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The Old Masonians AND Our Boys' School.



COMPARATIVELY small social gathering was held in London on the 13th inst., in respect of which it may be said the best interests of English Freemasonry are concerned in a far greater degree than might attach to many more pretentious masonic assemblages. It was the third annual festival of a society entitled "The Old Masonians," which originated with, and is upheld by, young men who have started into business life from the portals of our Royal Institution at Wood Green, and who have, for the most part, attained their majority. These youths and young men are practically carrying out some of the tenets which form the foundation of our masonic system, and which their elders who have "seen the light" are never tired of inculcating. These are principally the cultivation of unity, brotherly love and affection, social enjoyment and mutual assistance. With the details of the operations by which they promote their beneficent designs we need not concern ourselves. It is sufficient to say that they are praiseworthy in the highest degree, and merit the earnest and cordial support of such of the members of our fraternity as desire to see a younger generation qualifying themselves for continuing in after years the good works of their predecessors. For assuredly, in due course of time and opportunities, these "Lewises" of our order will enlist under our banners, and fill up vacancies in rank and file to continue the battle for the good and welfare of mankind, for which the veterans in the masonic army have heretofore so stoutly contested.

In another column of this number of our journal we briefly report the proceedings on the occasion referred to. Our present purpose, in this article, is to connect those

proceedings with the institution which was the *Alma Mater* of the young men who are more immediately concerned therewith. Their action is an indisputable testimony to the important benefits which education in the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys confers on those who gain their elementary instruction and preparation for the battle of life within its precincts. And whatever may be the nature or anticipated outcome of criticism in the present day in relation to that institution, the fact cannot be gainsaid that its power for good has been very great, and has been attended by highly beneficial results. As was very justly enunciated by Bro. Godson, in submitting, as President, the toast of the evening, they are such as should deeply interest every member of our ancient craft, and assure them that, whatever may be the minor points of difference in respect of present management, the important objects of the institution, in properly training the youths committed to its charge, have never been forgotten, nor the trust its managers have from time to time undertaken been betrayed. So also most worthy of remark were the observations of the Grand Treasurer, Bro. Barfield, and Bro. Augustus Harris, both of whom forcibly maintained, in the course of their able addresses, that the institution had done more good in Freemasonry than the outside world could possibly imagine. It was pleasant to hear Bro. Major Lambert, first acknowledging that in earlier days he was more antagonistic than friendly to the institution, but had, years ago, seen the error of his ways, endorsing with evident sincerity, those observations Truly, there is more joy over one sinner that repenteth! Subsequently, in response to a toast in his honour, Bro. Binckes—speaking as, when the interests of the institution are the subject matter, Bro. Binckes alone can speak—declared that the formation of the society of "Old Masonians," the earnestness of its members, and the meeting itself were an answer to all criticism as to the good which the school has done. And to a very considerable extent it is so. Nevertheless, we maintain our expressed opinion, and that of many of our correspondents, that the late criticism of some of the details of management during recent years, which criticism has been termed censorious, and most inappropriately so, inasmuch as its object has not been to blame, but to enquire and correct, is not altogether unwarranted. Further, we believe it will be of ultimate benefit to the Institution, and in its results prove advantageous rather than detrimental to its best interests. As to this, we shall not further remark. The enquiry is still *sub judice*, and the report thereon cannot be anticipated.

A word or two more in the way of encouragement to the young men who are so laudably persevering in the advance-

ment of their excellent Society, and in solicitation for further support from those Freemasons who can appreciate their efforts. As will be apparent from a perusal of our brief report and the foregoing observations, they are not wanting the friendship and assistance of some of our most distinguished brethren. But the scope of their operations is large, and yet capable of considerable extension. Further additions to their roll of Vice-Presidents would, it is almost needless to say, be heartily welcomed, and, whilst affording them increased means and opportunity for doing good, would greatly redound to the credit of those who might so connect themselves with the society. In any case, they have so far advanced by their action the cause of Masonic Education, and justified the claims which the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys has upon the craft generally for unstinted support and liberal contributions, that what they have already accomplished must ever be a source of satisfaction to themselves, and ultimately will assuredly meet with the reward which invariably attends patient perseverance in well doing.

THE MASONIC "POET'S CORNER."

IS CHIVALRY STILL POSSIBLE?

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

Chivalry was still possible—at least amongst Masons—in the earlier part of the present century, as is evidenced by the enclosed, which I send you to fill up next week's "Corner."

Chivalry is not only still possible amongst Masons. It is one of the predominant features of the Craft, and our wives and sisters recognise it, and not only tolerate but encourage our attending Lodge, when I am sure they would "comb our hair" pretty roughly if we announced our intention of spending an evening elsewhere without a very full explanation of the why and the wherefore.

They know *instinctively* (they don't know as a *fact*, for if they did they would all *urge* their admirers—as the lady in the enclosed ballad did—to become Masons) that we are bound to protect them, and that there is "naught but what's good to be understood" in the Craft; and if any lady ever came across—and I fear many of them have been initiated thus far—our leading lyric, she would know that on "every occasion" we're "true and sincere in our love to the fair," and that "no mortal can more the ladies adore than a free and accepted Mason."

Yours fraternally,

199, Clapham Road, April 11th, 1889.

FRIAR TUCK.

THE CHIVALROUS MASON.

A MASON'S daughter, fair and young,
The pride of all the virgin throng,
Thus to her lover said—

Though, Damon, I your flame approve,
Your actions praise, your person love,
Yet still I'll live a maid.

None shall untie my virgin zone,
But one to whom the secret's known
Of famed free masonry!

In which the great and good combine
To raise, with generous design,
Man to felicity.

The Lodge excludes the fop and fool,
The plodding knave and party tool,
That liberty would sell;
The noble, faithful, and the brave,
No gold or charms can e'er receive
In slavery to dwell.

This said, he bowed, and went away;
Applied, was made without delay,
Returned to her again;

The fair one granted his request,
Connubial joys their days have blest,
And may they e'er remain.

TEACHING IN LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

IN recent issues of *The South African Freemason* there are published three very instructive articles on the subject of Lodges of Instruction, which we feel assured will prove of considerable interest to the great majority of our readers.

In nearly every particular they express sentiments not merely our own but those of others interested in the advancement of our younger members in Masonic ritual and ceremonial. Our contemporary has paid us the compliment of reproducing some portions of our writings on Masonic subjects, and we are certain will not take objection to our utilizing its pages in the reproduction of the articles we refer to.

"Lodges of Instruction ought to be far more frequently heard of than is the case. In the olden times the necessity for such institutions was not particularly evident, inasmuch as most of the work now relegated to them formed an integral part of ordinary lodge routine. With that elaboration of the ritual which came about by a natural process of evolution, and with the increase in the number of degrees conferred, it has been found in most lodges impossible to find time, even with a goodly number of emergency

meetings, to do anything except confer degrees and transact business. It thus happens that Lodges of Instruction, primarily intended merely as schools wherein Masonic tyros might rehearse the ritual, have gradually become regarded not only as the proper arena for lecture work, but for extemporaneous lectures, original papers, and Masonic discussions. We do not say this is a good thing. On the contrary, we are decidedly of opinion that the more thoroughly the work of communicating knowledge is interwoven with the regular work of the private lodge, the more interesting Masonry will become, and the more efficiently its principles will be exemplified. But when we are told on all sides that it is literally impossible for an advancing lodge to do more at its business meetings than confer degrees with a proper attention to detail and a due avoidance of late hours, we are driven to the conclusion that it is far better that those portions of Masonic work which really constitute the 'soul' of the Craft should be performed in a subsidiary institution than neglected altogether. But unfortunately this is not recognised as it should be, and in many, if not most of the lodges of this 'Austral Africa' of ours, we have presented before us the very fatuous and entirely illogical spectacle of a body of men meeting together to repeat certain forms of words and gesture which seem to lead to nothing, and are to the great mass of the members almost devoid of meaning. That they are wonderfully beautiful goes without saying, but two thirds of their beauty is never discovered for want of the light requisite to the Masonic beginner who is desirous of unveiling them. Were instruction made a constant feature of lodge work, or were attendance at Lodges of Instruction regarded as absolutely obligatory on all young Masons—and old ones too for that matter—we should hear far less of that bane of the Craft, the brother who, full of enthusiasm at first, gradually ceases to attend, and finally drops off the subscription list, or if good luck hath it so, formally resigns altogether. We are afraid that a very large majority of the brethren in this country have never so much as heard a single section of the orthodox lectures gone through, and that a still larger number have never in their lives been present at the reading of a Masonic essay. This is not as it should be. It is morally wrong of us to be perpetually dimming into the ears of our recruits the necessity of making a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge, when we never give them the opportunity of doing anything of the kind. The State might almost as reasonably pass a compulsory Education Act without building a single school or providing a single teacher. Lodges of Instruction should be organised wherever a private lodge exists, and in fact, might be formed with advantage where there is no such lodge at all. Their work should be, of course, primarily that of providing instruction such as will qualify the junior members for properly doing the duties of the various offices of the lodge, but if the private lodge cannot find room for the authorised or extemporaneous lectures, and for discussions, these should be added to the programme also. Now, a great deal of confusion seems to exist between 'Lodges of Instruction' and 'meetings for instruction.' The former are separate bodies, certainly deriving their authority from, and being responsible to, some private lodge, but they are at the same time distinct entities with their own by-laws, books, and officers. But 'meetings for instruction' are merely meetings of a private lodge summoned for the purpose of instruction instead of for conferring a degree upon Bro. So-and-so. Both institutions have the same object in view, but the former seeks it, in our humble opinion, in a more systematic manner, and 'after a more excellent way.' A 'Lodge of Instruction' has its definite work to do, has full possession of its own sphere of Masonic labour, acquiring more dignity thereby, and has probably at its head a Preceptor and a Secretary who have made that particular line their hobby, and can be trusted to work out its details pretty correctly. And, moreover, it enjoys the very great advantage of continuity of purpose and teaching. The responsible head, the Preceptor, is probably more or less a fixture. He is, presumably, selected from amongst his peers because of his special aptitude for digesting, assimilating, and imparting Masonic lore, and once placed in his position, is, in nine cases out of ten, kept there as long as he cares to remain. In the 'instruction meeting' of the private lodge, on the contrary, the W.M. for the time being must constitutionally bear sway, and although an excellent representative of King Solomon in certain respects, he may not inherit any very large share of that monarch's wisdom. Many points have to be taken into account in the selection of a Master, only one in that of a Preceptor. And, moreover, it is certain that Masonic teaching will remain pure and uncorrupted almost exactly in an inverse ratio to the frequency of changes in the occupancy of the teacher's chair. If we want to check innovation in ritual, Lodges of Instruction under more or less permanent Preceptors will compass the work more effectually than any other agency. And then, a *de facto* 'Lodge of Instruction' can still more narrow the field open to innovators by uniting several private lodges in one scheme of ritual and teaching, tending powerfully to promote that uniformity which we all profess to desire. And even if only one lodge exists in a place, the work of instruction is, for reasons just stated, carried on more continuously and with greater uniformity if the instructing institution possesses a separate entity. Unofficial Masonic teaching finds its best level when most diffused, official instruction is best concentrated to the utmost possible extent."

(To be continued.)

Under the title of "Masonic Orations," W. Bro. John Chapman, P.M., 1402, &c., P.Prov.G.D., Devon, publishes, by subscription only, at 5/- per copy, a series of 25 Orations, delivered by W. Bro. L. P. Metham, P.D.Prov.G.M., Devon, on the occasions of the consecration of several lodges and chapters, &c. in Devon and Cornwall, with an introduction by W. Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D., England, &c., &c. The profits arising from this work, which will doubtless be of great interest, will be devoted to the funds of the "Royal British Female Orphan Asylum" at Devonport.

PROVINCIAL NOTES.

The annual meeting of the West Yorkshire Prov. Grand Lodge was held on the 10th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds, under the banner of the Philanthropic Lodge, No. 304. There was a very large gathering, seventy of the seventy-three lodges in the province being represented, and visitors from other provinces being present.—The R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. T. W. Tew, congratulated the eight Leeds lodges, numbering 412 members, of whom 98 were Past Masters, on the philanthropy displayed by them towards the Masonic charitable institutions, and the local Masonic benevolent institution, which was in a state of usefulness and efficiency. This was the eighteenth time in 47 years that the Prov. Grand Lodge had met in Leeds, and he reminded them of the gathering in April, 1885, on the occasion of his installation as Prov. Grand Master. He referred to the fact that of the eight Leeds lodges six met in that building, and expressed a hope that as a consequence of the contemplated street improvements in the locality the committee of the Masonic Hall in Great George Street would be able by an extension of the premises to make them so convenient and attractive that the two other lodges would be induced to meet under the same roof. The continual assembly of lodges in one building would, he thought, be conducive to Masonic harmony and to the increase of Masonry in the town. Since the autumnal meeting the Armitage Lodge, Longwood and Milsbridge, No. 2261, on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England, had been consecrated. The contributions to the charities so far this year amounted to £1,231, and the sum contributed since he became Prov. Grand Master in 1885 was £31,613. During the year 301 new members had been admitted, 102 members had been lost by resignation or retirement, and 64 by death. The total number of members had increased from 3,301, in 1887 to 3,440 in 1888. The Prov. Grand Master made a strong appeal on behalf of the three Masonic institutions, reminding the brethren that in West Yorkshire there were 70 recipients of those charities. He suggested that the eight Leeds lodges should combine to receive the brethren of the Liberal Arts and Sciences who would visit Leeds next year in connection with the meeting of the British Association. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Smith, having referred to various matters connected with the work of Prov. Grand Lodge, Bro. T. Bateman Fox, Vice-Chairman of the Charity Committee, read the report, which showed that the contribution from the province to the Masonic Institutions last year was £1,215 6s., made up as follows:—Royal Benevolent Institution, £480 6s.; Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, £173 5s.; Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, £561 15s.; The labours of the committee had been very successful, having resulted in the election of ten candidates. There were fourteen West Yorkshire candidates for the coming elections in April and May, the largest number the committee had ever had to deal with, and unfortunately there were several additional cases for October. It was, therefore, more than ever necessary that the voting strength of the province should be maintained by new donations and subscriptions. On the motion of Bro. W. F. Smithson, chairman of the Charity Committee, seconded by Bro. T. Bateman Fox, the report was adopted. Bro. William Watson, hon. librarian, made a statement concerning the recently-established Masonic library and museum at Wakefield, the success of which, he said, had far exceeded his expectations. The Prov. Grand Treasurer, Bro. Oxley, presented the balance-sheet, which showed that the finances were in a sound condition. The Prov. Grand Master afterwards invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—G. Wardens, William Harron, P.M., 290, Huddersfield; and John Henry Burrows, P.M., 139, Sheffield; G. Chaplains, the Rev. Chas. Dudley Lampen, J.W., 275, Huddersfield; and the Rev. Vaniah Odom, J.W., 139, Sheffield; G. Treasurer, John Leach (elected), P.M., 61, Halifax; G. Registrar, Charles Maurice Wilson, P.M., 974, Bradford; G. Secretary, Herbert G. E. Green, P.M., 1019, Wakefield; G. S. Deacons, Arthur F. McGill, F.R.C.S., P.M., 1311, Leeds; and Alfred Williamson, P.M., 289, Leeds; G. J. Deacons Geo. Arthur Cubley, P.M., 296, Sheffield; and Frederick Cleeves, P.M., 904, Rotherham; G. Sup. of Works, Wm. Watson, P.M., W.M., 2069, Leeds; G. D. of Cer., John Robert Welsman, P.M., 600, Bradford; Deputy G. D. of C., John Dyson, P.M., 306, Leeds; Ass. G. D. of C., Wm. Fitton, P.M., 2035, Kirkburton; G. Swdbr., John James Rutherford, P.M., 1545, Baildon; G. Std. Bearers, John Hodgson Rayner, P.M., 380, Morley; and Alfred Stott, P.M., 1301, Brighouse; G. Organist, Joshua Paget Priestley, Orgt., 439, Bingley; Ass. G. Sec., Joseph Matthewman, P.M., 1019, Wakefield; G. Purst., Richard Cliffe, P.M., 1542, Castleford; Ass. G. Purst., Thomas Gaukroger, P.M., 307, Hebden Bridge; G. Stewards, Joseph Beckett Wostinholm, P.M., 1239, Sheffield; William Frederick Tomlinson, P.M., 304, Leeds; James Blackburn Knight, P.M., 302, Bradford; William Ridgard Massie, P.M., 1513, Barnsley; John Shoemith, P.M., 1,783, Huddersfield; and Thomas Riley, P.M., 609, Bradford; G. Tyler, Samuel Barrand, Tyler, 301, Leeds; G. Asst.-Tyler, Thomas Lightton, Tyler, 139, Sheffield. In the evening the brethren dined together at the Masonic Hall.

The annual installation meeting of the brethren of the "Lodge of Friendship," No. 851, was held on the 10th inst. at the Steyne Hotel, Worthing. The lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. E. T. Cooksey, and there was a large attendance of members and visitors from neighbouring lodges. The business of the meeting comprised two initiations, and the installation of Bro. E. T. Cooksey for the second year as W.M., and the presentation to him of a P.M. jewel in appreciation of the admirable manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair of K.S. during the past year. At the banquet after labour, the usual masonic toasts were duly honoured. The various speeches were agreeably interspersed by vocal selections given in pleasing style by Miss Minnie Freeman, Miss Edith Hards, and Bros. G. Cole and C. Paine; a recitation by Bro. Eric Williams also being appreciated. The duties of accompanist were ably carried out by Bro. W. N. Roe, P.P.G.O.

The brethren of the Derby Lodge, No. 724, Liverpool, and other members of the craft assembled in exceptionally large numbers on the 10th inst., to pay the last sad tribute of respect to two highly esteemed members of the Lodge—namely, Bro. Quayle, late J.W., and Bro. Clayton, secretary. The circumstances were particularly sad from the fact that these two officers died on the same day. The remains of Bro. Clayton were taken to his family vault at Much Wenlock, Shropshire, a number of officers and members attending at the railway station to witness the departure. In the midst of a large concourse of brethren and friends the body of Bro. Quayle was interred at Anfield Cemetery.

The installation meeting of the Robin Hood Lodge, No. 1493, Eastwood, Nottinghamshire, was held in the Mechanics' Hall, Eastwood, on the 10th inst., when Bro. James G. Carver was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The installation ceremony was conducted by Bro. the Rev. C. W. Butler, P.M., P.P.G. Chaplain. Subsequently a dinner was provided at the Sun Hotel by Bro. G. Bingham, to which over 40 sat down. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

The annual festival of the Fitzwilliam Lodge, No. 277, of Mark Master Masons, was held on the 9th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Malton, Yorkshire, when the installation of W.M.-Elect, W. Bro. T. M. Goldie, S.W., P.G.A.D.C., and the investment of officers for the ensuing year took place. The ceremony of installation was most efficiently performed by V.W. Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.G.M.O., P.P.G.Sec., and W. Bro. John Marshall, P.P.J.G.W.; P.G. Treas. The brethren afterwards sat down to a banquet at the Talbot Hotel. The lodge was visited during the day by several brethren from various lodges in the province.

The installation meeting of the Wilberforce Lodge, No. 2134, Hull, took place on the 9th inst., and was largely attended by members and visiting brethren who highly appreciated the proceedings of the evening. Bro. Wm. Woodall was installed in the chair of K.S. by W. Bro. Wm. Gillett, P.P.G. St. Br., the retiring W.M., and the ceremony was most impressively performed. Before the lodge was closed, Bro. T. B. Redfearn, the past senior warden of the lodge, presented, on behalf of subscribing members, to Bro. Gillett, a large and very beautifully-framed portrait in oil of himself. Accompanying the painting was an illuminated address, also elegantly framed, and on which were inscribed the names of the subscribing members. Bro. Redfearn spoke of the retiring master's worth and the high character of the services he had rendered to the Wilberforce Lodge. The recipient, who was deeply affected by this handsome token of the good feeling of his brethren, suitably acknowledged the compliment. The installation banquet took place in the Central Hall, Pryme Street. Between 70 and 80 sat down; and subsequently a conversazione and ball took place, the gathering being in every respect most successful.

The installation meeting of the Gundaloph Lodge, No. 1050, was held in the Council Chamber at Rochester on the 3rd inst., when W. Bro. W. Watson, Prov. G.J.D. installed Bro. George Parsons as W.M. for the ensuing year, in a large assemblage of brethren, members of the lodge, and visitors from the surrounding neighbourhoods. The ceremony was carried out in a most able and effective manner. The retiring W.M., W. Bro. E. Lemon was presented with an elegant Past-Master's Jewel. The annual banquet was provided at the King's Head Hotel. The newly installed master presided, and an agreeable evening was spent by all who had the privilege of being present.

The installation meeting of the Drifelt Mark Master Masons Lodge, No. 291, was held in the Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks., on the 5th inst., and was well attended. Bro. H. Onslow Piercy was installed W.M. for the ensuing year by W. Bro. Col. R. G. Smith, P.G.D., Pro. G.M. for North and East Yorkshire. The installation banquet was served at the Buck Hotel, and a pleasant evening was spent in a truly Masonic manner under the presidency of the newly installed Master.

The departure for South Africa of Bros. Wm. Jackson, Thos. Pickering and Joseph Rucastle, members of the Arlesdon Lodge, No. 1660, Frizington, Cumberland, was the occasion for a cheerful "send off" entertainment by their fellow members on the 3rd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Frizington. Some eighty couples responded to the invitations issued, and music and dancing, from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m., served to convey to the departing brethren "hearty good wishes" for their safety and prosperity in a distant land.

PROVINCE OF NORTHUMBRIA.—Bro. Sir M. W. Ridley, Bart., M.P., R.W.P.G.M. Priory Lodge, No. 1863.—Bro. John Coull, W.M. This Lodge held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, the 11th inst. Bro. J. W. Carr was raised to the third degree by the W.M. in the presence of a large number of provincial officers and brethren from various lodges. A vote of condolence and sympathy was passed by the Lodge to Bro. T. B. Nichols, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., treas., at the loss he has sustained in the death of his eldest son.

ST. CLAIR LODGE—No. 2074.—PORTSMOUTH.—The fourth installation meeting of this lodge, at Freemasons' Hall, Landport, on Monday, the 15th inst., was attended by a large gathering of members and visitors. Beyond the confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, and the balloting for proposed initiates and joining members, the business of the evening was confined solely to the purposes of the installation, the initiation of the candidates accepted being deferred to an emergency meeting appointed to be held on the following day. This excellent arrangement enabled the installing Master to carry out the entire ceremony without undue haste, and in consequence the work in lodge was of the very best. W. Bro. C. Vaughan Birch, the retiring W.M., undertook the duty of installing his successor, Bro. F. H. Woodrow, and was ably assisted by Past Masters W. C. Webb and Wm. Gannell, who occupied respectively the Wardens chairs in the Board of Installed Masters, W. Bro. W. Dart officiating as D.C. We were gratified to

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Original Correspondence.

Without in any way holding ourselves responsible for, or even approving of the opinions expressed, we freely throw open our columns for the proper discussion of all matters of a general character relating to Freemasonry.

Correspondents must be as brief as possible, must write plainly, only use one side of the paper, and cannot expect the return of rejected contributions.

Every contribution must be accompanied with the name of the writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

THE GOULD TESTIMONIAL.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

At the close of last year, a movement was set on foot to recognise the highly meritorious services of Bro. R. F. Gould, P.G.D., as the historian of the Craft.

The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, kindly consented to serve as chairman of the committee, and among the members are many Provincial Grand Masters, Grand Officers, and brethren.

A circular, inviting co-operation, has been sent to the W.M. of every English lodge, and inasmuch as the value of Bro. Gould's labours has not been confined to this country, it was thought that the brethren of foreign masonic jurisdiction should be invited to participate in the movement, which has accordingly been done through the medium, in each case, of their respective Grand Masters.

Many lodges and brethren, both at home and abroad, have already responded to this appeal, and some time must of course yet elapse before the spirit in which it will be received in foreign masonic jurisdictions can be fully ascertained.

In the meanwhile, however, the success of the testimonial will be placed beyond the possibility of a doubt, if the brethren who have, up to the present moment, signified their intention of subscribing to it, will exert their personal influence in recommending the scheme to the favourable notice of their friends, and of the various masonic bodies with which they are connected.

Besides his unequalled merits as a Craft historian, Bro. Gould has been a diligent worker in several of the leading degrees of Freemasonry. Initiated so far back as 1855, he has been thirty-two years a Royal Arch Mason and Knight Templar, and thirty-one years a member of the Mark Degree. The Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076, was the fifth lodge, of which he became the W.M. He is a P.Z. of chapters Nos. 92 and 570, and was a founder of three preceptories (in one of which he filled the chair), in the far east. His masonic record, therefore, goes to show that he has been active alike in the ritual and ceremonial of masonry, as well as being the foremost worker in its literature and history.

It may be remarked that the sum of one guinea has been fixed as the *maximum*, and not as the *minimum* subscription, for individuals, and that the names of brethren will be cordially welcomed on the committee, who may be disposed to collect any smaller sums, and forward their lists for incorporation with the general fund. Also the smallest sums will be thankfully received from any individual brethren who are desirous of forwarding their contributions to me direct.

It will be evident that though the testimonial must necessarily be allowed to run until a sufficient time has elapsed for replies to come in from abroad, it cannot remain open for an indefinite

period. Hence, the influence of brethren who are favourable to the movement, would be most usefully exercised by their impressing upon intending subscribers the absolute necessity of dispatch. By this means the committee would be greatly assisted in bringing their labours to a close, and with a result, which they confidently anticipate, would, under such circumstances, mark in the most satisfactory manner possible, the general esteem and regard entertained for our Bro. Gould by his masonic brethren.

Yours fraternally,

RALPH GOODING, M.D.,

Heath Lodge, The Grove, P.G.D., P.M. and Treas. No. 1, Blackheath, April 10th, 1889. Hon. Sec.

BORROWED VOTES.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

Having subscribed to your valuable paper ever since its birth, and having learnt a good deal in perusing its pages, I am impulsively led to apply to you for advice in my trouble. I say impulsively because time is now short.

I am and have been working hard for a final case in the forthcoming Election for Girls, and am most anxious that my case should be successful, No 41 on the list, "ROBERTS," particulars you can see for yourself.

My difficulty is this, that I lately lent eight votes for the Licensed Victuallers' Asylum in exchange for an I.O.U. for eight girls' votes. The girls' voting papers have been out some 14 or 16 days, perhaps more. The brother from whom I received the I.O.U. is I.P.M. of a City Lodge. I have written twice to him without any acknowledgment of my letters, telling him that I am anxious as to the possession of the proxies.

I want to know what course I can now pursue to ensure those votes. I feel quite disgusted with his conduct, more especially as he signs the I.O.U. as I.P.M., my own title, but, thank God, not my disposition.

Kindly inform me at once how to act.

Can I not sue him in default if votes are not forthcoming before the election?

Yours fraternally,

W. BOYCE,

April 15th, 1889.

I.P.M., 30, United Mariners.

* * We hope that the brother to whom the above refers may see this letter, and take immediate care that our correspondent shall have no further cause of complaint. It is an offence against Masonry to treat applications for the return of borrowed votes with silence. As to any remedy our correspondent may have in the event of the I.O.U. not being duly honoured, we do not think there is any remedy outside his Lodge. We are charged "never to take a legal course but when the case cannot be otherwise decided," and if any brother "do you injury, you must apply to your own or his lodge."—See "Book of Constitutions."—Ed. M.S.

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

Will you kindly settle a difference of opinion between myself and officials of a lodge. The first toast at a banquet is, as you know, that of the Queen and the Craft, which of course is honoured in the usual manner, and by standing when the National Anthem is being sung; the toast of the Grand Master is likewise honoured by the masonic fire; and now arises the difference of opinion to which I refer. Whilst the anthem, "God bless the Prince of Wales" is being sung, should the brethren stand or sit?

An answer at your earliest will be esteemed by

Yours fraternally,

J. E. SPURRELL,

April 16th, 1889.

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* * It is not expected that brethren should stand whilst any other composition than that of "The National Anthem" is being sung.—Ed. M.S.

"GOULD TESTIMONIAL FUND."

A letter from Bro. Ralph Gooding, P.G.D., &c., the hon. sec. to the "Gould Testimonial Fund," appears in our correspondence columns this week, to which we desire to draw especial attention. The movement to which it refers is a most worthy one and should have the support of the members of the Craft generally. The following information in connection with the progress of the testimonial may be found interesting. Amongst the recent additions to the Committee are:—Bros. Capt. W. G. Philips, P.G.D.; Walter Hopekirk, P.G.P.; G. C. Andrew, J.W. 92; Edward Armitage, P.P.G.W., Cumb. and Westm.; Gordon Brown, P.G.S.; John H. Cox, P. Dist. G.R., Hongkong; C. Purdon Clarke (C.I.E.), 2076; John Craine, W.M. 1075; Thomas Francis, P.P.G.W., Hants; F. W. Halliwell, 1611; Angus W. Hooper, W.M. 374; C. Kupfer Schmidt, J.W. 238; John Miller, W.M. 723; Capt. S. W. Perry, W.M. 431 (I.R.); Walter Rowley, 289; G. H. B. Reed, P.P.G.S.B., Cornwall; and Major-Gen. Vizard, W.M., 761.

DONATIONS HAVE RECENTLY BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE FOLLOWING LODGES:—Grand Master's, 1; Moira, 92; Unity, 183; Invieta, 709; Friends-in-Council, 1383; Canterbury, 1635; Quatuor Coronati, 2076; Empire, 2108; and Hiram, 1 (Newhaven, Connecticut); and amongst the CONTINENTAL SUBSCRIBERS are Bros. A. M. Maas Geesteranus, Dep. G.M.; and J. P. Vaillant, Grand Sec. G. Lodge of the Netherlands; Dr. L. Van Doesburgh, Amsterdam; Dr. W. Begemann, Prov. G. M., Mecklenberg; and Pierre Tempels, of the Supreme Council 33° of Belgium. Additional AMERICAN CONTRIBUTORS are Bros. Albert Pike, Sov. Gr. Com. S.C., for the U.S.A. Southern Jurisdiction; Clifford P. MacCalla, G.M.; and T. R. Patton, Grand Treas., G. Lodge of Pennsylvania; Dr. S. J. Dickey, of the same Jurisdiction; J. D. Dewell, J.W., Hiram Lodge, 1, Connecticut; and Jacob Norton, of Boston, Mass.

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learn that the beautiful and necessary ritual of constituting an assemblage of Rulers in the Craft into a Board for the purpose of inducting, amongst their body, with due solemnity and fitting propriety, a new occupant of the chair of K.S., is not treated in the province in which this lodge is situated as of none account; and from the sample of the work with which Bro. Birch delighted his hearers on this occasion, we can quite understand the tenacity with which it is retained by the several lodges as an important portion of Masonic ceremonial. Bro. Woodrow's installation was perfect in every respect, and the applause which followed the conclusion of Bro. Birch's labours was well deserved. The officers invested were:—Bros. J. S. Wickens, S.W.; E. Boorman, J.W.; W. C. Webb, P.M., treas.; Herbert Bundy, sec.; W. Dart, P.M., P.P.G.P., D. of C.; C. R. J. Gibbs, org.; E. Hopkins, S.D.; H. R. E. Woodthorpe, J.D.; T. H. Nancarrow, I.G.; G. R. Sherman and E. Stapleford, stwds.; and T. Bryan, tyler. A handsome P.M. jewel was presented to the I.P.M., Bro. Birch, and the business of the lodge, after propositions for initiation and joining respectively had been received, terminated in the usual manner. The installation banquet was served in the large dining hall, and after the cloth had been cleared, a long list of toasts were effectively disposed of by the W.M., and some excellent songs and recitations added to the pleasures of the evening. Nearly one hundred brethren attended this meeting, and amongst the visitors, who were most hospitably, and indeed, enthusiastically received, were:—Bros. J. W. Gieve, Prov. G. Treas.; F. Sanders, P.M.; W. H. Speering, W.M. 342; J. G. Livesay, W.M. 1903; R. Stokes, W.M. 1958; Capt. Warren; J. F. Morton, 257, Prov. G. Chap.; D. W. Lewis; J. Lind, P.M. 248; W. Gunnell, P.M.; W. Bates, 487, W.M.; D. T. Rule, 1834, W.M.; J. Hamilton; A. R. Holbrook, P.M. 209; Rev. Anderson; G. Darby, P.M. 1705; J. Senior, P.M. 1705; J. Jackson, P.M. 1428; A. H. Wood, W.M. 804; T. Stretton, W.M. 2153; T. D. Askew, P.M. 804; E. Naylor, P.M., P.G.S.B.; and James Stevens, P.M. 1216, 1426, &c.

The ordinary meeting of the Spencer Walpole Lodge, 2197, was held on 8th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Bro. R. Swinnerton, P.G.D.C. acting W.M. There was a good attendance. Regret was expressed that Bro. R. E. Cain, W.M., was absent from the Island on account of ill-health, and a cordial wish for his speedy recovery was expressed. The main business of the evening was the election of W.M., treasurer, and tyler for the ensuing year. Bro. Philip T. Screech, S.W., was unanimously chosen to fill the Master's chair, and the selection was endorsed by the hearty applause of the brethren. Bro. Screech suitably acknowledged the honour, and said it would be his endeavour, with the aid of his officers, to leave the reputation of the lodge unscathed, and its prosperity enhanced at the conclusion of his year of office. Bro. Frank J. Johnson, P.M., P.G. assist. sec., was re-elected treasurer, and Bro. J. Lanaghan was re-appointed tyler. An audit and valuation committee was appointed, and another committee was entrusted with the arrangements for the installation banquet on May 13th, and for a pic-nic, which it is suggested should be held on some later day. Subsequently the brethren had supper at the Granville Hotel, and spent an enjoyable two hours with the aid of oratory and music.

COLONIAL CLIPPINGS.

The *China Mail* of the 26th February, gives a lengthy and interesting account of one of the largest and most successful functions that have ever been seen in Hong Kong for many years past, and which took place in the City Hall on the 25th of that month. The various masonic bodies in the Colonies united in carrying out on a large scale a grand ball which for some time excited very great interest, and for which preparations of the most lavish and elaborate description were made. About a thousand of the principal residents in the Colony were present. His Excellency the Governor being received on his arrival by the brethren connected with the several Masonic degrees, and together with other distinguished guests passing from the main entrance to the grand staircase under an arch of steel formed by the Knights Templars. The labours of the several committees to whom were entrusted the preparations and management of this magnificent entertainment appear to have met with the fullest reward in the expressions of satisfaction with which their efforts were crowned. The whole affair reflects the greatest credit on Masonic organisation.

The annual district meeting of the first masonic district was held at Windsor in the lodge rooms of Vermont Lodge, No. 18, Vermont, U.S., last month. Rising Sun Lodge conferred the first degree, and United Brethren Lodge the second degree, and Vermont Lodge, No. 18, the third degree. The work on all the degrees was done in a superior manner. There were present: Hon. Marsh; O. Perkins, past grand master of Windsor; D. N. Nicholson, grand lecturer of Burlington, and a large number of brethren from the several lodges in the district. The meeting was held under the direction of D.D.G.M., J. S. Fairman, who made pleasing remarks. He then called upon Past Grand Master Perkins, who addressed the assembly in pleasant and yet forcible manner. He paid glowing tributes to M.W.A.A. Hall, grand master of the State, and to Park Davis and Henry H. Smith, past grand masters. He spoke of their zeal in masonry, and their untiring efforts in revising the ritual, thus bringing about the present uniformity of the work.

STAR CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION.—On Friday, 12th inst., at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell. Present: Comps. F. Wilton, P.Z., Preceptor; G. L. Moore, Z. 169, M.E.Z.; Voisey, P.Z., Treas.; H.; Neeld, P.Z., J.; C. Woods, acting S.E.; Fleck, S.N.; Schaller, P.S.; and Addington. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed in first-rate style, Comp. Wood as candidate. Comp. Schaller was admitted a member. Comp. Voisey was elected M.E.Z. for Friday, 26th inst., as the 19th is Good Friday.



“For the Master to lay lines and draw designs upon.”

This is what the *South African Freemason* says in reference to the non-closing of Lodges opened in the second and third degrees, by the absurd use of the phrase “By the power in me vested,” and against all ancient custom. “THE MASONIC STAR declaims strongly and with perfect justice, against the evil practice, partly based on Scottish working, of closing the second and third degrees by ‘prerogative.’ . . . We cannot refrain from concurring thoroughly with our contemporary in utterly condemning this unjustifiable and slovenly innovation. Such things strike at the very root of masonry. From the STAR'S remarks we gather that the practice is becoming common in England. We are truly sorry to hear it, but we can assure our contemporary, for his comfort, that it is altogether exceptional in South Africa. In the Cape Colony we have never seen it at all.”

In our impression of the 6th September last, we called attention to the case of Bro. H. C. Knill, of the Jordan Lodge, No. 201 (late hall porter for 19 years at Freemasons' Tavern), soliciting on his behalf the support of the brethren at the ensuing election in May of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The proxy papers for that election are now issued, and we repeat our appeal in Bro. Knill's interest, again reminding the life governors and subscribers that through a severe accident the candidate is rendered permanently unable to earn a living, and reminding them of the courtesy and civility with which he at all times, during his service at Freemasons' Tavern, discharged his duty towards them as well as towards his employers. Proxies filled up for this deserving case and forwarded to us, shall be sent on to him direct from our office.

The 24th inst. is the date on which the Grand Festival of 1889 will be held, when the Grand Officers for the ensuing year will be appointed by the Grand Master, and invested. It is rumoured that with the exception of the Grand Treasurer, Bro. Edward O.C. Terry, who is the elect of the craft, the following brethren are likely to receive appointments, viz.:—Bro. Lord George Hamilton, *M.P.*, First Lord of the Admiralty, W.M. of the Chiswick Lodge, No. 2012, Grand Senior Warden; Bro. Sir John E. Gorst, *Q.C., M.P.*, I.P.M. of the Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127, Grand Junior Warden; Bro. the Hon. and Rev. F. Byng, Chaplain to the Speaker of the House of Commons, and Rev. T. B. Spencer, Grand Chaplains; Bros. Sir Lionel Darell, Bart., Alderman Sir P. de Keyser, Colonel Addison Potter, and Chester Cheston, Grand Deacons; Bro. Charles Belton, Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies; Bro. Montenuis, a P.M. of La France Lodge, Grand Sword Bearer; Bro. George Taylor, Prov. G. Sec., Worcestershire, Grand Standard Bearer; Bro. W. Maybrick, Grand Organist; Bro. Mercer, Assistant Grand Pursuivant.

THE “OLD MASONIANS.”

The third annual festival of the “Old Masonians” was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, London, on the 13th inst., W. Bro. A. F. Godson, *M.P.*, D.P.G.M. Worcestershire, President of the Association, presiding. There was a good attendance of the members, and numerous visitors, amongst whom and supporting the chairman were Bros. Augustus Harris, Fredk. Binckes, — Cama (nephew of and representing W. Bro. D. P. Cama, Past Grand Treasurer), Asher Barfield, Grand Treasurer; Major Lambert, W. W. Morgan, T. J. Rolling, P.G. Sec. Essex; James Stevens, H. Massey, &c., &c. Messrs. Watkins (secretary) and Nevins (treasurer) respectively occupied the position of vice-presidents. The date selected for the festival unfortunately clashed with the engagements of several distinguished brethren, who nevertheless sent their apologies together with a solatium for enforced absence, in the shape of qualifications for vice-presidentship of the association. Amongst the many who in this solid manner evinced their interest in the association we heard mentioned the names of Bros. D. P. Cama, Major Lambert, A. Notion and Imbert Terry. A number of letters were also read from members of the association in several parts of the world, and telegrams received during the evening from distant places proved the heartiness of the bond of union which has been established amongst these young men. The dinner having been disposed of, the company, under the genial sway of Bro. Godson, settled down to speeches and harmony. The former were laudably brief, but to the purpose; the latter a good exhibition of amateur talent of no mean order. The loyal toasts having been honoured with enthusiasm, those relating to the especial business of the evening were admirably introduced by the President, and received able responses from Bros. Binckes, Augustus Harris, Barfield, Major Lambert, Cama, and Morgan respectively. We cannot find space for an extended report, but in another column will be found some allusion to a few of the most important remarks made by the speakers. A thoroughly enjoyable evening was spent by the young men and their guests, and it is satisfactory to know that the entertainment has been productive of material results, in respect of which the Association's Treasurer has the fullest knowledge, and which results we hope may be further supplemented by increased interest in the society amongst the members of our Order generally.

Bro. Terry's theatre has been closed since Monday last, and is to re-open for the morning performance on Saturday, the 20th inst., when *Sweet Lavender* will continue its successful career.

THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTIONS.

R.M.I.B.—The General Committee met at Freemasons' Hall, London, on the 6th inst., W. Bro. A. Scurrah presiding, and the following brethren being present:—Bros. S. Richardson; the Rev. Richard Morris, M.A., J.L.D.; S. H. Parkhouse; H. Carman; John French; J. S. Cumberland; A. E. Gladwell; T. Griffiths; W. H. Saunders; G. P. Gillard; H. Webb; A. F. Godson, M.P., P.G.D.; C. E. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; George Mickley, M.A., M.B.; S. Hastings Miller; W. Paas; W. Maple; F. Ravner; James Moon; F. W. Ramsay; J. L. Anderson; C. H. Webb; J. Glass; and Frederick Binckes, sec. Six petitions were submitted and accepted, and the names ordered to be entered on the list of candidates for the October election. Four applications for grants towards outfit were considered, one being rejected and the other three being favourably entertained. Sundry notices of motion for the Quarterly Court were handed in, and a vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the business of the meeting.

R.M.B.I.—The Committee of Management met at Freemasons' Hall, London, on the 10th inst., W. Bro. Chas. J. Perceval presiding, and the following brethren being present:—Bros. C. A. Cottebrune; C. H. Webb; A. H. Tattershall; Chas. Jacey; Wm. Smith; Wm. Pierpoint; Charles Kempton; Alex. Forsyth; John Bulmer; Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.; C. H. Driver, P.G.S. of W.; A. Dixon; Wm. Masters; B. E. Blasby; G. Bolton; Hugh Catter; A. Durrant; W. H. Perryman, P.G.P.; W. Belchamber; Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; and James Terry, P.G.S.B., sec. The secretary reported the deaths of two male and one widow annuitants, one widow receiving half her late husband's annuity, and one approved male candidate for the next election. A resolution appointing a committee, consisting of Bros. J. A. Farnfield, treas.; Newton, and J. J. Berry, to draw up the annual report was agreed to, and it was also resolved that the stewards at the recent festival be invited, as usual, to visit the institution. A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the proceedings.

A lecture was delivered by W. Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., in the Clapton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1365, at the Lord Stanley, Sandringham Road, Hackney, on Friday evening last. Its subject, under the title of "Knobs and Excrescences," related to the ritual and ceremonial of the first degree in Craft Masonry. In an extempore address of nearly two-and-a-half hours' duration the lecturer held the earnest attention of his numerous audience in explanation of the meanings of the language and symbols of that portion of our mysteries. At its conclusion a general opinion was expressed as to the interesting and instructive character of the meeting, and thanks were unanimously accorded to the lecturer, with honorary membership.

Press Exchanges and Books Received.

Voice of Masonry, for April; Masonic Advocate, Indianapolis; Liberal Freemason, Boston; Latonia; Australian Keystone; South Australian Freemason; South African Freemason; Society; Freemason's Chronicle, Sydney.

The House Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will meet at Freemasons' Hall, London, at 4 p.m., to-morrow (19th inst.).

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will meet at Freemasons' Hall, London, at 4 p.m., on Thursday, the 25th inst.

DRONES.—In all masonic as well as other bodies there will always be found a class of members, and a numerous class of them at that, that may justly be entitled the "no goods" of the order. It is true they pay their annual dues whenever called upon, and, as a rule, ask no benefit in the way of charity; so that, as far as that portion of their duties are concerned, they assist in the support of the Lodge; but having done this—to them important duty—their interest in the welfare of the fraternity ceases. To their own minds they are the philanthropists of the Order. Outside of the Lodge, if masonic matters are spoken of, they shake their heads and look wise, tell what ought to be done and what they would do, but when meeting night arrives are generally conspicuous by their absence; or, if present, their voices are never heard in debate, their silence being often misleading, as indicating they favour the proposition under discussion, until, should its adoption lead to embarrassment, their "I told you so" will then loudly be heard. We allude to the different members who, by their acts, are governed by the "don't care whether school keeps or not" principle. It is immaterial to them whether the Order progresses or not. Wanting nothing personally, they care nothing for the interests of others, or the welfare of the body. It is sufficient for them that they are members in good standing of the ancient fraternity, and have the right, as they generally do, to wear a masonic charm somewhere about their clothing. Why, even the "chronic growler" is preferable as a member; for the growler, while he does some little harm and wastes time, shows even by his growling that he takes an interest in passing events, and watches what is going on, and it is much more conducive to the welfare of the many that all speak out at the time, rather than wait until after the damage is done. Brother, if you are an indifferent member, think this over, and become at once an active one; for the more active members your lodge has, the better it will be for masonry.

Metropolitan Lodge and Chapter Meetings for the Current Week.

"All Lodges held within Ten Miles of FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, are LONDON LODGES."—General Laws and Regulations.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.	No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
(THIS DAY) (3rd) THURSDAY, APRIL 18th.			(4th) TUESDAY, APRIL 23rd.		
25	Globe	F. M. H.	92	Molra	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
49	Gibson	Guilddhall Tav., E.C.	145	Prudent Brethren	F. M. H.
55	Constitutional	Cannon Street Hot., E.C.	186	Industry	Ditto
63	St. Mary's	F. M. H.	205	Israel	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
169	Temperance	White Swan Tav., Deptford	259	Prince of Wales	Willis's Rooms, St. James's, W.
179	Manchester	Anderton's Hot., E.C.	1348	Ebury	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
181	Universal	F. M. H.	1744	Royal Savoy	F. M. H.
733	Westbourne	Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood	2108	Empire	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
613	New Concord	Guilddhall Tav., E.C.	R.A.C.		
1287	Great Northern	F. M. H.	7		
1475	Peckham	Surrey M. H., Camberwell	890	Royal York of Perseverance	F. M. H.
1598	Leyspring	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.	1269	Stanhope	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1901	Selwyn	East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich	1275	Star	Ship Hot., Greenwich
R.A.C.			1365	Clapton	St. Botolph Chmbrs., 191, Bishopsgate St.
79	Pythagorean	Ship Hot., Greenwich	1589	St. Dunstan's	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
Mark.			Mark.		
	Bon Accord	8a, Red Lion Square	3	Keystone	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.
			R.C.		
			42	St. George	33, Golden Square, W.
			67	Stanhope	Ditto
(3rd) FRIDAY, APRIL 19th.			(4th) WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24th.		
This being GOOD FRIDAY, the meetings appointed for this date may not be held.			GRAND FESTIVAL.		
6	Friendship	Willis's Rooms, King St., St. James's, W.	201	Jordan	F. M. H.
975	Rose of Denmark	Greyhound Hotel, Richmond	212	Euphates	Holborn Rest.
1704	Anchor	Cannon Street Hot., E.C.	754	High Cross	Seven Sister's Hot., Tottenham, N.
1962	London Rifle Brigade	Anderton's Hotel, E.C.	1017	Montefiore	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
R.A.C.			1056	Victoria	Guilddhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.
92	Molra	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.	1818	Clapham	Army & Navy Hot., Victoria, S.W.
1538	St. Martin's-le-Grand	Guilddhall Tavern, Gresham St., E.C.	R.C.		
Mark.			107	Shadwell Clerke	8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.
226	Excelsior	M. H., Woolwich			
H.C.					
10	Invicta	33, Golden Square, W.			
(3rd) SATURDAY, APRIL 20th.			(4th) THURSDAY, APRIL 25th.		
1611	Crichton	Surrey M. H., Camberwell	65	Prosperity	Guilddhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.
R.A.C.			66	Grenadiers	F. M. H.
142	St. Thomas's	Cannon Street Hot., E.C.	99	Shakespeare	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
Mark.			507	United Pilgrims	Bridge House Hotel, S.E.
251	Tenterden	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.	538	La Tolerance	F. M. H.
			858	South Middlesex	Beaufort House, North End, Fulham
			861	Finstbury	St. Botolph Chmbrs., Bishopsgate
			871	Royal Oak	White Swan Tav., Deptford
			1563	City of Westminster	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
			1974	St. Mary Abbots	Town Hall, Kensington
			R.A.C.		
			531	Polish National	F. M. H.
			R.C.		
			97	Rose and Lily	33, Golden Square, W.

N.B.—We will insert hours of meeting of London Lodges, if summonses are sent to us in sufficient time.—ED. M.S.

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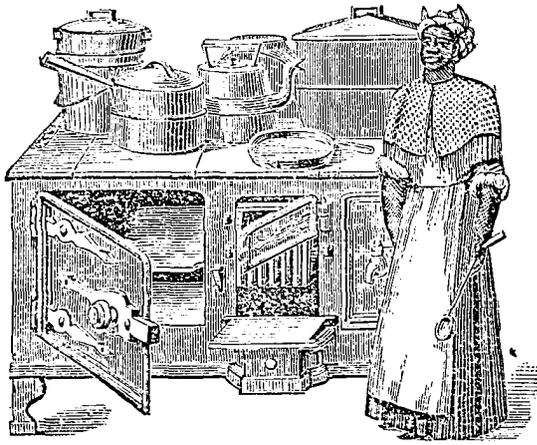
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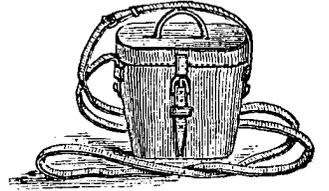
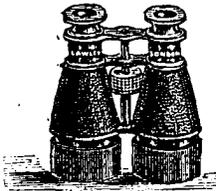
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