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## THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION. ELECTIONS.

THE result of the elections for the benefits of the two branches of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will, as a matter of course, be a source of pleasure to some, while to others it means disappointment for at least another year. The meeting of last Friday was held for the purpose of electing 20 Men from an approved list of 61 candidates, and 12 Widows from an approved list of 55 candidates. These appointments were made up as follows:—In the Male Branch of the Fund there were originally twelve vacancies, five others were afterwards caused by death, and the usual three deferred cases. In the Widows' branch we find originally seven vacancies, two more were declared through death, and the three deferred. It was early to be seen that to secure one of the coveted places on the list of successful a very large number of votes would be required, and when we state that in the Male branch the highest polled 5,056 and the lowest successful 2,650, and in the Female branch the highest 6,175 and the lowest 4,414, it will be understood what a tremendous amount of working a case required.

Looking through the Male list we find that the Provinces gained no less than fifteen of the coveted places, while London only obtained four, one case—Brother Fredk. J. Rubie—was omitted from the list of candidates, in error; we cannot say whether he belongs to London or the Provinces, no particulars being at hand. In the other branch the country candidates are equally as fortunate, they claiming nine of the twelve vacancies. This is indeed a splendid record for the Provinces, and one that should make the London brethren feel how desirable it is becoming to combine, and have a centre the same as is now done in the majority of the Provinces.

We are sorry to see that the applicants who have applied so many times for the benefit of the Institution are again unsuccessful, so that unless death comes to relieve them from their sufferings they will again come forward to seek election. We find that one fourth, four third, two second, and thirteen first Male application cases managed to secure election; this latter must be most galling to those unfortunate candidates who have come forward year after year for the last ten or twelve years and are still unsuccessful. The Widows' cases were made up of three sixth, one fifth, two second, and six first application cases, so here again we have the older applicants still left on the list. This is indeed hard lines, but we suppose it cannot be helped; we do wish however that some of our influential brethren would come forward in the same way as they do for the last application cases in connection with the Boys' and Girls' Schools and try and secure the election of these unfortunate Brethren and Widows.

We will now leave this subject, trusting that

during the ensuing twelve months something will be done to secure the election of some of the urgent cases, so that these old people may have the necessary comforts of life in their last days.

## MASONRY'S ANTIQUITY AND SIGNIFICANCE.

*Freemasonry is a Speculative and Moral Science, illustrated by an Operative Art.—From first to last, Masonry is work.—The candidate in Masonry is ever advancing.—Light is to be sought until perfectly attained.—Address by Bro. Giles Mumford Hillyer Past Grand Master, at the Public Installation of the Officers of the Grand Lodge of Freemasons in Mississippi, at its Fiftieth Annual Communication in Natchez, 24th January 1868.*

WINTER'S noon is just past. The Sun's low twelve has sounded its melancholy notes, and Nature seemingly reposes in the lap of death. The old year smiles upon us as he fades into the dim past—his lately green, bright locks changing to the sombre gray, and leaving his blessing on his successor to the Throne of Years—that successor soon himself to be numbered with the inexorable past. The winter's wind occasionally blows; the damp fogs remind us of the chills of earthly sorrow ever with man as a heritage; and yet each one knows that the sun, though at the lowest point of his annual course, yet shines, and warms, and gladdens; and that even in the bitterest winter of discontent, the clouds are gradually passing; the sun will soon begin to ascend, as surely as winter must turn to spring and seed-time ripen into harvest.

In Nature's calendar there are two solstitial periods. Accustomed as we are from earliest infancy to the earth's regular movement in its daily and yearly course, we feel it not. Tied to its surface, participants in its motion, we are not conscious that the earth moves. To us, it is seemingly the great fixed point about which Nature revolves, for which it was created, and with which it is inseparably connected. The sun comes and goes; it is clear in the east, bright in the south, and serene in the west; or if the clouds so gather as to obscure its gradual changes of position, there are still noticeable periods of darkness passing away, of daytime, and of gathering night. So, too, with the stars. Going back to the period when, watched by the Chaldean shepherds and the husbandmen of Ethiopia and Egypt,

"The milk-white bull with golden horns  
Led on the new-born year,"

we find, for instance, in the neck of the constellation Taurus, the Pleiades; and in its face, the Hyades "whom Grecia gave their showering names," of whom Aldebaran is the chief. Then follows Orion with his bands, pursuing the Pleiades, whom to save from his fury the fabled Jupiter is said to have placed in the heavens, where Orion still pursues them, but in vain. Says that earliest and most magnificent of all poems, alluding to the regular progression of the celestial phenomena:

"Canst thou bind the sweet influences of the Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion?

Canst thou bring forth Mazzaroth [the twelve signs] in his season, or canst thou guide Arcturus with his sons?

Knowest thou the ordinances of heaven? Canst thou set the dominion thereof in the earth?"

All these constellations, from the earliest infancy of creation, have been drawn up from the bed of night—each in regular order—each with their attendant stars; and behind and following them, other constellations; all marching to the same great music of the spheres—one mighty diapason of praise before the throne of God—each one in harmonious tribute to that great centre of light and power. They ascend the grand stair-case of Heaven's Royal Arch, halt a brief period as if in silent prayer to worship and adore, as they attain the high meridian of their ascension, and then sink to the golden occident, and, in its twilight and the coming darkness, renew their strength for a morrow's labour.

Trace the annual course of the sun. In December it begins to arise, but still at first moving slowly; then passing rapidly through the vernal equinox towards the close of March, and then more slowly ascending, yet still moving swiftly onward, it comes to the solstitial period of June, where it rests to contemplate the glories of the year. Nature seems then in its full height of enjoyment. The labours of the seed time are past; the harvest season is approaching. Then the year is represented in its glory—its meridian splendour. At that season, too, the Nile—sacred river of Egypt—which had been at its height, was commencing to decline, having enriched the surrounding country, and fertilized the land that was to fill the granaries of that populous region of the earth. Were not these seasons memorable? The one, when the presence of winter marked the coming death of the year—a death temporary only, for, like Milton's angels, the seasons

"—are vital in every part,  
And cannot but by annihilation die"—

the other, when Nature seemed to smile upon her handiwork, and pronounce all good once more.

The Institution of Masonry has two important anniversaries—commonly called those of the Saints John—celebrated on 24th June and 27th December. The December anniversary, that of St. John the Evangelist, occurs immediately after the passing of what is termed the winter solstice—the period I have described, when the earth is wrinkled with frost, the trees are leafless, and the sun, having reached the lowest point in his visible career, seems to hesitate whether to continue descending, leaving the world to darkness and despair, or to retrace his steps, bringing back spring and green leaves and flowers, hope and manly courage. With the winter solstice the old Masonic year died. It has wrought its regular hours, instructed its labourers, drawn its designs upon the trestle board, and each day as noon approached, it withdrew to the sanctum sanctorum to offer holy prayer to the Great Creator. At the winter solstice for three days the motion of the sun was not apparent, nor the length of the day seemingly changed, even as the great hero of the Masonic Legend had three periods of lingering life when smitten at the three gates. Three days the winter solstice reigns, and their gloom and darkness are emblematical of evil and suffering and death. But as the strong grip of the lion's paw emblematically raised the hero from the grave, so does the lion of the celestial zodiac herald the rising of the sun from the dark embrace of winter; and as the whole world is dotted every day with the increasing splendour of the sun advancing continually and gaining at every point, so Masonry at this season shakes off in every Lodge and assemblage the drappings of the past, and equips itself as an athlete to run a new race for usefulness, for honour and for obligation.

The rising year has faith in the past of which it tells; has hope for the future for which it waits, and has charity for the present in which its hours are to pass.

We meet to-day, Masons from many points, to join together in interesting ceremonies, in the presence of a large crowd, where strength, beauty and wisdom, precious memorials with the Craft, give additional attraction; wisdom directing the proceedings, strength affording its protection, and beauty everywhere around and among these happy participants. How delightful to think that we can meet where no tocsin of party is sounded in the ear; no slogan of war stirs the hot blood; no low abuse, or villifying language, or inimical action disgusts the scene. How blessed are those who can meet where the bitterness

of party feeling is not known; where there are no discussions in anger; no strifes or emulations, except to ascertain who best can work and best agree; where the harsh things of life lose their asperity; where its every day toil refreshes itself at least for the hour; where unkind feelings are kept without, not by the Tyler's sword, but by the small voice which says, "Maconnerie oblige!" "Let peace be within thy habitations and prosperity within thy palaces! They shall prosper that love thee!"

Masonry teaches peace; it inculcates friendship, morality and brotherly love. Its circle of duty is a grand ring which ends where it commences, in these great principles. The all-seeing eye of God is as the point within that circle—alluring by its brightness, attracting each particle by its power, and rendering glorious the whole movement of humanity, as it circles around the awful centre of Omnipotence. So does the bright band of beauty which shows itself each night with soft galactic light, circle around the great starry centre of our system. It is a ring of glory, fitted as it were to a finger of the Almighty, and wedded to one of His creation. The peace of Masonry, its duty, its circumspection of passion, its keeping within due bounds with all mankind, and more especially with brethren; its returning to its commencing point; all are symbolic of the same great idea. In the silent peace of the beginning were the foundations of the universe laid by its Great Architect. No eye saw Him, nor ear heard, nor censure polluted the harmony of the great fabric which arose from the preceding chaos in six of His awful days, by virtue of His divine command. In humble imitation of the divine example, the wise Solomon erected the great temple to the Most High. In peaceful silence its foundations were laid, its superstructure was raised, its altars were built, its courts large enough to embrace the people of the earth, its turreted spires pointing to the heavens which smiled upon its erection. The sound of no axe, hammer, or other tool of iron, was heard amid the stupendous work, until the moment of its completion. Then, as sin entered the garden when the labour of the Almighty was through, and man had liberty to traverse and partake of its pleasures—all but one place set apart, so Masonry teaches that passion, cruelty and madness entered into its symbolic temple, because access to and participation in one great secret was denied. In Eden, even Adam was not permitted to full knowledge of the Almighty's plans; else he could have eaten even of the fruit of the forbidden tree, and not died. So in the older mysteries and in Masonry there are esoteric and exoteric teachings; and all are not able, nor were all allowed to pass from the ground floor to the middle chamber, and from the school of mere science and learning to the sanctum where alone the name and attributes of Deity were made known. The Edenic tree of knowledge of good and evil may be viewed as an antetype of that Masonic Chamber which covers the great secret that makes it not merely an ornament to the garden of life, but appropriate to the trial of man's fortitude and of his faith. It is a portion of the harmony, the beauty, the wisdom of the Deity. Desire, passion and sin tempted the plucking of the apple, and gave an inheritance of woe to man. Their entering into the temple gives the legend to Masonry, by the study of which, and its esoteric meaning, we may again approach the realisation of the perfection of the garden in which humanity was blessed by its Creator.

It is singular, and yet not wholly inexplicable, that Lodges of Masonry commemorate especially 24th June and 27th December—the anniversaries of the two Saints John, the Baptist and the Evangelist. The former is said to have been prominently connected with one of those associations which, under the generic term of "mysteries," had great influence in awakening the people to receive the new law of love. The Evangelist is said to have been an eminent patron of the Masonic Order; that when in his old age, and Bishop of Ephesus, he consented to become its Grand Master; and that in commemoration of their services, their piety and their worth, Lodges were dedicated to him, and to his predecessor the Baptist, together constituting parallel lines for example, between which, and travelling the circle of his duty, a Mason cannot materially err; and hence, it is said, appear among our Lodge illustrations two parallel lines, touching a circle, with a point in the centre, while above them all rests the Book of Revealed Law or that of Masonic Constitutions. It is a fanciful explanation, beautiful and rich, but far more beautiful and rich as a reference, an illustration or a lesson, than as a reason, or the interpretation of a symbol. It may

well be doubted which of the many Sts. John known to mediæval Masonry were they to whom Lodges were dedicated, if to either; or whether the peculiar reference to the Baptist and the Evangelist was not one of the innovations that since the year 1717 have crept into English Masonry. With perhaps as near an approach to the full symbolism of an emblematical representation, we might refer to the two great pillars that stood in the porch of the Temple, between which the Apprentice had to pass before he became a Craftsman, while the point within the circle may be symbolised, the unseen eye ever following him as he circumscribes his passions with the radius of duty, or still again, that the point within the circle represented the Supreme Being; the circle indicated the annual circuit of the sun, and the parallel lines marked out the tropical boundaries within which that circle is limited. The Mason subjecting himself within due bounds, in imitation of the apparent course of that glorious luminary, can never wander from the path of duty.

These explanations, however, belong not to the philosophy of Masonry; they are a part of its ethical and moral teachings only, which we sip from its grand parterre of sweet and unknown flowers, even as the bee does from the field, whose unknown beauties it converts into the nutritious honey and the cementing wax.

No matter when Masonry originated—whether God-sent, as is the light which no deluge obscured, and no human misery can render less effulgent except as the human eye is contracted to obscure its rays; or whether dating back from the ancient mysteries, with which, in legends, in ceremonies and in traditions, it is so strangely affiliated; or whether only dating from the seventh century before the Christian era, and deriving its existence from the colleges of workmen—the *artifices Romanorum*—who wrought in Operative and Speculative Masonry alike—there can be no question that the operative and speculative mind of the past few centuries has laid hold upon the mighty traditions of the past, and availed itself of that grand symbolism with which the earliest races of the world were familiar, to a greater or less degree, as expressive of the contest throughout life of the principles of good and evil—the existence and superintendence of the Great Creator, and of the final success of truth and good and light, over falsehood and vice and darkness. In common life even we speak by parables, by symbols and comparisons. And yet words do not express the highest and purest emotions of the soul. Language, at best, is but an imperfect medium of expression. When the recluse with some simple formula points to the symbol of her faith, or the poor outcast strikes his breast with his hand—his only exclamation “God be merciful to me, a sinner,” is not the symbol or the gesture even more eloquent than the ejaculation? Language, it has been said, can utter well and distinctly only what is finite and limited, but symbols shadow forth the infinite and everlasting! Beneath them lie the unfathomable depths of Eternal Truth. God reveals Himself to man not through any verbal machinery or spoken speech which address the reasoning faculties, but through symbols which speak to the soul! The world, with its canopy of stars, and its drapery of gold-fringed clouds, and all that it contains of beauty and of grandeur, is a symbol of God, through which He speaks to human hearts and brings them into a divine sympathy with Himself.

Symbols are indeed the speech of Jehovah! In them spake that great Reformer who, eighteen centuries ago, came upon earth to illumine darkened nations as with a sun of righteousness. Millions worship Him, and with reverential awe as part of the Godhead; others look on him as an inspired prophet, as Moses was before Him, and Mahomet afterwards; others again, as simply the just and pure Son of Man who came among His brethren to ameliorate the woes of the common people, to teach them a new law of love; to show them by His example what no man had ever before shown—that when reviled, He reviled not again; that when smitten, He smote not; and when expiating His supposed guilt against the laws of Rome and the authority of the Pharisees, He died with eyes uplifted, and utterances breathing only, “Father, forgive them; they know not what they do!” Divine or human, that Reformer was a world's great martyr; for He died with love to His enemies, in submissive defence of what He believed to be true; without a stain on His unseamed garments, or leaving a memory behind Him, except of the blessings that have followed the extension of His faith.

With particular forms or tenets of religion Masonry has

nought to do. Around her altars kneel the Persian who turns in prayer to the rising sun; the Mohammedan who believes in Moses, in Jesus, and in Mahomet, also; the Israelite who yet looks for a Messiah, and the Christian who believes that the present dispensation closes the world's history—to be ended only with those grand changes which God will evoke according to his own inscrutable will from the past, and which we all, as we kneel around our Masonic altars—of whatever faith or creed—believing to be the workings of a great, overruling Providence, looking to the final triumph of truth and right, “from evil still educing good.”

The solstitial days of June and December were marked peculiarly by the adepts in the ancient mysteries, as commemorative of great ideas. The Hierophants, those who spake the sacred language, and were versed in all the knowledge and traditions of the East, worshipped not the sun whose mysteries they celebrated. The sun was but a symbol of the Great Creator, the latchets of whose shoes of light that luminary but feebly unloosens every day. The Hierophants had a hidden language, and their mysteries were intended to conceal hidden truth. Yearly they celebrated the triumph of the good, as the sun shone in its summer solstice. It reigned three days, and during that time they celebrated their grand symbolism. Gradually the sun swept southward, and, passing the East, came to the point where for three days it remained in the darkness of winter. Then came the December anniversary. The emblem of light rose from its symbolic grave, and with it men's energies were directed to a new year's life. These were annual celebrations. In succeeding to them, or in adopting their peculiar illustrations, Masonry however acknowledged no decline. It only celebrated its days of triumph and of resurrection for good, its solstitial grandeur, and the day when with garments purified it rose from its sleep to new energy and exertion. The latter days of June and December were admitted to be those days in the natural world. For eighteen centuries Masonry has availed itself of these emblems. Venerating the example of the great Essene, commonly known as the Baptist, because he made known to the Israelites a portion of the traditions of that ancient society—who preached in the wilderness, clothed with the peculiar insignia of his mission, and whose baptism—an Essene rite—Jesus accepted; and venerating further the teachings of the Evangelist, who drew from the grand fountains of Eastern imagery a rushing stream of poetic eloquence, descriptive of the symbolic contest between good and evil, the destruction of the latter, and the descent from heaven to earth of a new Jerusalem—Masonry draws its solemn instructions. The anniversaries of the Baptist and the Evangelist occur nearly at those peculiar periods which the fathers of the mysteries celebrated as expressive of the sun's course; and modern Mason's in celebrating these ancient anniversaries, disregarding the old significations and allusions, innocently, and honestly, to wise advantage, appropriated them to express other ideas with which, during the mediæval times of Europe, they had become more familiar. By neither Jew or Gentile can the Saints John ever be forgotten. The one was an Essenic leader, and heralded the pure Masonic faith, as its precursor; the other wrote of the glories of its final triumph.

Truth dawns upon the human soul,  
And error disappears;  
No longer darkness hath control,  
From heaven's blue face the storm-clouds roll,  
And all the glittering years  
No longer for men's sorrow groan;  
Then sin, then shame, then tears;  
But still and stately, part God's throne,  
March onward, where love reigns alone.  
That sun is risen, is here; that day  
Is now to God. We wait . . .  
The world and stars wait . . . The array of ages  
Stretching far away;  
The angel at God's gate,  
And ancient time . . . all wait the light,  
Sure as God's Truth, though late;  
When sin no more the world shall blight,  
But endless day dethrones the night.  
(To be continued).

Saturday, the 27th inst., has been appointed for the private view of the summer exhibition (the thirtieth) of the 19th Century Art Society, at the Conduit Street Galleries, and the exhibition will open to the public on Monday, the 29th inst.

## IT IS A NEGLECTED DUTY?

FROM time to time there have appeared earnest suggestions to the brethren of the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania to take an interest in the development of intellectual Masonry. It has been suggested that physical Masonry falls far short of the aim of those who feel the need of enlightened study of the philosophy of both the symbology and esotericism of Speculative Freemasonry. To create a taste for the study of these inherent characteristics of the ancient and honourable Fraternity is by no means either difficult or unpromising.

To begin is the first effort. To begin can only be accomplished by the recognised need of action in this enterprise. Once it is made manifest that to delay effort is failure, then a strong influence originates in intelligent minds to avoid failure. Thus the start is assured. When it is known to some of the Fraternity that these subjects are receiving attention, if only two or three are excited to favour the plan proposed, a moral force is created that will tend to accelerate its growth.

Whatever the proposition may be that these two or three seem to regard with favour, the consideration given to it will so amend, improve and vitalise it, that failure is left behind. Once set in motion, the momentum is created that will be felt as a sign of success. It will carry the approved proposition, or plan, or method, out of the reach of failure. The single purpose which should alone be the aim of those so about to undertake to develop intellectual Masonry ought to be to collect the relics of the past, the books, writings, pamphlets, records of Lodges, histories of events, evidence of forgotten facts, thoughts and opinions of the sages and teachers of the past generation of the brethren.

It is a sorrowful statement, made by the Chairman of the Grand Lodge Library Committee, that what may be called neglect is the most visible sign of the duty intended to be devolved on it. It is hardly to be believed that the oldest Grand Lodge in the United States is so far behind even in the literature of the Craft and its suitable arrangement as the Grand Lodge Library shows on inspection. No one is censurable. No one can be justly complained of, no one is answerable for this sad condition of the Masonic Library in the Grand Lodge Temple. It is the fault of the brethren of the Grand Lodge. They have not felt, or manifested any special interest in the subject. Why? It is because they lack the intelligence of men in other societies who do devote time to the higher development of taste and culture, and an ambition to originate the intellectual efforts that are so important for preservation of the character of these societies? Let some of the members of the Grand Lodge see to it that Grand Lodge takes affirmative and practical action to make the Library what it should be, and what is expected of the ancient Craft of Pennsylvania. Is the Masonic mind of the Craft in Pennsylvania unimpressible? Is it to be said that there are no Pennsylvania Masons who are capable and willing to do what is necessary to put the intelligence of the Craft on its proper basis? Must it be a reproach to Pennsylvania that it takes no interest in the subject of historical research as to the past of its Grand Lodge? Is the advance from the condition of Masonry one hundred years ago to its present wonderful position in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania unworthy of study, examination, investigation and elucidation?

Is research in Pennsylvania predestined to failure? It is the past of Freemasonry that makes the present Freemasonry. The Fraternity of to-day owes its life and strength, its landmarks and its jurisprudence to the past ages. A well-appointed library containing all that has been known and preserved from the aforesaid, always ready for the use of the Masonic student, is the absolute necessity of this age. The fact of the present is the growth of the past, as the harvest of this season comes from the seed of the last.

Brethren who are aroused to the need of effort may meet in connection with the Library Committee to secure instruction, light and knowledge, and thus begin to prepare the way for securing the benefits that such efforts promise.

The condition of the Grand Lodge Library is the result of oversight or indifference of the Craft. The Fraternity in Pennsylvania owes it to its history and its future to a perfect remedy. Begin the work of earnest consideration of what is needed. Take a practical view of what is

required to be done. Make a statement to the Right Worshipful Grand Master of the necessity and the best method to supply the means that are required. Once the Grand Lodge is informed of what is the safest, surest, most economic plan to put the Masonic Library in a condition equal to the requirements and the character of the brethren of the Grand Lodge, it will never delay the consideration that is due to this important subject. There are young Grand Lodges that have made significant demonstrations of the most active zeal on this subject. Pennsylvania must not lag behind.—*Keystone.*

The combined meetings of the General Committee of Grand Lodge and the Board of Benevolence were held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, when the former of whose business paper for the next Quarterly Communication was read. Brother Robert Grey President of the Board of Benevolence, Bro. James Brett Senior Vice-President, and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune Junior Vice-President were in their usual places. Bros. Edward Letchworth Grand Secretary, A. A. Pendlebury Assistant Grand Secretary, W. Dodd, and W. H. Leo represented Grand Secretary's office; and there were also a very large muster of brethren. Bro. Robert Grey, before business commenced, said that although there was an unusually long list of cases before the Board, he was sure it would be the feeling of all the brethren present that this Board should heartily congratulate Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, Patroness of the Order, on that day completing the 74th year of her age. Long might she live to reign in happiness and prosperity over this vast Empire. The Board first confirmed recommendations made to the Grand Master at the April meeting, to the amount of £540. There were fifty-four cases on the new list. These were qualified through Lodges in the London district, and at Ipswich, Cowes, Sandown, Southport, Hawick, Poole, Calcutta, Jersey, Stow-on-the-Wold, Chipping Sodbury, Lostwithiel, Gravesend, Stowmarket, Middlesborough, Battle, Plymouth, St. Day, Blyth, Meltham, Hereford, Wakefield, Newbury, Welshpool, Birmingham, Ramsgate, Windsor, Dover, Stanmore, Liverpool, Cambridge, Gloucester, Ewell, Constantinople, and Bourne. In the course of a five hours' sitting seven of these were deferred for further information and four were dismissed. The remainder were relieved with a total of £1,015. This sum was composed of one recommendation to Grand Lodge of £100, and one of £50. There were four recommendations to the Grand Master of £40 each, and nine of £30 each. Fifteen petitioners were relieved with £20 each, three with £15 each, eight with £10 each, and two with £5 each.

A new Royal Arch Chapter is to be consecrated at Guildford, on the 30th inst. Comp. Col. G. Noel Money Grand Superintendent of Surrey, and his principal Officers, will perform the ceremony.

The installation meeting of the Vale of Brislington Lodge, No. 1296, was held on Wednesday, the 24th inst., at the White Hart Inn, Brislington, when Bro. C. J. Hill was duly installed Worshipful Master for the next twelve months.

The consecration of a Chapter at Frome took place on Thursday, the 25th inst., when the ceremony was ably performed by the Prov. Grand Superintendent of Somerset, Comp. R. C. Else, assisted by his Officers. We shall give a report of this meeting in our next issue.

**HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.**—In cases of chronic indigestion, disordered liver, and general debility, these Pills are wonderfully effective. They indeed have so general and powerful an effect on the whole system that they clear away or ward off most of the ills that flesh is heir to. They cleanse the bowels, purify the blood, correct the bile, give tone to the stomach, excite a healthy appetite, produce sound sleep, and impart increased energy to both mind and body. The admirable properties of these far-famed Pills are too highly appreciated to require any encomium here, as they are resorted to by rich and poor of every nation. The cures they effect are not temporary or imperfect but they bring about a marvellous and most beneficial change throughout the entire body, and enable it with renovated powers to resist the approach of all future attacks.



## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE annual meeting of the Subscribers to this Institution was held on Friday, the 19th inst., at Freemasons' Tavern, W.C. Bro. J. A. Farnfield Treasurer to the Institution was voted to the chair. On the dais he was supported by Bros. Henry Smith, John Wordsworth, W. F. Smithson, A. C. Spaul, C. E. Keyser, and James Terry (Secretary), and in the body of the hall by a large number of representatives of the Provinces and of the London district.

The Auditors report was adopted on the motion of Bro. C. E. Keyser, seconded by Bro. Henry Smith.

The report of the Committee of Management was read by Bro. Terry. It was as follows:—

The Committee of Management has very great pleasure in laying the report of its proceedings during the past year before the Governors and Subscribers of the Institution. The annual festival was held by direction of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., Grand Patron and President, on Wednesday, the 22nd February last. Considerable difficulty had been experienced in obtaining the services of a Chairman, but a few weeks previously to the day appointed Bro. Charles E. Keyser, M.A., J.P., P.G. Deacon of England, very kindly consented to act in that capacity, and the Board of Stewards, consisting of 226 brethren and ladies which supported him had the satisfaction of raising a total of donations and subscriptions amounting to £8,293 10s, which has since been increased by the receipt of outstanding lists and additions to lists to £8,530 12s 6d. This result, though falling very far short of the requirements of the Institution, must nevertheless be regarded after the amazing success of the Jubilee Festival in 1892 as eminently gratifying, and the Committee very gladly avails itself of this opportunity of publicly expressing its very hearty thanks to the distinguished Chairman, the Ladies and Brethren who supported him with so much good will and energy as Stewards, and also to the Lodges, Chapters and individual donors and subscribers who so generously responded to the appeals addressed to them for support, the Province of Hertfordshire, of which the Chairman has been a member for many years, and in which he has done most of his work as a Mason, having been particularly energetic in the assistance they rendered on the occasion.

At the election in May 1892, there were upon the two Funds of the Institution 432 annuitants, of whom 192 were men and 240 widows, while the number of approved candidates was 137 namely 67 men, and 70 widows. To day there are 115 candidates, of whom 60 are men, and 55 widows, so that there is a still further reduction (as compared with the lists of 1890, when the present more stringent regulations concerning candidates were passed) in the number of those who have been adjudged worthy to receive the benefits of the Institution.

The Committee at its meeting in February, declared the number of vacancies to be competed for at this election to be as follows:—on the Male Fund 12 immediate and 3 deferred, and on the Widows' Fund 12 immediate and 3 deferred. Since then, however, there have been reported the deaths of 5 men and 2 widows. It therefore recommends that the vacancies thus created should likewise be filled up, so that the total number to be elected this day including in each case the three deferred will be 20 men and 12 widows. Thus the numbers on the two Funds will remain as they were after the election in May 1892, that is to say on the Male Fund 192 men each in receipt of £40 per annum, and on the Widows' Fund 240 widows each in receipt of £32 per annum, the total number of annuitants being as already stated—432, and the amount distributed amongst them annually—£15,320. To this must be added the further sum of £500—divisible under law 9 of the Male Fund, among 25 widows of recently deceased male annuitants so that the total amount to be provided in annuities during the current year will be £15,820.

The Committee is desirous of expressing its sincere thanks to United Grand Lodge for the continuance of its annual grant of £70 towards providing the annuitants resident in the Asylum at Croydon with coal during the winter months.

The Committee is also desirous of placing publicly on record its unfeigned thanks to the honorary surgeons of the Institution: I. Wayte, Esq., elected since the last annual meeting in succession to H. J. Strong, Esq., M.D. resigned, and to R. Percy Middlemist, Esq., for their kind and unremitting attention to those among the annuitants both resident at Croydon and non-resident, who have been unfortunately compelled during the past year to seek their advice and assistance. Nor can it allow this occasion to pass without expressing its gratitude to Dr. Strong, the late medical adviser at Croydon, for the exceeding care and kindness with which he ministered to the requirements of the inmates of the Asylum during a period of 30 years, and it sincerely hopes that he may be long spared in the position of Hon. Consulting Physician, which was conferred upon him by the Committee, to enjoy that respect and esteem to which, by reason of his long and eminent services to the Institution, he is so justly entitled.

The Committee has the satisfaction of announcing that the premises at Croydon are now in a complete state of repair, both internally and externally, the work referred to in last year's report as being necessary in order to preserve the stone-work from further decay having been effectually carried out during the past year.

The audited statement of accounts for the year ended 31st December 1892, is appended. It has been most carefully prepared by the Finance Committee, and undergone a rigorous examination by the Audit Committee before being finally approved and passed, and the Committee has every confidence that when the Governors and Subscribers have carefully examined the several items of expenditure,

they will be satisfied that the funds of the Institution have been administered with scrupulous care and a due regard for economy.

In conclusion, the Committee is anxious to express its unabated confidence in the generosity of the Craft in London, throughout the Provinces, and in foreign parts. It acknowledges with gratitude the munificence with which the claims of the Institution have been met by the brethren in past years, and it is persuaded that so long as its affairs are conducted on the principles by which the Committee has been actuated heretofore, the funds necessary for its efficient maintenance will be regularly forthcoming.

On the motion of Bro. Henry Smith, seconded by Bro. Dr. Turtle Pigott, this report was received, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

The following five brethren were elected to fill vacancies in the Committee of Management:—Bros. W. H. Making, W. Vincent P.M. 1194, John Hattersley P.M. 1604, A. R. Trew P.M. 2409, and Robert Gowan P.M. 2029.

The next business was the election of Treasurer. In moving the re-election of Bro. J. A. Farnfield, Bro. C. E. Keyser said it was unnecessary for him to say much in favour of Bro. Farnfield's re-election. They could not improve on their choice of a brother who had exemplified how capable he was to fill so high and important a position. Bro. Farnfield was no ornamental Treasurer, for he worked very hard, and was present at all the meetings of the Committee throughout the year.

Bro. Barnett seconded the motion.

Bro. Farnfield having been unanimously elected, thanked the brethren for this renewed mark of their confidence.

Bros. Kempton, Attenborough, and Cleghorn were elected Auditors.

Bro. W. Maxfield Mead W.M. 1805 moved an alteration of Rule No. 13 of the Institution. Bro. Mead, in moving his proposal, referred first by name to brethren and widows who appeared on the list of candidates for election, for 11, 12, or 13 years, and who seemed as far as ever off being elected. It seemed to him rather hard that these brethren, or widows of brethren, who, in their day had, no doubt, done much for the Craft, should not be elected. The object of the resolution now proposed was to give such brethren and widows some encouragement. Even if his resolution was not passed, he should consider he had done his duty. If it was passed they would take on the list several brethren and widows.

Bro. Nuding seconded the motion, and Brother Tijou supported.

Bro. J. S. Cumberland opposed. Coming from North and East Yorkshire he knew of cases which Provinces would not support. The Provinces knew more about their own local cases than anybody else could. When cases came before the Provincial organisations, all that the Committee could do was to go carefully through them, and if a Province did not adopt a case, the brethren might rest assured they did not consider it worthy of support. He considered that if the door was to be opened once in the way proposed by this motion, undeserving cases would get in and keep out deserving ones. If a brother was brought forward and did not get support, it was a proof that it was not a deserving case. He said advisedly that there were cases which ought never to have been put on the list. Every case should be examined by a local Committee, and its report should be attached to the petition. He sincerely hoped that this motion would not be carried.

Bro. Henry Smith took the same view. He did not see why he should give away his privilege to others. The idea was absurd that they should put these people on because they were on the list year after year. Did any brother mean to say that if one of these cases was a deserving case rich Provinces like the two divisions of Yorkshire would not have elected it long ago? When they went to inquire into cases, and asked why the Provinces would not elect them, they would find the reply was because they would not have them. He trusted the brethren would reject this attempted interference with the laws of the Institution.

Bro. E. M. Money also opposed the motion.

Bro. Robert Wylie said, on behalf West Lancashire, he also protested against this proposed alteration. From his Province there was a candidate put on the list who had not the support even of his own Lodge. If that brother were deserving, the Province of West Lancashire would have elected him on the first occasion. They always supported the cases that were deserving, and it was very rare that a good candidate was carried over two elections.

Dr. Strong inquired whether there was any provision for removing the names of those who were never likely to be

elected. He thought something of that kind might be done.

Bro. Farnfield said there was no power of that description.

Bro. Mead asked to be allowed to withdraw his proposal, but a vote being taken the motion was almost unanimously rejected.

The brethren then proceeded to the election of 20 Male and 12 Female Annuitants. The list of those successful will be found in our advertisement columns, while we append a list of the unsuccessful, with the votes polled on behalf of each.

UNSUCCESSFUL.

MALES.

Name.	Forward.	Polled.	Total.
Shakell, Joseph	—	2410	2410
Robbins, Alfred	—	1650	1650
Perry, Joseph	—	1460	1460
Smith, Henry James	—	1456	1456
Finch, Andrew	—	1090	1090
Sargeant, Jabez Benjamin	13	858	871
Bugshaw, John	—	728	728
Brown, George Thomas	369	295	664
Long, Francis	—	657	657
Eastbrook, Joseph	—	562	562
Gillard, James P. W.	202	110	312
Whiteley, George	—	309	309
Musham, John	96	208	304
Robson, George	—	294	294
Nichol, Robert	251	20	271
Glover, Richard	157	96	253
McLean, William John	180	44	224
Miller, Henry	118	99	217
Moxon, John	168	44	212
Robinson, Benjamin	—	190	190
Fox, George	84	58	142
Winsor, Henry	36	17	53
Graham, William B.	19	10	29
Hubbard, Robert William	10	8	18
Hatton, Peter Valentine	—	18	18
Pitts, Robert	14	3	17
Priest, John	—	17	17
Sullivan, Dennis	8	4	12
Stockman, Thomas S.	4	6	10
Boniface, Walter William	—	10	10
Adams, Harry	—	8	8
Kilshaw, John	3	3	6
Dodge, William	—	4	4
Barton, Gilbert Henry	—	4	4
Stanford, Thomas	—	2	2
Pickering, Edwin	—	2	2
Clark, David	—	1	1
Walshaw, Edwin	—	—	—
Smith, William	—	—	—

(Withdrawn)

FEMALES.

Name.	Forward.	Polled.	Total.
Welsford, Sarah	982	3196	4178
White, Mary	2202	1925	4127
Thomas, Amelia	1144	2717	3861
Wills, Sarah	1619	1893	3512
Morris, Catherine	1894	1453	3347
Ough, Elizabeth	1012	1063	2105
Whitehouse, Esther	951	1071	2022
Barter, Sarah	—	1465	1465
Pickett, Emma	—	1461	1461
Rolfe, Hannah	673	374	1047
Vile, Maria	924	65	989
Parker, Mary Ann	—	966	966
Mills, Elizabeth	511	411	922
Clifton, Mary Jenkins	—	871	871
Reed, Mary Ann	—	667	667
Rigalsford, Sarah	353	251	604
Eves, Ann	279	248	527
Stanton, Ann	375	139	514
Neeve, Harriet	3	478	481
Blight, Sarah	172	155	327
Garry, Margaret Jane	—	294	294
Mannington, Elizabeth Atkinson	227	18	245
Wagner, Katherine E.	211	34	245
Russell, Olivia	222	6	228
Foot, Mary Ann	222	2	224
Cowell, Nancy	122	51	173
Meador, Sarah	135	10	145
Salisbury, Jane	70	28	98
Best, Elizabeth	44	28	72
Olive, Elizabeth	35	12	47
Ionn, Elizabeth	17	10	27
Cartledge, Annie	13	10	23
Scholfield, Ruth	—	22	22
Clarke, Elizabeth	10	9	19
Mann, Sarah	8	3	11
Nichols, Harriet Emma	—	10	10
Yates, Hannah Binns	—	9	9
Sutton, Elizabeth Anna	—	8	8
Snart, Mary Ann	—	5	5
Deller, Arabella	—	2	2
Miller, Margaret	—	1	1
Lemon, Charlotte	—	—	—

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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TOWNLEY PARKER LODGE, No. 1083.

AN emergency meeting of this Lodge was held at the Grand Hotel, Manchester, on Thursday, 11th inst., for the purpose of raising two brethren to the third degree. There were present Bros. G. Parker W.M., J. Selby I.P.M., Godfrey Higham P.M. P.P.D.D.C., T. Turnally P.M., R. Armitage P.M., W. Birkbeck S.W., R. Lingard J.W., J. Chalmers S.D., J. W. Taylor J.D., J. H. Fitzsimmons I.G., Hy. Dawson P.M., C. Shorrocks, W. Lowe, J. Bowes, F. E. Hughes, R. Longworth. Visitors—Bros. J. Burns 1126, J. R. Greenwood 633, T. Risdale Bowley W.M. 2216, T. Gillibrand P.M. 152. The Lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer at 6 p.m. by the W.M., who called upon the Secretary to read the summons convening the meeting. The Lodge was then opened in the second degree, when Bros. Hughes and Longworth, who had expressed a desire to become Master Masons, were examined as to their proficiency in the former degree, and having answered satisfactorily, were entrusted with the test of merit, and retired for preparation. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, when Bro. Hughes was raised by the W.M. in the very careful manner which always characterises any work which he undertakes. Bro. Longworth was then raised by Bro. Armitage P.M., who was assisted by Bro. Birkbeck S.W., the latter brother presenting and explaining the working tools. These proceedings having been brought to an end the Lodge was closed by virtue at 8 p.m.

ZION LODGE, No. 1798.

THE regular meeting of the above Lodge was held at the Grand Hotel, Manchester, on Wednesday, 10th May, Bro. Alfred de Botton W.M. There were also present:—Bros. Geo. Rideal P.M. S.W., Walter Fowden J.W., S. Mamelok P.M. Treasurer, E. Nathan P.M., L. Frankenstein P.M., Geo. Board P.M. P.P.G.D. Secretary, J. Arensberg P.M. P.P.G.P., E. Roberts P.M. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), S. Kramrisch, Mark Hart, Walter Marshall, B. Steel, S. Frankenstein. After the reading and confirmation of minutes, the name of Mr. Frederick Stern was successfully balloted for, but as that gentleman did not put in an appearance, the ceremony of initiation could not take place. At the festive board which followed, and after the Loyal and Masonic toasts had been disposed of, Bros. Board, Marshall, Steel, Roberts, and others were called upon to contribute to the evening's enjoyment, and as a consequence the time passed very pleasantly away.

HOPE LODGE, No. 2153.

THE annual installation meeting was held at the Lodge Rooms, India Arms Hotel, Gosport, on Wednesday, the 17th inst. The Lodge was constituted in 1886 for the convenience of members of the regular branches of the naval and military services resident in the Gosport district, of whom there are now nearly 60 on the roll of the Lodge. In the unavoidable absence of the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. W. W. E. Beach, M.P., the duties of Installing Master were undertaken by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Major J. E. Le Feuvre Past Grand Deacon of England, who, in an impressive and able manner, installed Bro. W. L. Pawsey, Superintending Clerk Royal Marine Light Infantry, in the chair as Master of the Lodge. The following were appointed and invested as Officers, viz:—Bros. E. H. Buck S.W., E. G. A. Nash J.W., the Rev. E. Paske Smith Chaplain, H. Crisp P.M. Treasurer, R. W. Downing P.M. Secretary, H. E. G. Apps S.D., G. D. Birch J.D., O. G. Bush I.G., J. Coleman D.C., A. Bond Organist, H. Pearman and C. F. Gale Stewards, and A. Sewell I.G. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the outgoing Master, Bro. G. A. Danbar, of the Discharge Depot, and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master was cordially thanked for his attendance and services. There was a good attendance of Provincial Officers and Masters of neighbouring Lodges including Bros. T. H. Williams Provincial G.J.W., Edgar Goble P.G. Sword Bearer of England Provincial Grand Secretary, the Rev. H. E. Betts Provincial Grand Chaplain, Lieut.-Colonel W. T. Miller P.P.G. Deacon, A. L. Emanuel P.P.G. Deacon, G. Pearman Provincial Grand Organist, &c. A dinner followed, at which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

ARTHUR SULLIVAN LODGE, No. 2156.

THE monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove, Manchester, on Wednesday, the 10th inst., Bro. John Goss W.M. There were also present:—Bros. John Hulme S.W., Charles Reynolds J.W., Nathaniel Dumville P.M. Treasurer, Cathbert Blacow S.D., A. S. Kinnell J.D., R. T. Radman I.G., H. S. Greenwood Organist, Allen Avison P.M., William Dumville P.M., W. Booth P.M., Mark Stafford P.M., Henry Dawson P.M., J. W. Clough, Charles Jackson, Richard Morley, A. Harrop, T. B. Marsden, Robert Johnson, W. Farrell, Albert Edward Fisher, John Taylor, Thomas Matthews, John Nichols. Visitors:—Bros. Thomas Nicholl P.M. 1170 P.P.G.T. East Lancashire, James Newton P.M. 37 Prov. Grand Assistant Secretary E. Lancashire, Enos Andrew P.M. 1322 P.P.G. Organist Cheshire, R. Helm W.M. 830, Geo. Brooks W.M. 361, R. Dottie P.M. 1161, E. Holland P.M. 1773, P. Jones S.D. 2216, Walter

B. Bell Organist 191, Arthur Horsfield 2216, William Alcock 322. The circular announced four ceremonies, the first being the initiation of Mr. Samuel Bryan, which was performed by Bro. Avison P.M., he being assisted by Bro. Hulme, who presented the working tools. The Worshipful Master undertook the second, viz., the passing of Brother William Farrell, while Bro. Charles Turner P.M. raised to the sublime degree Bros. Albert Edward Fisher and Thomas Brierley Marsden. At the festive board which succeeded the Lodge business, the following admirable musical programme was performed, a very pleasant evening being spent:—Violin solo, Bro. John Nichols; violin duet, Bros. Charles Jackson and John Hulme; enph solo, Bro. E. A. Fisher; oboe solo, Bro. Reynolds. Songs—Bros. Kinnell and Blacow. Glees—Bros. Booth, Dumville, Turner Stafford, and others. Recitations—Bro. Dottie. The accompanists were Bros. Robert Johnson and H. S. Greenwood.

#### DUKE OF YORK LODGE, No. 2449.

**T**HE regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Palatine Hotel, Hunt's Bank, Manchester, on Thursday, the 11th inst. There were present: Bros. Wm. T. Schofield W.M. P.M. 1219 P.P.J.D., James Andrew P.M. P.P.G.Std.B., William Bowden S.W. P.M., Fred Warburton J.W., S. Mamelok P.M. Treasurer, Clement Jno. Hall Secretary, Thomas T. Hardicker S.D., Philip Whyman J.D., John Kinsey I.G., George W. Bowden S.S., Robert Meggitt D.C., T. H. Stott J.S., Edward Roberts P.M. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), A. G. Bryce, John Brinkley Marshall, Oates Rushton, Campbell Honston, J. T. Whittle, Thomas D. Lightfoot. Visitors: Brothers Alderman John Roberts P.M. 204 P.P.G.D.C., James Nettleton P.M. 1011, Bridge Hopkinson P.M. 1140, James Robinson W.M. 1219, Wm. Henry Bibby S.W. 993, Harry Smith J.D. 1170, William Leigh 428. The circular convening the meeting was a very heavy one, containing as it did seven ceremonies, besides the balloting for a joining member. As a matter of course, some of these had to be abandoned, and a meeting of emergency to complete them will be held on Thursday, 1st June. The ceremonies taken were the initiations of Messrs. Arthur Scarlett, Tom Howarth Wooler, Alfred Overton Wooler, and the passing into the degree of a F.C. of Bro. J. B. Marshall, which were performed by Bro. Schofield W.M., Bro. S. Mamelok P.M., and Bro. William Boden S.W. It was announced that the following telegram had been despatched to his Royal Highness the Duke of York, at Marlborough House: "We, the Officers and Brethren of the Duke of York Lodge of Freemasons, assembled at the Palatine Hotel, send hearty congratulations to you and Princess May, on your engagement." The message produced this reply: "St. James's, S.W. Worshipful Master Duke of York Lodge, Palatine Hotel, Manchester. Am desired to send the warm thanks of the Duke of York for your kind telegram of congratulation. Signed, De Winton. At the festive board which succeeded Lodge business, the orthodox Loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted and duly honoured, Bro. Alderman John Roberts responding on behalf of the Provincial Officers. He thanked the brethren for the opportunity which had been afforded him of witnessing such splendid ceremonies. He had been a Mason for 23 years, and he could say with perfect sincerity that he had never beheld anything of its kind which was more delightful. The whole thing was indeed a credit to this new Lodge. It was perhaps a wrong thing to do to covet a neighbour's goods, but he certainly envied them of their candidates that evening; for in his opinion three more splendid initiates never entered a Lodge. The toast of the visitors was duly responded to, Bros. Robinson and Bibby especially congratulating the Officers on the quality of the work which had been exhibited. The toast of the newly-initiated brethren and that of the newly-passed brother also received suitable replies, the latter (Bro. Marshall) distinguished himself in his delivery of the following felicitous speech. "I thank you most heartily for the kind manner in which you have proposed the toast of my health. I have been greatly interested in the step which I have taken, and to which the W.M. has so kindly referred; indeed words fail me when trying to express my impressions of it. I think I can better do so by quoting from the hymn of two well-known revivalists, viz., 'It is better farther on.' I may say generally of all I have witnessed and heard, that I am constrained to use the words of that volume of the Sacred Law which has been so prominently introduced to-night, and I am sure you will all agree with me that 'the half had not been told.' I look forward to the future in the expectation of continuous, and perhaps even greater pleasure than that which I have already derived from my connection with you." Other speeches followed, which were varied by songs, sketches, &c., from Bros. Robinson, Bowden, Hall, Stott, Scarlett, and Roberts. Bro. B. Hopkinson presided at the piano.

**Lodge of Instruction No. 581.**—A meeting of this Lodge was held at the Old Boar's Head Hotel, Withy Grove, Manchester, on Thursday, the 11th inst., the following being present, viz:—Bros. H. H. Warburton P.M. P.P.G.S.D. Preceptor, G. T. Lenard Treas., Alfred Hebden P.M. P.P.G.D.D.C. Secretary, H. B. Brown acting W.M., E. Loebell acting J.W., William Bee P.M. P.P.G.S., Geo. Rideal P.M., Fred Hilton P.M., F. Gordon Berry, C. T. Hawken, E. M. Shepherd, R. Alf. Hepworth, Walter Fowden, Walter Marshall, J. J. Dean, George Taylor, J. Townley Trotter, Nathl. Jones. The Lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer by Bro. H. B. Brown, and after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Bros. Rideal, Fowden, Marshall, Heywood, Smith, Jones, and Trotter, who were desirous of becoming joining members. The ballot was successful in each case. The chair was then assumed by Bro. Berry, who performed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. H. B. Brown acting as candidate, the working tools being presented and explained by Bro. Hepworth. Bro. Brown delivered the E.A. charge. Bro. Lenard then assumed

the chair, and performed unaided the ceremony of passing, Bro. Brown again acting as candidate. The Worshipful Preceptor, on behalf of the members, congratulated Bro. Fred Hilton P.M. Prov. G.D.C. designate upon his having attained Provincial rank, to which Bro. Hilton responded in suitable terms, after which the Lodge was closed with prayer by Bro. Lenard at 8:55 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, the 30th inst., when the ceremony of raising will be rehearsed.

The funeral of Brother Robert Thomas, the Worshipful Master of the St. David's Lodge, No. 384, took place on Saturday, the 20th instant. There was a large gathering of the Fraternity, the deceased being much respected. The service was conducted by the Rev. D. Jones, M.A., the attendance of the Craft being numerous.

On Tuesday, the 9th inst., some of the members of the St. George's Lodge of Instruction and their friends met, at the Portland Hotel, Greenwich, for a supper, to mark the close of the season. Brother George Brown P.M. and Secretary of the St. George's Lodge, No. 140, and Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction, presided, and he was well supported. The usual loyal toasts, followed by success to the St. George's Lodge of Instruction, the President, Treasurer and Secretary, Visitors, and Host Bro. Boncey, were most cordially proposed, received, and responded to, the Secretary being in a position to give a very favourable report of the past season's proceedings. The toasts were interspersed with music, and a pleasant and harmonious evening was enjoyed by the company.

The bells of Windsor were rung on Thursday and a Royal Salute fired in the Long Walk in celebration of the birthday of Princess Christian (Princess Helena of Great Britain and Ireland). Many of the houses were flagged.

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AT the Annual General Meeting of this Institution, held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Friday, 19th May 1893,

W. Bro. J. A. FARNFIELD,  
V.-Pat., P.A.G.D.C., Treasurer and Trustee,  
in the Chair.

After the general business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the ELECTION of 20 MALE ANNUITANTS from an approved list of 60 Candidates, and 12 FEMALE ANNUITANTS from an approved list of 55 Candidates, when the following were declared duly elected:—

MALES.

No.	Votes.	No.	Votes.
1 Bro. Thomas Laxton ...	5056	12 Bro. Henry Wright ...	3430
2 J. G. Marsh ...	5029	13 *S. P. Ekin ...	3420
3 W. Haworth ...	4953	14 *W. Hester ...	3411
4 James Lomax ...	4235	15 *F. J. Rubio ...	3328
5 Thos. Gaistford ...	4169	16 *Thos. Baynton ...	3281
6 T. M. Compton ...	4026	17 *J. J. Hutchings... ..	3202
7 Thomas Hine ...	4008	18 W. Glydon (deferred) ...	3077
8 George Tomes ...	3866	19 J. W. C. Butcher (de- ferred) ...	3049
9 John Davis ...	3618	20 John Leo (deferred) ...	2650
10 G. H. Swithenbank ...	3536		
11 John Spencer ...	3523		

WIDOWS.

No.	Votes.	No.	Votes.
1 Mrs. E. M. Thomas ...	6175	7 Mrs. M. A. Cunningham ...	5509
2 M. A. Cross ...	5892	8 *Laura Ferres ...	5024
3 S. A. Burfield ...	5615	9 *A. Brooks ...	4000
4 G. Petty ...	5615	10 E. M. Howard (def.) ...	4755
5 A. Fawcett ...	5605	11 E. Milbourne (deferred) ...	4474
6 M. A. Green ...	5596	12 S. Quittenden (def.) ...	4414

The votes of the unsuccessful candidates will be carried forward to the next election.

Those marked \* are elected to fill vacancies occasioned by death since the voting papers were issued.

The three lowest on the Poll (both Male and Female) will be placed on the list of annuitants as vacancies occur.

By order,  
JAMES TERRY, Vice-Patron and Secretary.

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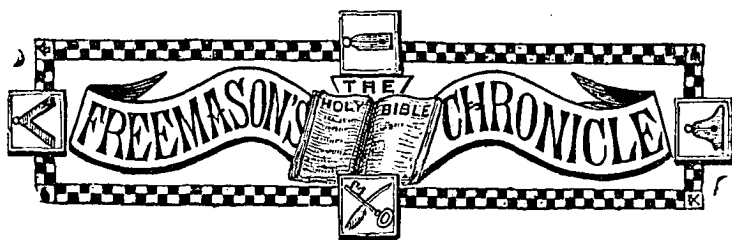
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SATURDAY, 27TH MAY 1893.

## ROYAL ARCH.

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## PROV. GRAND CHAPTER OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

AT the annual convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of West Yorkshire, holden in the Town Hall, Pontefract, on Monday, 15th inst., at 4.15 p.m., by the invitation of St. Oswald Chapter, No. 910, there were present the following Provincial Grand Officers:—

Comps. Thomas Wm. Tew Superintendent, William Harrop as H., Wm. Henry Jessop J.; Charles L. Mason and George Brooko Past H.'s; Thomas R. Vaux Past J., Henry Smith S.E., John Wm. Balme S.N., Mark Newsome, J.P., Past S.N., Henry T. E. Holmes Treasurer, Thomas Harrison Past Treasurer, Wm. Henry Steward as Registrar, Thomas Wm. Roome as Principal Soj., Cornelius Weawill 1st Assist. Soj., William Watson Past as 2nd Assist. Soj.; H. S. Holdsworth, Samuel Slack, William Skinner, and James Lawton Sojourners; William Bingham Sword Bearer, Reuben Williamson Past Sword Bearer, Wm. Henry Milnes Standard Bearer, F. W. Turner Past Standard Bearer, Edwin Billington Director of Ceremonies, J. W. Monckman as Assistant Dir. of Cers.; John Barker, Edmund Lord, and Thomas Gaukroger Past Dirs. of Cers., Simeon Whiteley Organist, George F. Carr Past Organist, Herbert G. E. Green Assist. S.E., Robert Fisher as Janitor; Wm. Fisher Tasker, Thomas Uttley, J. P. Hewitt, and John Shoesmith Stewards; also Principals, Past First Principals, and Companions from Chapters 61, 139, 154, 203, 242, 258, 264, 265, 275, 289, 290, 296, 302, 304, 306, 307, 337, 380, 387, 408, 448, 495, 521, 600, 837, 904, 910, 974, 1001, 1019, 1042, 1214, 1283, 1462, 2069. Apologies for absence were received from

the following Provincial Grand Officers:—Comps. T. W. Embleton P.Z. 1513 H., Wm. Haigh P.Z. 1283 Assist. Soj., James Walmesley P.Z. 827 Assistant Dir. of Cers., Thomas Chester Janitor, and 123 Companions. Visitors—Comps. Colonel the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett P.Z. Prov. G.H. (Past G.S.N. England), and M. C. Peck Prov. G.S.E. (Past Grand Standard Bearer of England) N. and E. Yorkshire.

Comp. Thos. Wm. Tew, J.P., P.Z. 495 Prov. Grand Superintendent and Officers entered at 4.15, and Provincial Grand Chapter was opened in due form, after which the Provincial Grand Superintendent and the Provincial Grand H. and J. were saluted.

The distinguished visitors, Comps. Colonel the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett and M. C. Peck, were also saluted.

The minutes of the Provincial Grand Convocation, holden at Huddlesfield, on Friday, 11th November 1892, were presented, taken as read, and confirmed.

At the request of the Provincial Grand Superintendent the Provincial Grand H. designate, then delivered the following address:—

COMPANIONS—You will, I am sure, rejoice with me to see our Grand Superintendent present amongst us to-day.

His last appearance in Provincial Grand Chapter was at Keighley on 6th May 1891, so that for two complete years we have been deprived of his presence at our half-yearly convocations.

Whilst welcoming with gratitude this improved condition of our Grand Superintendent's health, I must remind you that the recovery is only partial; that anxiety and excitement are to be avoided, and the doctors absolutely forbid him taking any active part at meetings either public or private.

We must, therefore, be content with seeing him only. This is a condition of things which at one time seemed very doubtful, and for which we are very grateful.

He thanks you silently from his heart for your cordial salutation and for the sympathetic inquiries which you have made from time to time in relation to him.

He wishes me to say, that whilst his afflictions have prevented him taking part in our proceedings and have compelled his absence from our meetings, yet, that he has been kept well informed of all that has gone on, and that his interest in the Chapters in West Yorkshire remains unabated.

His determination to retire from the chieftainship of the Craft in this Province has only been arrived at with the greatest regret, but he hopes still to retain, for some time longer, the office of Grand Superintendent.

Companions, it is, I am sure, your fervent wish and prayer, even as it is my own, that Companion Thomas William Tew may be spared to preside over us for many years yet to come, and that the undoubted improvement in his condition may continue as the months roll on.

With respect to myself I said in Provincial Grand Lodge that it was my wish to retire from the Office of Deputy and it is only after strong pressure that I have consented to remain for a limited time longer.

In the Royal Arch, as you all know, I have served as Provincial Grand Scribe E. since 1870, and during those 23 years I have endeavoured faithfully to discharge the responsibilities of that office; Companion Tew has kindly allowed me to retire from that post and to-day has conferred upon me the honourable distinction of Provincial Grand H.

In my new capacity, as in the first, I will do my utmost to promote the best interests of Royal Arch Masonry in West Yorkshire.

The collar of Scribe E. has been given to E. Companion Herbert Green, and I think you will agree that he is well qualified for that office. Companion Herbert Green was exalted in 1878, and filled the 1st Principal's chair in Sincerity Chapter, No. 1019, in 1886, and in Unanimity Chapter, No. 154, in 1887. He has also been Assistant Provincial Grand Scribe E. since 1886, when that office was created.

The rest of the Officers have been selected with a view to recognise merit in the individual, and in order to spread the honours as widely as possible amongst the Chapters.

I sincerely hope that those upon whom collars have been bestowed will feel it their duty to use their best efforts to promote the prosperity of this interesting branch of our Craft.

This they can do by visiting other Chapters; and thus in some measure they may compensate for the absence of our Grand Superintendent, who, when in a condition to do so, was most zealous and constant in going from Chapter to Chapter to be present at the meetings.

It is satisfactory to find that our numbers are steadily, though slowly, increasing.

The year just closed, finds us with 42 Chapters and 1,257 members on our roll—an increase of 28 Companions. The returns to 31st December 1892 may be briefly stated thus:—

New.	Resigned.	Died.	Excluded.	Arrears.
89	42	26	10	62

The last item, "arrears" is an increase of 17 on 1891, and 34 in 1890—a decidedly unsatisfactory state of things, and Treasurers should immediately and energetically exert themselves to collect these arrears.

I should like to inspire the Principals and Companions of every Chapter with "Esprit de corps," so that they may not only perfect themselves in our very interesting ritual but make their respective Chapters patterns of order and regularity, and that they may conform willingly and promptly with the regulations to which we all owe allegiance; for instance the annual return of Principals should be made immediately after the installation, and the annual return of members during the month of January. The actual fact is that not half (viz., 19 members' returns) were received in January, 12 in

February, 3 in March, and 4 in April—and many of these had to be applied for several times, and this, notwithstanding the forms were sent written out by the S.E. in order to lessen the duties of Chapter Scribes and to ensure accuracy.

The whole matter is in the hands of the 1st Principal; if he is determined to see after the interests of his Chapter—all is well, and if he is indifferent, his Chapter suffers.

Since our last annual meeting the following Chapters have been consecrated:—

26th June 1892	...	Prudence 2069	...	Leeds.
25th October 1892	...	Pentalpha 974	...	Bradford.
28th January 1893	...	Brunswick 408	...	Haworth.
17th April 1893	...	St. Oswald 910	...	Pontefract.

making 42 Chapters in this Province. Out of this total two, I am sorry to say, are in abeyance, and I see little chance of their revival.

I take this opportunity in conclusion to offer our best thanks to the Companions of St. Oswald Chapter for their very kind reception and complete arrangements for our convenience.

Let us wish them every success with their new Chapter, and as years roll on, let us hope that we may again visit this antient town, and that the Freemasons may then be able to entertain us in a building set apart for Masonic uses.

Comp. H. T. E. Holmes P.Z. 139 then as Treasurer presented his cash account for the year, and pointed out the satisfactory condition of the balance, there being £210 13s 8d in the bank to the credit of Provincial Grand Chapter. This being accepted, Comp. Holmes then proposed: "that Comp. Fred Rand P.Z. 242 be elected Treasurer for the ensuing year." This was seconded by Comp. George Brooke P.Z. 242 and carried *nem con*.

Comp. Thos. Wm. Tew Grand Superintendent (who was seated in an invalid's chair), previous to distributing the collars, said how thankful he was to the true and ever living God most high to be so far restored to health that he was able to be present at that Convocation; how deeply he felt the abundant sympathy and consideration which he had received from his numerous Masonic friends; that he could not sit quietly there without at least saying that much, and that he trusted that Royal Arch Masonry would continue to advance and progress until it had permeated the whole Province of West Yorkshire. After alluding to the acquisition of a site and the probable erection of a new Masonic Hall in Pontefract, which was most needful, he proceeded personally to invest the Officers appointed, addressing kindly and courteous words to each individually.

The Provincial Grand Officers were:—

Comp. Henry Smith	-	H.
John Frederick Tanner	-	J.
Herbert G. E. Green	-	Scribe E.
W. Fisher Tasker	-	Scribe N.
Fred Rand (elected)	-	Treasurer
Wm. Hy. Steward	-	Registrar
John Shoesmith	-	Principal Sojourner
William Flockton	-	1st Assistant Sojourner
John P. Hewitt	-	2nd Assistant Sojourner
William Mathers	-	Sword Bearer
Joseph Wilson	-	Standard Bearer
John Roberts Fawcett	-	Director of Ceremonies
John Haigh	-	Asst. Dir. of Cers.
James Milnes	-	Organist
H. Smith	-	Asst. S.E.
Thos. Chester	-	Janitor
Wm. Metcalfe	-	} Stewards
José Rickard	-	
Alfred Verity	-	
Hy. Samuel Goodyear	-	

Comp. Col. Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett acknowledged, in courteous terms, the salutations of the Companions of West Yorkshire. It was, he said, always a pleasure to visit them; that he was delighted to see M.E. Comp. Tew again, and that he trusted his health would continue to improve. He took this opportunity of expressing officially his thanks for the valuable help given by this Province at the last election for Boys, and cordially invited West Yorkshire brethren to attend the Provincial Grand Lodge of North and East Yorkshire at Beverley on the 5th July next. Comp. M. C. Peck also returned thanks.

A cordial vote of thanks to the Z. and Comps. of St. Oswald Chapter for their excellent arrangements was proposed by Comp. Billington, seconded by Comp. Uttley, and carried with acclamation.

Provincial Grand Chapter was closed at 5.15 p.m.

Tea was provided in the Town Hall at 5.30 o'clock; upwards of eighty Companions partook.

The American Tyler calls death "Heaven's Senior Deacon."

## PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF SUFFOLK.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Suffolk was held under the banner of the Martyn Chapter, No. 1224, at the Four Swans Hotel, Sudbury, on Friday, the 19th inst. The Chapter was opened by the Prov. Grand Superintendent M.E. Comp. Rev. C. J. Martyn, assisted by the following Officers:—Comps. J. M. Harvey P.G.H., J. Hills P.G.J., N. Tracy P.G.S.E., S. Maude P.G.A.S., H. J. Wright P.G.D. of C., and B. Hurst P.G.O. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the roll of Officers was called, those present responding. The roll of the Chapters being called, the reports received from each were very satisfactory, with the exception of two. The report of the Board of General Purposes was received and adopted, carrying a grant of ten guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

The Prov. Grand Superintendent then proceeded to appoint and invest his Officers for the ensuing year, as follow:—

Comp. G. J. Oliver P.Z. 1008	-	H.
C. H. Vincent P.Z. 1224	-	J.
N. Tracy P.Z. 376	-	Scribe E.
B. S. Bradbeer Z. 71	-	Scribe N.
W. Inglis Mason Z. 1224	-	Treasurer
G. Cornish Z. 1008	-	Registrar
I. M. T. Anderson Z. 376	-	Principal Sojourner
J. F. W. Bray H. 1681	-	1st Assistant Sojourner
J. C. N. Row S.E. 1224	-	2nd Assistant Sojourner
G. Powell Price J. 225	-	Sword Bearer
J. Hodges 1224	-	Standard Bearer
H. J. Wright Z. 225	-	Director of Ceremonies
Rev. J. Holme Pilkington 555	-	Organist
M. Reid 1224	-	Janitor

The Prov. Grand Superintendent then proceeded to address the Companions, and congratulated them upon the satisfactory condition of Royal Arch Masonry in the Province, and said that when they were tired of him he would willingly resign the office he now held, but so long as they wished him he would continue to hold it—a statement which was received with loud and continued applause.

The Lodge was afterwards closed.

## ZETLAND CHAPTER, No. 1071.

THE annual convocation of this Chapter was held on the 17th inst., at the new Masonic Hall, Saltash. The Officers elected for installation and investment were Comps. E. L. Herring P.P.G.P.S. Z., W. R. Rawling H., F. A. Rawling J., W. T. Nancarrow S.N., H. Bowden S.E., Dr. R. C. Revel Treasurer, J. Braund P.S., R. T. Meadows 1st A.S., J. T. Brooking P.P.G.S.B. 2nd A.S., T. D. Deeble Janitor. The Installing Officers were Comps. R. H. Rae 189 1071 P.P. 3rd Grand Principal, Rev. Dr. Lemon 189 P.P. 3rd Grand Principal, assisted by Comps. A. W. White P.P.G.P.S. 189, C. Croydon 189 1071 P.P.G.S.B., E. Aitken Davies 1099 159 P.P.G. Reg., all of Devon; Comps. N. Bray, G. Burns P.P.G.Std.Br., J. Deeble ex-Janitor. The new bye-laws were discussed and settled. The Companions dined together at Bray's Commercial Hotel.

## MASONIC SONNETS.—No. 52.

By BRO. CHAS. F. FORSHAW, LL.D., 295, 1214,  
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### TOLERANCE.

As sons of Light we recognise all creeds,  
And know naught of political opinions,  
Yet heed and honour just and honest deeds,  
Throughout our un-Sectarian dominions.  
We meet all Brothers on one common ground,  
We send all bias back to remote ages,  
For in our grand and Royal Art profound,  
Which long has lauded been by learned sages,  
We find one perfect virtue held supreme,  
The grand and glorious one of Toleration.  
Our Bards have magnified its boundless theme,  
As one that knows no sect, nor class, nor station.  
And so the world, with Mason's deeds imbued  
Looks on the Craft with pride and gratitude.

Winder House, Bradford.  
24th May 1893.

## A MASONIC JUBILEE.

AN ANNIVERSARY of probably unique significance was celebrated in Bristol, on Thursday, the 18th inst. On 18th May 1843 a candidate was initiated in the Moira Lodge of Honour, No. 326, who has been a member of it during the whole of the fifty years which have since elapsed, and having attained to the highest position in the Lodge, has filled many distinguished positions and is now Provincial Grand Master of Bristol. Bro. W. A. F. Powell is universally respected throughout the Province, and he will be warmly congratulated by the Craft generally upon the attainment of his Masonic Jubilee; indeed his fellow citizens generally can sympathise with the rejoicings of his brethren on the occasion. It was contrary to his wish that any great demonstration should be made in connection with the event, but he consented to attend a special meeting of his mother Lodge on Thursday afternoon, the 18th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol, when additional interest was given to the occasion by the presence of Bro. Hugh Owen, who 53 years ago became a member of the Lodge, and who at 85 years of age journeyed from London to do honour to his old friend and associate. The W.M. (Bro. Albert Barratt) occupied the chair, the following members of the Lodge were also present:—Bros. W. H. Brown I.P.M. P.P.G. Supt. of Works, W. A. F. Powell P.M. Prov. G.M., Hugh Owen P.M. P.P.G.J.D., Samuel Edwards P.M. P.P.G. Sword Bearer, T. W. Stone P.M. D.C. P.P.G. Standard Bearer, W. C. Bamfield P.M. P.P.G.S.D., J. M. Hunt P.M. P.P.G.J.W., Herbert Gough P.M. Prov. G.J.W., Alfred W. Powell P.M. P.P.G.D., Henry Anstey S.W., E. E. Hobbs J.W., E. H. Baker Secretary, Herbert Fielding S.D., H. R. Withycombe J.D., John Boyd I.G., R. G. Parminter Organist, E. J. Sellick P.P. Grand Steward, Wm. Rice P.M. 1755, Joseph Littleton, L. J. T. Beck, Thomas Bamfield, J. Stoute, and J. Webber Tyler. The matter was scarcely known beyond the Lodge or the hall, which was crowded with the brethren of the Province. The following visitors however were present:—Bros. J. R. Bramble P.A.G.D.C. Eng. D.P.G.M. Bristol, Pierrepont Harris P.P.G.S.W. Prov. G. Sec., C. W. Cope Proctor P.M. 187 Prov. G. Treas., W. E. Parry P.M. 686 Prov. G. Registrar, E. G. Grubb P.M. 68 P.P.G.S.D., Harold Lewis P.M. 686 Prov. G. Std. B., Robert Olive P.M. 610 P.P.G.A.D.C., H. Wilkinson P.M. 68 P.P.G.J.D., W. G. Vowles P.M. 103 P.P.G.J.W., Wm. Pearce P.M. 610, J. Northam W.M. 2257, C. J. Hill 2257 W.M. elect 1296, W. Church 103, A. C. Powell Secretary 187, E. Holder 68, J. J. Justice 610, Thos. Colenutt 1833, Geo. Will 1750, Thos. Protheroe 2257, Thos. H. Brown 610, R. H. Shrapnell S.W. 1833. The W.M. expressed the pleasure they all felt at seeing their Provincial Grand Master with them on that auspicious occasion. In a few well-chosen words he presented the following address on behalf of the Lodge.

"To the Right Worshipful Brother William Augustus Frederick Powell, Provincial Grand Master of Bristol, Past Grand Deacon of England.

The Worshipful Master, Past Masters, and Brethren of the Moira Lodge of Honour, No. 326, desire, on the completion of the 50th year of your membership of the Lodge in which you were initiated, 18th May 1843, installed W.M. 2nd Dec. 1846, to express their deep sense of the value of the services you have rendered to Masonry, and on their appreciation of the honour which you have conferred upon your Mother Lodge during your membership.

They also desire to express their sincere hope that it may please the G.A.O.T.U. to permit you to enjoy a long continuance in your exalted office.

Dated this 18th day of May 1893.

ALBERT BARRATT W.M.  
WM. HY. BROWN I.P.M.  
HENRY ANSTAY S.W.  
E. E. HOBBS J.W.  
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THOS. W. STONE P.M. and D.C.  
JOHN BOYD I.G.

Following these signatures were a list of the present members of the Lodge in order of seniority. The address had been very beautifully illuminated on vellum by Bro. W. Bennet, of Broad Street. It was bound in blue morocco, ornamented with gold, and lined with very rich shot silk. Each page was surrounded with emblematic borders, and the back of each leaf was adorned with Masonic emblems, such as the badge of a P.G.M. and the like. The frontispiece was a platinotype portrait, by Bro. Protheroe, of Bro. Powell, with his arms and the city arms.

The presentation having been made, Bro. Hugh Owen, as the father of Masonry in Bristol, congratulated the Provincial Grand Master, not only upon the position in which the Prince had worthily placed him, but also upon attaining his jubilee. In a very graceful speech he said they were young together, but as he was a few years the elder he entered Masonry first; in fact he had been fifty-three years a Mason. He well remembered the meeting at which their Provincial Grand Master was a candidate, introduced by his honoured father, than whom a more worthy brother never entered a Masonic Lodge. His son had held the highest offices in the Province and had won the confidence of the highest, the noblest, the humblest and the simplest of his brethren.

Bro. John Northam, the newly-installed W.M. of 2257, conveyed the congratulations of the Lodge, which was permitted to bear the honoured name of Powell. Brother W. G. Vowles P.P.G.J.W., as a Bristol man of thirty-five years' standing added his felicitations.

The Provincial Grand Master, who was received with enthusiastic applause, rose to reply, and said he could not adequately express his

thanks for the honour done him by his mother Lodge. So long as he lived the beautiful address they had presented to him would be among his most precious Masonic treasures. Bro. Owen had referred to fifty years ago, and very few could expect to see the fiftieth anniversary of their initiation. But to be a subscribing member to a Lodge for fifty years, to have become its Worshipful Master, to have held various offices and at the end of the time to be Grand Master of the Province was, he believed, absolutely unique. He could say he had never sought any office, but he could only claim one merit for himself, a good feeling for the Craft, a desire to uphold it, to maintain its character and to do all in his power to help a brother Mason. He was unable now to be as active as he had been in years gone by. In fact had he known the illnesses he should have to undergo he would not have accepted his present position. In conclusion he wished the Worshipful Master and brethren of every Lodge in the Province that prosperity, goodwill, and harmony which Masons ought to possess and had done in a peculiar degree in the Province of Bristol during the whole time he had known it. The proceedings were shortly afterwards brought to a close.

## Obituary.

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BRO. E. B. COX P.M. 1563.

WE regret to announce the death of Brother E. B. Cox P.M. 1563, which took place on Friday, the 12th inst., after an illness of four months duration. The funeral took place on Tuesday, a service having been previously held at St. Thomas Church, Orchard Street, W., where we noticed the following amongst others:—Brothers Beach (brother-in-law) mourner, Dairey, Martell, Artow, Woodrough, Bellerby, Walter Dennis, Higgins, Brander, Amelot, W. H. Bolt W.M. 1563, and J. E. Shand. The cortege was afterwards driven to Hanwell Cemetery, where the remains of our deceased brother were interred. Many wreaths decorated the coffin. We beg to offer Bro. Cox's widow and friends our fraternal sympathy.

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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, 27th May.

1297 West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham  
1679 Henry Mugeridge, Anderton's, Fleet Street  
R.A. 176 Cavac, Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.  
R.A. 1185 Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green  
R.A. 1622 Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.E.  
R.A. 1623 West Smithfield, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.

149 Peace, New Masonic Hall, Meltham  
308 Pr. George, Station Hotel, Bottoms, Eastwood  
336 Benevolence, Jolly Sailor Inn, Marple  
444 Union, Courtenay Arms, Starcross  
453 Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford  
1146 De Moulham, Mowlem Institute, Swanage  
1462 Wharfedale, Rose and Crown Hot., Penistone  
1531 Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst  
1579 St. James, George Hotel, Enfield  
1965 Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley  
1982 Greenwood, Public Hall, Sutton  
2048 Henry Levander, Station Hotel, Harrow  
2309 George Gardner, Village Hall, Datchet  
2421 Carrington, Crown Hotel, Amersham  
R.A. 178 Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan

## Monday, 29th May.

1615 Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square, W.  
1745 Farringdon Without, Holborn Viaduct Hotel  
R.A. 188 Joppa, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street  
R.A. 255 Iris, Greyhound, Richmond

61 Prohiby, Freemasons' Hall, Halifax  
85 Faithful, Swan Hotel, Harleston  
89 Unanimity, Astley Arms, Dukinfield  
148 Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington  
264 Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley  
302 Hope, New Masonic Hall, Bradford  
307 Pr. Frederick, M.R., New Rd., Hebden Bridge  
388 Prudence, Masonic Hall, Halesworth  
408 Three Graces, Masonic Room, Haworth  
433 Hope, Swan Hotel, Brighlingsea  
467 Tudor, Freemasons' Hall, Oldham  
543 Cleveland, Golden Lion, Stokesley  
557 Loyal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Caillington  
607 Chicheley, Lodge Rooms, Thrapston  
613 Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport  
699 Boscawen, Masonic Hall, Chacewater  
737 Wentworth, Masonic Hall, Wellingborough  
1110 Tyrian, Gildredge Hotel, Eastbourne  
1177 Tenby, Masonic Hall, Tenby, Pembroke  
1218 Pr. Alfred, Commercial, Mossley, Manchester  
1272 Tregenna, Masonic Hall, St. Ives  
1399 Marlborough, Marlborough Arms, Woodstock  
1486 Duncombe, Masonic Hall, Knightsbridge  
1542 Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Castleford  
1564 St. John, Prince of Wales Hotel, Woking  
1575 Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton  
1600 Hamilton, Masonic Hall, Alford  
1688 Buxton, Palace Hotel, Buxton  
1753 Obedience, White Hart, Okehampton  
1895 Thames, Masonic Rooms, Henley  
1977 Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon  
2187 Adur, Assembly Rooms, Henfield  
2220 Lathom, Mess Rooms, Starkie St., Preston  
R.A. 74 Athol, M.H., Severn Street, Birmingham  
R.A. 100 Friendship, Crown and Cushion, Great Yarmouth  
R.A. 219 Justice, Masonic Hall, Todmorden  
R.A. 827 St. John's, Masonic Temple, Deysbury  
M.M. 9 Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton  
M.M. 146 Moore, Athenæum, Lancaster

## Tuesday, 30th May.

160 True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford  
310 Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Carlisle  
357 Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford  
378 Loyal Welsh, Masonic Hall, Pembroke Dock  
386 Unity, Town Hall, Wareham  
444 St. James, Freemasons' Hall, Halifax  
484 Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-in-Makerfield, Newton-le-Willows  
597 St. Cybi, Masonic Hall, Holyhead  
624 Abbey, Hall, Union St., Burton-on-Trent  
779 Ferrers and Ivanhoe, M.H., Ashby-de-la-Zouch  
789 Dunbeved, Masonic Hall, Lauceston  
879 Four Cardinal Virtues, Royal Hotel, Crews  
1024 St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon  
1028 Royal Alfred, The George, Alfreton  
1214 Scarborough, Station Hotel, Batley  
1266 Honour and Friendship, M.H., Blandford  
1271 Friendship & Unity, M.R., Bradford-on-Avon  
1359 Torbay, Lodge Rooms, Polsham, Paignton  
1479 Halsay, Town Hall, St. Albans  
1482 Isle of Axholme, Masonic Hall, Crowle  
1522 Olicana, The Crescent, Ilkley  
1597 St. Giles, The Bank, Bank Street, Cheadle  
1636 St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
1650 Rose of Ruby, Scarth Mem. Hall, Staindrop  
1799 Arnold, Marine Hotel, Walton-on-Naze  
1823 Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk  
1902 St. Cuthbert, King's Arms Inn, Bedlington  
1942 Minerva, Public Hall, Fenton, Staff.

## Wednesday, 31st May.

House Committee R.M.B.I., Croydon, at 3  
898 Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar  
R.A. 435 Mount Lebanon, Ship and Turtle, E.C.

128 Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bury, Lancashire  
163 Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
187 Royal Sussex of Hospitality, F.M.H., Bristol  
274 Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch

290 Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, Huddersfield  
304 Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Leeds  
372 Harmony, Rollo Arms, Buileigh Salterton  
387 Airedale, Institute, Salsaire, Shinley  
439 Scientific, Masonic Rooms, Bingley  
461 Fortitude, Commercial Hotel, n Moor  
533 Eaton, Masonic Hall, Congleton  
555 Fidelity, The Crown, Framlingham  
608 Sogontium, The Castle, Carnarvon  
651 Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon  
730 Ellesmere, Town Hall, Chorley  
750 Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cleekeaton  
851 Worthing of Friendship, Stoyne Assembly Rooms, Worthing

996 Sonde, Masonic Hall, East Dereham  
1083 Townley Parker, Grand Hotel, Manchester  
1119 St. Bede, Masonic Hall, Jarrow  
1219 Strangeways, Old Boar's Head, Manchester  
1243 Ryburn, M.H., Central Bldg., Sowerby Bridge  
1363 Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Glos.  
1403 West Lancashire, Commercial Hot., Ormskirk  
1520 Earl Shrewsbury, Local Boar's Head, Carnock  
1541 Mount Edgecumbe, Masonic Hall, Camborne  
1645 Colne Valley, Masonic Hall, Slaithwaite  
1714 Albert Edward, Cambridge Hotel, Camberley  
1731 Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh  
1775 Leopold, Commercial Hotel, Church  
1793 Sir Charles Bright, Clarence H., Teddington  
1797 Southdown, New Inn, Harstapierpoint, Sussex  
1808 Suffield, Angel, North Walsham  
1851 Weald of Kent, Boar's Head, Tenterden  
1864 Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Oldham  
1989 Stirling, Mkt. Hall, Ocle Moor, Cumberland  
2044 Smith Child, Town Hall, Tunstall, Staff.  
2186 Striguit, Masonic Hall, Nelson St., Chopstow  
2250 St. Nicholas, Peace Hall, W. Yorkshire  
2279 Thornham, Half-way House, Thornham

R.A. 322 Hope, Vernon Arms Hotel, Stockport  
R.A. 376 Royal Sussex of Perfect Friendship, M.H., Ipswich

R.A. 409 Stortford, Chequers, Bishop Stortford  
M.M. 21 Howe, George Hotel, Melton Mowbray  
M.M. 178 Wiltshire Keystone, M.H., Devizes  
R.C. Philips, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lanc.

## Thursday, 1st June.

10 Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H., W.C.  
192 Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel  
742 Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace, Sydenham  
1155 Excelsior, Sidney Arms, Lewisham Road  
1178 Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hot., Southwark  
1361 United Service, Regent M.H., Air Street, W.  
1790 Old England, M.H., New Thornton Heath  
1950 Scutthate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate  
2271 St. Pancras, Midland Hotel, St. Pancras, N.W.  
2411 Clarence & Avondale, Red Lion, Leytonstone

R.A. 34 Moriah, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
R.A. 73 Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel.  
R.A. 143 Mount Moriah, Albion, Aldersgate St.  
R.A. 1693 Kingsland, Holborn Restaurant, W.C.  
M.M. 244 Trinity College, 13 Mandeville Place, W.

24 Newcastle-on-Tyne, F.H., Newcastle  
31 United Industries, Mas. Rooms, Canterbury  
38 Union, Council Chamber, Chester  
110 Loyal Cambrian, Mas. Hall, Merthyr Tydvil  
123 Lennox, F.M.H., Richmond, Yorkshire  
195 Hengist, Masonic Hall, Bournemouth  
215 Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden  
219 Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden  
230 Fidelity, Ebrington Masonic Hall, Devonport  
249 Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
251 Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry  
266 Naphali, Navigation Inn, Heywood  
269 Fidelity, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn  
289 Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Leeds  
295 Combermere, Union Arms, Macclesfield  
309 Harmony, Red Lion, Farnham  
317 Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
324 Moira, Wellington Inn, Scalybridge  
350 Charity, Railway Hotel, Moses Gate, Kearsley  
361 Industry, Norfolk Arms, Hyde, Cheshire  
419 St. Peter, Star and Garter, Wolverhampton  
450 Cornubian, Freemasons' Hall, Hayle  
456 Foresters, Town Hall, Uttoxeter  
482 Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms, Accrington  
472 Friendship & Sincerity, T. Hall, Shaftesbury  
509 Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham  
531 St. Helen's, Masonic Hall, Hurtlepool  
539 St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall  
625 Devonshire, Masonic Hall, Glossop  
633 Yarborough, Clarence Hotel, Manchester  
637 Portland, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent  
703 Clifton, County and Lane Ends Hot., Blackpool  
792 Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Great Grimsby  
856 Restormel, Duchy Palace, Lostwithiel  
913 Pattison, Freemasons' Hall, Plumstead  
971 Trafalgar, Masonic Hall, St. James St., Batley

1231 Savile, Masonic Room, Northgate, Eiland  
1284 Brent, Globe Hotel, Devonshire  
1324 Okeover, Market Hall, Ripley  
1379 Marquess of Ripon, Masonic Hall, Darlington  
1394 Equity, Central Hotel, Widnes  
1500 Walpole, 47 St. Giles Street, Norwich  
1504 Red Rose of Lanc., Starkie's Arms, Padiham  
1513 Friendly, M.H., Eastgate, Barnsley  
1514 Thornhill, Masonic Hall, Hindley  
1557 Albert Edward, Masonic Hall, Hexham  
1565 Earl of Chester, Masonic Hall, Lymington  
1674 Canadoc, Masonic Hall, Rayl  
1749 Castlemartin, Assembly Rooms, Pembroke  
1817 St. Andrew, Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness  
1829 Burrell, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
1899 Wellesley, Wellington College Hot., Sandhurst  
2023 Granite, Northborough Hotel, Naroounga  
2169 Osborne, M.H., Medina Hall, East Cowes  
2189 Ashburton, Masonic Hall, Ashburton  
2255 Philbrick, Royal Forest Hotel, Caingford  
2317 Bisley, National School, Bisley  
2342 Easterford, Angel Hotel, Kettering  
2350 Corinthian, Bird-in-the-Hand Hotel, Hindley  
2419 Duke of York, Palatine Hotel, Manchester

R.A. 187 Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol  
R.A. 429 Thanet, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate  
R.A. 591 Rectitude, Midland Hotel, Ardwick Higher  
M.M. 53 Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

## Friday, 2nd June.

706 Florence Nightingale, M.U., Woolwich  
1275 Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich  
1489 M. of Ripon, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N.  
R.A. 259 Prince of Wales, Hotel Metropole, W.C.

41 Friendship, Albion Hotel, Manchester  
242 St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster  
291 Rural Philanthropic, Railway Hot., Highbridge  
306 Alfred, Masonic Hall, Gt. George St., Leeds  
401 Royal Forest, Hark to Bount Inn, Slaidburn  
404 Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford  
460 Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle under-Lyme

516 Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket.  
521 Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Huddersfield  
652 Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmforth  
837 De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon  
936 Adair, Private Room, Aldeburgh  
993 Welchpool, Railway Station, Welchpool

1009 Shakespeare, F.M.H., Cooper St., Manchester  
1034 Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Ecclesnill  
1098 Lord Warden, St. George's Hall, Deal  
1102 Mirfield, Masonic Hall, Mirfield  
1103 Royal Wharfedale, Masonic Rooms, Otley  
1230 Barnard, Masonic Hall, Barnard Castle  
1333 Athelstau, Town Hall, Athelstone, Warwick  
1375 Architect, Mas. Hall, Chorlton-cum-Hardy  
1529 Duke of Cornwall, Masonic Hall, St. Colomb  
1648 Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Bradford  
1664 Gosforth, Freemasons' H., Gosforth  
1754 Windsor, M.H., Landowne, Penarth  
1838 Tudor Lodge of Rifle Volunteers, Drill Hall, Wolverhampton.

1993 Wolseley, Trovelyan Hotel, Manchester  
2078 St. Lawrence, Masonic Hall, Scunthorpe  
2376 Carnarvon, Eagle and Child Inn, Layland, Lancashire.

2433 Minerva, Masonic Chambers, Birkenhead

## Saturday, 3rd June.

1622 Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
R.A. 173 Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
R.A. 975 Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew

1223 Amherst, Amherst Hotel, Riverhead  
1362 Royal Albert Edward, Town Hall, Redhill  
1458 Truth, Wheatshaf Hotel, Manchester  
1491 Felix, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court  
1550 Prudence, Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth  
1567 Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham  
1929 Mozart, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon  
2148 Walsingham, M.H., Walsingham, Kent  
2205 Pegasus, Falcon Hotel, Gravesend, Kent  
2331 Ravenscroft, Red Lion Hotel, High Barnet  
2442 St. Clements, Bell Hotel, Leigh  
2450 Loxfield, Maiden's Head Hotel, Uckfield  
M.M. 14 Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield

## INSTRUCTION.

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## Saturday, 27th 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  
1248 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, 29th May.

22 Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7:30  
27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8  
45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St.,  
174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7  
180 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8  
211 St. Michael's, Noland Arms, Addison Road, Notting Hill, at 8  
248 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brixham, Devon  
332 Royal Union, Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge  
549 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford, 8  
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, 292 Whitechapel Road, E., 7  
1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall Canterbury,  
1489 M. of Ripon, Queen's Hot, Victoria Park, 7:30  
1597 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, E.C. 7:30  
1535 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho, Putney  
1603 Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, W., 8  
1623 West Smithfield, Manchester Hotel, E.C., 7  
1693 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 8:30  
1707 Eleanor, Rose and Crown, Tottenham, 8  
1743 Perseverance, Deacons' 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, 30th 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 Donatic, 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  
531 Old Boar's Head, Manchester  
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  
 800 Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Dulston, 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  
 1416 Mount Edgecumbe, 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, 6  
 1540 Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High St.  
 1639 Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Norbiton, 8  
 1695 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav, N.  
 1767 Kensington, Scarsdale Arms Ho., Kensington  
 1839 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7  
 1949 Brixton, Prince Regent East Brixton, 8  
 2146 Surbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton  
 2411 Clarence and Avondale, M.F., 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, 31st May.

3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, 8  
 30 United Mariners', Lugard, Peckham, 7:30  
 65 Prosperity, Old Parr's Head, Knightbridge St.  
 72 Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., 8  
 73 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, Borough, 8  
 193 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall St., 8  
 228 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8  
 538 La Tolerance, Portland Hot, Gt. Portland St., 8  
 594 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7  
 673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8  
 720 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, 7  
 733 Westbourne, 112 Queen's Road, Bayswater, 8  
 781 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav, Burdett Rd., 7:30  
 818 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Rd. 8  
 862 Whittington, Red Lion, Fleet Street, 8  
 972 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, 8:30  
 1037 Portland, Portland Hall, Portland  
 1269 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney  
 1356 Toxteth, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool, 7:30  
 1475 Peckham, 518 Old Kent Road, 8  
 1511 Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull  
 1801 Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rusby Green, Catford, 8  
 1804 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W., 7:30  
 1862 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow, 7:30  
 1891 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair, 8  
 1892 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  
 1963 Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, 7:30  
 2206 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 8  
 R.A. 177 Domestic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8  
 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, 1st June.

144 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 7:30  
 147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8  
 263 Clarence, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.  
 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., 8  
 1158 Southern Star, Sir Syd. Smith, Kennington, 8  
 1178 Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, S.E. 7  
 1182 Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool, 7:30  
 1259 Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, Commercial Road, Limehouse, E., 7:30  
 1278 Burdett Coutts, Swan, Bethnal Green Road, 8  
 1306 St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, 8  
 1360 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales, Wimbledon, 7:30  
 1426 The Great City, Masons' Hall Avenue, 6:30  
 1558 D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Cambo. w. 11, 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  
 1814 Covent Garden, Criterion, W., 8  
 1822 Rose, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8  
 1825 Tredegar, Wellington, Bow, E., 7:30  
 1873 Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 5:30  
 1744 Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte Street, 8  
 1950 Southgate, Railway Hot, New Southgate, 7:30  
 1877 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem, St. John's Road, Clerkenwell, 9  
 1998 Priory, Constitutional Club, Acton  
 R.A. 753 Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, 8  
 R.A. 1471 North London, Northampton House, Canonbury, 8

### Friday, 2nd June.

Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, 8  
 General Lodge, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 8  
 167 St. John's, York and Albany, Regent's Park, 8  
 507 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7:30  
 765 St. James, Princess Victoria, Rotherhithe, 8  
 780 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 8  
 834 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith  
 1056 Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, 7  
 1185 Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green, 7:30  
 1228 Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, 8  
 1293 Royal Standard, Castle, 81 Holloway Rd., N., 8  
 1365 Clapton, G.E. Hotel, Liverpool Street, 7  
 1381 Kennington, The Horns, Kennington, 8  
 1457 Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton, Essex, 7:30  
 1612 E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8  
 1677 Crusaders, Northampton Arms, Goswell Road  
 1901 Selwyn, Montpelier, Chesham 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, 3rd June.

87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's Park, near Nunhead Junction, 7:30  
 179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., 8  
 198 Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8  
 1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., 8  
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 2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, W.  
 R.A. Sinai, Red Lion, King Street, Regent St., W.

The last day for receiving petitions for the October election of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls has been fixed for Thursday, the 8th June next.

The Royal Military Tournament, which is held at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, is again drawing tremendous audiences. The tournament will be continued during the next fortnight.

The meetings of the Westbourne Lodge of Instruction, No. 733, held at the Prince Alfred Hotel, 112 Queen's Road, Bayswater, will in future take place on Wednesday evenings, at 8 o'clock, instead of Thursdays as hitherto.

The parishioners of the Royal village of Kew, with which the family of the Duchess of Teck is so closely associated, have decided, in public meeting assembled, to co-operate with the Richmond Committee, so as to present one gift to Princess May. It is expected that the first Venetian Fête of the season, organised by the Illuminated River Fêtes Committee, will be fixed for the wedding-day, and it is likewise proposed that a dinner shall be given to the poor and an entertainment of some sort provided for the school children.

The directors of the Crystal Palace have, after forty years, in order to meet a generally expressed wish, decided to issue a transferable season ticket, available for one year from the 1st May. The price of this ticket is two guineas, and with the exception that it is transferable, it is subject to precisely the same regulations as the present annual season tickets, which will be issued as usual. We are pleased to notice that Brother Wm. Harris Saunders has been appointed by the directors of the Crystal Palace as Inspector of Agents. We wish our esteemed brother every success.

THE BICKLEY OUTRAGE.—Miss Philbrick, the daughter of our esteemed Brother F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, who was one of the victims of the murderous outrage at Bickley some months ago, has within the last few days so far recovered that, accompanied by nurses, she has been able to go to the seaside in an advanced stage of convalescence. The terrible wound on her face which was inflicted by her insane assailant has just closed, and it is gratifying to learn that her intellect is now as clear and bright as formerly. Miss Wood, the daughter of the vicar of Bickley, who was the other victim of the outrage, has completely recovered.

A show of choice flowers, including a number of fine exhibits of orchids, was opened on Thursday in the Inner Temple Gardens.

The dinner of the Royal General Theatrical Fund took place at the Hôtel Métropole, on Thursday, Mr. A. W. Pinero presiding. Among the speakers were Bros. Henry Irving, J. L. Toole, and Bancroft.

The seventh annual dinner of the Old Masonians will take place at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., on Thursday next, the 1st June, when Brother Richard Eve, the President of the Association, will preside.

The Middlesex County Council have resolved, on the motion of the Earl of Strafford, to present congratulatory addresses to the Queen, the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the Duke and Duchess of Teck on the Royal Betrothal. Lord Strafford announced that, as Lord-Leutenant, he had decided to open an account at the London and Westminster Bank for the purpose of making a present to the Duke of York.

A grand afternoon concert will be given at the University College, Gower Street, W.C., on Wednesday next, the 31st instant, at 3 o'clock, in aid of the summer excursion of the University College Working Lads' Institute. The following artistes have generously promised their services:—Mlle. Antoinette Trebelli, Madame De Foublanque Campbell, Madame Belle Cole, Mr. Braxton Smith, Mr. Barrington Foote, Mr. Norman Salmoud, Mr. Santley, Professor Frederick Roberts, Mr. Sydney Belfrage, and the Schartau part singers. Solo violin, Mr. J. T. Carrodus; flautists, Mr. John Radcliff and Mr. W. L. Barratt; accompanist, Mr. Edward Croager, A.R.A.M. Tickets (5s each) can be obtained from Mr. Sydney Belfrage or Mr. E. G. L. Goffe, at the University College, Gower Street, W.C.

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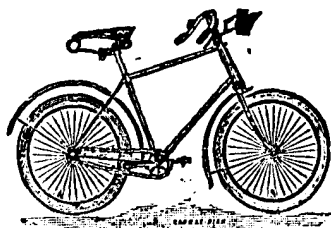
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