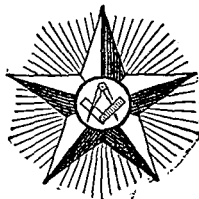


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Procrastination.



AFTER credence has been given to what were presumed to be official statements,—firstly, that the Special General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys for the consideration of the lately-issued report was to have been held on the 24th inst., and secondly on the 31st,—we now learn that the date appointed is the 6th June, and, with many of our readers, await confirmation thereof by some sort of direct announcement, such as should be conveyed, without probability of being overlooked, to every subscriber interested in the future well-being of the Institution. In connection with the importance of the forthcoming General Court the customary method of notifying place and time for the ordinary Courts is not by any means sufficient.

Presuming that the Special Court will be held on the 6th proximo, we would ask why forty days should intervene between the determination to hold the meeting and the meeting itself? The particulars which have been placed before the subscribers and the general public are such as should have had much earlier consideration, in order to avert the serious consequences attaching to prolonged delay. We pointed out in our article of the 9th inst., that "delays are dangerous," and we have only to refer to other columns of this number of our journal for evidence in justification of our then expressed fears. If so long a period as nine months had not been taken up in the preparation of a report based upon an enquiry which appears to have demanded but fifteen days' hearing, much of the present unfortunate state of things might have been avoided, particularly on the eve of the approaching Festival of the Institution. Assuming, however, that the Committee of Investigation could not have lessened the

period of time between the commencement and conclusion of their greatly-appreciated labours, there certainly should have been no reason for an expenditure of nearly six weeks before the Special Court was called for consideration of their report. These few weeks have really proved disastrous, for not only have the affairs of our Institutions been freely and most unfavourably discussed by the public press, but our own lodges, and, as we learn, individual members, are resenting the delay, and seem to fear that there is a want of straightforwardness in some one or other quarter having control of the arrangements for the Special Court. It is pointed out that during such period of six weeks, the two meetings at which nomination and election of the House and Audit Committees are respectively made by the General Committee are appointed to be held. As a matter of fact, the former was held, for nominations, on the 4th inst., seven days *after* the report was presented to the *Quarterly Court*, and the latter will be held, for election, on the 1st June, five days *before* the Special Court. The effect of this is, that the same House Committee, with only two other brethren, have been nominated, and must all, or, at least, all but two, be re-elected for the ensuing year. On the other hand, it is pointed out that inasmuch as the Mark Grand Lodge is to meet on the 4th June, and United Grand Lodge on the 5th, there may be many provincial brethren in London who could conveniently stay over the 6th, and so be able to attend the Special Court. However it may be, we think it would have been better to have ascertained the feelings and wishes of the aggregate body of subscribers to the Institution before making any arrangements whatever in relation to either Committee or officials for the next year. The Special Court will be all-powerful, and we hope will declare in the strongest possible manner what shall be done as regards both the past and the future of the Institution; and take care that the procrastination, which has done it so much damage during the last ten months, shall not be continued. As to the supposed injury which will be done to the School by this report and its consideration, in connection with the anticipated returns at the approaching festival, we have too much faith in our brethren to believe that when they see a determination to put matters straight they will withhold similar generous support to that they have hitherto given.

It is of greater importance at this moment to establish faith in the purity of the management and working of our respective institutions in the future, than to consider any temporary effect on present expectations as to contributions. We may be sure that they are all too near our hearts to suffer, if only the charitable instincts of the Craft in general meet with responsive efforts to keep the estab-

ishments on which they pride themselves "pure and unpolluted."

It is more than probable that the agitation of the present will prove to be most beneficial in the near future, and it is, therefore, greatly to be desired that no half-measures should be taken in setting our house in order. If at any time the physical health of the inmates of our institution were seriously affected, and nothing could be done by way of prevention or remedy, we should not hesitate to turn the entire place "inside out," to sweep away all deleterious matter, to cleanse, and perhaps replace whatever might be known to be of use. In like manner should the moral disorder which now affects the school be treated. Every portion of the report which will be under consideration should have earnest attention, and a decision thereon quite irrespective of personal interests. The sweeping and garnishing should be complete and thorough, and if it be found that a restoration to confidence would be justified, there need be no occasion to withhold such restoration in probably the majority of instances.

It has been suggested to us that there are a large number of brethren who would desire to have an opportunity for agreement on some concerted plan of action before the formal opening of the Special Court; in other words, to chat over the matter before committing themselves to any particular view or opinion. We can see no objection to such a course, and rather believe it would facilitate the deliberations of the larger meeting. We presume that the place of assembly of the members of the Court would be available for an hour or so before the Court is opened, in which case there could be no difficulty in obtaining the preliminary and informal meeting. If that should be arranged by any of our readers our columns will be open for announcement of time and place.

Since the foregoing was written we have been favoured with an advertisement determining date and place of meeting of the Special Court. As we premised, it is fixed for 12 o'clock on Thursday, 6th June, at Freemason's Tavern, London. We have also received an intimation that at the ensuing General Committee meeting to be held on Saturday next, at Freemasons' Hall, London, a resolution to the following effect will be proposed:—"That as the nominations for the House and Audit Committees were made and received prior to the circulation of the Report of the Investigating Committee, such nominations, &c., be annulled."

CHARITY.

(COMMUNICATED).

Continued from page 180.

Continuing our remarks of last week on above subject, we are now informed that the Special Court is convened for the 6th June. This may or may not be the case, but if it be true we repeat that the utmost publicity should be given in announcing it. Ever since the report of the Committee has been delivered there has been a kind of guerilla warfare carried on in the columns of the Masonic press, of a certainly ill-timed and obtrusive character, blame being debited in various directions according to the various writers' opinions. Surely those who have read what Bro. Philbrick and his colleagues have reported are one and all able to understand its terms, which are as plain as the proverbial pikestaff. Take for instance under the heading "Accounts and Reports" what we are told:—

"On enquiring for the books we found that no cash-book, in the ordinary sense of the term, nor any book showing the daily current receipts and payments, has ever been kept in the office.

"The receipt of moneys is recorded solely by the amounts being entered on the counterfoils of the receipts given for subscriptions and donations. There is no entry made showing how a particular amount is received, whether in cash or by cheque, or identifying the payment with the letter or advice covering the remittance; the latter are not preserved, so that, if accidentally or otherwise a receipt is omitted to be given, all trace of the transaction would be lost.

"The amounts shown on the counterfoil receipts are paid into the Bank at frequent intervals, and a note is made on the counterfoil of the paying-in slip that the gross total is composed of certain amounts, being those of the cash, cheques, and notes, but not specifically identifying the latter two as coming from any particular individual, or as being on any particular Banker. All payments out are by cheque. The Bankers are thus virtually made to keep the cash account of the Institution, so far as one may be said to be kept.

"No book is kept in the office of the transactions with the Bankers, nor is there any check on them, except by comparing the counterfoils of the paying-in slip, and of the cheque-book with the pass-book.

"We have no hesitation in advising that it is essential that a daily record be kept of all current receipts and payments in a cash-book, with particulars identifying the items, and that all covering letters and advices should be carefully preserved for reference.

"This is not, as was urged to us, a mere question of book-keeping. A daily account, however rough, showing consecutive transactions is as vital to the Institution as in other business establishments, and ought to be insisted upon. The state of the cash account at any moment should plainly appear on referring to the book, whereas under the present practice it is difficult to be ascertained by any one except the Secretary or his Clerk. The facility thus given for irregularity and mistake is obvious. The books kept are not arranged on any systematic plan, nor are they such as would be permitted in any business establishment."

Followed up by the statement that when questioned about the books, the Secretary said, "I do not defend the system of our books; I have never been satisfied with it."

To our way of thinking, nothing is more condemnatory than such a statement—"the system of book-keeping" forsooth! Would an accountant allow the term? We opine not. To describe as "book-keeping" any "system" which operates without a cash book is absolutely insulting to that art. Now surely between the Secretary and the Audit Committee, this "washing book" sort of figuring ought never to have been allowed to go on. Enough surely is debited for clerks' salaries for first class service. This point we consider should be *at once* put straight by the introduction of a complete set of office books—to be opened by a high class firm of accountants. This latter should also audit the accounts periodically. Governors would then be certain that published figures were neither "incorrect nor misleading." The expense of an annual professional audit is a trifle, payment of which would be infinitely preferable to the amateur efforts of those who allow their "signatures to be added beneath accounts as they appear, without their authority, no account showing these figures having been produced to or signed by them." On the subject of the Committee, it would seem that, despite an almost universal (so far as we are aware) desire to substitute other brethren there were only two named for contesting positions when the nominations were lately made, so that most probably the same committees will practically continue managers (?) of the Institution.

In this connection, we would point out that these nominations, &c., were effected anterior to the publication of the committee's report—comment unnecessary.—Well may the R.M.I.B. be, in the daily press, described as a "muddled charity." Again, in reference to the Farming Account, Bro. Philbrick and his co-adjutors state (p. 37 of report) "the accounts are so published as not to show the facts"; and "the statement made to us by the Secretary, that the Farm Account contains only the receipts and expenditure at Wood Green, and disregards all payments on the same account made from the London office, shows that an account thus framed is *utterly valueless*. It is moreover *mischievous, as it suggests error*." Is not this statement unanswerable! and have those directly responsible for it, any excuse for such a state of things? We say emphatically *no*. The veriest tyro must condemn so clumsy and palpable an attempt to make things seem what they are not. One more instance in reference to the expenditure of £146 15s. for "Visit of Stewards and Distribution of Prizes," the Investigators state:—

"One of the complaints made to us was, that these entries were made in this form so that the expenditure on refreshments should be kept from observation and remark, and we are of opinion this charge is substantiated, and that while to the Secretary and his Accountant must be attributed the responsibility in the first instance, the House and Audit Committees have failed to prevent the publication of these items in a form which is certainly incorrect or misleading. A vigilant watch ought to be kept over expenditure of this nature, and whatever is so spent should appear openly in the published accounts. The expenditure for these matters is limited only by the discretion of the Secretary; for the House Committee, though undoubtedly responsible, has practically surrendered his functions into the Secretary's hands, and exercise no real or efficient control."

What possibly can be said to palliate this! The side issues which certain people appear to raise and dwell upon, have really no bearing practically on the main question; and the succinct statements and logical deductions in the report will have to be considered, without any fear, favour, or affection towards those who are implicated in the matter.

What we all desire, and should show, is the welfare of those for whom subscriptions are paid; this must be the primary consideration of all who have real charity at heart. There are wrongs to be redressed, abuses to be reformed. This being so, we will not allow ourselves for one moment to suppose that any member of our Order would so far stultify himself as to allow personal feeling, for no matter who it may be, to militate there-against; but on the contrary, believe that all will honestly consider the initial object of the Charity, and give honour, credit and support to the laudable endeavours of the Investigating Committee.

We would say with Shakespere "Where the wrong is, there let the great axe fall." As we said last week, so now we repeat: the report and its disclosures must be met. How this will be done we have yet to learn, but one thing is certain, and that is, that the way the forthcoming Special Court deals with the matter, will be the immediate cause of ruin or prosperity so far as the R.M.I.B. is concerned. Our brethren who attend this Special Court will do well to bear this assertion in mind, remembering those helpless orphans, who, through no fault of their own, are recipients of the charity of their "uncles" upon whom has shone the sun of prosperity.

STAR CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION—No. 1275.—On Friday, the 24th inst. Present: Comps. F. Hilton, P.Z., preceptor; G. L. Moore, Z. 169, M.E.Z.; Grummant, H.; Jackson, J.; Stone, S.B.; Woods, S.N.; Stone, P.S.; Powell, P.Z., &c. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Powell, candidate. Comp. Grummant was elected M.E.Z. for to-morrow (Friday), the last meeting until September.

The Masonic "Poet's Corner."
(Original and Selected.)

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

The Mason who wrote the following was evidently a little mixed before he crossed the Rubicon, which may be taken to be the first verse. The inference is that he was outside his lodge at the time, and had probably just partaken of his second sherry and bitters, but when he gained admission he seems to have become more consequent, and to have knocked off the rest of the verses in a fairly masterly manner for a Masonic poet, to whom the proverb, "Poeta nascitur, non fit," does not in general apply. He apparently thought, in the first instance, that the assistance of the muses was insufficient, without invoking the auxiliary aid of poor Thalia's sister, though he, seemingly, got entirely prompted by Enterpé after all.

I thought, at first, that he was under the impression that Euphrosyne was one of the "sisters nine" to whom he originally appealed, but the "trine" in the third line rather militates against this supposition. I do not know why he should have requested Euphrosyne to "preside o'er his numbers," as I take it that posing was more in that young lady's line than poesy, and he seems to have entirely misled her in promising to sing the honours of herself and her sister graces, and to have basely deserted her and them by omitting to do anything of the kind.

I rather like that word "trine," although I don't suppose it was intended to apply to the dimensions—the "length, breadth, and thickness," as I think an architect would define it—of the three lovely maidens, and it rhymes beautifully to "nine," and when I write a Masonic ditty (which I seriously contemplate doing) I shall endeavour to work it in. There is a touch of Mark—not to say Arch—Masonry about it, which should endear it to the brethren, with a strong dash of the astrological, but I never came across it before in poetry, except in one instance, in which a very eminent member of the craft (I mean the poetic craft), one, John Dryden, once attempted to make use of it, and signally failed, in a couplet which runs:

"By fortune he was now to Venus trined,
And with stern Mars in Capricorn was joined."

I think he might just have well have said "had dined."

Yours fraternally,

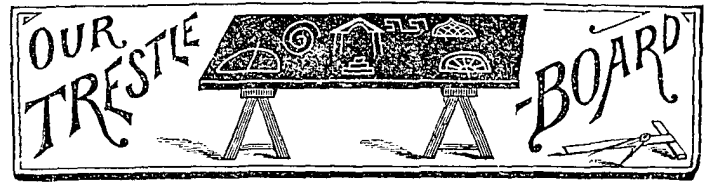
194, Clapham Road, May 12th, 1889.

FRIAR TUCK.

ASSIST me, ye fair tuneful nine,
Euphrosyne, grant me thine aid;
Whilst the honours I sing of the trine,
Preside o'er my numbers, blithe maid.
Cease, Clamour and Faction! oh, cease!
Fly hence, all ye cynical train!
Disturb not, disturb not the Lodge's sweet peace,
Where Silence and Secrecy reign.
Religion, untainted, here dwells;
Here, the morals of Athens are taught;
Great Hiram's tradition here tells
How the world out of chaos was brought.
With fervency, freedom, and zeal,
Our Master's commands we obey;
No cowan, no cowan our secrets can steal,
No babbler our myst'ries betray.
Here Wisdom her standard displays;
Here nobly the sciences shine;
Here the temple's vast column we raise,
And finish a work that's divine.
Illumed from the East, with pure light,
Here the arts do their blessings bestow.
And, all perfect, all perfect, unfold to the sight
What none but a Mason can know.
If on earth any praise can be found,
Any virtue unnamed in my song,
Any grace in the universe round,
May these to a Mason belong;
May each Brother his passions subdue,
Practise charity, concord, and love,
And be hailed, and be hailed by the thrice happy few
Who preside in the Grand Lodge above.

The Installation Meeting of the Prince of Wales Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 4, was held on Monday last. Bro. W. Woodford was advanced by the W.M. Bro. C. J. Axford, P.R.G.J.S., who subsequently installed Bro. W. A. Szezech, Prov. G. Reg. of M., as W.M. Bros. Nash and Bates were appointed Wardens; Bro. H. Lovegrove, P.G. Inspector of Works, Treasurer; and Bro. Chas. Palmer, P.G.J.G., Secretary. Bro. Read, the Organist, was reappointed, and presided at the organ. The brethren dined at the Holborn Restaurant.

THE FOURTH CITY MASONIC BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of this association (which is connected with the Sincerity—No. 174—Lodge of Instruction) took place at the Railway Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on Monday, the 27th inst. Present: Bros. J. Newton, president; J. Ward Verry, treasurer; J. S. Fraser, L. C. Haslip, C. Lacey, H. Mayer, and C. H. Webb, members of the Committee; H. M. Hobbs, secretary; and other brethren. The balance sheet for the first year of the Society's operations was duly audited, showing that £267 10s. 6d. had been collected, and twenty-five ballots for Life Governorships of 10 guineas each had been obtained. The treasurer, having intimated that he had sufficient in hand for six ballots, the following members drew ballots of 10 guineas each, viz., Bros. A. Toulmin, H. J. Tippett, Arthur Adams, W. T. Abnett, C. E. Ferry, and T. Huntley.



"For the Master to lay lines and draw designs upon."

We must ask several contributors to accept our regrets that we are unable to find space for their kindly-offered communications. "Crowded out" is the only reason we can give for the absence of their valued contributions, and we ask their indulgence on that account. We shall hope to be enabled, at no very distant date, to have more space at our disposal.

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An advertisement relating to the provision of excellent accommodation for intending visitors to the Paris Exhibition will be found in our advertising columns, and cannot fail to be of interest to many of our Masonic friends who purpose a brief sojourn in the gay city. Our London brethren may easily satisfy themselves as to this, by a call on Bro. E. Clark, at 432, Strand.

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Pressure on our columns has prevented our earlier notice of the 1889 Calendar and Directory for the Province of Derbyshire, compiled by Bro. Wm. Naylor, P.G.S.W. England, and Grand Secretary, &c., for that province. The Calendar extends to the end of March, 1890, and affords immediate reference to the meetings of each lodge in Derbyshire by name, the dates of installation and election being also given. The Directory is full and explicit in respect of numbers, dates of warrants, and officers of the respective Craft and Mark Lodges, and Royal Arch and Rose Croix Chapters. Lists of subscribers to the several Masonic Charitable Institutions, with voting powers, have been carefully revised, and should interest the Craft generally throughout the province. The work is a very creditable production, and is well printed and "got up" by Bros. H. H. & W. Bemrose, of Derby and London.

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We read with much satisfaction the recently-issued report of the Directors of the Colonial Mutual Life Assurance Society, Limited, in which many of our brethren, as well at home as abroad, are interested. Our Colonial readers will be gratified to hear of its continued favourable progress, the new business of the past year having exceeded by more than a quarter of a million sterling that of the previous year, which had also been characterised by success. The society now stands, in regard to new business, third amongst all the Life Assurance offices founded in the British Empire. The report is dated from Melbourne, 20th February last, its London branch being at 33, Poultry, E.C.

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Some time previous to the last election for boys into the R. M. I. B., a correspondent called attention to the difficulty he had in obtaining a return of proxies lent by him to assist a case at a former election. From letters which have been sent to us, it would appear that the debtor has treated the application for the discharge of his obligation very cavalierly, and in anything but a Masonic manner, and we are informed, has not yet relieved himself from his indebtedness. This is bad form to begin with. We can understand a disappointment, and consequent inability to perform what, when given, was most probably a serious promise, and as "a soft answer turneth away wrath," so would a courteous explanation almost certainly have been received by the complainant in this instance. There are two bits of advice we would venture to offer in connection with this incident,—to those who lend proxies, "Be sure you know your intended debtor is good for the honourable discharge of his obligations," and to those who borrow, "If you cannot pay up when you should, at least be civil."

We Notify that:—

—The London Rifle Brigade Lodge, No. 1962. W. Bro. James Curtler Tilt, W.M., will meet in Emergency at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet Street, London, on Tuesday, the 4th June, at 6 p.m. In consequence of the lamented decease of W. Bro. Walter McDougall, P.M., the brethren will appear in Masonic mourning.

—The annual supper of the Ravensbourne Lodge of Instruction, No. 1601, will take place at the George Inn, Catford, S.E., this (Thursday) evening, at 7 p.m. W. Bro. J. A. P. Ingoldby, W.M. of the Mother Lodge, will preside.

—V.W. Bro. Thomas Fenn, P.B.G.P.; W. Bros. J. Sampson Pierce, P.G.D., and Edwin Bowley, P.M., of the Polish National Lodge, No. 534, with many other well-known brethren, are supporting the case of William Augustine Spain, of Southend, as a candidate, on second application, for election in October into the R.M.I. for Boys. The lad carries forward 811 votes, and the case is one deserving every consideration.

—The House Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will meet on Friday next, 31st inst., at 3 p.m.

—The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will meet at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Saturday next, 1st June, at 4 p.m.

—The annual festival in aid of the Mark Benevolent Fund will be held on the 24th July, W. Bro. Sir Lionel E. Darrell presiding.

—The annual festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys is to be held at the Alexandra Palace, on Wednesday, the 3rd July. R.W. Bro. Richard Eve, Past Grand Treasurer, Prov. G.S.W., Hants and the Isle of Wight, and a patron of the Institution, will preside.

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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.

BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I hear that the meeting for consideration of the report (Boys' School) has been fixed for the 6th June. The election of the House and Audit Committee takes place on the 1st. Surely this should be looked into. Under the circumstances is it not absurd? How is it possible to vote for the old members or to vote against them until the whole question has been considered? or has the arrangement of the date been fixed so as to drive off matters for a further time?

Yours very truly,

May 25th, 1889.

B. R. B.

* * There is some amount of uncertainty on the part of several of our readers as to where and when the General Committee of the R.M.I. Boys meet, and who are eligible to attend. Freemasons' Hall is the place, the First Saturday in each month at 4 p.m., the time, and Life Subscribers and Annual Subscribers are eligible for election on the Committee. Life Governors are members thereof in virtue of their Qualification, and are, of course, eligible to attend.—ED. M.S.

GIRLS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I cannot state my opinions in public, or I should offend many eminent Masons, but I feel that the contract about to be undertaken at Wandsworth is one of the greatest mistakes ever made by the Craft.

1. It is folly to add to the existing buildings at all, as in a few years they will be so hemmed in by bricks and mortar that a move must be made to some distance from London.

2. For £31,000 a complete school for 300 children, including a handsome chapel or hall, could be erected on a new site, and I could name two architects of great experience in the erection of such buildings, who would undertake the work. Therefore, it seems absurd to spend such an enormous sum in adding to the present buildings, which have already been patched. The sum of £5,000 for the hall is ridiculous; a good church to seat 600 people could be built for the money.

3. During several years past a reserve fund should have been formed, as the subscriptions during the next ten years will not equal the ten years just gone, while the candidates must increase four-fold.

It is, I fear, too late to abandon the scheme. I have been steward several times, but I shall not assist such extravagance with my money.

Yours, &c.,

PROVINCIAL.

HOW NOT TO DO IT.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

How perverse fate is sometimes! Here we have the authorities of R.M.I.B., and those who elect them, most anxious to consider the valuable report resulting from the serious position of the Boys' School, yet somebody calls the meeting for 6th June, at twelve noon! an hour when the majority of L.G.'s are of necessity earning their bread and cheese, and the means for carrying on the magnificent Masonic charities.

Pray try to have this serious blunder corrected at once, by naming a later hour—5 or 6 o'clock—that a fair and proper opinion may be obtained from the whole body of Life Governors.

Yours fraternally,

SAMEJ.

Answers to Correspondents.

W. H. S.—We will refer to the Institution in which you are interested next week.

J. R., CROYDON.—Should have been pleased to have given the notice you wish it you had forwarded the particulars a little sooner.

C. W., SANDHIRE, CLAPHAM.—Held in reserve; no room this week.

A. H. S., CONSTANTINOPLE.—Thanks for Masonic song; it shall appear.

FREDERICK LODGE OF UNITY, No. 452.—Report shall appear next week.

Press Exchanges and Books Received.

The South African Freemason; Society; Ars Quatuor Coronatorum, Vol. 2, Part 2.

THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The following circular has been addressed to the members of the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1572 :—

"May 21st, 1889.

"At a Meeting of Subscribers to the Masonic Boys' School from the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1572, held on May 20th, 1889.

"It was resolved :—

- "(1) That the action of the W.M., appointed as Steward for the Boys' School, in withdrawing from his Stewardship be confirmed.
- "(2) That under present circumstances of the School no Subscriptions should be paid to it.
- "(3) That this Meeting tenders its most grateful thanks to the Committee of Investigation for its report, and hopes all the reforms named by it may be carried into effect.
- "(4) This Meeting considers that the confidence of Subscribers in the Institution can only be secured by the resignation of the House and Audit Committee, and the removal of all the officials implicated in the report.
- "(5) That the Subscriptions received shall be paid into The Benevolent Fund of Carnarvon Lodge, 1572, and there remain at the disposal of the Subscribers.
- "(6) That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Grand Registrar, Grand Secretary, and to each Subscribing Member of the Carnarvon Lodge, 1572.

"JOHN PAIGE, W.M., 1572,

"SEC. SAVAGE CLUB LODGE, 2190."

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS.

AGENDA OF BUSINESS, TUESDAY, 4th JUNE, 1889.

1. Read, and if approved, confirm Minutes of Grand Lodge held on 6th December, 1888, and Special Grand Lodge held on 5th March, 1889.

2. Report of the General Board.

3. A Motion will be made that the Report be received and entered on the Minutes.

4. Recommendations arising out of the Report :—

- (a) That in the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown the title of "Provincial Grand Lodge" should be changed to "District Grand Lodge," and that powers be given to such District Grand Lodges to regulate the Fees payable to their own Funds, subject to the approval of the Board.
- (b) That the rank of Past Master be conferred on the Most Worshipful Bro. Chief Justice Way, Grand Master of Free and accepted Masons of South Australia, and that the Adelaide Lodge, No. 41, be authorised to carry this resolution into effect.
- (c) Fund of Benevolence relief—£20 to M. A. G., widow of Bro. I. G.

5. A Motion will be proposed that the Report be adopted.

6. Installation of M.W.G.M.

7. Election of Grand Treasurer. Candidate proposed—W. Bro. Henry Faija, P.G. Std., P.M. 144, 331. (W. Bro. W. M. Stiles, P.M. 355, has withdrawn.)

8. Appointment and Investiture of Grand Officers.

9. Nomination by the M.W.G.M. of six Members to serve on the General Board.

10. Election, by Grand Lodge, of five Members to serve on the General Board.

List of Brethren Nominated for the General Board (five only are Nominated).

Masters and Past Masters : Dr. George Mickleby, P.M. 97, P.G.D.; John E. Dawson, Dep. P.G.M. Herts.; R. Loveland Loveland, Dep. P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight; A. F. Godson, M.P., Prov. G.M. Worcestershire; Rev. Hayman Cummings, P.G.C., Dep. P.G.M. Kent.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED IN GRAND LODGE.

WEDNESDAY, 5th JUNE, 1889.

1. The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 6th March for confirmation.
2. The Minutes of the Grand Festival of the 24th April for confirmation.
3. Communications from the Most Worshipful Grand Master, submitting and recommending an application from the body styled "The United Grand Lodge of Victoria," for recognition.
4. Appointment and investiture of President of the Board of General Purposes.
5. Election of Members of the Board of General Purposes.
6. Election of Members of the Colonial Board.
7. Election of Grand Lodge Auditor.
8. Election of Members for the Committee of Management of the "Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons."

9. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz. :—

The Widow of a Brother of the Lodge of Unity, No. 1332, Crediton	£50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Tees Lodge, No. 509, Stockton-on-Tees	50	0	0
A Brother of the Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 73, London	50	0	0
A Brother of the Doric Lodge, No. 1193, Wymondham	50	0	0
A Brother of the Glamorgan Lodge, No. 36, Cardiff	50	0	0
A Brother of the Lodge of Perseverance, No. 213, Norwich... ..	100	0	0
A Brother of the Doric Lodge, No. 933, London	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the St. Martin's Le Grand Lodge, No. 1538, London	50	0	0
A Brother of the Tuscan Lodge, No. 14, London	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Merchants' Lodge, No. 241, Liverpool	50	0	0
A Brother of the Lodge of Amity, No. 137, Poole	50	0	0
A Brother of the Lebanon Lodge, No. 1326, Feltham	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Derwent Lodge, No. 40, Hastings	50	0	0
A Brother of Witham Lodge, No. 297, Lincoln	50	0	0
A Brother of the Villiers Lodge, No. 1194, Hampton Court	60	0	0

10. Report of the Board of General Purposes.

11. The Annual Report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, dated 17th May, 1889, will be laid before Grand Lodge.

12. Notice of Motion—

By W. Brother Raynham Stewart, P.G. Deacon :—

That the sum of £70 be given from the Fund of General Purposes; that the money be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the "Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons," to supply the inmates of the Institution at Croydon with coals during the winter season.

List of Brethren Nominated for the Board of General Purposes.

Bros. Harry E. Pollard, W.M. 4; William Masters, P.M. 2128; Frederick Ernest Pocock, M.D., P.M. 1891; Tom Drew Bear, P.M. 1584; Ebenezer Charles Mulvey, W.M. 179; Harry Tipper, W.M. 2054; Capt. Thomas Charles Walls, W.M. 1656; Thomas Hastings Miller, W.M. 2192; George Gardner, W.M. 2309; George Read, P.M. 511; William Alfred Scurrah, W.M. 167; Gordon Smith, W.M. 14; John Speight Cumberland, P.M. 2128; Thomas William Richardson, P.M. 2029; Joseph Clever, P.M. 1818; Lennox Browne, W.M. 2256; William Harry Rylands, W.M. 2; Arthur C. Tanqueray, W.M. 33; Arthur Giraud Browning, W.M. 2140; John Lionel Alexander Monckton, M.A., W.M. 197; William Alfred Dawson, P.M. 1768; Joseph David Langton, P.M. 2096; Henry Bishop, P.M. 66; William George Lemon, P.M. 165; Henry Pritchard, P.M. 1415; John Russell Clipperton, P.M. 66; Thomas Catling, W.M. 2190.

List of Brethren Nominated for the Colonial Board:

Bros. Col. Frederick Gadsden (Madras) P.M. 434; Capt. Thomas Charles Walls, W.M. 1656; James Brett, P.M. 177; Col. Frederick Gadsden, P.M. 434; Reginald St. A. Roumieu, P.M. 1537; Albert Escott, P.M. 1539; John Speight Cumberland, P.M. 2128; Lennox Browne, W.M. 2256.

List of Brethren Nominated for the Committee of Management for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons.

Bros. Charles Alexr. Cottebrune, P.M. 733; Hugh Cotter, P.M. 554; John E. Dawson, P.M. 404; Charles George Dilley, P.M. 1155; Major Alfred Durrant, P.M. 569; Charles Kempton, P.M. 1287; Alfred H. Tattershall, P.M. 140; Isaac Dixon, P.M. 1567; Robert Griggs, P.M. 228; William Henry Hubbert, P.M. 1625.

List of Lodges for which Warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge.

- No. 2303—The Trentham Lodge, Trentham, Victoria.
- 2304—The Mooropua Lodge, Mooropua, Victoria.
- 2305—The Stour Lodge, Ashford, Kent.
- 2306—Toowong Lodge, Toowong, Queensland.
- 2307—The Friendship Lodge, Ajmere, Bombay.
- 2308—The Viator Lodge, Fleet Street.
- 2309—The George Gardner Lodge, Datchett, Buckinghamshire.
- 2310—The London Scottish Rifles Lodge, Golden Square.
- 2311—The Saint Alkmund Lodge, Whitechurch, Shropshire.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

At the annual festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, given in the Freemasons' Tavern on Wednesday, the 22nd inst., the sum of £5,354 was announced as the result of the subscription list for the year. This is a comparatively small amount masonically, but it must be remembered that last May the centenary of the institution was celebrated, when a special effort was made, and about £51,000 obtained. For the moment, therefore, the institution has to a large extent waived its claims upon the brotherhood, and has fraternally joined in advocating the necessities of other masonic charities. Nevertheless, over £5,000 is a very creditable amount. Of the total amount subscribed no less than £2,979 13s.—more than one-half—was collected within the Metropolitan area.

Masonic "Bitter-Sweet."

"The web of our life is of a mingled yarn; good and ill together."—Shakespeare.

Heavenly weather, well dressed women, happy and healthy little girls, and everybody who is anybody in London Freemasonry, were the features of the distribution of prizes at our "Girls' School" on Tuesday last.

There was no lack of animation, or low *physique*, visible among the pupils; the arrangements of the House Committee were excellent, and they certainly seemed to me thoroughly in touch both with teacher and taught.

Bro. J. H. Matthews, as the Chairman of the month, was Adjutant-in-Chief. The Rev. C. J. Martyn duly complimented the prize winners, who positively beamed with delight, while forty-two little hands on seven big pianos played like one pair, and made most excellent music.

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The heat was very great, and I felt rather glad to get into the fresh air. I, however, returned in time to see the calisthenics, which were marvellously well done. The hundred and sixty-eight children kept time and distance like old soldiers, and marched and wheeled like a stone wall.

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I was not disappointed on Wednesday at the amount announced by Bro. Hedges. It speaks well for all parties that after such an enormous sum as £51,500 in 1888, so fair a collection as £5,345 should be made in 1889. Little fish are very sweet.

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I was very glad to see our good friend Colonel Shadwell Clerke looking so much better after his recent severe attack of gout, and feel sure every one will congratulate him on his recovery.

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Why do not brethren avoid partizanship and cultivate moderation? While one section will never be satisfied until they have the head of Binckes on a charger, the other side claim him as the representative of the four crowned martyrs—four single gentlemen rolled into one.

THE DINER OUT.

JOPPA LODGE OF INSTRUCTION—No. 118.—On Thursday, the 21st inst., at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. Present: Bros. Saqui, W.M.; Garrard, S.W.; Dodd, J.W.; Goodinge, treas.; H. Saqui, sec.; C. Cohen, S.D.; Marcus, J.D.; P. Cohen, I.G.; Lescombes, Poppmacher, H. Lazarus, Marks, A. Botebol and others. The lodge was opened in the three degrees and the ceremony of raising rehearsed with the Traditional History. Bro. Cohen acting as candidate. Bro. Garrard was elected W.M. for next week. It was proposed that in future the W.M. take the chair at 8 p.m. instead of 7 p.m. A ballot took place and Bro. A. J. Marks won it and desired that the money be sent to the Boys' Charity.

HORNSEY CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT—No. 890.—A convocation was held at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W., on Friday, 24th May. Present: E. Comp. G. March, Z.; W. C. Williams, H.; M. Speigel, J.; W. H. Chalfont, S.E., pro tem.; J. Cruttenden, P.S.; H. Dehane, P.M. 890; J. Smith. The chapter was opened in ancient form by Comps. March, Williams, and Dehane, and the companions were admitted. The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Dehane, candidate. The companions were pleased to hear that Ex. Comp. Dean, one of the preceptors, was improving in health, and that there was a probability of his being amongst them again at an early date. After hearty good wishes, the chapter was closed.

STUART LODGE—No. 1632.—The regular meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Monday, 27th inst. Present: Bros. Edward Pettit, W.M.; Charles Linsey, S.W.; Charles Fruen, J.W.; Henry E. Dickers, J.P.M., Treasurer; Thomas Poore, P.M., Secretary; G. H. Morgan, S.D.; A. J. Crofts, J.D.; J. Bolding, I.G.; C. Stuart Barker, P.M.; Henry Baldwin, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Surrey; Alfred Bannister, P.M.; Richard Barham, P.M.; John Rhodes, P.M., P.P.G.O., Surrey; G. W. Evans, P.M.; H. Mascall, T. Westwood, Thomas Bowler, Tyler, and others. The lodge being opened in due form, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. Alfred Baigent was then most impressively initiated into freemasonry according to ancient custom, also Bro. Caleb Morrish passed to the second degree. A ballot was taken for the admission of Bro. Frederick Guard as joining member, which proved unanimous in his favour. Further masonic business having been transacted, the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to a capital repast, presided over by the W.M., after which a most enjoyable and harmonious evening was spent in toasts, songs and recitations.

Questions and Answers.

Q.—In calling off a Lodge from labour, is the proper expression "High Twelve," or "High Time"?—J. T. A.

A.—Refer to MACKAY, the best authority, who is confirmed by other Masonic students. He says, "High twelve, or noon, was the hour at the Temple when our ancient brethren were regularly called from labour to refreshment. The tradition is that they worked twelve hours a day and six days in the week." Masonic symbolism and allegory should be carefully preserved in our Lodge work. "High Time" may mean anything, and no Masonic symbolism whatever attaches to those words.

Q.—In the address to a newly-initiated brother on the subject of Charity he is counselled to give attention to those who being in distressed circumstances may "claim" his assistance. In some Lodges the word "solicit" is used. Which is the proper, or more ancient word?—J. E. C., Camberwell.

A.—Both words are nearly alike as to meaning, which is that of asking for, or seeking to obtain, and both subject to acceptance or refusal. But the Freemason's solicitation becomes stronger than that of the friend or stranger by virtue of the right, or supposed right, which his connection with the Order, and his engagement to practice whilst in his power the like benevolence to others, invests him with. He has a right to claim or request on specific grounds though refusal may result. The stranger can only solicit on general grounds. Setting aside that the older rituals adopted the word claim we think it the most correct in its Masonic connection.

Kindly answer the following questions.—TRINIDAD.

(1) Can a private lodge initiate a Sergeant of Police?—Yes.

(2) Does exclusion from one lodge preclude visiting another?—No, subject to provisions contained in clauses 151, 152, and 204 of the Book of Constitutions.

(3) Can the benevolence fund of a lodge be used for other than charitable purpose?—We think not.

(4) Ought a lodge to initiate any person who is not in reputable circumstances?—If you mean "to its knowledge," most assuredly not. However can you, with any knowledge of Freemasonry, ask the question?

(5) According to the present reading of Article 210 of the Book of Constitutions, if eight members be present, five of whom vote for exclusion, does that constitute a "two-thirds" vote?—According to Cocker this never yet equalled 2/3rds.

N.B.—Case from Trinidad now before Grand Lodge.

Q. Is it the proper thing for a W.M. of a lodge to vacate the Chair when he delegates to a P.M. the working of an Initiation, Passing or Raising?—A. M. Prestwich.

A. It is an invariable custom, as far as we have observed, for the P.M. to occupy the Master's chair on such occasions, but there is no regulation to that effect.

PROVINCIAL.

CHESHIRE.—STOCKPORT.—EGERTON LODGE, No. 1,030.—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the George Hotel, Stockport, on Monday, when Bro. R. Bassnett Preston, S.W., was installed Worshipful Master by Bro. James Cookson, the retiring W.M., in an able and efficient manner, assisted by some of the past masters. The following officers were invested by Bro. Kenneth Maclean, P.M., viz.:—Bros. Joseph McKim, S.W.; William A. Vaughan, J.W.; Rev. Addison Crofton, Chaplain; A. Pemberton, P.M., P.G.D.C., Treasurer; Walter H. Vaughan, P.M., P.G.R., Secretary; Thomas Knott, S.D.; Henry Smith, J.D.; James Abbott, P.M., P.P.G., D.C.; H. Wilson, I.G.; H. Dawson, P.M., Tyler. Bro. A. E. Ferns, P.M., was re-appointed charity representative. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Cookson on his retirement from the position of W.M., the new Master remarking that the lodge had been most successful under Bro. Cookson's rule. The following visiting brethren were present—Bros. Geo. R. Brady, P.M., 322,

P.P.G.S.B., Cheshire; W. H. Maxfield, W.M., 1,957, P.P.G.O., Cheshire; Clement Walworth, W.M., 1,459; P. B. Welch, W.M., 992; Charles Dawson, W.M., 287; H. H. Royle, W.M., 322; John Smith, W.M., 323; J. W. G. Coombes, S.W., 44; W. O. Pettitt, I.P.M., 1,055; A. F. Williams, I.P.M., 2,156; Thomas Whalley, P.M., 323; G. McClelland, P.M., 287; J. E. Ashton, 1,147. Letters of apology were read from the Prov. G.M. and other distinguished brethren. The company afterwards partook of an excellent dinner. The loyal and Masonic toasts were observed, and a musical programme was rendered.

STAFFORDSHIRE.—HANLEY.—GORDON LODGE—No. 2149.—The festival of St. John, and the installation of Bro. James Charlesworth, as W.M., in connection with the Gordon Lodge of Freemasons, 2,149, took place on Wednesday the 22nd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Cheapside, Hanley. There was a large number of brethren present. Bro. Charlesworth was installed W.M. by W. Bro. J. B. Piercy, assisted by W. Bro. H. Palmer, T. Taylor, F. Mountford, and J. L. Hamshaw. The following brethren were appointed officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. J. B. Ashwell, S.W.; G. W. Bradford, J.W.; E. D. Boothman, chap.; C. Adams, treas.; F. H. Lodge, sec.; E. D. Boothman, S.D.; W. J. J. W. Heath, J.D.; T. Taylor, D.C.; F. Mountford, org.; J. Clare, I.G.; A. R. Moody, C. H. Phillips, stewards; and W. Wood, tyler. The lodge having been closed, the brethren to the number of fifty sat down to a sumptuous banquet, at which after the preliminary loyal toasts had been honoured. W. Bro. J. B. Ashwell proposed "the health of the R.W. Bro. Colonel Foster Gough, LL.D., Pro. G.M. of Staffordshire, P.G.S.B. England." He said all the brethren would regret the domestic affliction which was now troubling the Grand Master. They in the north of the province had reason to be gratified that he had been appointed Prov. Grand Master of Staffordshire, because Colonel Gough had always looked well after the interests of the north of the province. W. Bro. Hamshaw, in proposing the toasts of "The Masonic Charities," said they were proud of their Masonic Institutions, to which they yearly contributed a sum of £50,000. He also referred to the inquiry that had been recently held into the Boys' School, and said the thanks of every brother were due to Bros. Greatbatch and Tunnicliffe for the part they had taken in that investigation. W. Bros. Piercy and Tunnicliffe responded, the latter remarking that at the recent *conversation* a profit had been made of over £70, which sum had been lodged in the bank in the names of the secretary and treasurer; but before dividing the money amongst the Masonic Charities—and all were anxious that the charities should not suffer—the lodge desired to know what alteration was intended to be made in the management of the Boys' School, and whether or not the present House Committee were to be permitted to retain their seats and the services of some of the officials to be continued. There is a strong opinion that it would be useless to send more money to London which could be better applied in Staffordshire. He understood that the Committee of the Girls' School had but recently increased the salary of the secretary of that Institution by £200, raising the same from £500 to £700 per annum at a bound, and if this state of things in connection with management is to continue he considered that their money should in future be spent in their own province. During the evening, songs were contributed by Miss Basford, and Bros. G. W. Bradford, Howson, Bervon, and Mountford.

ROYAL ARCH MASONRY PROVINCE OF NORTHUMBERLAND.—CONSECRATION OF A NEW CHAPTER.—On Monday last the Annual Convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Northumberland was held in the Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle, under the presidency of the most excellent Companion Colonel Addison Potter, C.B., Provincial Grand Superintendent. There was a large attendance of principals and past principals of the several Chapters in the Province. After the transaction of some formal business the consecration of a new Chapter—the Blagdon Chapter, No. 659 (Blyth)—was proceeded with. The consecrating officers were:—M. E. Comp. Col. Addison Potter, C.B., Grand Supt., acting as Z.; E. Compns. Geo. Spain, P.G.H., as H.; G. F. Charlton, P.G.J. as J.; Joseph H. Bentham, P.P.G.H., Director of Ceremonies; and Cmpn. John Nicholson, P.P.G.O. as Musical Director. The address was most impressively given by

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) (5th and last) THURSDAY, MAY 30th.			(1st) TUESDAY, JUNE 4th.		
ASCENSION DAY—NO MEETINGS.			171	Grand Mark Lodge	F. M. H.
(5th and last) FRIDAY, MAY 31st.			2128	Amity	Ship Hot., Greenwich
K.T.			2199	United Northern Counties	Inns of Court Hot., W.C.
74	Harcourt	Greyhound Hot., Richmond		Savage Club	F. M. H.
(1st) SATURDAY, JUNE 1st.			R.A.C.		
2202	Regent's Park	York & Albany Hot., Glo'ster Gate	1529	United	F. M. H.
R.A.C.			(1st) WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5th.		
975	Rose of Denmark	Star and Garter Hot., Kew Bridge	GRAND LODGE, AT 6 FOR 7, F. M. H.		
(1st) MONDAY, JUNE 3rd.			(1st) THURSDAY, JUNE 6th.		
16	Royal Alpha	Willis's Rooms, St. James's, W.	10	Westminster and Keystone	F. M. H.
1305	St. Marylebone	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.	192	Lion and Lamb	Cannon Street Hot., E.C.
1319	Asaph	F. M. H.	1178	Perfect Ashlar	Bridge House Hot., S.E.
2098	Harlesden	National School, Harlesden	1361	United Service	Cafe Royal, Regent Street, W.
R.A.C.			1804	Coborn	Vestry Hall, Bow
1615	Bayard	33, Golden Square, W.	1950	Southgate	R. Blyway Hot., New Southgate
1891	St. Ambrose	Baron's Court Hot., West Kensington	Mark.		
			244	Trinity College	13, Mandeville Place, W.

Col. Potter, as well as the entire ceremony of consecration. The new officers of the Blagdon Chapter were then appointed as follows:—*Ex.-Compns.* Jas. Eadington, Z., and Ed. Forster, H.; *Compns.* Jas. Carmichael, J.; John Tweedy, S.E.; J. E. Robinson, S.N.; W. Percy, P.S.; T. Mewes, 1st Asst. The new chapter having been duly constituted, the installation of officers for the province was proceeded with as follows: *Ex.-Compns.* G. E. Macarthy (St. Peter's Chapter), H.; M. J. Bird (Gosforth), J.; J. H. Bentham (re-appointed), S.E.; R. L. Armstrong, *treas.*; S. Armstrong, *Regr.*; J. C. Ridley (Northd. Chapter), P.S.; W. Macgall, 1st *Assr. Soj.*; Jas. Eadington, 2nd *Assr. Soj.*, and Charles Roope (Priory), *Swd. Br.*; *Compn.* W. Reed, *Std. Br.*; *Ex.-Compns.* George Spain, D.C., and John Nicholson, *Org.* The convocation was afterwards closed in due form. The company then adjourned to the County Hotel, where a banquet was provided. Col. Addison Potter presided.

BURGOYNE LODGE—No. 902—Bro. John C. Cross, W.M.—The election meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, London, on Monday last, and was well attended. Bro. Walter Smith, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year; W. Bro. G. Gabb was re-elected treasurer, and Bro. Gilbert, Tyler. The sum of ten guineas was voted from the funds of the lodge for presentation of a P.M. jewel to the retiring W.M. The following brethren were present in addition to those above named: Bro. Beddoes, J.W.; H. C. Jeffryes, P.M., *sec.*; White, S.D.; Hugh James, J.D.; J. L. Prince, I.G.; W. R. Larter, *org.*; W. Bros. R. N. Field, Byng, Wilkins, and Batty, P.M.'s; Bros. George, Burrell, Richmond, Norrington, Pillinger, Andoire, Gillard, Morris, Rashleigh, Lewry, Bean, Horton, Gil. Nutting, Cowland, Gad, Stafford, Dickinson, &c.; and visitors—W. Bros. A. J. Berry, P.M. 1692; James Stevens, P.M. 1216; Bros. P.M. Wimpey, 2012; C. F. Hughes, 2012; Carrington, 1712, and others. The brethren dined together after lodge was closed, and in the course of a pleasant evening many excellent songs were sung and recitations delivered. It was also arranged at table that a "summer outing" should take place in July, and a Committee was at once formed for carrying out the necessary arrangements.

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President—HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., M.W.G.M.

IN compliance with a Requisition received by me from the Treasurer of the Institution—in accordance with Law 31—I hereby give notice that a Special General Court of the Governors and Subscribers will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Thursday, the 6th day of June, 1889:

To consider the Report of the Committee of Investigation appointed under Resolution of the Quarterly General Court, of 27th July, 1888, which Report was presented to, and received by, the Quarterly General Court, of 26th April, 1889, and to take such steps thereon as may be determined.

The Chair will be taken at Twelve o'clock at noon precisely.

FREDERICK BINCKES (P.G.Std., P.G.S.B.),
V.-Pat. Secretary.

LONDON, 24th May, 1889.

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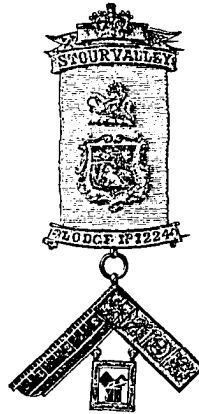
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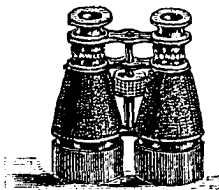
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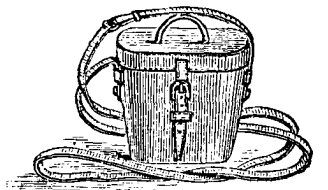
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