

THE MASONIC STAR

A Weekly Journal and
At Home



Record of Freemasonry
and Abroad.

VOL. II.—No. 19.]

THURSDAY, JUNE 27TH, 1889.

[CURRENT NUMBER 45.]

CONTENTS.

EDITORIAL: "THE 'MASONIC STAR,' LIMITED"	239
A BOARD OF PAST MASTERS	240
PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF SUFFOLK	240
NOTIFICATIONS	240
MASONIC "POET'S CORNER"—THE MASONIC A. B. C., WITH MUSIC SCORE	241
ORIGINAL CORRESPONDENCE	242 & 243
OUR TRESTLE BOARD	243
PROVINCIAL	243 & 244
THE EXAMINATION OF A FREEMASON BY KING HENRY VI.	244
METROPOLITAN LODGE AND CHAPTER MEETINGS FOR THE CURRENT WEEK	244
ADVERTISEMENTS	Front cover, 238, 245, 246, 247, 248

"The 'Masonic Star,' Limited."



UNDER the above title there has been recently registered a limited liability Company, in £1 shares, for the purpose of acquiring the copyright and continuing the publication of this journal, and of extending its operations in the direction of business relating thereto. In our next number will be found prospectus and further particulars, together with the names of those brethren who have identified themselves with the undertaking.

As we have written and frequently repeated, the MASONIC STAR was presented to the Craft with every confidence that the venture would be pecuniarily beneficial to ourselves, whilst making provision for a great want in Masonic circles. That confidence has not been shaken. We are within a few weeks of the anniversary of our first issue, and within the short period of one year have become known throughout the several countries in which lodges working under the English Constitution are established, as well as in many comprised in other jurisdictions. But we have yet a large area in which to make our paper known; and to find—what we are pleased to acknowledge has resulted from its introduction, in the comparatively limited space we have been enabled to cover during the past months,—friends and supporters. The proprietors of the journal would be well satisfied to continue their exertions as hitherto, but beyond their original intention that, as soon as might be justifiably expedient, the paper should become the property of members of the Order desirous of sharing in its direction and its profits, there is the advisability of providing for a much more extended publicity and enlargement. To carry out this with sufficient effect will be better accomplished by the united efforts of a numerous body of Shareholders than by a couple of private individuals, and therefore it is that the proprietors have entered into agreement with a

directorship under whom the future of the MASONIC STAR will be guided.

In connection with the new Company, we may be permitted to observe, in our editorial capacity, that in this particular interest our brother craftsmen have to consider, firstly: the benefit to English Freemasonry that it should possess an independent organ at a price which it would be an insult to suggest as being beyond the power of any individual member thereof to provide. This has been so fully answered in the affirmative by the support already accorded to us that we may feel assured the sentiment connected with the enquiry will receive general endorsement. This, in itself, should be a strong inducement towards taking shares in the new Company; but we know well that it is not altogether a sufficient reason, and therefore the second consideration will be the commercial results to be anticipated in connection with its progress. With this latter we shall leave the prospectus to inform those interested, merely expressing our private opinion that independently of the satisfaction it will give many of our readers to have a share in the undertaking, and increased interest in our work, they need have no fear of monetary loss, but on the contrary, as we believe, will find a satisfactory return of interest for whatever venture they may choose to make in connection with its share-list.

From the *New Zealand Herald* of the 25th April we reproduce with much satisfaction the following reference to our journal, and it is very gratifying to us to know that the commendations contained therein are endorsed in many other Masonic and general newspapers in the Colonies and foreign countries:—

"We have received by the s.s. Rimutaka the February number of the *Masonic Star*, a weekly journal and record of Freemasonry at home and abroad, published in London, and it possesses features of great interest for the craft generally. The editorial is a leader on Mark Masonry. This is followed by an article on the impending meeting of the United Grand Lodge of England, and an account of a meeting of the Board of Benevolence. Recommendations to the M.W.G.M. of grants made in January last, were allowed, the total amount being £390. A list of 38 applications was then considered. It comprised petitions from London district, Almswich, Battle, Berwick, Birkenhead, Crediton, Darlington, Demerara, Endfield, Hull, Liverpool, Malta, Millom, Newchurch, Plymouth, Shrewsbury, and Torquay. Of these, two were not entertained, five were dismissed, and one withdrawn, and £845 were distributed amongst the remaining 30 cases. Of these there were three recommendations to Grand Lodge for £100, £75, and £50 respectively; five for £40 each, and six for £30 each to the Grand Master. There were seven intermediate grants of £20 each, one of £15, six of £10, and one of £5. The Masonic Poet's Corner has an original poem on T.G.A.O.T.U. The colonial lodges received full recognition, and amongst others there are notices of the installation of St. Andrew's Lodge, 418, S.C., Auckland, and Manukau Lodge, 586, S.C."

Onchunga, and the anniversary of the Leura Lodge, No. 1,331, Camperdown, Victoria. Some interesting news regarding Masonic matters in the Punjab is also conveyed, and the issue contains quite a large quantity of interesting items on Masonic matters, and a most interesting article translated from the German of Dr. C. Sigwart, on the "Ethics of Freemasonry." Indeed, this issue of the MASONIC STAR is of the very greatest interest to Freemasons generally, and we have to congratulate the editor on the careful manner in which the news is compiled, and the proprietors on the excellent style in which the paper is produced."

A BOARD OF PAST MASTERS.

IN a recent leading article we made a passing allusion to the functions at present accorded to a Board of Past Masters at Installations, as coming, *inter alia*, under the class of Masonic make-believe, against which we felt it to be our duty to inveigh. The desire of the thinking class of Masons of to-day is to make Freemasonry a clear and logical system, with potentialities higher than those possessed by a mere eleemosynary and festive association. And in following out this ideal, your true progressist has the inestimable advantage, not possessed by those of the cognate school of thought and politics, of being at the same time a reformer and a thorough conservative, inasmuch as the progressive and amending Mason has nothing to do but to go back to the ways of our ancestors for the standard at which he aims. Slight adaptations, verbal alterations, and the like, are necessitated, because *tempora mutantur et viæ mutantur in illis*; but although the paths may alter a little they can be trodden after the same manner, and in a direction leading to the same goal. Masonic abuses, are, for the most part, if we only look back far enough, found to be mere perversions of the customs of old times. And applying this principle to the subject with which we are particularly germane to-day, we are content to believe that we have the best warrant for assuming that the functions of a Board of Installed Masters at Installations were in former days of a very much more real character than they are to-day. In Anderson's original Constitutions of 1723, general directions are given for the conduct of the ceremonies of Installation and Consecration, and it is therein distinctly stated that the Grand Master shall ask his Deputy "if he has examined him and finds the Candidate Master well skilled in the noble Science and the royal Art, and duly instructed in our Mysteries." In connection with this it may be observed that Anderson's Constitutions pre-supposed that Installations should always be performed by the Grand Master, his Deputy, and the Grand Wardens, the only lodges then under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge being in London. At a later date it became necessary to extend the power of Installation to any three Past Masters. But it is perfectly clear that the spirit of the old Constitutions demanded an actual examination of the candidate on the part of those officers who were charged with the duty of installing him. The ritual in common use to-day is somewhat less definite, but it does thus far copy the wording of the old Constitution as to lay down as a necessary qualification for the chair of K.S. that the candidate "shall be well skilled in the Noble Science," and further on we are told that he must be "able and willing to undertake the management of the Work." Although it does not, like Anderson, specifically indicate any machinery for giving practical effect to these requirements, yet judging from analogy in other portions of Masonic ceremonial we are forbidden to assume that the compilers of our ritual had so little veneration for the Royal Art as to put into the mouths of its votaries words which, if devoid of meaning, would be nothing less than nonsense and the worst of shams. And lest anyone should endeavour to find a loophole of escape from this position by falling back on the assumption that the ritual recognised the prior passing of the various degrees and the serving of the office of Warden as sufficient guarantees of proficiency, we would point out that all these qualifications are categorically stated separately and distinctly from the qualifications we have quoted, and were certainly regarded as metaphorically sailing under their own flags. And further, if it be necessary, we would meet the hypothesis with a flat negative and remind any critics that service as Warden is no guarantee whatever of proficiency in the ritual duties of W.M. and that our ancestors were perfectly well aware of the fact. We are then fully justified in assuming that in Anderson's day and probably for a very long time after, a Board of Installed Masters was supposed to examine every candidate for Installation as to his actual proficiency in the work. The present Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of England are silent on the point at issue, but that does not count for much, *vox et præterea nihil* having been for years the revered motto of Great Queen Street. However, the voice of the past is sufficiently clear, and the voice of common sense echoes it. Surely it is only reasonable that some means should be taken to ascertain, before election, the fitness of past Wardens for the Chair, the duties of which are so complex, and so essentially different to anything that has gone before. If a man conscientiously means to fit himself for the exalted post of Master, he cannot surely be averse to submitting his acquirements to test by those brethren whose peers he aspires to become. And is it reasonable that a brother should only begin to learn his work just when his term of office is half ended, or that some other brother, pitchforked into the Chair because of his well filled pockets, and his popular reputation of being "a jolly good fellow," should go through his year without ever performing the duties at all, and should be obliged to have recourse to an obliging P.M. whenever a degree is on the tapis? The sights one is compelled sometimes to witness on the dais are a disgrace, and the only way to avoid them is to compel every candidate for the Chair to submit himself previous to election to examination by a competent Board of Masters. And not only would the dignity of the Chair and the credit of the Lodge be advanced thereby, but a collateral

advantage would be gained in the increased interest felt in Lodges of Instruction, which would receive an amazing fillip if such a reform were brought about. And it is workable, for a correspondent of the MASONIC STAR of March 7th quotes a by-law of a Greenwich lodge, which he says has been in operation with good effect for the last 22 or 23 years. It runs thus:—"No brother shall be eligible for the office of W.M. unless he is capable of opening and closing the lodge in the three degrees, and working the ceremonies; the qualification of such candidates shall be certified by a Board of Past Masters prior to his election." The correspondent states that during the whole of the aforesaid 22 years they have only had one case in which the P.M.'s could not recommend the S.W. for election, simply because the inferior officers knew perfectly what was before them. Now, failing a regulation like this being made a Constitutional Rule, it is open to any private lodge to pass a similar by-law, which would doubtless be sanctioned now as it was in the case of the Greenwich lodge. A crying evil would be met and an improvement practically immeasurable effected in Lodge working. Nobody supposes that such a Board would insist on absolute letter perfection, but it would require a competent knowledge of the work of the dais.—*South African Freemason, May 28th, 1889.*

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF SUFFOLK.

CONSECRATION OF THE HENNIKER CHAPTER, No. 555.

The eleventh annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Suffolk was held at the Crown Hotel, Framlingham, on the 17th inst., when the "Henniker Chapter, No. 555," was consecrated. The Companions present included—the Grand Supt. of Suffolk (the M.E. Comp. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Prin. Soj.); Comps. W. Clarke, P.G. Asst. D. of C., P.G.D.C.; N. Tracy, M.E.Z., P.Z., P.G.S.E.; S. R. Anness, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N.; G. F. Crane, P.P.G.J., 71, 100, and 1631; H. Harvey George, P.Z. 1631; J. B. Fraser, P.Z. 376, P.G.J.; Hugh W. H. Elwes, P.G.J., P.G.H. Suff., 71 and 1631; James M. Harvey, P.Z. 1008, P.P.G.P.S.; Rev. Richard Peek, J. 376; G. H. Cooper, H. and P.P.G.S. of W.; J. H. Loveless, org. 81; Richard Allen, A.S. 81; H. Sadler, P.Z. 169, Grand Janitor; F. A. Mann, N. 71; A. R. Abbott, 1631; S. S. Carley, H. 555; B. Gall, P.P.G.S.B., 81; Wm. Chapman, J. 1008; W. Minter, J. 555; John Martin, E. 555; Rev. R. O. Davies, N. 555; and Geo. Gould, Janitor 376.

The ceremony of consecration was performed by the Grand Superintendent, Comp. H. W. H. Elwes officiating as H., and Comp. J. B. Fraser as J. The first principals of the new Chapter were installed by E. Comp. G. F. Crane, of Yarmouth, as under:—E. Comp. Rev. R. Peek, J. 376, M.E.Z.; Comp. S. G. Carley, H.; Comp. W. Minter, J.

The collars and jewels for the second and third principals were presented to the Chapter by the Grand Superintendent, Rev. C. J. Martyn.

The ordinary business of the Provincial Grand Chapter was then proceeded with under the banner of the newly-consecrated Chapter. On the proposition of Comp. J. B. Fraser, seconded by Comp. S. R. Anness, Comp. W. Boby was unanimously elected treasurer.

The Grand Superintendent then invested the Prov. Grand Officers as under:—

S. R. Anness, Royal Sussex, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N., H.; H. H. George, St. Andrew's, P.Z., P.P.G.St.B., J.; N. Tracy, Royal Sussex, P.Z., E.; Rev. N. Peek, Henniker, M.E.Z., N.; G. H. Cooper, Lowestoft, H., P.S.; E. Smith, Royal York, M.E.Z., P.P.G.R., 1st Asst. S.; W. B. Hanson, Royal Alexandra, J., 2nd Asst. S.; W. Chapman, White Rose, P.N., Reg.; A. J. L. Reeves, St. Andrew's, H., S.B.; H. C. Pratt, Martyn, S.E., St. B.; W. Clarke, Royal Sussex, D. of C.; F. A. Mann, Lowestoft, S.N., Org.; G. Gould, Royal Sussex, Jan.

The Grand Superintendent briefly addressed the Chapter, and subsequently, on the motion of Comp. Elwes, seconded by Comp. S. R. Anness, a vote of thanks was accorded to him for the present of the collars and jewels to the 2nd and 3rd principals in the newly-consecrated Chapter. The proceeds of the offertory were devoted towards the expense of some Masonic work which is being executed in Framlingham Church.

The Prov. Grand Chapter having been closed, the principals of the Henniker Chapter resumed their chairs, and closed the new Chapter in due form.

A banquet was subsequently held, under the presidency of the Grand Superintendent, and the usual Masonic toasts were drunk.

We Notify that:—

—The St. Barnabas Lodge, No. 948, held at the Elephant and Castle Hotel, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard Station, Bro. W. Howard, W.M., will meet on Tuesday next, July 2nd, at 5 p.m. In consequence of the lamented decease of Bro. John Lee Dale, I.P.M., who installed his successor only so lately as May 7th, and had fulfilled his duties as W.M. in a most exemplary manner, the brethren are to appear in Masonic mourning.

—The Holmesdale Mark Master Mason's Lodge, No. 129, Bro. Rev. E. C. D'Auquier, M.A., W.M., will meet at the Royal Hotel, Ramsgate, on Thursday next (27th inst.), at 3.45 p.m., and dine there on conclusion of business.

—The usual ex-pupils' day at the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls has been fixed for Saturday next, the 29th inst., on which occasion all former pupils are most cordially invited to be present, and will be sure of a hearty welcome.

The Freemasons of Staffordshire and the neighbouring districts are to take part in the ceremonies connected with the laying of the foundation and memorial stones of the new hospital to be erected at Longton. The foundation stone will be "proved and tried" by the R.W. Bro. Colonel Foster Gough the Provincial Grand Master.

The Masonic "Poet's Corner."

(Original and Selected.)

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

I am anxious to contribute something original to your "collection of songs and hymns, ancient and modern," and a very good friend of mine has, in compliance with my request that he would write something hot and strong in Masonry and set to a popular air, sent me the following, which I should like to see take a place in the "Corner." He says that he can no more explain why Charles the Second got mixed up with it, than Douglas Jerrold could tell why a playground full of schoolboys should have suggested to him (as

he says in the preface to his immortal work that it did) Mrs. Caudle and the Curtain Lectures, and that he could no more keep the Second Charles out of it than Mr. Dick could keep that monarch's royal father out of his petition. He appears to have been reading Bleak House, and to have taken part in a quadrille, in which the air is introduced, in company with a very lively terpsichoriste, and this may account for it. He points out that he has managed to get in that word "trined," which so took my fancy, and that he intends to publish the song with the music, and reserves the copyright and all his rights connected with the words or their publication, but that any Masonic warbler is at liberty to sing it in the fourth degree. He has only to substitute the chorus for the parenthetical observations, and "there he is." Yours fraternally,
194, Clapham Road, May 28th, 1889. FRIAR TUCK.

DEAR TUCK,—I am asked to write a song that's Masonic "hot and strong" with a chorus that can easily be caught up by the

through. I bethink me of a lay of Charles the Second's day, with a catching kind of rhythm which runs somewhat in this way.

"THE MASONIC A B C."

Words by Bro. ROBERT GREENING.

Music (time of CHARLES II.) edited by Bro. TURLE LEE.

A stands for the Ash - lar, a rough un-finished stone. B for the sa-cred Book which all Freemasons own.

C for the Com-pass - es that keep us with-in bound. D for the Do-ric co-lumns in the Temple found.

(You'll understand, I pray, it's the *tune* and not the *lay*, that I've borrowed from the Musicus of Charles the Second's day.)

E for Entered 'prentice, a neophyte we prize.
F for Fellow-craftsman (a 'prentice with "a rise").
G for the Great Architect whose wondrous works we view.
H for the H'ram legend, we all believe is true.

(I am well aware my rhyme is anything but prime, but I hope you like the "Musick" of the second Charles's time.)

I for the Initiate all are glad to see.
J for the Joy we feel when we receive his fee.
K for King Solomon "in all his glory" drest.
While L stands to teach us to do our Level best.

(I'm endeavouring to sing with a true Masonic ring to a melody much favoured by a very naughty king.)

M stands for the Master who occupies the chair.
N for the Noble science illustrated there.
O for the Orient from whence our secrets come,
And P for the Pillars made upright by the Plumb.

(The words to me are due. For the air I got the cue from Carolus Secundus and his very merry crew.)

Q for the Quarrymen who've hewn the stones we see.
While R represents their Rectangularity.
S the Square pavement which in black and white is tiled;
And T the Tyler as our serving brother's styled.

(I apprehend my verse might be more concise and terse, and—except for Charles the Second's metre—couldn't well be worse.)

U and V for Virtue and Uprightness combined.
W for the Wardens who are with the Master trined.
Z for Zenodochy (for guests expect a "spread.")
Y for "Ynough of it," as ancient Chaucer Z.

(I've been puzzled by that Z, from the Zenith overhead to the Zoophytes that vegetate upon the ocean's bed. I declined the Zuyder Zee. I let the Zodiac be. I considered unmasonic the Zygnemaca, and although I've done my best, I have very much digressed, and I find I've left the chorus out, but this can be redressed; so I'll finish up my 'rhyme with a refrain or a chime that's fitted to the "musick" of the merry Monarch's time.)

CHORUS.

Come, brethren, charge your glass-es and lis-ten un-to me, While I sing a song I've christen'd "The Ma-son-ic A B C."

The Masonic Star.

THURSDAY,



JUNE 27, 1889.

Edited by
W. BRO. JAMES STEVENS, P.M., P.Z., &c., &c.

Published every Thursday Morning, price ONE PENNY, and may be had from all Newsagents through the Publishers, 123 to 125, Fleet Street, E.C.

Subscribers to THE MASONIC STAR residing in London and the Suburbs will receive their copies by the first post on THURSDAY MORNING. Copies for Country Subscribers will be forwarded by the NIGHT Mail on Wednesday.

TERMS, including postage, payable in advance:—

	United Kingdom and Countries comprised in General Postal Union.	Places not comprised in Postal Union.	India, in Brindisi.
Twelve Months ...	6s. 6d. ...	8s. 8d. ...	10s. 10d.
Six Months ...	3s. 4d. ...	4s. 6d. ...	5s. 6d.
Three Months ...	1s. 9d. ...	2s. 4d. ...	3s. 0d.

Post Office Orders, payable at the General Post Office, London, E.C., to Messrs. ADAMS BROS., 59, Moor Lane, London, E.C. Postal Orders and Cheques should be crossed _____ & Co. and all communications concerning Subscriptions and Advertisements should be addressed to "Manager."

All other communications, letters, &c., to be addressed "Editor of THE MASONIC STAR, 59, Moor Lane, Fore Street, London, E.C."

Publishing Offices: 123 to 125, FLEET STREET, E.C.

VOLUME I.

In Masonic Cloth Cover—Now Ready—Price 3s. 6d.

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.

EXCLUSION OF VISITORS.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

Would you or any of your correspondents kindly throw some light upon the following important subject, viz., the powers of a W.M. to exclude all visitors from a Lodge?

In company with several Masters and Past Masters of this Province (Bristol), I recently attended the installation meeting of a Lodge, but on presenting ourselves at the Freemasons' Hall, where the ceremony was to take place, we were informed by the Tyler that he had orders from the W.M. to allow none but members of the Lodge to sign the signature book or enter the Lodge, and that all visitors were to be rigidly excluded.

I have searched the Book of Constitutions, but can find no such power given to a W.M. Rule 151 certainly does not apply to the wholesale exclusion to which I refer, where all applicants for admission were well-known brethren.

The Bye-laws of the Lodge in question provide as follows:—"That no visitor shall be admitted to the Lodge until after the minutes are read (without permission of the W.M.), and not then unless he be known to or well vouched for by one of the brethren present;" but even in the Lodge Bye-laws there appears nothing to justify the Master in excluding all visitors after the minutes are read. The Constitutions are singularly silent upon this subject.

It is manifest if a W.M. possesses such power, to what an alarming extent it might be carried to the furtherance of cliquism and the detriment of the Craft.

Yours fraternally,
W.M.

* * We consider that this is a matter upon which the Board of General Purposes should decide. If not in their province to do so it ought to be! What says the Provincial Grand Master? In our view, the W.M. has assumed a prerogative which no Master of a Lodge can possess; and by his action attacks one of those landmarks in Freemasonry which the Craft generally should be most careful to preserve. "Every Mason who is a WORKING BROTHER, that is to say, who is a subscribing member of a Lodge, has a right to visit any other Lodge as often as it may suit his convenience or his pleasure." Brethren, beware of attempts to remove our Landmarks!—ED. M.S.

LODGE OF UNITY, 183.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

In your number of 20th June, you state "We must go abroad for home news! The South African Freemason says, "At a recent meeting of the Unity Lodge (No. 183), London, the secretary reported that although the lodge had been at work uninterruptedly

for 120 years, it had never had a Grand Lodge collar bestowed upon any of its members!" You need scarcely go so far afield, for if you will look back to your number of 4th April, p. 96, you will find the item in your reporter's account of the "Unity" meeting of the 25th May, whence your South African contemporary probably extracted it. Some brethren—they must have their little joke—may possibly attribute this strange fact to a conspicuous want of merit on the part of our members; I prefer the reason suggested by a visitor at the time, that it was due to our great modesty.

Fraternally yours,

G. W. SPETH, P.M. and Sec. 183.

"PRUDENTLY AND WITH TEMPERANCE."

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

"Whilst controversy is conducted with prudence and temperance." Thus you conclude your second Trestle Board par. in your last issue, alluding to the expressions of opinion, through your medium, in relation to recent events anent the R.M.I.B.

Now, sir, for months past the masonic press of this country has offered a pretty good specimen of the sort of temper imported into controversy between masons who have opposite views on certain questions, and the vituperation indulged in has often caused me to think that after all done and said Freemasons are by no means better than, if as good as, the generality of mankind at large. The example set is anything but good, and, to paraphrase, one may fairly exclaim "See how these masons love one another." But leaving aside all question of masonic obligation, I hold that an impartial critic would be just in saying that the whole performance is more in keeping with the manners of a low class of society, than of men who describe themselves as "Gentlemen."

Now, sir, I am I daresay extremely presumptuous in offering advice to you as regards the conduct of your journal; be that as it may, I cannot refrain from pointing out to you that by giving publicity to such letters as appear in your columns this week you are not acting in accordance with your own charter of "Temperance." If you had left out the last syllable of this word I could have understood your action. Take for instance an effusion signed "A Vice-President." Here's a pretty sample of Temper(ance): "Notwithstanding the unfraternal howling of the infuriated mob who cried 'Crucify him! Crucify him!'" This language, in allusion to the proceedings at the Special Court on the 6th inst. is vulgar, and is not a statement of fact. You were at that meeting yourself, and I ask you how you can reproduce such stuff? There was no "howling." To describe as "an infuriated mob" the body of gentlemen who attended that meeting is a gross and insulting perversion of the truth; but to say that any cried "Crucify him! Crucify him!" is, as you know, so absolutely false as to be contemptible. Then Dr. Morris is "a rusty hinge that perpetually creaks," and so on. This might seem clever writing in cheap society journalism; but surely, sir, at a crisis in the affairs of our Boys' charity it is out of place. Pray, sir, let us have a penny's worth of matter that is instructive. I am sure if you think it over you will own that this is not.

I have not time to go into "Disgusted Lancastrian's style," but don't you think such words as "cooked, hatched, concocted, or fabricated" would read better in some paper other than your own?

It is a curious thing that some people can only express their feelings coarsely. I have been a subscriber to the MASONIC STAR from the first, and gave you credit, after much of the able matter you have placed before your readers, for being a careful sifter of wheat from chaff, but if your "original correspondence" is not to be conducted truthfully, on courteous lines and in decorous language, your readers would be better without it altogether, original matter from your own pen "crowding it out."

Yours fraternally,

IGNORUS.

* * For the sake of consistency we insert the above letter, although it somewhat condemns ourselves. We certainly agree with our correspondent, whom we know personally as an able critic, that freedom from vituperation should be the especial characteristic of all Masonic controversy. And we hope that seeing the rebuke which has been administered to us by Ignotus, our good friends, our controversialists, will in future avoid invective. "Calling a spade a spade" may probably be truth denuded and evidence of manly outspokenness, but a little drapery does not spoil the figure, and, after all, a spade may be called a shovel without departure from correct description.—Verb. sat. sap.—ED. M.S.

THE "TRAFALGAR" AT GREENWICH.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

Under the heading "Bitter-Sweet" in your issue of the 20th inst. appears a very hostile and unfounded criticism relative to a masonic dinner held at the "Trafalgar," at which your correspondent states he was present. So reckless and incorrect a statement merits immediate contradiction, and I trust you will allow this denial to appear in your next issue.

To deal seriatim with the charges brought against this old and justly famed hostelry:—"Diner Out" says "the whitebait had lost its flavor." This season, more than many previous ones, has been distinguished for the excellence of the whitebait the "Trafalgar" has been able to place before its patrons, and which has earned the highest encomiums from many of the leading members of London society who have dined at the "Trafalgar" this year. Many names might be mentioned, high in the roll of our aristocracy, and of our ancient and honourable craft, who have specially complimented the "Trafalgar" on the excellence of its cuisine this season.

Again, "the green peas had had their local habitation in a tin,"—one is really inclined to give way to sarcasm on reading so foolish a statement, but it will serve to say, as a fact, that tinned peas are not used at the "Trafalgar."

Thirdly, "the crab omelette, à la blue seal," was conspicuous by its absence. This dish was not on the menu, and as the menu is always submitted for approval to the orderer of the dinner, "Diner Out," on this point, must find fault with his host instead of the "Trafalgar," and so the simple explanation of this charge proves its absurdity.

Lastly, he says "the sherry," or it may be "the champagne," was iced." Well, the sherry was *not* iced: the champagne was *cooled*, as is almost invariably the case at fish dinners; in fact, in most instances, connoisseurs and those who are accustomed to dine *comme il faut*, prefer their champagne *frappé* when served at fish dinners.

In conclusion, as a Freemason for more than twenty years, and as one having an intimate knowledge of Masonic dinners as served at the old "Trafalgar," I unhesitatingly traverse every one of your correspondent's statements, and deplore that one of the ancient and honourable craft should have lent his authority to unjust and misleading criticism.

25th June, 1889.

Yours fraternally,
832.

BOARD OF INSTALLED MASTERS.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

Referring to the letters which have recently appeared in your paper from my friend Bro. W. Nicholl, P.M. 317. I think with him that it is high time that something should be done by Grand Lodge, or those in Grand Lodge who have the authority to do so, to fix the method in which the ceremony of installation shall be gone through, as in the majority of lodges I have had the pleasure of visiting there is great diversity of working, and certainly not that "uniformity of ritual" which is so much to be aimed at.

I called recently upon Bro. Sadler, at the Freemasons' Hall, and when I mentioned to him certain customs which were adopted in lodges, who consider their working to be in order, he shook his head and told me that those customs were not correct. The course carried out by the Grand Lodge of Ireland appears to me to be a right solution of the difficulty, and I sincerely hope that some influential member of Grand Lodge will take the matter up, and have such an instructor appointed for each Province, or in the cases of the larger Provinces, more than one, who shall be invested with full powers not only to correct the errors and irregularities of the worshipful brethren, but to take care that his commands are carried into full and permanent effect.

Yours fraternally,

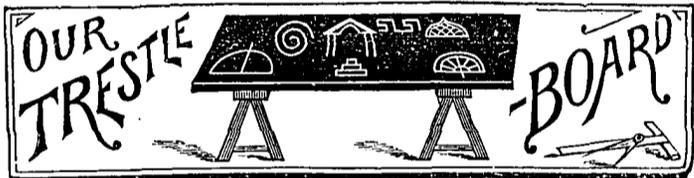
WALTER H. VAUGHAN.

P.M. 1030 & P.P.G.R. E.L.

Cheadle, June 25th, 1889.

Press Exchanges and Books Received.

Canadian Craftsman; *Rewards in the N.M.J.A.A. Rite*, by Bro. John Haigh, Somerville; *Quatuor Coronatorum Autographia* (Masonic reprints of the Lodge Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076, London,) Vol. I., Edited by Bro. G. W. Speth; *Minutes of Proceedings of the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab* (for notice); *South African Freemason* (quoted); *Society*.



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

We have to ask the indulgence of many valued correspondents in consequence of our inability to comply with their requests for want of space. "Crowding out," with us, is a most objectionable operation, for we are very desirous that no cause shall be given for offence to those who are so liberally and generously supporting our efforts. It will, we hope and believe, be shortly our privilege to have more space placed at our disposal, and our correspondents may rely that we shall apply the same faithfully in their interests.

* * * * *

We hear of the proposed establishment of another Class Lodge, this time promoted by the members of a *political* club. Considering the importance of a continued strict adherence to the Masonic injunction "to abstain from every topic of political or religious discussion," it appears to us somewhat risky for the "members of the National Liberal Club who are Freemasons," to attempt to run Freemasonry and politics together, as the above-named proposal would certainly suggest. If the petitioners should obtain the warrant for a "Whitehall" Lodge, the members of which affect liberal opinions as politicians, what should prevent a like grant for a "Primrose" Lodge composed of brethren who hold Conservative views? It may be all *comme il faut*, but the connection seems too close, and a very little reason to suspect is often quite sufficient to do an intolerable amount of harm.

* * * * *

In a report of the proceedings of the Chislehurst Lodge, No. 1531, which will be found in another column, we note that in the course of a response on behalf of visitors, the District Grand Master for the State of New York, R. W. Bro. George Hayes, after referring to the progress being made in connection with Masonic institutions there, said "they hoped shortly to open a home for the reception and shelter of deserving Freemasons while seeking employment." Truly this is a practical rendering of the grand teachings of Brotherly Love and Relief, and the statement is worthy of more than a mere passing thought. It is so consonant with all the injunctions we receive in the course of our Masonic education; nay more, it is so in accord with the very terms of the obligations

we take upon ourselves that it would be difficult to conceive a more fitting method of diverting some portion of our Lodge contributions than that of establishing a similar shelter here for some of those "who from circumstances of unforeseen calamity and misfortune are reduced" to solicit the temporary assistance which might save them from further distress and despair. We will refer to this subject anon.

* * * * *

At the installation meeting of La Césarée Lodge, No. 590, held at the Masonic Temple, Jersey, on the 6th inst., W. Bro. Bree was placed in the chair of K.S. for a third successive year of Master-ship. This event has been spoken of as a "new departure in the annals of (Jersey) Freemasonry," but we presume that the requirements of Rule 135 of the Book of Constitutions have been complied with, in which case it is somewhat misleading to characterise it as a "departure" from those regulations which govern the Craft generally. We congratulate our Bro. Bree on the unmistakable evidence of the esteem he must be held in by his brethren, and the manner of its recognition by, we presume, the granting of the necessary dispensation to legalize the election for a third year of responsibility.

PROVINCIAL.

KENT.—CHISLEHURST.—The Chislehurst Lodge, No. 1531, held its 14th installation meeting at the Bull's Head Hotel, on Saturday last, when Bro. William Hollis was installed W.M. for the ensuing year by W. Bro. Wm. Thomas Hunt, who received a very hearty vote of thanks in appreciation of the admirable manner in which he had discharged that duty after the fulfilment of his year of office. Bros. Tanner and Whomes had been previously passed by him to the second degree. About 35 brethren were present during the installation ceremony, amongst whom were the following visitors and brothers:—Bros. S. Adamson, 199 and 1208, P. Pro. S.G.W. Kent; C. F. Gardiner, Ebury 1348, W.M.; J. H. E. Squire, Avon 1633; J. Muir Smith, Crescent 788, W.M.; Geo. Hayes, G. L., State of New York, D.G.M.; W. Martin, Southwark 879, P.M.; W. J. Newell, Mount Lebanon 732; E. J. Williams, Surrey Masonic Hall 1539; S. R. Speight, Justice 147, P.M. and sec.; C. Vellenoweth, Temperance 169; J. G. Milburn, Union Waterloo 13; Geo. J. Baker, Gresham 869; E. C. Featherstone, 79, W.M. Letters of regret for enforced absence were read from Bros. James Smith Eastes, D.-Prov. G.M. Kent; Alfred Spencer, Prov. G. Sec. Kent; E. J. Joynson, P.M. Crays Valley Lodge; James Stevens, P.M. 720, 1216, 1426, &c.; J. Maclean and John E. Page, W.M. Stewart Lodge, No. 548, and from several other distinguished brethren. A handsome P.M. jewel and collar was presented to Bro. Hunt in open lodge, after the closing of which a banquet was served in the Village Hall, by Bro. Whomes, the host of the Bull's Head, and which gave general satisfaction. The toasts were well received, especially those of the Rt.-Hon. Earl Amherst, Prov. Grand Master, and the popular W.M. Bro. Hollis. W. Bro. G. Adamson, P.P.G.S.W. Kent, in responding for the Provincial Grand Officers, bore high testimony to the sterling qualities of their provincial ruler, whose labours on behalf of Freemasonry were unceasing, and paid a high tribute to the Prov. Dep. G.M., Bro. Eastes, for his general affability and unflinching discharge of his duties in that high office. The W.M. was also greatly complimented as an example of diligence and masonic liberality to younger brethren, as also in relation to the successful results of his recent stewardship on behalf of the province. Bro. George Hayes, District Grand Master for the State of New York, responded for the visitors, and in the course of an admirable address gave an exhaustive account of the progress made in masonry of late in the State with which he is connected. He pointed out the Spaniards used to adopt the motto "ne plus ultra" on their coins, but after the discovery of America by Columbus they dropped the "ne." And so it used to be with New York masonry; they formerly did not trouble themselves with much outside conviviality, but during the past few years they had accumulated large funds, and taking example from Grand Lodge of England, had founded homes and schools for the aged and the orphans as well as other cognate institutions; and hoped shortly to open a home where they could receive deserving masons of other nationalities, and afford them shelter and assistance until employment should be obtainable. Bro. Hayes' address was received with much satisfaction. The whole meeting was marked with the utmost unanimity and concord, and there is every prospect that the lodge will become one of the largest in the province, and continue to deserve its old title of "Happy Chislehurst." In addition to those brethren already named there were present at this pleasant gathering Bros. R. Nevill, P.M.; J. R. Behenna, P.M., Prov. G.P.; Edwd. Kipps, P.M., P.P.G. Org.; the newly-invested officers, viz., Bros. C. F. Quicke, S.W.; J. C. Main, J.W.; W. Kipps, P.M., P.P.G. Org., Treas.; E. Goodale, P.M., Sec.; A. Tuck, S.D.; J. Marshall, J.D.; W. J. A. Gleaves, I.G.; T. Smith, D. C.; G. Proctor, Steward, and Rawles, Tyler; and A. J. Perrian, G. Whomes, G. N. Tanner, J. E. Drinkwater, C. A. Dettner, G. H. Dowsett, &c., &c.

STAFFORDSHIRE.—MENTURIA LODGE—No. 418—HANLEY.—PRESENTATION TO BRO. E. V. GREATBATCH AND WM. TUNNICLIFF.—On the 18th inst., at the meeting of this lodge at the Masonic Hall, Hanley, W. Bros. E. V. Greatbatch and Wm. Tunnicliff were each presented with a past master's jewel in gold, in recognition of the services they rendered in connection with the recent inquiry into the management of the Masonic Boys' School, in London. The cause of the inquiry was a feeling on the part of the brethren that the amount yearly contributed to these schools (on an average upwards of £13,000) should accomplish better results, the amount named only providing for about 250 boys, the actual average cost being £50 16s. in the year 1887, as compared with £29 14s. 6d. in the Commercial Travellers' School, and £36 2s. 1d. in the London Orphan Asylum—mismanagement, or rather want of management, absorbing a sum sufficient to provide for at least 150 more boys

every year. Bros. Greatbatch and Tunnicliff, in conjunction with W. Bro. T. Turner (of Longton) took up the matter with great spirit, and pressed for a thorough and most searching inquiry, and ultimately a committee consisting of some of the most active and eminent members of the craft was appointed. The report of this committee is of a nature which it was considered would amply justify the members of the Menturia Lodge in giving a marked expression of their approval of the manner in which Bros. Greatbatch and Tunnicliff had worked. The jewels, which are perfect works of art, were presented to the recipients by the worshipful master, Bro. H. Windle, whose complimentary and congratulatory remarks were endorsed by Wor. Bro. Bromley and other brethren. Bros. Greatbatch and Tunnicliff, in reply, expressed their gratification that their endeavours for the advancement of the craft, which had been their only object, had so commended them; a considerable amount of time and labour had been given to the investigation, but the result was that in future they would be able to educate and provide for three boys where they had only been able to take two in the past. The animating principle had been the good of Freemasonry, and the elucidation of that truly masonic virtue—charity.

YORKS. W.R.—OTLEY.—The Royal Wharfedale Lodge, No. 1108, held its installation festival on the 14th inst., when Bro. William Weigmann was installed W.M. for the ensuing year and appointed the following officers, viz., Bros. W. H. Dawson, S.W.; F. Cobby, J.W.; W. Laycock, P.M., Treas.; P. M. Slater, Sec.; F. Baraclough, S.D.; J. Etchells, P.P.G.R. and Org., J.D.; T. Houlding, D.C.; A. Walker, P.M., Org.; W. H. Tetley, Stwd.; and H. Harrison, P.M., Tyler. A banquet followed Lodge work, and a most agreeable evening was passed by members and visitors.

THE EXAMINATION OF A (FREE)MASON BY KING HENRY VI. (Circa 1436).

PUBLISHED AT FRANKFORT IN 1748.

QUESTION.—What mote it be?—ANSWER.—It is the knowledge of nature and the power of its various operations; particularly, the skill of reckoning, of weights and measures, of constructing dwellings and buildings of all kinds, and the true manner of forming all things for the use of man.

Q.—Where did it begin? A.—It began with the first men of the east who were before the first men of the west, and, coming westerly, it hath brought with it all comforts to the wild and comfortless.

Q.—Who brought it to the west? A.—The Phœnicians, who, being great merchants, came first from the east into Phœnicia for the convenience of commerce, both east and west, by the Red and Mediterranean Seas.

Q.—How came it into England? A.—Pythagoras, a Grecian, travelled to acquire knowledge in Egypt and Syria, and in every other land where the Phœnicians had planted masonry; and, gaining admittance into all lodges of Masons he learned much, and returned and dwelt in Grecia Magna, growing and becoming mighty wise and greatly renowned. Here he formed a great (? grand) lodge, at Crotona, and made many Masons, some of whom travelled into France, and there made many more, from whence, in process of time, the art passed into England.

Q.—Do Masons discover their arts to others? A.—Pythagoras, when he travelled to gain knowledge, was first made, and then taught; this course should rightly be applied to all others. Nevertheless, Masons have always, from time to time, communicated to mankind such of their secrets as might be generally useful; they have kept back such only as might be hurtful if taught to improper persons, or such as would not be beneficial without the necessary teaching joined thereto in the lodge; or such as to bind

brethren more strongly, by the profits and convenience accruing to the fraternity therefrom.

Q.—What arts have Masons taught mankind? A.—The arts of agriculture, astronomy, arithmetic, music, poetry, chemistry, government, and religion.

Q.—How does it happen that Masons are better teachers than other men? A.—They only have the art of finding new arts, which the first Mason received from God, by which they discover what arts they please, and the true teaching of the same. What other men find out is only by chance, and therefore of little value, I trow.

Q.—What do Masons conceal and hide? A.—They conceal the art of finding new arts, and that for their own profit and praise. They conceal the art of keeping secrets, that so the world may hide nothing from them. They conceal the art of wonder-working and foretelling things to come, that the same art may not be used by the wicked to a bad end; they also conceal the art of changing, the way of obtaining the faculty of Abrac, the skill of becoming good and perfect without the aid of hope or fear, and the universal language of Masons.

Q.—Will you teach me the same arts? A.—You shall be taught if you are worthy, and able to learn.

Q.—Do all Masons know more than other men? A.—Not so; they only have a right and opportunity to know more than other men, but many fail for want of capacity, and many more for want of industry, which is very necessary for gaining all knowledge.

Q.—Are Masons better men than others? A.—Some Masons are not so virtuous as some other men; but for the most part they are better than they would be if they were not Masons.

Q.—Do Masons love one another mightily, as is said? A.—Yea, verily, and they cannot do otherwise; for the better men are, the more they love one another.—*Mysteries of Freemasonry.*

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.—The General Committee meeting in connection with this Institution, which adjourned its proceedings of the 1st inst. to the 29th inst.—not to the next regular monthly meeting on the 6th July, as has been commonly supposed—will meet on Saturday next (the day in question) at the hour fixed (4 p.m.)

THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.—The final meeting of the Board of Stewards for the recent festival was held on the 17th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. Peter de Lande Long. The various accounts were submitted, approved, and passed for payment. The customary gratuities, but on a far smaller scale, in consequence of the smallness of the festival, than usual, were voted to those who assist in preparing for, and on the day of, the celebration. It was further resolved that the usual sum of fifty guineas (£52 10s.) should be devoted to the cost of treating the School to a visit to the Crystal Palace—a practice which has been observed by successive Boards of Stewards for several years past. The balance, however, did not allow of more than this being done, and consequently no sum was voted as a donation to the funds of the institution, as was done at the Centenary Festival last year, when out of the balance remaining from the Stewards' Fees 280 guineas (£294) were presented to the institution. A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the proceedings.

On Friday, the 14th inst., the Duchess of Albany, who had visited Bath the previous day, opened the new Town Hall, Trowbridge, which had been presented to the borough by Bro. Roger Brown, as a memorial of the Queen's Jubilee. Her Royal Highness, who was the guest during her stay of Bro. Walter Long, M.P., afterwards unveiled a statue in the hall of Bro. Brown, presented by the brethren of Trowbridge

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.
(THIS DAY) (4th) THURSDAY, JUNE 27th.		
GENERAL COMMITTEE, GIRLS' SCHOOL, AT 4.		
211	St. Michael's	M. H., Air Street, Regent Street
858	South Middlesex	Beaufort House, North End, Fulham
1523	St. Mary Magdalen	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
Mark.		
118	Northumberland... ..	M. H. Tav., Basinghall Street, E.C.
(4th) FRIDAY, JUNE 28th.		
60	Peace and Harmony	F. M. H.
R.A.C.		
1044	Mid Surrey	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1602	Sir Hugh Myddelton	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
(5th) SATURDAY, JUNE 29th—Nil.		
(1st) MONDAY, JULY 1st.		
16	Royal Alpha	Willis's Rooms, St. James's, W.
1319	Asaph	F. M. H.
1924	Wickham	St. Peter's Hall, Wickham Pk., Brockley
2098	Priory of Acton	Royal Assembly Rooms, Acton, W.
R.A.C.		
28	Old King's Arms	F. M. T.
91	Regularity	F. M. H.
Mark.	Grand Stewards	M. H., 8a, Red Lion Square
Red x		
148	Invicta	King William the 4th, Greenwich

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
(1st) TUESDAY, JULY 2nd.		
COLONIAL BOARD, AT 4.		
171	Amity	Ship Tav., Greenwich
R.A.C.		
1	Grand Masters	Willis's Rooms, King St., St. James's, W.
1538	St. Marth's-le-Grand	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.
Mark.		
197	Stadholme	33, Golden Square, W.
(1st) WEDNESDAY, JULY 3rd.		
1827	Alliance	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.
R.A.C.		
1196	Urban	F. M. H.
1328	Granite	Holborn Restaurant, W.C.
K.T.		
129	Holy Palestine	33, Golden Square, W.
(1st) THURSDAY, JULY 4th.		
10	Westminster and Keystone	F. M. H.
1155	Excelsior	White Swan Tav., Deptford, S.E.
1288	Finbury Park	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
1383	Friends-in-Council	33, Golden Square, W.
1445	Prince Leopold	Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate, E.
1539	Surrey Masonic Hall	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1724	Kaiser-i-Hind	Café Royal, 68, Regent Street, W.
1790	Old England	M. H., New Thornton 11th, nr. Croydon
1950	Southgate	Railway Hot., New Southgate

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys,
WOOD GREEN, LONDON, N.

Grand Patron—HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.
President—H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., M.W.G.M.

**THE NINETY-FIRST
ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL,**
AT THE ALEXANDRA PALACE, MUSWELL HILL,
On **WEDNESDAY, 3rd JULY, 1889.**

V.W. BRO. RICHARD EVE,

PAST GRAND TREASURER: P.P.G.S.W. HANTS. & I. OF WIGHT, PATRON OF INST.
(Patron R.M.I. Girls; Patron R.M. Benevolent Institution), in the Chair.

Officers of the Board of Stewards:

President—V.W. Bro. H. B. MARSHALL, J.P., P.G.Treas., Patron of Inst.
Hon. Treas.—W. Bro. CHAS. FREDK HOGARD, P.G.Std.B., V.-Pres. of Inst.
Hon. Sec.—W. Bro. FREDK. BINCKES, P.G.Std., P.G.Swd.B., Sec., & V.-Pat. of Inst.

Dinner Tickets—Ladies, 10s. 6d. Gentlemen, 21s.

Morning Dress. No Masonic Clothing or Jewels, Steward's Badge excepted.
Dinner on the Table at Six o'Clock precisely.

Musical arrangements under the direction of Bro. Edward P. Delavante, No. 1319.
Office—6, FREEMASONS' HALL, W.C. FREDERICK BINCKES,
May, 1889. Secretary.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.
WOOD GREEN, LONDON, N.

REQUIRED.—A Matron, to enter on her duties on 1st August, 1889. She must be a spinster or a widow without encumbrance; between thirty and forty years of age; experienced in all domestic duties and in the control of servants; able to keep accounts; and a good manager. Salary to commence at £80 per annum, with board, &c. Full particulars may be obtained from the Secretary of the Institution, as under.

Applications with testimonials to be sent in to the Secretary not later than 12 o'clock noon, on Monday, 8th July next.

FREDERICK BINCKES, Secretary.

Office—6, Freemasons' Hall,
Great Queen Street, London, W.C.
24th June, 889.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex.

R.W. BRO. COLONEL SIR FRANCIS BURDETT, BART.,
P.S.G.W. OF ENGLAND,
Representative from the Grand Lodge of Ireland.
PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

30, Eardley Crescent, Earl's Court, London, S.W.
June 15th, 1889.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Provincial Grand Lodge will be held at the TOWN HALL, TWICKENHAM, on Saturday, June 29th, at Three o'clock p.m.

By command of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master,
HOWARD H. ROOM, P.M., *Prov. Grand Sec.*

N.B.—The TOWN HALL is in the centre of the Town.

Banquet at the Town Hall, at 5.30, Cold. Tickets, 8/6 each, exclusive of Wine.

Brethren intending to dine are requested to apply for Tickets (with a remittance) to the Provincial Grand Secretary on or before June 26th, otherwise it will be impossible to make satisfactory arrangements, and in order to secure the comfort of those Brethren who have obtained Tickets, none can be issued after that date.

Trains, from Waterloo, 2.0, 2.10, 2.17, 2.20; from Twickenham, very frequent.
There will be a short Service at the Parish Church, Twickenham, at 4.30 p.m. (Saturday being market day at Twickenham, the brethren will not go to Church in procession or in Masonic clothing.) MORNING DRESS.

ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.

Provincial Grand Lodge of London and the
Metropolitan Counties.

THE Knight Companions will meet in Council at 33, Golden Square, W., on SATURDAY, the 13th July, 1889, at 2.30 for 3 p.m. precisely, and the R.W. Prov. G.M. desires the attendance of all duly qualified Brethren.

Names and addresses of Candidates with name of Chapter, must be sent to me not later than the 3rd July next.

The ANNUAL BANQUET will be held at the Zoological Gardens, Regent's Park, N.W., at 6.30 precisely.

By Order,
28, Golden Square, W. FRANK RICHARDSON, *Prov. G. Sec.*

PROVINCE OF MIDDLESEX.

The M.E. Comp. Col. Sir FRANCIS BURDETT, Bart.,
PROVINCIAL GRAND SUPERINTENDENT.

THE ANNUAL CONVOCATION of the PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER will be held at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court, on Saturday, the 6th day of July, at Three o'Clock p.m. precisely.

By command of the M.E. Grand Superintendent,
WILLIAM HENRY LEE, P.Z., Prov. G. Scribe E.
32, Shakespeare Road, Herne Hill, S.E.
22nd June, 1889.

Banquet at the Greyhound Hotel, at 5 p.m. Tickets 6s. 6d. each, exclusive of wine.
N.B.—Companions intending to remain for the banquet are requested to send their names to the Prov. Grand S.E., with a remittance, before Wednesday, the 3rd of July, as tickets will not be issued after that date.
Trains leave Waterloo 1.50; 2.10. Arrive at Hampton Court 2.32; 2.48.
MORNING DRESS.

HOTELS

Recommended to the Subscribers to the "Masonic Star."

STAR AND GARTER HOTEL, KEW BRIDGE,
Bro. JOHN BRILL, Proprietor. Seven Lodges and Chapters held in the Hotel, which possesses Special Facilities for Concerts, Evening Parties and Banquets. Scale of Charges on Application.

MAYO'S CASTLE HOTEL, EAST MOLESEY,
Hampton Court Station (adjoining the Railway and facing the River and Palace). Bro. JOHN MAYO has ample accommodation in the new wing for Banquets for any number up to 100. Spacious landing to River. Specimens of Menus, with prices, sent on application. Three Lodges meet at the Castle Hotel, and reference may be made to the respective Masters as to the catering, &c.

BRIDGE HOUSE HOTEL, LONDON BRIDGE, S.E.,
PEARCE & SON, Proprietors. Dinners, Wedding Breakfasts, Balls, Soirées, Concerts, Masonic, Public, or Private Meetings, &c. The Suite of Rooms for Balls and Concerts includes the Ball Room, Ante-Room, Refreshment and Supper Rooms and Ladies' Retiring Rooms. The Masonic Temple will seat 40. Terms on Application.

BOURNEMOUTH. Board and Residence, south aspect, close to the Sea, Pleasure Gardens; centre of Town; Home comforts Terms, 30/-. Apply M. A. Hood, Caversham, Poole Hill.

"THE BEDFORD" FAMILY AND COMMERCIAL HOTEL, PORTSMOUTH. Proprietor, R. P. BRIANT.

ST. ELMO (BOARDING HOUSE), No. 13, LOCH PROMENADE, DOUGLAS, ISLE OF MAN. Incomparably the Queen of Northern Watering Places. Bro. P. T. SCREECH begs respectfully to offer to intending visitors to this charming health and pleasure resort the comfortable advantages of a Home from Home. This establishment, with an old connection (17 years), is conveniently situated on the margin of the beautiful Bay, and within two minutes' walk of the landing Pier—the arrangements being personally superintended by Miss SHIMMIN and Mrs. SCREECH. First-class *Cuisine*—Terms moderate. Particulars on application.

SEA HOUSE HOTEL, MIDDLE ST., BRIGHTON.
—THOMAS GIBBS (late Supt. Brighton Police Fire Brigade). Choicest Wines and Spirits, Fine Foreign Cigars, Billiards, Private Apartments.

CARSON'S HOTEL, RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL.
English home comforts, and all information about Brazil, will be found in this Hotel. Wm. D. CARSON, Proprietor.

These spaces are reserved for Hotels offering inducements to Masonic visitors.

EXPOSITION UNIVERSELLE DE PARIS, 1889.

ANGLO-FRENCH VILLAGE
AND
HOTEL DES BAINS,
Avenue de Versailles, Auteuil, PARIS,
NEAR THE EXHIBITION.

300 Comfortable Bedrooms; plenty of water and baths; Good English Food, or *Cuisine Française*; Concert Hall and Café attached to the Building; Garden and River (the Seine), with Boating.

All the features of a Club; certain accommodation by day, week, or month.

PRICES:
Bedroom per Night (including Attendance) 5s.
Breakfast and Dinner at Ordinary London Tariff.

Secretary: THE HON. C. CADOGAN. Director at Paris: MR. C. DE CHATELAIN.

Rooms may be reserved at the Offices of Mr. E. CLARK, 432, Strand; Messrs. CUTBERTSON & Co., 44, Brompton Road, Knightsbridge; and Mr. JOHN PROCTOR, 81, Gracechurch Street, E.C.

WANTED.

SECOND-HAND Lodge Furniture, Oak or Mahogany preferred; also Clothing. Reply, with inventory, price and order to view, to X., Office of this paper.

TO BE LET.

TO THE TEA TRADE. Anyone requiring a Fine First Floor, situated close to Leadenhall Street, and within 3 minutes of Mark and Mincing Lanes. Rent £50. Apply—BLAND & CAMPION, 15, Fenchurch Street, E.C.

TO FOUNDERS OF LODGES, CHAPTERS, PRECEPTORIES, &c. The Windsor Castle Masonic Temple to be let. Replete with every convenience (including Organ) for Craft Lodges, R. A. Chapters, Encampments, Preceptories, &c. Resident Tyler. Apply to E. GRISBROOK, Windsor.

TOYÉ & COMPY,
18, Little Britain, E.C.; Factory: Old Ford, London.

Manufacturers of
MASONIC CLOTHING, JEWELS, &c.,
APRONS from 8/6 to 18/-, sent Post Free on receipt of P.O.O.,
REGALIA FOR ALL SOCIETIES,

Military and Theatrical Laces, Fringes, Gimps, Spangles, Ornaments,
Gilt Threads, Bullions and Embroidery, Helmets, Caps, Gold Badges,
Real Mohair Braids of every description, MASONIC, Wedding, Ball
and other Favours.

Cheapest House for English Goods.

BRO. A. SAUVÉ,
Engraver, Designer, Illuminator, &c.,
136, SOUTHAMPTON ROW,
RUSSELL SQUARE, LONDON, W.C.

Testimonials and Votes of Thanks (Masonic or otherwise), also
Addresses to Corporations and Municipal Bodies, prepared in an
Artistic manner for presentation. Lodge and Chapter Summonses,
Ménu Cards, and other work engraved and executed from original
and appropriate designs. *Terms on application.*

ESTABLISHED 1851.

BIRKBECK BANK,
Southampton Buildings, Chancery Lane.

THREE per CENT. INTEREST allowed on DEPOSITS
repayable on demand.

TWO per CENT. on CURRENT ACCOUNTS, calculated
on the minimum monthly balances, when not drawn
below £100.

The BIRKBECK ALMANACK, with full particulars,
can be obtained post free, on application to

FRANCIS RAVENSCROFT Manager

The Birkbeck Building Society's Annual
Receipts exceed Five Millions.

HOW TO PURCHASE A HOUSE FOR TWO
GUINEAS PER MONTH, OR A PLOT OF LAND
FOR FIVE SHILLINGS PER MONTH. Apply at the
Office of the BIRKBECK FREEHOLD LAND SOCIETY.

The BIRKBECK ALMANACK, with full particulars,
on application.

FRANCIS RAVENSCROFT Manager.
Southampton Buildings, Chancery Lane.

The SUCCESSFUL TREATMENT of
Gout and Rheumatism

and the Recipe. by H. T. LAIT, Fressing-
field, Harleston, Norfolk.

Free to all on receipt of stamp for postage.

"Mr. Lait's aim is to eradicate the disease from
the system by removing the cause, and this is most
successfully done by his treatment."—*The Court
Journal.*

"Mr. Lait's remedy has proved most successful,
and that his treatment is the true one seems
beyond all doubt."—*The Ipswich Journal.*

WANTED TO PURCHASE, a com-
plete set of Craft and Arch Work-
ing Tools. Apply by letter, "Manager,"
MASONIC STAR Newspaper, 59, Moor
Lane, E.C.

ALFRED W. MURRAY,
Merchant and Military Tailor,
27, KING STREET,
LONDON, E.C.

First-class Materials and Perfect Fit
Guaranteed.

Prices exceeding moderation. Inspection invited.

Crown 8vo., 2/6. Cloth, lettered (post free), 2/9.

**"UNIFORMITY OF MASONIC RITUAL
AND OBSERVANCE,"**

By W. Bro. JAMES STEVENS, P.M., P.Z., &c.

With which is also published the masonic poems
—"MASON'S VOWS," "THE LEVEL AND THE
SQUARE," and "THE GENIUS OF MASONRY."

Address:—"Evelyn," Catford, S.E.

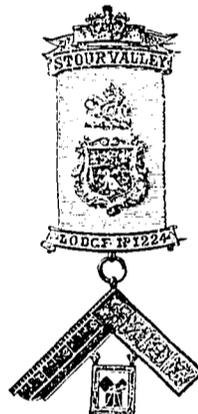
The "Duke of Edinburgh" Umbrella,

Named by desire of HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS, also used by HIS ROYAL
HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, and other Members
of the Royal Family.

The above named Umbrellas claim exceptional advantages above
every other invention at present brought out.

Unequaled for ELEGANCE, STRENGTH and NEATNESS. The NATURAL
STICK only is used. FOUR INCHES more allowed in height for the Hat or
Bonnet, by the peculiar adjustment of the stretcher. It is the SMALLEST
UMBRELLA, when rolled up, ever produced.

Bro. ALEX. MACMILLAN,
66, Holborn Viaduct, LONDON, E.C.



H. T. LAMB,

Manufacturer of Masonic Jewels,
Clothing and Regalia,

5, St. John's Square, Clerkenwell,

LONDON, E.C.

Price List free on application.

FOOD FOR DOGS! FOOD FOR DOGS!!

FEED, FATTEN and STRENGTHEN your DOG on the ONLY PERFECT SANITARY FOOD for DOGS of ALL BREEDS.

Patent Protean Compound

It is far superior to Biscuit Food. It requires no soaking or other preparation. It contains a uniform component admixture of Albuminous, Farinaceous, Fibrinous and Gelatinous substances necessary to sustain in perfect health, strength and endurance both young and old Dogs of all breeds. It prevents all diseases. It removes eruptions from and renders the skin soft and elastic, thus imparting a glossy and silk-like appearance to the coat. It is eaten greedily by all Dogs. It is, for Sporting Dogs, by far the best food; it adds Bone and Muscle, giving Strength, Speed and Endurance.

No danger of Hydrophobia whilst feeding upon this Compound.
The Best and Cheapest Food for Dogs and Cats.

Sold by Corn Chandlers, Grocers, Oilmen and Stores, in Tins, 6d., 1/-, 2/6;
and Cwt. Kegs.

SANITARY FOOD CO.,

118, FALCON ROAD, CLAPHAM JUNCTION, S.W.

A WONDERFUL DISCOVERY!!!

IRELAND'S AURORA
OR
HERBAL OINTMENT,

REGISTERED.

This Preparation is the best ever offered to the public. It cures Eczema, Erysipelas, King's Evil, and all Diseases of the Skin, without the use of poisons, or any noxious substance. Old Wounds and Sores can be healed in a very short time by using IRELAND'S HERBAL OINTMENT. For Burns, Scalds, Bruises, Cuts, Contusions or unsightly Blotches on the Skin, it is invaluable, as it leaves the skin smooth and in its normal condition. *See Medical Testimonials.*

Wholesale Depot:—27, DERWENT GROVE, EAST DULWICH, S.E.
London Agents:—BARCLAY & SONS, FARRINGDON STREET.

Sold by Chemists in Bottles, 1/1½, 2/9, 4/6, and 11/-.

None Genuine unless bearing the Signature of the
Proprietress, 'ELIZABETH IRELAND.'

THE BURYCOURT NOTE PAPER AND ENVELOPES.

Highly Glazed or Rough. Five Quires of this excellent Note Paper with 100 Court
Envelopes forwarded, carriage paid, to any part of the United Kingdom, for 3/6.

ADAMS BROS., 59, MOOR LANE, FORE STREET, LONDON, E.C.