Menatschin, Criterion, Piccadilly
K.T. 127 Bard of Avon, 33 Golden Square, W.

77 Freedom, Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
236 York, Masonic Hall, York
248 True Love and Unity, F.M.H., Brixham
284 Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, Warwick
312 Lion, Masonic Hall, Whitby
359 Peace and Harmony, F.M.H., Southampton
382 Royal Union, Public Rooms, Uxbridge
424 Borough, M.R., Half Moon Lane, Gateshead
466 Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron
725 Stoneleigh, Craven Arms, Coventry
840 Scientific, Victoria Hotel, Wolverton
872 Lewis, Masonic Hall, Whitehaven
925 Bedford, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
949 Williamson, Masonic Hall, Monkwearmouth
986 Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
1030 Egerton, George Hotel, Heaton Norris
1113 Angelsea, Victoria Hotel, Carnarvon
1199 Agriculture, Ship and Turtle, Congresbury
1205 Metham, Metham Masonic Hall, E. Stonehouse
1208 Corinthian, Masonic Temple, Dover
1235 Dundas, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
1443 Salem, Masonic Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1502 Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1631 St. Andrew, St. Andrew's Hall, Gorleston
1814 Worsley, Court Hotel, Worsley
1909 Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
2049 Eilan Vannin, Masonic Hall, Douglas, I. of M.
2074 St. Clair, Masonic Hall, Landport
2268 Horsa, Masonic Hall, Bourne-mouth
2289 Blundellsands, Alexandra Assembly Rooms, Great Crosby.

2327 St. Oswin, M.H., Norfolk Street, N. Shields
2348 West Lancashire Century, South Shoo
Hydropathic Establishment, Blackpool.
2425 Ecclesburne, White Hart, Duffield

R.A. 40 Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings.
R.A. 120 Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford
R.A. 128 Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bury, Lanc.
R.A. 139 Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield
R.A. 269 Fidelity, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
R.A. 277 Tudor, F.M.H., Union Street, Oldham
R.A. 362 Doric, M.H., St. Peter's Hill, Grantham
R.A. 734 Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Duffield
R.A. 995 Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
R.A. 1051 Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, Lancaster.

R.A. 1284 Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham
M.M. 324 Hunter, Masonic Hall, Rhyl
K.T. 39 Fearnley, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury

Tuesday, 16th May.

Board of General Purpose, Freemasons' Hall, 1
194 St. Paul, Cannon Street Hotel
704 Camden, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
857 St. Mark, Surrey M.H., Camberwell
1420 Earl Spencer, White Lion, High St., Putney
1805 Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow Road
2045 Wharton, White Hart Hotel, Willesdon
2191 Anglo-American, Criterion, W.
2438 Hampstead, Hampstead Conservatoire, Eton
Avenue, S. Hampstead

R.A. 19 Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 26 Castle Chapter of Harmony, 8 Air St., W.
R.A. 46 Old Union, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 228 United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
M.M. 238 Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.

213 Perseverance, 47 St. Giles Street, Norwich
223 Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth
384 St. David, Masonic Hall, Bangor
418 Menturia, Masonic Hall, Hanley
432 Abbey, Newdegate Arms Hotel, Nuneaton
452 Frederick of Unity, F.M.H., Croydon
667 Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
830 Endeavour, Queen's Arms, Dukinfield

1066 Tremallow, Masonic Rooms, Scorrier, Cornwall
1089 De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness
1225 Hindpool, Masonic Hall, Barrow-in-Furness
1276 Wren, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe
1424 Brannig, King's Arms, Old Brompton
1427 Percy, Masonic Hall, Newcastle
1551 Charity, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
1570 Prince Arthur, Mas. Hall, Hopo St., Liverpool
1761 Elc nor Cross, Masonic Hall, Northampton
1787 Grenville, Town Hall, Buckingham
1893 Lumley, Estate Office, Skegness
1903 Pr Edward of Saxe Weimar, M.H., Portsmouth
1911 St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms, Rugeley
2146 Surbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton
2155 Makerfield, Pied Bull, Newton-le-Willow
2351 Ermine, County Assembly Rooms, Lincoln
2390 Exmoor, Town Hall, Minehead
2407 Hicks-Beach, Imperial Hotel, Stroud, Glos.

R.A. 41 Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Bath
R.A. 105 Fortitude, Huyshe, M. Temple, Plymouth
R.A. 340 Alfred, M.H., Alfred Street, Oxford
R.A. 357 Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
R.A. 446 Avalon, Town Hall, Wells, Somerset
R.A. 460 Perseverance, Castle Hotel, Newcastle
under-Lyne

R.A. 645 Humphrey Cheetham, F.M.H., Manchester
R.A. 764 Fawcett, F.M.H., West Hartlepool
R.A. 804 Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant, Hants
R.A. 1055 Derby, Chester Bank, Prestwich
R.A. 2134 Wilberforce, M.H., St. Luke St., Hall
R.A. 2256 Warner, Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford
M.M. York, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York.
M.M. 186 East Sussex, Castle Hotel, Hastings
M.M. 266 Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate

Wednesday, 17th May.

Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls
Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.

619 Beadon, Greyhound, Dulwich
700 Nelson, New Masonic Hall, Plumstead
969 Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
1278 Burdett Courts, Approach Tav, Victoria Park
1382 Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town
1539 Surrey Masonic Hall, Masonic Hall, S.E.
2140 Huguenot, Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
2211 Cordwainer, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon St.
2345 Duke of Fife, Alexandra, Clapham Common.
R.A. 1598 Ley Spring, Anderton's, Fleet Street
M.M. 141 Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
M.M. 181 Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
M.M. 199 D. of Connaught, Town Hall, Shoreditch

20 Royal Kent of Antiquity, St. Hotel, Chatham
121 Mount Sinai, Masonic Hall, Penzance
127 Union, King's Head, Margate
137 Amity, Masonic Hall, Mark Street, Poole
175 East Medina, Masonic Hall, Ryde, I.W.
178 Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan
200 Old Globe Masonic Hall, Scarborough
210 Duke of Devon, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
221 St. John, Masonic Hall, Bolton
243 Loyalty, Masonic Temple, Guelphrey
246 Royal Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cheltenham
311 South Saxon, Freemasons' Hall, Lymington
325 St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
342 Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, Lanport
376 Perfect Friendship, M.H., Soane St., Ipswich
451 Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
591 Faith, Grosvenor Hotel, Fairfield, Manchester
591 Buckingham, Masonic Hall, Aylesbury
610 Colston, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
662 Dartmouth, Masonic Hall, W. Bromwich
683 Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Newport, Mon.
726 Staffordshire Knot, The Swan, Stafford
795 St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead
823 Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
865 Dalhousie, Town Hall, Hounslow
874 Holmesdale, Pump Room, Tunbridge Wells
889 Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston
934 Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield
962 Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Worthington
972 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury

1019 Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Wakefield
1040 Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield
1086 Walton, Skelmersdale M.H., Kirkdale
1129 St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
1136 Carew, M.H., Torpoint, Cornwall
1161 De Grey and Ripon, Freem. Hall, Manchester
1246 Holte, Victoria Hall, Aston
1301 Brighthouse, Masonic Room, Brighthouse
1334 North, Freemasons' Hall, Durham
1353 Duke of Lancaster, Masonic Hall, Lancaster
1511 Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull
1634 Starkie, Grant Arms, Ramsgate
1774 Mellor, Corporation Arms, Ashdon-under-Lyne
1988 Mawddack, Masonic Hall, Barmouth, N. Wales
2050 St. Trinians, M.H., Loch Para, Douglas
2135 Constance, Masonic Hall, Coast
2153 Hope, India Arms Hotel, Gosport
2203 Farnborough and North Camp, Queen's Hotel,
North Camp, Farnborough
2258 Western District United Service, Masonic Hall,
Caroline Place, E. Stonehouse
2330 St. Lawrence, M.R., New Inn, Putney.
2412 Ashfield, Town Hall, Sutton-in-Ashfield
2434 Anderlith, Queen's Hotel, Eastbourne

R.A. 126 Nativity, Bull Hotel, Barnley
R.A. 261 Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Taunton
R.A. 284 Shakespeare, 9 High Street, Warwick
R.A. 288 Loyal Todmorden, M.H., Todmorden
R.A. 481 St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Newcastle
R.A. 533 Warren, Freemasons' Hall, Congleton
R.A. 580 Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
R.A. 633 Harmony, Masonic Hall, Devizes
R.A. 630 Priory, Terminus Hotel, Southampton
R.A. 1003 Marmon, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth
R.A. 1350 Fernor Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool
M.M. Newstead, Masonic Hall, Nottingham

Thursday, 18th May.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, 4
6 Friendship, Criterion, Piccadilly
55 Constitution, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
313 New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate

1320 Blackheath, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1321 Emblematic, Horns Tavern, Kensington
1365 Clapton, 191 Bishopsgate Street, E.C.
1623 West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1963 Duke of Albany, Surrey M.H., Camberwell
2410 London Scottish Rifles, Mark Masons' Hall

R.A. 63 St. Mary, Star and Garter, Kay Bridge
R.A. 217 Stability Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 507 United Pilgrims, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 733 Westbourne, Holborn Restaurant, W.C.
R.A. 742 Crystal Palace, White Hart, U. Norwood
R.A. 834 Andrew, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith
R.A. 1216 Macdonald, 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
R.A. 1333 Friends in Council, 33 Golden Square
M.M. 7 Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court

42 Relief, The Grey Mare, Bury
56 Howard, Town Hall, Arundel
98 St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
100 Friendship, Crown and Anchor, G. Yarmouth
203 Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
230 Fidelity, Ebrington Masonic Hall, Devonport
245 Mechanics, Masonic Temple, Jersey
287 Unity, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
268 Union, Queen's Arms Inn, Aston-under-Lyne
322 Peace, Vernon Arms, Southampton
343 Concord, The Bull, Preston
345 Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Burslem
363 Keystone, Red Lion, Whitworth
367 Probity and Freedom, M.H., Rushale
523 John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
600 Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Bedford
605 Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkhead
758 Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn
892 Repose, Masonic Hall, Derby

1011 Richmond, Old Bull's Head, Manchester
1037 Portland, Masonic Hall, Portland
1042 Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Leeds
1184 Abbey, Masonic Hall, Battle
1299 Pembroke, Shiel Park, near Liverpool
1327 King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross
1332 Unity, Masonic Hall, Okeham, Devon
1347 Anchor, Durham House, Northampton
1393 Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1459 Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, West Gorton
1464 Erasmus Wilson, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
1470 Chiltern, Old Sagar Hotel, Dunstable
1534 Concord, Chesser Hotel, Prestwich
1562 Homfray, Masonic Hall, Rye, East. Mon.
1594 Odeon, Masonic Temple, Newtown, Mon.
1776 Landport, Freemasons' Hall, Landport
1821 Atlingworth, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1872 St. Margaret's, Maile Hall, S. Devon
2158 Boscombe, 3 Carnarvon Crescent, Boscombe
2261 Armitage, M.R., Market St., Manchester
2268 Hallamshire, M.H., Surrey Street, Salford
2302 St. Mary, Assembly Rooms, Southwell, Notts
2305 Stour, Bank Street Hotel, Ashfield
2316 Princes, Daff and Dan Hotel, Liverpool
2325 Rose of Lancaster, Masonic Hall, Southampton
2341 Clemency, Freemasons' Hall, London
2352 Universities, Masonic Hall, London
2430 Runnymede, Anglers' Rest, Weymouth

R.A. 97 Strict Benevolence, M.H., Park Terrace,
Sunderland
R.A. 197 Philanthropic, M.H., Kings' Lynn
R.A. 204 Caledonian, F.M.H., Manchester
R.A. 249 Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 283 Wisdom, Swan Inn, Hastington
R.A. 317 Affinity, F.M.H., 330 St. St., Manchester
R.A. 603 Zealand, Masonic Hall, Wells, Somerset
R.A. 2025 St. George, F.M.H., Plymouth
M.M. Canyago, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol

Friday, 19th May.

Election Meeting of the Royal Masonic Benevolent
Institution, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
143 Middlesex, Albion Tavern, Abchurch Lane
1118 University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1591 Studholme, Regent Masonic Hall, Air St., W.
2157 St. Mark's College, Holborn Restaurant, W.C.
2346 Warrant Officers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
K.T. 48 Kemeys Tynte, 33 Golden Square, W.

152 Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
271 Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
347 Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses, Manchester
541 De Loraine, F.M.H., Grainger St., Newcastle
993 Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1311 Zealand, Masonic Hall, Gt. George Street, Leeds
1330 St. Peter, Three Swans, Market Harborough
1773 Albert Victor, Town Hall, Penkilton.
2005 Frooke, Forest Hotel, Chingford
2231 Talbot, Talbot House School, Old Trafford,
Stretford.

2371 Felix, Bath Hotel, Felixstowe, Suffolk.
2385 Godson, Talbot Hotel, Oldbury.
2418 Hedworth, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
2417 Palatine, Palatine Hotel, Manchester

R.A. 31 Bertha, M.H., St. Peter's St., Canterbury
R.A. 61 Sincerity, F.M.H. St. John's Place, Halifax
R.A. 414 Union, M.H., Greyfriars Road, Reading
R.A. 521 Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Huddersfield
R.A. 837 Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
M.M. 65 West Lancashire, M.H., Hope St., L'pool
K.T. De Farnival, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

Saturday, 20th May.

1185 Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
1329 Sphinx, Surrey M.H., Camberwell
1767 Kensington, Lambrook Hotel, Notting Hill
2411 West Kent Volunteers, M.H., Plumstead
2303 Viator, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 1706 Orpheus, Hoborn restaurant
M.M. 251 Teunterden, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.

811 Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1326 Lebanon, Railway Hotel, Farnham
1556 Addiscombe, 105 High Street, Croydon
2035 Beaumont, Masonic Hall, Kirkcubright
2318 Lennox Browne, Roanuck Ho., Buckhurst Hill
2381 Bushey Park, Greyhound, Hampton Court
2437 Downshire, Town Hall, Wokingham
R.A. 68 Royal Hotel, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
R.A. 1191 Royal Middlesex, Mitre, Hampton Court

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Saturday, 13th May.

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
 1298 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8
 1364 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7
 1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney, 8
 1624 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Pimlico, 7
 2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, 7:30
 R.A. Sinai, Red Lion, King Street, Regent St., W.

Monday, 15th 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
 392 Royal Union, Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge
 543 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' June.
 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
 1535 Royal Commemorative, 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, 16th 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
 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
 1446 Mount Edgumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Rd., 8
 1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 7:30
 1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
 1473 Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, 8
 1540 Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High St.
 1638 Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Norbiton, 8
 1695 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav, N.
 1767 Kensington, Scarsdale Arms Ho., Kensington
 1839 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7
 1949 Brixton, Prince Regent East Brixton, 8
 2146 Sarbiton, 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. 1642 E. of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8

Wednesday, 17th May.

3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, 8
 30 United Mariners', Lugard, Peckham, 7:30
 65 Prosperity, Old Parr's Head, Knighttrider 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, 51a 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
 1881 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair, 8
 1692 Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, 8:30
 1791 Creation, Wheatsheaf, Shepherd's Bush, 8
 1922 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, 8
 1903 Duke of Albany, 153 Batterssea Park Road, 7:30
 2206 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 8
 R.A. 177 Domatic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
 R.A. 720 Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, E.C., 7
 R.A. 933 Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 7:30
 M.M. Grand Masters, Mark Masons' Hall, W.C.

Thursday, 18th May.

144 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 7:30
 147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8
 263 Clarence, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.
 733 Westbourne, 112 Queen's Road, Bayswater, 8
 749 Belgrave, Albion Tavern, Russell St., W.C., 8
 751 High Cross, Coach and Horses, Tottenham, 8
 879 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New Road
 890 Hornsey, Masonic Room, Lewisham, at 8
 902 Burgoyne, King's Arms, John Street, Bedford Row, W.C., 8
 1017 Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, W.,
 1153 Southern Star, Sir Syd. Smith, Kennington, 8
 1178 Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, S.E. 7
 1182 Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool, 7:30
 1259 Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, Commercial Road, Limehouse, E., 7:30
 1278 Burdett Courts, Swan, Bethnal Green Road, 8
 1306 St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, 8
 1360 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales, Wimbledou, 7:30
 1426 The Great City, Masons' Hall Avenue, 6:30
 1558 D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Camberwell, 8
 1571 Leopold, City Arms Tavern, E.C., 7
 1580 Cranbourne, Red Lion, Hatfield, 8
 1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, 45 Upper Street, N., 8
 1612 West Middlesex, Bell, Ealing Dean, 7:45
 1614 Covent Garden, Criterion, W., 8
 1622 Rose, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8
 1625 Tredegar, Wellington, Bow, E., 7:30
 1673 Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 5:30
 1744 Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte Street, 8
 1950 Southgate, Railway Hot, New Southgate, 7:30
 1677 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, 19th 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 Ranalagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith
 1056 Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, 7
 1185 Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green, 7:30
 1228 Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, 8
 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, E-sex, 7:30
 1612 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
 R.A. 95 Eastern Star, Hercules Tavern, E.C.
 R.A. 820 Lily of Richmond, Grayhound, Richmond, 8
 R.A. 890 Hornsey, Prince of Wales's Hotel, corner of Eastbourne Terrace, and Bishop's Road, W. 8
 R.A. 1275 Star, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell, 7

Saturday, 20th 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
 1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E.,
 1298 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8
 1364 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7
 1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney,
 1624 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Pimlico, 7
 2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, W.
 R.A. Sinai, Red Lion, King Street, Regent St., W.

Her Majesty the Queen has been pleased to approve the appointment of the Earl of Aberdeen to be Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada, in succession to the Earl of Derby, who is about to retire from that office.

The Princess of Wales and the Princesses Victoria and Maud paid a visit to Spalato, on the coast of Dalmatia, on Thursday, and then continued their voyage to Venice.

Lord Herschell will entertain the Indian Princes now in England to a banquet at the Imperial Institute on the evening of the 17th inst. The Prince of Wales will be present, and after dinner his Royal Highness will hold a reception.

THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.—The troops who will take part in the Queen's Birthday parade of trooping the colours on the Horse Guard Parade, on the 3rd proximo, are the 2nd Battalion Grenadier Guards, 1st Coldstream Guards, and the 2nd Scots Guards, with detachments of the 2nd Life Guards and Royal Horse Guards.

The Duke of Connaught in presiding at the annual meeting of the Portsmouth Branch of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, on Thursday, warmly supported its objects. He ascribed much of the ill-treatment of children to ungovernable temper and to drink, and referred to his experience in India as illustrating the almost universal kindness to children exhibited by parents and nurses in the East.

THE DROUGHT.—A Penzance correspondent telegraphs that there is already a scarcity of water in many parts of Cornwall. Rain has not fallen for seven weeks, and fears are entertained for the apple and pear crops, as caterpillars have made their appearance in large numbers. They have stripped whole orchards in the Penzance district of fruit and leaf, though the trees a few weeks ago were full of bloom and promised to bear heavily. The customary syringing with poisonous liquid has practically no effect on the pests.

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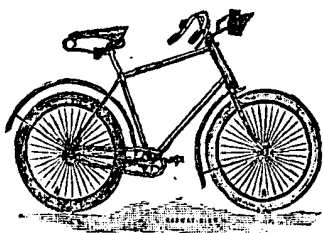
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