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OUR TENTH VOLUME.

THE time has once more come round for us to address a few words to our readers in regard to ourselves. We this day start with the Tenth Volume of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, and it behoves us to look back on the past, and thank those friends who have so warmly supported us. The misfortunes of Masonic literature have been so often recorded that we feel ourselves the more honoured when we look around and find that we are now stronger than ever, and that the number of our supporters and helpers is daily on the increase. Still we are far short of what we might reasonably expect when we take into consideration the numerical strength of the brotherhood we have ever striven to serve. Our aim has been, zealously to uphold and support the true principles of Freemasonry, and to assist in that great work of charity which has earned for the English craft the admiration of the world. How far we have succeeded, it is not for us to say; we can only reiterate the expressions of every installing master, and hope "that our future conduct will be such as to merit the esteem of the brethren and the gratifying testimony of a clear conscience."

THE CHARITY FESTIVALS OF 1879.

THE meeting of Wednesday brings to a close the customary festivities of our Charities for the year; we are accordingly enabled to compare the results with those of the past. The total amount of subscriptions, as announced at the Festivals of the present year, exceed by upwards of £300 those of 1877, and as during that year there was a larger sum added to the funds of our Institutions than had ever previously been received, we may hope that 1879 will eventually show in advance of that highly satisfactory period. Be this as it may, there can be no question but that the Craft has most faithfully discharged its duty, and by the support of its members shown that, notwithstanding the general depression of the times, the Freemasons of England are able and willing to supply the requisite funds to carry on the noble Charities of which they can boast. The results achieved by Bros. Terry and Hedges, on behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and Royal Masonic Institution for Girls respectively, led many to believe that the efforts of Bro. Binckes and his Stewards for "Our Boys" would fall short of the totals of previous years, even if other matters did not arise to impede the flow of funds. That such did arise no one will deny, and yet we find that the Secretary of the Boys' School is enabled to announce at this latest Festival of his Institution the grand total of £10,534, a result nearly £400 in excess of that announced last year. We would ask how has this result been achieved? Not, as Bro. Binckes observes, by the extraordinary exertions of any individual Province, but by an "all round" steady support, a support which, in our opinion, is far better than the spasmodic efforts of a section, which for years after may be conspicuous by its absence, and thus leave the work they had created to be carried on and provided for by others. The lists themselves present some peculiar features, embracing as they do more "large"

amounts than is usual. There are twenty-six Stewards who can boast of having contributed totals of three figures each, and when we say that some of them exceed, while others nearly approach, the half way to four figures, it will be believed the labours of these energetic workers have been well directed. As regards the number of Stewards for the Boys' School, 1879 is somewhat behind its predecessors; this may, however, in some measure be accounted for from the fact already mentioned, that no Province has this year made special exertions on its behalf. We consider that the Committee, Stewards, and others who have assisted to ensure the success of the Festival of 1879 deserve especial praise for the handsome way they supported the chairman of the day, and we hope that his latest experience of the English Masonic Charities may lead him to renewed efforts towards the foundation of similar institutions for Scotland. We can assure him that in such a task he has the hearty good wishes of the brethren South of the Tweed, and in many cases will receive their tangible support. The particulars of the first two anniversaries of the year are so well known to our readers that it is unnecessary for us to again recount them, suffice it to say that, as with all our Institutions the expenditure for the future is based on the results of the Festivals, it is necessary to keep up to the standard of the past in years to come, even should we only desire to continue the same benefits as at present. But, so long as we are obliged to turn away one deserving case that presents itself, we must keep on increasing our efforts, and until we are able to provide for every candidate that is brought forward, we must continue our appeals for further support. The Committee of the Girls' School are, in consequence of the success of the last Festival of that Charity, already making arrangements for increasing the number to receive the benefits of their Institution, and we should very much like to see them in a position to take a similar step next year, and to be followed by the other Charities,—the Boys' School and the Benevolent Institution. But this we must leave to the liberality of the Craft, never doubting but that the efforts of those who have laboured in the past will serve as an incentive and guide for those who are to follow in so laudable a course.

The brethren of the Metropolitan Lodge No. 1507, and Royal Savoy No. 1744, have combined to hold jointly a Summer Festival, under the presidency of the Worshipful Masters, Bros. J. Douglass and J. Willing. The date fixed is Thursday, 24th July, and the place selected is the Rye House, Hoddesden, Herts. The large grounds facing this popular resort will be reserved for the festival by Bro. R. Teale, the proprietor. There will be a good band for dancing, &c., after the banquet, which will take place at 3.30. The indefatigable exertions of Bro. W. M. Stiles, who is the Secretary to both Lodges and W.M. of the King's Cross, together with the popularity of the W.M.'s, will doubtless render this meeting a very enjoyable one. Special arrangements will be made with the Great Eastern Railway.

The consecration of the Penge Lodge, No. 1815, will take place on Saturday, 5th July, at the Thicket Hotel, Anerley-road. The ceremony, which will commence at 3.30 p.m., will be performed by Bro. H. E. Frances P.M., P.P.S.G.D. Surrey. Bro. Robert Jackson P.M. 104 is the W.M. designate. The banquet is fixed for 6.30.

FESTIVAL OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE Eighty-First Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Wednesday, at the Alexandra Palace, under the Presidency of Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Rosslyn M.W. Past Grand Master of Scotland. He was ably supported by the Stewards and numerous brethren and ladies. At the conclusion of the banquet, which was served by Bros. Bertram and Roberts in the large Dining Hall of the Palace, grace was sung by the pupils of the Masonic Boys' School, after which the chairman proceeded to give the various toasts. In introducing that of "Her Majesty the Queen Patron of the Institution," he said it was one that occupied the first place, and always met the heartiest reception in every assembly of loyal Englishmen. Her Majesty's reign had been a most prosperous one, and during it she had endeared herself, by her kindness and sympathy, to all classes, but particularly to Freemasons, who ever appreciated charity and kindness of heart. He referred in touching terms to the sympathy of Her Majesty with the Empress Eugenie in her recent bereavement, and felt sure that such sympathy was shared by all there present. This was followed by the National Anthem. Lord Rosslyn next gave the health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master and President of the Institution, whose interest in the Order was too well known to need any special reference. The speaker had, he said, ever found H.R.H. ready to assist, by his countenance and presence, in any Masonic work that might arise. This he considered a great advantage to Freemasonry. On all such occasions as the present, connected as the meeting was with Charity, H.R.H. had exhibited especial interest, and no one would be more pleased to learn the result of the day's proceedings—which, even thus early, might be termed a complete success—than the Grand Master. The pupils having sung the national song, "God bless the Prince of Wales," Sir Molyneux Nepean rose. He considered himself most unworthily deputed to propose what he considered—after those of the Queen and the Grand Master—the toast of the evening. Himself both an English and a Scotch Mason, he was extremely proud to see his esteemed Brother Earl Rosslyn present as Chairman of an English Charity of the first water. He considered that no man, situated as he was, could have brought together a better assemblage, or one more profitable for the Institution. He could assure the chairman that he was most heartily welcomed by those assembled, whether as an English or a Scotch Mason. The chairman, in reply, assured the company that the very flattering reception that had been accorded him had almost deprived him of the powers of speech. He could attribute it to nothing but their Masonic kindness, for, as he believed, he was unknown to almost every person in the room. It was an old maxim that good wine needed no bush. A bush had been placed before them that evening which he thought must have supplied the keynote for the compliment that had been paid him. He considered it a great honour to be selected to succeed that Prince who so successfully filled the chair he then occupied at the last Festival. He claimed to be almost as much an English Mason as a Scotch one, for he had the honour of being affiliated to an English Lodge at Malta twenty-five years since, and there had the pleasure of initiating nearly every member of a Brigade of the Guards. Some of them departed, to meet a soldier's death, but many were, he was pleased to say, among them, even to the present day. He had also another claim on English Freemasons, for he had the honour to affiliate the late Grand Master the Earl of Zetland to a Scotch Lodge at Edinburgh. He considered, however, it was unnecessary for him to speak of English and Scotch Masons as distinct bodies, they were in reality one, with one common object in view—the happiness of their fellow-creatures. He should ever look back on this evening as one of the proudest of his life, on account of the honour that had been paid him, and the kindness he had met with. The next toast he had to propose was that of the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, the Vice-Presidents of the Institution, the Provincial Grand Masters, and Present and Past Grand Officers. He could but mark the applause which greeted the mention of the name of the Pro G. Master; it was well earned by his Lordship, who had, on several occasions, ably acted for the Grand Master. He had had his acquaintance for many years, having been both at Eton and Oxford with him. He felt that no man had acted a more honourable part than had the Earl of Carnarvon. He felt sure that the health of Lord Skelmersdale and the others united in the toast would be received with almost as great enthusiasm, they having one and all done their duty and earned the gratitude of the Craft. Lord Skelmersdale had desired him to express his regret that his duties in the House of Lords would prevent his being present to take part in the proceedings of the day. He would couple with the toast the name of the Prov. G. Master of Worcestershire, Sir Edmund A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., who in reply to the toast, expressed his approval of the arrangements made by Bro. Binckes, who he said left them in happy ignorance as to who would be called upon to respond to the various toasts, and thereby prevented their being uncomfortable for the whole evening, as was the case when they had a slip of paper placed on their plates announcing that they were expected to perform such duties. He felt that the toast he was called upon to acknowledge was a most important one, inasmuch as he had to reply for those noblemen to whom, as they had just heard, they owed much of the success of Freemasonry, and also for those who had for many years past taken a great interest in the various Charitable Institutions of the Order. The present was the first occasion on which he had been able to attend one of the Festivals since his installation as Prov. G. Master, and he felt great pride in being present. He rejoiced that under present arrangements they were graced by the company of the ladies, this he considered enhanced greatly the enjoyment of those present. He was happy to say that his Province—Worcestershire—was on the present occasion represented by two Stewards, who had not come empty-

handed, but between them brought up a sum of 522 guineas. This he considered was ample proof that although the country brethren had their shortcomings, they were quite willing to aid their London brethren in the support of our noble Charities. The Chairman next proposed "Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys." This he considered might be justly termed the toast of the evening, he felt almost overpowered by the difficulty and magnitude of the task which now presented itself. If he looked to Scotch Masonry he could find no charity of the kind they were met to support, but if he looked to England he saw the most splendid institutions the world could boast of. For twenty years he had taken the model of the English Charities as an example to be followed by the Freemasons of Scotland, and although he had so far toiled in vain, he yet hoped that some day they would have charities in Scotland if not to rival the English, at least to imitate them. He had taken the opportunity of visiting the Boys' School that day, he might say in every department, and had found it not only perfect in its several parts, but reflecting the greatest credit on all engaged in its administration. The good done by the Institution he considered to be incalculable. He could quote largely from the report of the Institution, but would suffice with but a few references thereto. He found that as much as £15,000 a year was devoted to its maintenance, and he could but remark how charitable were the Freemasons of England in supplying that amount. He gave a short account of the results achieved by the pupils at the various examinations in which they had taken part, and he pointed out that their successes were really wonderful. He doubted if any other school or college could rival them. He believed, however, that it was customary to find some little fault, and he must endeavour to do so before he sat down. He had hitherto bestowed so much praise that he questioned whether it would be wholesome. He should point to what he considered a little fault, one he felt sure that only required mentioning to be remedied. He considered it not impossible that at the end of their school career some of the boys might leave the Institution homeless and in need, and it might be that the good seed sown would be allowed to die out, perhaps even through poverty. He would appeal to the Masons of England to form a fund from which they would be able to render some assistance to such as needed it, and thereby remove the only blot he thought could be found in connection with the Institution. He felt somewhat diffident in making the suggestion, but hoped it had fallen on willing ears, and that it would bear fruit. He concluded by announcing that he had received a telegram from the Secretary of the Supreme Grand Council of Scotland, announcing a donation of fifty guineas from that body; this he trusted would go some way towards healing the little misunderstanding that existed between the ruling bodies of the 33rd degree in England and Scotland, it certainly betokened a break in the cloud which hung over them. Bro. G. Plucknett, Vice-President and Treasurer, acknowledged the toast. He felt there could be no doubt but that the objects of the subscribers of their great Institution were fully carried out. Every comfort was afforded the Boys that it was possible to secure. That the brethren would continue the magnificent subscriptions of former times was the wish of Bro. Binckes and those gentlemen who worked for the good of the Institution. He had, on behalf of the "Boys," to thank the brethren for the liberal amounts they had contributed. Bro. Binckes had now the pleasure to announce the result of what he could but term a most successful gathering, but he wished to prepare the company for a gigantic failure. He considered a great compliment had been paid one of the English Charities by so prominent a member of the Scotch Craft undertaking to preside on its behalf, and felt that the more the different classes of Freemasons were brought together, under such an able chairman, the better it would be for the Craft at large. He then proceeded to announce the amounts collected by the various Stewards (these are given in detail, with corrections up to time of going to press, in another column). The result being that 105 London Stewards had contributed £5,345 1s 6d, while the Provinces brought up the total to £10,534 3s 0d, with twelve lists still outstanding. They had never had such a number of Stewards who had collected "large" amounts as on the present occasion, there being twelve London and fourteen Provincial brethren with lists each over £100, the maximum being, in the case of London, that of Bro. G. Penn, Honorary Treasurer of the Board of Stewards, representing Lodge No. 1612, with £520, and in that of the Provinces Bro. Bristow the Prov. Grand Secretary of Worcestershire, who had collected £428 5s. The donation from the Grand Lodge of Scotland also deserved their especial applause, containing as it did, among other amounts, a donation of £10 10s from Sir Michael Shaw Stewart, the Grand Master. To the toast of "The Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, Trustees, and Members of Committee," Bro. Winn replied. The toast of the sister Charities was, in the opinion of the chairman, somewhat low on the list, but he hoped would be none the less heartily received. Bro. Terry was called upon to respond. That brother tendered hearty thanks for the support given by the Craft to those of their number who were obliged to make claims on their charity, and pointed out that upwards of £37,000 had already been contributed during the current year to the funds of the three Institutions. This he stated was a great amount to be raised, considering the badness of the times. The health of the Stewards was next given, and was acknowledged by Bro. R. W. H. Giddy D.G.M. South Africa, while to that of the Ladies, proposed from the chair, Lord Ribblesdale replied. The remainder of the evening was enlivened by some excellent music by the band of the Royal Artillery, and the company separated after a most successful meeting.

We remind our readers that the Prov G. Lodge of Middlesex will be held this day (Saturday), at Great Stanmore. Prov. G. Lodge will be opened at 1.30.

ADDRESS

*Delivered at the Consecration of the Royal Arch Chapter,
No. 1019, Wakefield,*

By COMPANION REV. W. C. LUKIS, M.A., F.S.A.,
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M.E.Z. AND COMPANIONS,—It would take up too much of your time, and would be out of place on this occasion, if I were to enter upon the vexed question of the Origin of the Holy Royal Arch. This point is, no doubt, as interesting to the Masonic student as any antiquarian subject, which is veiled in obscurity, is to an Archaeological inquirer.

Whether its origin be coeval with that of the Third Degree, or was an extension of it; whether it had any existence in a traditional form in England before the year 1740; who fabricated it, and whence it was derived; who were eligible for it, whether Past Masters only or otherwise; why it should have been formally recognised in 1813 as a part of Speculative Masonry, while the Mark, which was, from the first, an essential constituent of Operative Masonry, was by the same Authority excluded from, or rather not included in, the Symbolical teaching of the Craft:—these are matters of interest to which I have no right to demand your attention here. It is sufficient for my present purpose to remark that, whatever may have been the origin of the Order, there can be no question that its bright and cheerful Ceremonial is replete with significant and impressive scenes, that its Ritual inspires the most exalted ideas of the Presence of the Eternal and Unchangeable God, and leads to profound reverential awe of the Sacred Name, and to the exercise of the most pure and sublime piety.

Such being its speciality and influence, we can estimate at its true value the wisdom of those Brethren who were instrumental in obtaining its recognition as a part of Craft Masonry by the Grand Lodge.

To these general remarks I think you will all give your assent. May I hope that what I shall now add may obtain your approval also, or, at all events, your reasonable indulgence, if I should be in error?

It seems to me that a Royal Arch Chapter should be founded wherever a Craft Lodge exists,—that no Craft Lodge should be considered complete without the adjunct of that which has been described by a well-known, if not infallible, authority (Dr. Oliver) as “the summit and perfection of ancient Masonry.” It seems to me that a full and intelligent perception of the doctrines of Speculative Masonry, and of the signification of its Ceremonials, cannot be realised without it.

It is not unusual to hear Masons speak of Craft Masonry and Royal Arch Masonry as though the latter were a distinct Degree, more or less outside the former, which may be entered, or not, at every Master Mason's pleasure. But am I taking a strained view of the question when I say that, when, by the Solemn Act of Union in 1813, it was declared that “pure and ancient Masonry consisted of Three Degrees, viz., Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason, including the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch,” the very words imply that it is as much the bounden duty and privilege of every Master Mason to proceed in due time to the Supreme Order, as it is of the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft to gradually perfect himself by taking a higher Degree? The terms “Craft” and “Arch” ought not, I imagine, to be employed in the hearing of those who do not belong to the latter as though they were different and distinct Degrees, or a false impression will be created. The order of the Royal Arch is not, under the English system, a Fourth Degree, but is essentially the perfection of the Third; and it seems to me very desirable that every Master Mason should be given to understand, and made to feel, that his Masonic education will be incomplete,—that he cannot arrive at the full stature of a perfect Mason, until he has been called to this exalted vocation.

I may add, further, that, so viewing the question, no Worshipful Master of a Lodge can possibly comprehend the language and aim of the Third Degree, and that he can scarcely be considered to be duly qualified to occupy that lofty position, unless he has been instructed how what was lost was recovered. Without this knowledge an impenetrable veil conceals from his eyes, as from the eyes of the Brother whom he is Raising, that Light which is so essential to his understanding.

Every Brother, without exception, should consequently, at once on being Raised, be made acquainted with the Test questions peculiar to the Third Degree, because they make known to him the fact that he has not yet arrived at the summit of Masonry, and will have to be instructed for it.

If my position be a sound one, then I cannot agree with those Brethren who consider it as a species of “touting,” of an unmasonic character, when Brethren are invited, ay, and more, when they are openly recommended, not to stop short in their Masonic career as Master Masons. Nor can I see any force in the opinion which I have heard expressed that such a recommendation and invitation is inconsistent with the question which is put to the candidate for Exaltation whether he freely and voluntarily presents himself. As it is not an improper thing to urge the Entered Apprentice to proceed onwards, neither is it an unjustifiable act to express a recommendation for Exaltation in terms stronger and more definite than a mere hint.

It may possibly cross the mind of some Companion present that exception might be taken to the view I have expressed, on the ground that Royal Arch Chapters are under the Supreme Government of the Grand Chapter and not under that of the Grand Lodge. But virtually this is not so. The terms of its recognition in the Decree of 1813 imply a control over it, and as a matter of fact the control of the Grand Lodge is evidenced in the Established General Regulations for the Government of the Order; for not only is the Order bound by

the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge in all cases not provided for in the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Chapter, but it is specially declared that the Grand Master of England, the Pro Grand Master when the Grand Master is a Royal Personage, and the Deputy Grand Master, are *ipso facto* the Principals of the Grand Chapter, if they are Royal Arch Masons; and similarly, and by virtue of the same qualification, the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Registrar of the Craft hold the corresponding offices in the Grand Chapter.

I have attempted, in a very brief and I fear inadequate manner, in what I have said, to show the true and distinguished position which Royal Arch Masonry holds as a recognised part and parcel of Craft Masonry, and have desired to point out, without any approach to dogmatic assertion, the duty which naturally devolves upon Master Masons. With this view, which I trust is shared by the Companions, we must hail with extreme satisfaction the Consecration of Sincerity Chapter, and entertain a hope that our respected Provincial Grand Superintendent and his Officers will be further gratified by other additions to the Roll in the course of this year. At the close of 1878 there were 66 Craft Lodges and only 28 Chapters in this Province. May that number be largely augmented.

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“WHICH IS CORRECT?”

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have been greatly interested in the correspondence which has been published by you under the above heading, and am one of those who consider the subject of uniformity and correctness to be of general importance to the members of our Order. It is to be hoped that our worthy Bro. Stevens is likely to be successful in securing the assistance he solicits, by subscriptions, to his proposed work, which I gather from his letters and notices will contain, *inter alia*, the whole of the correspondence on this subject during many past years. But I should not at all be surprised to hear that such assistance is but partially accorded, and that lack of sympathy may dishearten him in his efforts. In the minds of some his endeavours are doubtless looked upon as Quixotic, and his tilt against the windmill of prejudice and error as likely to result only in difficulty and disappointment to himself. But the many do not, I venture to hope, share in that opinion, and it may be consolatory to him to know that his attempt is applauded in many influential quarters, and will certainly, even if he does not fully gain his object, redound to his credit. He has put his hand to the plough in good earnest, and I trust will not look back or fall away from his expressed intentions. I have no personal knowledge of our Brother, not being a resident in the metropolis, but should say, from the tenor of his writings, that he is sanguine almost to a fault. Still it is by the confident and self-reliant men that most of the good done in this world is effected, and it is surely better to look on the bright side of things than to be nervous and dependent in any attempt to promote good works.

A member of my Lodge, who is conversant with Bro. Stevens' suggestion of some ten years ago, tells me that the principal idea was the formation of a Lodge of Preceptors, under the authority of, and I believe connected with, Grand Lodge. May I suggest that either through your pages now, or in the work he states he is preparing, he should make known the particulars of the “scheme” he then had in view. So much will depend upon the practicability of forming and utilising such a body that unless the arrangement thereof is fully understood, it is almost certain the proposition will not meet with that general approval which is sought for.

I address this letter to you in preference to writing direct to Bro. Stevens, in the hope that my views on the subject may be endorsed by other correspondents, as I think that it behoves all those who earnestly seek the requisite amendments in our ceremonies and ritual should strongly encourage the effort he is making. Be good enough to place my name * on the subscribers' list for half a dozen copies of the proposed work, and believe me to be,

Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours truly and fraternally,

A PROVINCIAL GRAND OFFICER.

Plymouth, 23rd June 1879.

* Private address enclosed.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS are the medicine most in repute for curing multifarious maladies which attack humanity, when wet and cold weather gives place to more genial temperatures. In short, these Pills afford relief, if they fail of being an absolute remedy in all the disturbances of circulation, digestion, and nervous energy, which at times oppress a vast portion of the population. Under the wholesome, purifying, and strengthening powers exerted by these excellent Pills, the tongue becomes clean, the appetite improves, digestion is quickened, and assimilation rendered perfect. Holloway's medicine possesses the highly estimable property of cleansing the whole mass of blood, which in its renovated condition, carries purity, strength, and vigour to every tissue of the body.

"IL TEGAME," OR A MASON'S HOLIDAY.

THOSE who travel do well, those who stay at home do better, since they are certain to avoid much labour and many vexations. Still there are times when the feeling described by Chaucer—

"Then longen men to go on pilgrimage,"

steals o'er the senses and all other considerations are given to the winds which waft us away.

Should, however, any good brother desire to travel late in the Autumn, and yet have fine weather, let him not begin his journey on a Friday. Whether another day would have been better, my experience does not tell, there may be no connection between the two circumstances, in which case it would be only what is called a *post hoc*, or it may be dependent upon it, in which case it is a *propter hoc*. This is indeed often a knotty doubt to decide, for small as it seems, this question of *post hoc* and *propter hoc* has been an object of debate from the beginning of time until now. There are those claiming to be endowed with reasoning faculties, have faith in the Mother Hubbard stories attributed by nescient men to King Solomon, and hence believe their quasi Masonic institutions to be a *propter hoc* of that epoch. There are also others who, believing Freemasonry to be a most valuable institution long established amongst us (as our now authenticated and published annals abundantly prove), know it to be a *post hoc*, and regard with indignation those who seek to mislead our younger brethren by idle narrations devoid of truth.

I have in another place spoken of the two French Grand Lodges, also of the private Lodges of Paris, and that work accomplished, still lingered amid its pleasant scenes to enjoy the charming hospitality so peculiar to French home society, and which is not always accessible to strangers. I had also full opportunity for discussing the different economical and other subjects which at that time so occupied their minds, and among other things of visiting at his country house, ten miles from town, a gentleman who had gained a gold medal.

The country house of a French citizen differs much from that of his English brother. This was a large and handsome villa with stabling and suitable offices, surrounded by about three acres of land or four hectares, having one part in wood, to supply the family with fuel, another part in vines *vignoble*, to afford wine, and a third part in wheat and vegetables, including a *vivier* or fish pond. We felt the influence of the wood, we drank of the vine, and eat of the goat cheese which this little microcosm afforded; a true epitome of France which claims in all things to suffice for its own modest requirements, in contrast to England, to whom is necessary the aid of the world to support its colossal existence. In this case, however, my friend had not forgotten the outer world, since by his now crowned ingenuity his future labour will be to reap that golden harvest which Europe is already laying at his feet.

Our invitation was to *Vendangor*, to gather grapes at the harvest home. The ladies dressing in caps something between a Charlotte Corday and a nun's *Cornette*, sabots on the feet, and aprons, good gracious, which would have done credit to Mother Hubbard, or, save the mark, to any other *sham* Masonic historian. How we laughed and talked, eat, and worked, danced and played billiards after, I will not describe, surely a merrier day, from dewy morn to night, was never spent since Noah planted his vine and drank of the juice thereof.

Short as was my intercourse with the brethren at Paris, it was sufficient to show the high estimation in which they held the English Craft, and in this there was no difference, the Grand Orient vied with the Rite (*de la Maçonnerie*) *Ecossaïse*, and the Rite *Ecossaïse* with the Grand Orient. The only object seemed to be to bind still closer those ties which we are taught should symbolically embrace the world, teaching man to have faith in his fellow man, and in that glorious human nature with which God has endowed him.

But, my brethren, these men, our other selves, have, perhaps unfortunately, decided to vary a formula, a formula which varies for every country and for every Masonic system, adopting another which is equally binding on their consciences. For doing this, from England has gone forth the fiat of Anathema. Henceforth the hand offered as a pledge of truth we are forbidden to touch, but must avoid it as polluted. The word of confidence must be whispered in their ears no more. In daily life the look of scorn must declare them degraded beings, we are to turn from them and pass by. Already against all such has been hissed out the word "sceptic," whilst "atheist" seems the favourite term of more sapient scribes.

Where the persecution of freedom of conscience began it would be hard to tell and long to trace, but it has always been considered as abhorrent to Freemasonry. With feelings of deepest respect, I cannot but think it most unfortunate, that without sufficiently debating so important a subject with the *Craft at large*, our Masonic authorities have been induced to take this I trust not irreparable step. It was such a resolution that formally severed in twain the British empire, and it was such unconstitutional conduct on the part of a minister which caused a statesman to exclaim, that could he "find the adviser of such an unconstitutional act he would drag him even from behind the throne."

There is evidence which goes to prove that the very highest Masonic authorities do not partake of this spirit, and I call upon my brethren, and especially upon that great and independent body below the chairs, to consider this important subject well in all its bearings. Shall or shall not our Masonic bond of union with the Craft of Europe be broken or retained?

"Felices terque felices quos copula irrupta tenet."

"Happy, aye thrice happy they
Whom chain ne'er broken binds."

Can it be sustained? A Machiavellian policy has been adopted, but destitute of Machiavelli's lofty and godlike aim.

The foreign Masonic press has demanded to be heard, yet in spite of this almost general and grand declaration of the European Craft, our English Masonic press has striven, unfortunately, to throw obscurity rather than enlightenment over the discussion.

It may be said why protest when it can do no good, or only expose you to most harsh remarks. To that I reply it may be so, yet still it is a duty,

"The brother's blood crieth from the ground."

"Seclusque fraternæ necis."

Are recorded protests and will live for ever. We shall resume the subject.

Digressions, however, like halts must come to an end, so let our chat proceed. All that interests mankind may rightly interest Masons whether travelling or otherwise, so after seeing the Masonic Lodges I had the satisfaction of visiting the Lunatic Asylums, institutions most admirably managed and worked, the municipal and clergy schools, the former by permission of the Prefect of the Seine; the hospitals, &c., all of which afford great opportunities of insight into French ideas and character, especially as in all these things Europe at large has more or less followed or perfected the initiative of France.

The present struggle for Jesuitical supremacy in teaching I fear will not be settled now, since for good or ill that order has established an ascendancy in the higher class of instruction not easily to be broken down. Under the second Empire the imperial influence was used to support the Civil Lycœums; and the Murats, Neys and other Bonapartists sent their sons there for education, yet the country gentry adhered to the Jesuit colleges, and do so still.

The Benedictines claim during the middle ages to have afforded an asylum to ancient learning in their cloisters and monasteries, and there to have kept burning the sacred lamp. After the Renaissance it was probably the Port Royal influence that first successfully established the new teaching in France and drove out the fifteen sections of that day, the Trivium and Quadrivium. It was then that in rivalry the Jesuits took it up, especially cultivating classical erudition, as our Delphine editions of the classics even now show. Their aim, however, was to advance in literary culture and investigation only so far as compelled to meet the demands of the time, and this influence is evident in all the clergy schools I have visited on the Continent. They are, however, devoted teachers and refined men as a rule, and their refining influence on the minds of their pupils is probably more prized than more strictly educational objects. It has not been difficult in Italy to sequester their countless monasteries and scatter the inmates because they fulfilled no admitted requirements; but who, regarding some of their gigantic piles of collegiate buildings, such as those of Bordeaux for example, can find places and trusted teachers for the scattered classes? It is a complicated question of national policy and freedom of conscience that will tax the powers of the wisest men.

The worst of it is that Rome herself *practically* allows no conscience clause. Well do I recollect the working at a certain hospital in a large city of France (itself built under the influence and largely at the cost of an Englishman), where the management was placed in Ultramontane keeping. I shall ever speak of all connected with it with reverence and esteem, but should never again care to visit another institution subject to Ultramontane influence and an Ultramontane conscience clause.

Yes, Paris is certainly a fine town. "See Paris and live," says the proverb; and if I were asked what is its special endowment, I should say it is a town where the Empire of the Senses is supreme, each of which in turn it claims to have elevated and refined, to have rendered it a more perfect *organon* more capable of appreciating the *stimulus* peculiar to each.

This perfection of the *organon* in certain of the senses contributes to the *savant* formation of what is called taste or *gout*. It is probably this exquisite perceptibility, this high capacity for developed and refined sensation, constituting *gout*, that accounts for much of the characteristic versatility, and renders the long continuance of any one influence, whether political or social, too much for the sensibility of its nerves to sustain.

Die of a rose in aromatic pain may be only a poetical expression, but in this case it would no doubt express a real truth. How deeply soever adored may be the object, the time soon arrives when satiety sets in, when the lover tires,

"Dum plenus languet amator."

The system whether social or human which does best for this work-a-day world, is one whose organisation is not too highly perfected, such a constitution better bears the chain of every day duty, and more accords with that best of companions, a mind conscious of rectitude. Both, however, have excellent qualities, and each may learn from the other.

A social intercourse in its higher forms, which is only a form of sensuous enjoyment, is claimed by the French as not the least of their peculiar sciences, and doubtless it enters into all their social relations, softening where it cannot elevate, and charming even when it stoops to conquer. However that may be, France through Paris has established that social sensuous influence to which we all readily bow, and reigns an Empress—

"Pleased with herself whom all the world can please."

W. VINER B. BEDOLFE, M.D., P.M. 1329.

Athenæum Club, Suffolk-street, Pall Mall, W.

(To be continued.)

Having purchased the copyright of David Roberts's *Holy Land*, Messrs. Cassell, Petter and Galpin are about to publish the work in monthly parts. Great care is being taken to secure an accurate reproduction of the plates, for which purpose the illustrations are being re-drawn from the original folio edition.

CONSECRATION OF THE CLAPHAM LODGE, No. 1818.

THE inauguration of a new Lodge is at all times a pleasant task to take part in, but when the first night gives evidence of a most promising future, it is one of the most gratifying privileges of the Craft. Such was the case on Tuesday, when several distinguished brethren assembled for the purpose of dedicating and opening the Clapham Lodge, No. 1818, the meetings of which are to be held at the Alexandra Hotel, Clapham Common. Bro. James Terry Prov. J.G.W. Herts was the brother who had been entrusted by the Grand Master with the duties of the day, and he carried them out in his usual faultless style. Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G.C. delivered the oration, and otherwise assisted in the business, while Bro. W. Clarke P.G.D.C. Suffolk acted throughout as a most efficient Director of Ceremonies. The consecration having been completed, Bro. Louis Hirsch was placed in the chair as the first Master of the Lodge, and he invested the following brethren to assist him in the conduct of affairs:—Dr. Charles T. Pearce S.W., Archibald Fairlie J.W., Robert F. Fairlie Treas., W. Worrell Sec., Alfred Pocock S.D., W. Carlton Hale J.D., R. Clay Sudlow I.G. The ceremony was continued, and in due course the Master proceeded to close his Lodge. Before doing so he proposed that the hearty thanks of the members and honorary membership of the Lodge be offered to Bros. Terry, Simpson, Buss, Dixon and Clarke, for the assistance they had rendered in the establishment of the Lodge. This was seconded by the S.W. and carried unanimously. Bro. Terry acknowledged the compliment on behalf of himself and the other consecrating Officers. They trusted that the Lodge would be a great success, and that in years to come they might have an opportunity of visiting it, and witnessing a most prosperous assemblage. The names of five gentlemen for initiation, and one brother for joining were handed in, and the Lodge was closed, it being announced that an emergency meeting of the Lodge would be held on Tuesday, the 1st July, at half-past five, for the purpose of taking the ballot for the several candidates proposed at the first meeting, and for initiating those eligible. The brethren adjourned to banquet, which was well served. After grace had been sung by Brothers Henry Ashton, G. T. Carter, F. H. Cozens, and A. Hubbard, to whom the musical arrangements of the day were entrusted. The first toast given by the W.M. was that of the Queen and the Craft. No body of Englishmen welcomed this toast with more loyalty and greater warmth than our ancient and honourable fraternity, and he therefore called upon the brethren to drink to the long life and happiness of Her Majesty in a bumper. This was followed by the National Anthem. In giving "The M.W.G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," Bro. Hirsch alluded to the excellencies of that Brother, and pointed out the benefits derived by Masons in having him at the head of affairs. The period during which H.R.H. had ruled over the Craft had been one of continued progress, and he trusted that such might long continue. With the toast the W.M. coupled the health of the Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family. The toast of the Pro G.M. the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon was always received in Masonic assemblies with great favour. The Earl is well known, as one of the most energetic Freemasons in England. The health of Lord Skelmersdale D.G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past followed. The Freemasons of this country have, the W.M. said, every reason to be thankful to the Grand Officers for the great interest they take in promoting the welfare of the Craft. With this toast was coupled the names of Bros. Simpson and Buss. Bro. Simpson tendered the thanks of the Grand Officers for the honour that had been paid them. For himself, he was extremely gratified at the way in which he had been received. Masonic Lodges owed, as did most other things in this life, much of their prosperity to a good start. He could compliment the brethren on the beginning they had made, and felt sure it could have but one result. He then proceeded to dilate on what he was pleased to term his hobby—the Charities. Our rev. brother's peculiar ideas on this subject are well known, and it is equally well known that they are antagonistic to the views entertained by the Craft at large; it will not therefore be surprising to know that the brethren did not express concurrence therewith. In fact, some disapprobation was evidenced in consequence of our rev. brother advocating the attendance of members at the un-Masonic meeting of the Charity Organisation Society at the very hour that a really Masonic gathering was to take place at the Alexandra Palace in aid of the funds of our Boys' School. Bro. Buss followed, and paid a compliment to the brethren now at the head of Masonic affairs. He expressed the pleasure he felt at having been able to take a part in the consecration of the Lodge, which he hoped would have a most prosperous career. Bro. Terry, in the absence of any Past Master, proposed the health of the W.M., detailing his varied labours on behalf of the Craft and its members, but particularly in the cause of Charity. He had for some time past given a prize to the Girls' School for the best knowledge of the German language, and in other ways supported our institutions. His position as first W.M. of the Lodge was far from easy. It was necessary for him to consolidate the interests of all the brethren who had united with him in the foundation of the Lodge, and generally lay down plans of operation for the future. He felt assured that every duty would be discharged in the most satisfactory manner, and that the heads of our Order would never have occasion to regret having granted a Warrant to Bro. Hirsch and his colleagues. The W.M. having thanked those present for their hearty reception, assured them that no effort on his part should be spared to ensure the proper discharge of the duties entrusted to him. It would ever be his endeavour to promote the happiness and interests of the members, and he trusted that at the expiration of his year of office he might hand over the Warrant of the Lodge to his successor pure and unsullied. He next called upon

the brethren to honour the toast of the Consecrating Officers. The members of the Clapham Lodge had, he considered, every reason to be deeply grateful to Bro. Terry and those who had so kindly assisted him in the ceremony of the day. He personally felt greatly indebted to them for their kind advice, generous expressions, and hearty co-operation. Bro. Terry replied: He was pleased to learn that in the discharge of their duties the consecrating officers had given satisfaction. They were amply repaid for the little trouble they had gone to by receiving such hearty thanks as had been accorded both in Lodge and at the banquet table. If at any future time there was anything they could do to further the interests of the Lodge, they would be only too pleased to do it. The toast of the Visitors followed. The Master was pleased to see so many distinguished brethren present, but most sincerely regretted that no members of the Royal Leopold Lodge, which had so kindly recommended the warrant for their own, were among them. He felt he need hardly assure the guests that they were most heartily welcome, nor that it would give the members great pleasure to see them again at one or other of their meetings when they might have an opportunity of judging how the members were able to perform the work of a Lodge. Bro. J. Morrell replied. The W.M. now proposed Prosperity to the Masonic Charities, advising those who had never visited our institutions to go and see for themselves what good was being done. He trusted the Masonic Charitable Institutions would long be considered worthy of the support of the Order, and was sure that the brethren of the Clapham Lodge would make every effort to promote their interests. As a substantial proof of this, he was pleased to announce that it was the wish of the Lodge that he should represent them as a Steward at the next Festival of the Benevolent Institution, on which occasion he hoped to take up a substantial amount. Bro. J. Terry, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, replied. In the course of his speech he referred to the remarks made by Rev. Bro. Simpson. He assured the brethren that very much was required of the Craft, more, in fact, than they had done in the past. He hoped that the exertions of the W.M. would be the means of adding considerably to the funds next year, and that on many occasions the brethren of the Clapham Lodge would show the true Masonic spirit of charity. With great pleasure the W.M. rose to propose the health of the Officers. Not the least part of the satisfaction he felt at the day's proceedings was the knowledge that he was supported by earnest and zealous officers, brethren who had undertaken with himself the arduous duties and great responsibilities of bringing the Lodge into life. He felt assured the Officers would do all in their power to cement the ties of brotherhood by their good working and understanding of our beautiful rites and ceremonies, and thereby promulgate the great truths of Freemasonry, to the glory of God and benefit of our fellow-creatures. For the assistance he had received from each of the founders he desired to tender his best thanks. He specially referred to the way in which Bro. Worrell had fulfilled the duties of Secretary, and hoped the Lodge would have his assistance for many years. Bro. S.W. replied, tendering the thanks of his fellows for the reception that had been accorded them. He was a young Mason, but hoped that he should prove himself efficient in the duties required of him. Bro. J.W. followed. He felt that he could not have done better than join the brethren who had laid the foundation of this Lodge, and hoped he might be spared to prove that he was worthy of the position that had been accorded him. Bro. Worrell assured the brethren that he should endeavour to carry out the business of his office in such a way as would ensure their approval. He complimented the Master and his assistants on the way in which the duties had been performed; he should have thought that all of the officers were Past Masters, or at least brethren who had served their respective offices before; but when it came to be known that all were new to the work, he considered that especial praise was due. He referred to the many previous applications which had been made for a Lodge for the district, all of which he said had been refused, so that he considered the Grand Lodge must have a good opinion of the petitioners to whom they had granted the Warrant under which the meeting of the day had been held. Bro. Sudlow also replied. The W.M. was about to rise and pay the honours, and a special toast to the originator of the Clapham Lodge (Bro. Alfred Pocock), who is highly esteemed by the founders, and greatly valued by the W.M., but the exigencies of the train services precluded the possibility of the visitors remaining, consequently Bro. Reinhardt, the Tyler, was summoned, and he gave the usual closing toast. The visitors present were Bros. H. Massey P.M. 619, J. Morrell P.M. 111 P.P.G. Sup. of Works Durham, A. R. Cranch 1216, F. H. Cozens 1216, A. Hubbard 813, G. J. Wright 1426, W. Clarke 114 P.G.D.C. Suffolk, H. Ashton 1185, R. J. Simpson 10 P.G. Chap., H. Sadler G. Tyler, H. G. Buss Asst. G. Sec., J. Terry P.G.J.W. Herts, F. Mead P.M. Ionic, J. H. Watts P.M. 1201, John Dixon P.M. 73, G. E. Goodinge 171, A. G. Taylor P.M. 1201, L. D. Berry P.M. 179, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385, E. J. Harty P.M. 1201, &c.

The usual Summer Entertainment to the Old Folks at the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, Croydon, will take place on Tuesday next, the 1st of July. A special second class carriage will be reserved by the 3.28 p.m. train from Charing Cross, or 3.33 from Cannon-street, for East Croydon. These gatherings are always of a pleasant character, and from the arrangements made by our indefatigable Bro. Terry we are convinced this will prove no exception to the rule.

It would hardly be possible to have chosen a more opportune time than the present, when public attention has been thoroughly aroused as to the general state of agriculture, for the publication of a comprehensive work on Dairy Farming. Such a work, written by Prof. Sheldon, and dealing exhaustively with the subject, will, we find, be issued by Messrs. Cassell, Petter and Galpin, contemporaneously with the opening of the great International Show at Kilburn.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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YARBOROUGH LODGE, No. 633.

THE Installation Meeting was held on Wednesday, 18th June, at the Masonic Hall, Manchester. Present:—Bros. J. Lees Aspland W.M., G. Smedley S.W., J. B. Whitehead J.W., W. H. Hopkins P.M. Past. Prov. G.D.C. for East Lancashire Treas., S. Walkden Sec., S. Witton S.D., R. Bickley I.G., J. Sly Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. E. Nathan W.M. of Zion Lodge 1798, H. R. G. Bayley, J. Rohmer I.P.M., and other brethren; amongst the Visitors being Bros. W. Slade P.M. of Callender Lodge No. 1052, and the Rev. Dr. Davis Marks S.W. of 1502 and 1798. Business:—The Lodge was opened by Bro. J. L. Aspland W.M.; the minutes of the last meeting were confirmed. Bro. W. H. Hopkins then took the chair as installing Master. Bro. Aspland W.M. having been re-elected to serve a second year, was presented as W.M. elect by Bro. Rohmer I.P.M. The obligation having been administered, the brethren under the rank of Installed Master retired. On the re-admission of the brethren the ceremony was concluded, and the W.M. appointed the following Officers: Bros. Smedley S.W., J. B. Whitehead J.W., Hopkins Treas., W. Cartwright Sectry., S. Witton S.D., S. Walkden J.D., W. G. Watson I.G., E. Beswick Organist, and J. Sly Tyler. The ceremony of installation was performed in an impressive manner by Bro. Hopkins. After the Lodge was closed, the Festival of St. John was celebrated, and the brethren separated after a pleasant and enjoyable evening.

ABBEY LODGE, No. 1184.

NEVER since the Consecration of this Lodge in 1867 has it had such a meeting as on Thursday, the 19th instant, when Bro. W. Lamborn P.M. P.P.G.P. was installed W.M. The success must be attributed chiefly to the honour paid the Lodge by the visit of the R.W. P.G.M. of Sussex and his Officers. The installation was ably performed, in an impressive manner, by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, there being upwards of twenty-four installed Masters on the Board. On the readmission of the brethren, the new W.M. was saluted in due form. Bro. Lamborn then invested his Officers, viz.:—C. D. Jones I.P.M., E. R. Clarke S.W., J. B. Sargent J.W., J. H. Wells P.M. Treasurer, C. W. Duke P.M. Sec., C. R. Chandler P.M. D. of C., J. Fielding O., A. D. Womersley S.D., R. H. Keeley J.D., J. Fisher I.G., F. Jesson Tyler. Visitors present were—Sir Walter W. Burrell, M.P., P.G.M. of Sussex, John H. Scott D.P.G.M., V. Freeman P.G. Sec., C. Tomkinson P.G.S. of W., J. M. Kidd P.G.D. of C., J. Farncomb P.G.S.B., A. King P.G.O., W. T. Neel P.G.P., A. Hawkes, J. Rubie, S. B. McWhinnie P.G. Stewards. W. Glenister W.M. Derwent Lodge No. 40, G. Wellard P.M. No. 40, J. Milson W.M. 31, W. Davis P.M., H. Hasteson P.M. 101, F. Stadden P.M. 125, H. Davey P.M. 732, Sanderman W.M. 1636, J. H. Coates P.M. No. 919 P.P.G.P. Durham, and a number of brethren from Hastings and Rye. After the close of the Lodge the brethren, numbering about 60, adjourned to the George Hotel to banquet. The chair was filled by Bro. Lamborn, supported by the Prov. G.M. and his Officers, and a number of Past Masters. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. Sir Walter W. Burrell, in responding to the toast of the R.W. P.G.M. of Sussex, made a truly Masonic and able speech, referring to the great increase of Masonic professors since the accession of the Prince of Wales to the Grand Mastership. During the evening many kind things were spoken of the W.M., I.P.M., and Past Masters of the Lodge. The Tyler's toast concluded a happy meeting, that will be long remembered by those present.

PERCY LODGE, No. 1427.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge took place on the 17th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Bro. Bertram P. Ord W.M. in the chair opened the Lodge, supported by the Officers and a large gathering of brethren, amongst whom were P.M.'s J.C. Mowbray, J. H. Beatham, R. L. Armstrong, &c. The minutes of the last Lodge being confirmed, the Treasurer submitted his report, which was most satisfactory. Bro. W. S. Lishman, the W.M. elect, was then presented to the W.M., and received at his hands the benefit of installation. The usual formalities having been gone through, a board of Installed Masters was formed and the ceremony proceeded with. Upon the brethren being re-admitted, the W.M. was proclaimed and saluted. The new W.M. then appointed and invested the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. B. P. Ord I.P.M., John Braithwaite S.W., C. A. Bushell J.W., Rev. J. Walker Chaplain, B. J. Thompson P.G.S. Treasurer, G. E. Macarthy Sec., W. Magall S.D., H. Dixon J.D., J. Mac-lared I.G., R. Ferry Organist, F. Ferrina S.S., R. Braithwaite J.S., G. S. Sims Tyler. Bro. Ord, the Installing Master, then gave the several addresses; his working of the ceremony was most impressive, and rarely have we heard it rendered so well. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Queen's Head Hotel, where they sat down to a capital dinner. Full justice having been done to it, and grace said, the W.M. gave the Loyal toasts, followed by that of His Royal Highness the M.W.G.M. and the Officers of Grand Lodge. The next toast on the list was that of Earl Percy and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Northumberland, followed by the P.G.M. and Officers of the P.G.L. of Durham. In replying to this toast, Bro. E. D. Davis P.P.G.S.W. expressed the pleasure he felt at being able to respond, and he felt

sure the good feeling that existed between the Provinces would be cemented by the organisation of the joint Charity fund. Bro. Ord, the I.P.M., then rose to propose the health of the W.M.; in doing so he assured the brethren that it had given him great pleasure to instal the W.M. that day, and that it was not often a person has the pleasure of knowing that the chair will be better filled by his successor. He wished him a successful year, and he hoped Bro. Lishman might resign the chair with as much regret as he had that day, and also with the pleasure of installing his successor. The W.M., who on rising was received with cheers, expressed the gratification he felt at the compliment paid him, the more so after the wonderful escape he had, with the help of the G.A.O.T.U. passed through, when he was not able to look after himself, and he felt deeply the confidence the Lodge had placed in him. He had only become a Mason late in life, but it was the one wish of his heart that he might be of benefit to the Craft; he could at that moment only thank them sincerely. Bro. Davis, on rising, said he had the honour to propose the next toast. The Percy Lodge was comparatively young, but by the Treasurer's account it was flourishing, but its prosperity was due to the way its concerns were managed. The proceedings that day had gratified him, as well as every brother on the dais. Every Officer had worked well, zealously, and honestly, and it was in consequence of having a Master at their head who was competent. All knew him well, and he was often more inclined to say a word of reproof than of compliment. He would not compliment a man whom he thought was not entitled to it. Under these circumstances he then gave the health of their I.P.M., a Brother worthy of their respect and confidence, and he trusted they would all copy the example he has set them. Bro. Ord thanked them very much. He felt it was gratifying to him that his efforts had been appreciated, and took it as a high compliment that Bro. Davis said he could not find fault with him. He assured the brethren that his efforts would not lax with regard to the Lodge, and if he was spared it would always be his aim to forward the interests of the Lodge. The Past Masters next received their meed of praise, to which Bro. Mowbray replied. Bro. R. Holmes next gave the past and present officers, paying them some well-deserved compliments; to this the S.W. replied in a few well-chosen remarks. The Visitors also received a welcome from the W.M., which was suitably responded to. The Tyler's toast then brought a pleasant evening to a close, which had been enlivened by some capital harmony, rendered by Bros. Ord, Holmes, Ferry, Lishman, and Simons. The Visitors were Bros. E. D. Davis 659 P.P.G.S.W., R. Holmes P.M. 659 P.P.G.J.W., Thomas P.P.G.S.W. Lancashire, Challener P.P.G.S.W., R. Eynon P.M. 481 P.P.G.P., W. Monday P.M. 406 P.P.G.P., R. G. Salmon S.W. 406, J. Wood S.W. 48, R. Simons S.W. 1626, Watson S.W. 481, Duckett S.D. 481, and S. M. Harris Sec. 406.

EVENING STAR LODGE, No. 1719.

A MONTH since we had the pleasure to record a meeting of this new Lodge, when the proceedings were of a most gratifying character. The installation meeting, held on Tuesday last, was equally successful. As we stated when last we wrote, the members of this Lodge belong to a "class," consequently all who join the brotherhood under the glimmer of the Evening Star must bring with them certain credentials. A special feature we heard commented on at the gathering on Tuesday was, that the brethren hold but four meetings in the year, and these are fixed for the months of March, April, May and June. This peculiarity may be explained by the special nature of the engagements of those associated with the Lodge. The members are all connected in some way or other with Gas or its belongings; they do not assemble from any given locality, but from all parts of the country; consequently, the dates selected for the Lodge to hold meetings are days when there is not so much claim on the time of the members. Moreover, with this particular section it is a season when conferences are organised, arrangements made for holding consultation meetings, and lastly, the claims consequent upon required attendances at Parliamentary Committees, &c. These are some of the reasons urged by the promoters for holding their limited gatherings at periods so closely allied. Having thus far wandered from our direct course, in order to explain what appeared to some whom we met anomalous, we now proceed to detail the particulars of what transpired. The Lodge was opened at five o'clock by the W.M. Bro. Thomas N. Kirkham, who was supported by his Officers, a large majority of the members, and the following Visitors:—Bros. John Methven J.D. 452, Chas. M. Ohren I.G. 452, W. R. Jones (Marhill, Scotland) 510, J. W. Baldwin P.M. 1423 P.G.P. Middlesex, Joseph Aird Britannic, Robert Harris 25, J. Sampson Peirce P.M. 2 P.G.S., H. Garman 657, Edward Wharton 1706, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, Osman Vincent P.M. 1547, E. E. Phillips 475, W. R. Phillips 475, W. E. Wilkins 140, E. Moss 1706, F. Mead 212, Henri de Solla 1017, H. Massey P.M. 619, and W. H. Balc 87. The minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed and signed. The Treasurer then called on the members to pay over subscriptions and fees due to the Lodge. The resignation of two members was announced, and the same was accepted with regret. The Special Committee then presented their Report, when Bro. Magnus Ohren moved that the same, with the balance-sheet, be received, adopted and entered upon the minutes, and that it be printed and circulated. This was seconded by Bro. Jas. Glaisher, and carried unanimously. Bro. J. W. Sugg P.M. then took the chair as Installing Master, and the W.M. elect, Bro. John Aird, was presented and received the benefits of installation. Bro. Sugg is a competent worker, and on this occasion his rendering of the ceremony was most perfect. The W. Master invested the following as his Officers for the year:—Brothers William Sugg S.W., T. A. Greene J.W., Jas. Glaisher Treasurer, Magnus Ohren Secretary, J. W. Sugg I.G. and D.C., G. C. Trewby

1st Steward, Edward Hyde 2nd Steward, Charles T. Speight Tyler. The "parts" of Senior Deacon and Junior Deacon were apportioned respectively to the worthy brethren who held the emblems of Treasurer and Secretary, but we question whether this "doubling" is conformable with the Book of Constitutions; perhaps some of our correspondents may feel inclined to give us their views on this point. Doubtless the reason why members of Evening Star adopt this course is, that they desire Officers to go forward in rotation for the Master's chair, but we repeat we scarcely think they are in order. Bro. Sugg then delivered the addresses, and on taking his seat was complimented by the W.M. and visitors for the ability he had displayed. On notice of motion by Bro. J. W. Sugg D.C., a P.M.'s jewel was proposed to be given to Bro. Thos. N. Kirkham on his leaving the chair, as a mark of respect from the members. This was seconded by the W.M. Bro. John Aird, and unanimously agreed to; whereupon the presentation was formally made, and a suitable acknowledgment offered by Bro. Kirkham. Three new members were then proposed, and the Lodge closed, and was adjourned to the fourth Tuesday in March 1880. The brethren and their guests now sat down to a capital banquet, which Bro. Best personally superintended; he was ably seconded by his lieutenant, Bro. Dawkins, and justice was done to the good things provided. The after proceedings were of a highly gratifying character, the W.M. presiding in a hearty and genial spirit; the toasts were ably introduced, and heartily acknowledged. Bro. Filer replied for the Grand Officers, and expressed regret that the ill-health of Bro. John Henry Grand Secretary had prevented the attendance of that highly esteemed Mason. Bro. Kirkham proposed the health of the W.M., who in his reply modestly remarked that he would strive to uphold the dignity of the Lodge, and respect the wishes of its members. For the Visitors Bro. Peirce acknowledged the indebtedness of those present for the courtesy and hospitality shown them. Bro. Kirkham responded for the Past Masters, and the next toast that called for recognition was the health of the Installing Master. A feature of the evening was the amusing and witty reply of Bro. Sugg, who for the nonce assumed the character of Mrs. Gamp, and introduced into his speech the peculiarities of that estimable lady. We should have liked to reproduce his verses in extenso, but pressure on our space precludes our so doing. The Masonic Charities were not overlooked, and Bro. Winn in reply ably advocated their claims. The worthy Treasurer descanted ably on the duties pertaining to his office, most impressively urging on the members that they should never permit him to allow them to get in arrears with their subscriptions. Bro. W. Sugg acknowledged the honour that had been paid the Officers by the recognition the Worshipful Master made of their services, and then Bro. Speight was called on for the final toast. Through some slight misunderstanding, a double company of musical artistes assembled; however, they were brothers, and in a brotherly spirit joined heart and voice to make the evening pass off pleasantly. It would be useless to enumerate all the good songs, &c., that were sung, we will therefore specially mention Bro. Edward Wharton's "The Mariners;" Bro. H. De Solla's "Sally in our Alley;" Bro. Edwin Moss's "Only for thee;" Bro. Charles Ohren's "The Gauntlet;" the duet "Albion," by Bros. Moss and Wharton. Miss Jessie Royd was in capital voice, and Miss Belville contributed to the enjoyment of the guests. All were indebted to Bro. H. De Solla, who acted most efficiently as accompanist.

MARK MASONRY.

MACDONALD MARK MASTERS LODGE, No. 104.

THIS Lodge held its annual Festival and Installation meeting at the Guildhall Tavern, E.C., on Friday, the 20th inst., and although, from a variety of circumstances, the attendance was not so numerous as at former similar meetings, the entire proceedings were of a most satisfactory nature, and fully upheld the well-known reputation and prestige of the Lodge as one of the principal exponents of the working of Mark Masonry. The W. Bro. North Ritherdon W.M. opened his Lodge at the hour appointed, assisted by the V.W. Bro. James Stevens P.G.J.O. P.M. as Senior Warden (in the absence of Bro. E. Moody, now fulfilling a business engagement in America), the V.W. Bro. D. M. Dewar P.G.M.O. and Assistant Grand Secretary J.W., W. P. Collins M.O., F. H. Cozens S.O., N. I. F. Bassett J.O., W. C. Hale S.D., George Yaxley R.M., W. Bro. W. Worrell P.G. Organist Secretary, the V.W. Bro. Thomas Meggy P.G.M.O. Treasurer, and other Officers. There were also present the W. Bro. Alfred Williams P.M. P.G.S., W. Johnston, T. de Leliva, J. B. Humphrey, T. W. Simons, &c.; and amongst the Visitors, in addition to Bro. Dewar, Bros. T. Mortlock P.G.O.G., J. Gilby 22, and H. Caston 166. The minutes of the previous regular meeting and emergency having been confirmed, the W. Bro. George Ward Verry was duly presented for installation, and installed in the chair of A. by Bro. Meggy, who was assisted, as D.C., by Bro. Stevens. The Officers for the ensuing year were appointed in the following order:—Bros. W. P. Collins S.W., F. H. Cozens J.W., N. I. F. Bassett M.O., George Yaxley S.O., W. C. Hale J.O., J. Pitt R.M., W. Worrell P.M. Secretary, T. Meggy P.M. Treasurer, W. Johnston S.D., T. de Leliva J.D., T. W. Simons I.G., James Stevens P.M. D.C., J. B. Humphrey Steward. The concluding addresses were ably rendered by Bro. Stevens, and the new W.M. then presented to Bro. North Ritherdon a P.M. jewel, in recognition of his services during the past year. Letters of apology and regret for inability to attend were read, and especially one from Bro. Moody, who, but for his important engagement abroad, would have been installed as W.M. on this occasion. Several candidates were proposed for advancement at ensuing meeting, and some ordinary routine business having been disposed of, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, under the presidency of the new W.M., Bro. Verry. In the course of the

responses some able addresses were given by Bro. Dewar, on behalf of the Visitors, and by two or three of the Past Masters, and further success and progress for the Lodge foreshadowed by arrangements made for securing its continued efficiency of working and additional strength of membership. There being several talented professional brethren amongst its members, the meetings of the Lodge are always characterised by excellent musical entertainments, under the direction of Bro. Cozens, and on this occasion nothing was wanting to secure the pleasure and gratification of all present, Good order and correct working in the Lodge, under an able W.M., a liberal table, provided by the esteemed Treasurer, Bro. Meggy, and excellent harmony, conducted by a skilled professor, always tend to make an Installation Festival of the Macdonald a treat in Mark Masonry not easily to be found elsewhere.

CONSECRATION OF THE UNITED MANCHES- TER LODGE OF ARK MARINERS, NO. 34.

THIS Lodge, founded by several of the leading Mark Masons in Manchester, and intended to unite still more closely in the bonds of friendship the three Mark Lodges of that city, was solemnly consecrated on Saturday the 14th inst., by that well known master of ceremonial our Bro. C. F. Matier 30° P.G.W., &c., who was specially appointed by M.W.G.M.M.M., to officiate. The brethren of the Ark Mariners degree, viz., Bros. C. F. Matier, Thos. Entwistle, G. P. Brockbank, Wm. Rowe, J. L. Hine, and Arthur Middleton, having assembled at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester, at 3.15. p.m. the chair was taken by R. W. Bro. Matier as N., assisted by Bro. W. Rowe as J., Bro. Entwistle as S., with Bro. Hine as Warder, and Bro. Middleton as D. of C. Lodge was opened in due form and the following brethren, being duly qualified M.M.M., were then introduced and elevated to the Antient degree of Ark Mariner:—Bros. J. Arensberg P.P.G.S.B. Lancashire, C. S. Lano P.P.J.G.D. Durham and Northumberland, A. Stott P.P.G.D.C. Lancashire, H. T. Robberds P.P.G.O. Lancashire, J. G. Jones St. Andrews 34, H. C. Miller 34, T. H. Glendinning 32 and 34, Murray Thomson 34, T. Chorlton 34, W. D. Waddell 34, E. Steinert 34, W. Nicholl 34, W. Grentorex 34, T. Mather 34, T. J. Hooper, Union 32, and J. R. Kirk 31. The founders of the New Lodge were then addressed by the consecrating officer, after which the petition and Warrant having been read by the D. of C. and the brethren present having signified their approval of the Officers nominated, the oration of the degree was most effectively given by Bro. G. P. Brockbank. The procession was then formed, Bro. Hine bearing corn, Bro. Entwistle wine, Bro. Robberds oil, and Bro. Rome salt, and after the usual proclamation the Lodge was dedicated and consecrated in due form by Bro. Matier, the musical portion of the ceremony being most effectively rendered by Bro. H. T. Robberds P.P.G. Organist. Bro. Wm. Rome was then presented as W. Com. N. designate, and the brethren below that rank having retired, was formally installed as N. After the readmission of the brethren Bro. Julius Arensberg was unanimously elected as Treasurer, and the newly installed N. appointed and invested his Officers as follow:—Bro. Middleton as J. Bro. J. L. Hine as S., Bro. A. Stott as D. of C., Bro. H. T. Robberds as Organist, Bro. J. Arensberg as Treasurer, Bro. T. H. Glendinning as S.D., Bro. T. J. Hooper as J.D., Bro. W. D. Waddell as Warder, Bro. J. T. Kirk as Guardian. On the proposition of Bro. Rowe N., seconded by Bro. Middleton J., Bros. Matier, Entwistle and Brockbank were elected honorary members of the Lodge, and a hearty vote of thanks recorded to them for their kind services. Hearty good wishes were expressed from several brethren, and the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony with solemn prayer at 5. p.m. The brethren afterwards adjourned to refreshment, and a pleasant evening was spent, all separating at an early hour.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Thursday afternoon, at the Freemasons' Hall. There were present—Bros. J. A. Rucker (in the chair), H. A. Dubois, E. Letchworth, Griffiths Smith, R. B. Webster, H. Massey, James Peters, Edward Cox, H. Potter, J. J. Caney, and F. R. W. Hedges Secretary. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, five petitions were read, and the candidates were placed on the list for October. This list contains forty-eight names, out of which there will be vacancies in the Institution for eleven. A notice of motion, however, was given for Col. Creaton for adding another seven, and thus increase the number of elected children in the Institution 200. The Committee, after some formal business, adjourned.

ROYAL MASONIC BOYS' SCHOOL CRICKET CLUB.

ON Wednesday, May 14th, a match was played on the College House Ground, amid wretched weather, play being stopped several times during the afternoon. The match resulted in a walk over for the Masonic boys, by 137 runs to 29. On Saturday, May 17th, a game was played on the School Ground with the boys of the Grocers' Company's School, victory again resting with the M.C.C. The return match with the latter team was played on the Alexandra Palace Ground, on Friday, 20th inst., when the Grocers were defeated a second time. The return match between the College House team was played on the C.H.C.C. Ground on the 23rd inst., when the Masonic team succeeded in beating their opponents in an innings, with some runs to spare.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF ESSEX

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THE VERY WORSHIPFUL BROTHER
THE REV. S. R. WIGRAM, P.G.C.,
 Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

A PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE will be holden at the SHIRE HALL, CHELMSFORD, on WEDNESDAY, 2nd day of July next, at One o'clock, for the purpose of installing the R.W. Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Tenterden, K.C.B., as Provincial Grand Master for the Province of Essex, and for General Business.

The Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master of England, Bro. the Right Hon. Lord CARNARVON, will preside.

The Grand Lodge will be opened punctually at Half-past One o'clock. The Treasurer's Accounts will be Audited at Half-past Twelve o'clock precisely.

By command of the R.W. P.G.M.,

THOS. J. RALLING,

Provincial Grand Secretary.

N.B.—All Brethren desirous of being present must bring their Grand Lodge Certificate or be vouched for.

A BANQUET will take place at the CORN EXCHANGE punctually at Four o'clock. Tickets 10s 6d each (including Wine and Dessert). It is requested that applications for Banquet Tickets be made to the Stewards, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford, on or before the 27th instant.

PROVINCE OF KENT.

THE ANNUAL PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF KENT will be held at the CONCERT HALL, MAIDSTONE, on Wednesday, 9th July, at 12.0 noon precisely, when and where the Provincial Grand Officers and Past Officers, with the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens of the Lodges in the Province, are convoked to attend.

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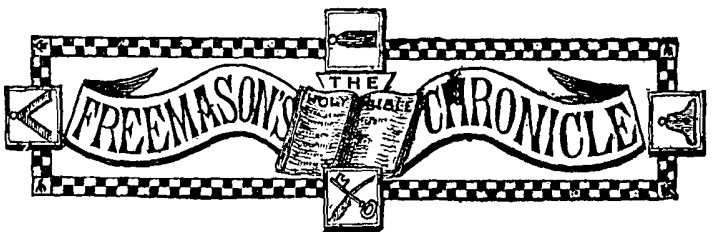
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THE annual meeting was held on Thursday, the 19th inst., at the Corn Exchange, Spalding, on the invitation of the "Hundred of Elloe" Lodge No. 469, under the presidency of W. H. Smyth, Esq. R.W. P.G.M. of Lincolnshire, supported by Bros. Wm. Kingston R.W. D.G.M. of Malta, E. Locock 112 D.P.G.M., D. Hansen 1294 P.G.S.W., W. H. Radley 838 P.P.G.J.W., J. Fowler 712 P.P.G.S.W., W. Clegg 272 P.P.G.S.W., T. Coates 1294 P.G.J.W., C. Pocklington 272 P.P.G.S.W., W. Smart 272 P.P.G.J.W., A. Bates 469 P.P.G.J.W., J. A. Thomas 272 P.P.G.J.W., H. Sharp 1304 P.P.G.J.W., Rev. G. W. Lowe 272 P.G.C., Rev. D. Ace D.D. 1232 P.P.G.C., Rev. T. O. K. Saunders 1286 P.P.G.C., Rev. Cecil Sumner 809 P.G.C. Cambridge, Rev. A. W. G. Moore 114 and 469, C. M. Nesbitt 712 and 1600 P.G. Treas., H. Watson 297 and 1386 P.G. Reg., F. D. Marsden 712 P.G. Sec., J. H. Dodds 426 P.G.S.D., Jas. Robinson 469 P.G.J.D., Jack Sutcliffe 1294 P.P.G.S.D., A. Woodrow 469 P.P.G.J.D., J. Hadfield 792 P.P.G.J.D., J. W. Thimbleby 426 P.P.G.J.D., J. Robinson 792 P.P.G.J.D., H. Shepherd 838 P.P.G.J.D., W. H. Bailes 272 P.P.G.S. of W. West Yorks., G. Young 272 P.P.G.S. of W., W. Watkins 297 P.P.G.S. of W., E. Chamberlain 1232 P.P.G.S. of W., W. H. Roberts 792 P.G.D. of C., G. F. Barrell P.M. and Sec. 469 P.G.A.D. of C., T. J. Tomlinson 588 P.P.G.D. of C., A. Bates 792 P.P.G.D. of C. W. Poles 838 P.P.G.D. of C., R. Nicholson 1304 P.P.G.D. of C., A. Richdale 426 P.P.G.S.B., G. H. Porter 712 P.G.O., H. Nicholson 1304 P.G.P., S. S. Mossop 985 P.P.G.P., C. Smyth 1600 P.P.G.P., J. Queenboro 272 P.P.G.P., B. Vickers 297 P.G. Standard Bearer, J. Woodward 469 P.G.S., T. Squire W.M. 809 P.P.G.P. Camb., T. C. Lazenby W.M. 297, J. Scarborough W.M. 362, J. Langton W.M. 422, C. F. Bonner W.M. 469, W. Stringer W.M. 588, W. H. J. Wood W.M. 838, J. Hodgins W.M. 985, W. Finlay W.M. 1232, A. L. Peacock W.M. 1386, T. C. Johnson W.M. 1600, Rev. T. P. Holdich P.M. 1286, J. S. Lynes S.W. 469, J. Laming J.W. 469, J. Benner S.D. 469, T. Harrison I.P.M. 1232, T. M. Ashton P.M. 469, J. J. Bartram P.M. 985, R. Garfit P.M. 1600, J. Fergusson P.M. 838, J. W. Palmer I.P.M. 838, W. Marshall P.M. 792, R. McSheen P.M. 792, R. Thorpe I.P.M. 588, W. H. Sissons P.M. 447, F. S. Judd P.M. 469, W. Long P.M. 469, Jos. Chapman P.M. 1294, J. Allen P.M. 838, J. H. Burg 838, A. W. Lambert 588, J. R. Capps 469, J. Cook 792, R. J. Pocklington 469, E. F. B. Lucas 712, C. F. Liversidge 422, F. Thomas 272, W. H. Kirby 838, J. E. Mason 1600, H. J. Seels 426, J. Eley 272, J. L. Rayner 297, W. N. Mason 1600, J. M. Richardson 712, W. Rainforth 297, E. Wilson 1304, J. R. Dudding 1282, W. J. Shepherd 838 and 712, Charles Dee 1304, S. G. Gamble 362, F. Stanwell 272, W. Challens 838, T. M. Wilkinson 297, &c. Among the visiting brethren not mentioned above were Bros. E. Gilbert 173, J. P. S. Walker 318 Scotland, Rev. B. Matthews 683, J. A. Cramp 793, Thomas Phillips 809, W. Poppleton 809, D. S. Fox 809,

and W. Rose 1545. Letters of apology were received from Bros. C. Scorer 297 P.G.S.B., C. A. Kirby 712 P.G.S. of W., J. Mawer W.M. 712, W. Waddingham W.M. 1447, F. R. Sutton W.M. 1282, T. Clengh 1282, P.G.S., M. Woodall 1447 P.G.S., F. Higgins I.P.M. 1600, and F. R. W. Hedges Sec. R.M.I.G. Every Lodge in the Province, save one, Isle of Axholme 1482, Epworth, was represented, 197 brethren having signed the attendance sheet. The proceedings of the day commenced as early as 9.30 a.m., when the P.G. Charity Committee met for the purpose of selecting the most eligible candidate out of four boys to receive the support of the Province during the ensuing year. A very large majority of the committee were in favour of William Black, of Grimsby, who was vigorously supported by Bros. J. Sutcliffe and Robinson his proposer, who was consequently declared elected to receive the full benefit of the voting power of the Province, and a strong desire was shewn to obtain the admission of two of the other boys by purchase. Some fear having been expressed by the supporters of little Black, that in the event of the other boys obtaining their admission by purchase, their candidate would be in a worse position than he would have been without the voting power of the Province, Bro. Robinson 792 P.P.G.J.D. asked what would be the result if Black were not elected next October? The reply of Bro. Radley 838, the esteemed Secretary of the P.G. Charity Committee, was characteristic of his determination and devotion to Freemasonry, and was acknowledged by the brethren with the warmest applause. He said, "If I say Black goes in next October, he will go in." The Report of the last year shewed that the Province of Lincolnshire had a fair share of the benefits arising out of the three central Charities. The reports from both Boys' and Girls' Schools being very satisfactory, one boy, Wellington, having taken honours last December at the Cambridge Middle Class Examination, while the Committee were glad to say that at the last Election of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Henry Wardale, Tyler 792, had been successful in gaining admission. The Report was adopted, and ordered to be presented to Prov. Grand Lodge for confirmation. At 10.30 the Committee of Prov. G. Lodge Fund of Benevolence were called together, Bro. W. H. Smyth R.W. P.G.M. in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting, held at Grimsby, 11th July 1878, were then read and confirmed. The Treasurer's accounts showed a sum of £600 now invested in freehold security, and a balance in hand of £166 18s 1d. On the proposition of Bro. E. Locock W.D.P.G.M., seconded by Bro. H. Watson 297 P.G. Reg., the accounts were adopted. A petition was presented by the Lindsey Lodge, No. 712, on behalf of Bro. Wm. Somerton, who for many years had been in a very weak state of health, and often incapacitated for business. On the proposition of Bro. Radley 838 P.G. Charity Sec., seconded by Bro. C. M. Nesbitt P.G. Treas., the sum of £20 was unanimously awarded. Proposed from the chair, at the instigation of Bro. Robert Thorpe I.P.M. 588, "That in order to extend the operations of Provincial Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence in a more specific manner than at present particularised, the following words be inserted in Rule 1—after children, "as well as for making grants to assist in the education of their children if considered requisite." The proposition was seconded by Bro. W. H. Radley 838 P.G. Charity Secretary, and supported by Bro. C. M. Nesbitt 712 P.G. Treasurer, and carried unanimously. A proposition that the quarterly fees of the brethren to this fund be increased from threepence to sixpence met with no seconder, and was withdrawn. Bro. H. Watson 297 P.G. Reg. proposed, and Bro. E. Locock 712 D.P.G.M. seconded, "That a special meeting of this Committee be summoned for the purpose of making the necessary alterations of, or additions to, the present Bye-Laws of the P.G. Lodge Benevolent Fund for the due regulation and distribution of the Oliver Memorial Fund;" carried unanimously. Bro. C. M. Nesbitt P.G. Treas. read the accounts of the Oliver Memorial Fund, showing a sum of £1,050 invested in freehold security, and a balance in hand of £22 0s 5d, with a half year's interest falling due almost immediately. It was proposed by Bro. Jack Sutcliffe that the sum of £100 from the P.G. Lodge Fund of Benevolence, and the accumulated interest of the Oliver Memorial Fund be devoted towards the purchase of a vacancy for one or more of the candidates now on the list for admission into the R.M.I.B., but owing to want of time, after an animated discussion, the matter was referred to the special meeting of this Committee before mentioned. At 11.30 the brethren in full Masonic costume, each Lodge being distinguished by its banner, went in procession to the Parish Church, which had been kindly lent by the Rev. Canon Moore for the occasion. Prayers were read by Bros. the Rev. B. Matthews 683 and the Rev. A. W. G. Moore 114 and 469 P.P.G. Chap. Suffolk, and an excellent sermon preached by Bro. the Rev. G. W. Lowe 272 and 469 P.G. Chaplain, from Luke ii. 14. On the return of the procession to the Corn Exchange, Prov. Grand Lodge was opened in due form by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master W. H. Smyth, Esq., assisted by his Officers. The Roll of Lodges and P.G. Officers having been called, W. Bro. E. Locock D.P.G.M. proposed, and W. Bro. Rev. Dr. Ace P.P.G.C. seconded, "that the minutes of the P.G. Lodge, held at Grimsby 11th July 1878, be taken as read;" carried unanimously. Bro. H. Watson P.G. Reg. proposed, and Bro. D. Hansen P.G.S.W. seconded, "that the minutes be confirmed;" carried unanimously. W. Bro. C. M. Nesbitt 712 P.G. Treasurer presented his financial statement, showing a balance in hand of £22 11s 5d. On the proposition of W. Bro. H. Watson P.G. Reg., seconded by Bro. D. Hansen P.G.S.W., the statement was adopted. W. Bro. Watson 297 P.G. Reg. presented the returns of the various Lodges in the Province, showing a total of 879 subscribing members, or an increase of five on the year. The Provincial Grand Secretary read the Report of the Committee of the P.G. Lodge Fund of Benevolence, with abstract of accounts, showing a balance in hand of £166 18s 1d; also the accounts of the Oliver Memorial Fund, which, on the proposition of Bro. C. F. Bonner W.M. 469, seconded by Bro. W. H. Sissons 1447, were accepted, and ordered to be printed. W. Bro. W. H. Radley 838 P.P.G.J.W. read the Report of the P.G. Charity Committee, showing a balance in hand of £22 2s 5d, with £5 due. W. Bro. Robert Thorpe I.P.M. 588 rose to urge the

advisability of extending the operations of the P. G. Lodge Fund of Benevolence by assisting in the education of the children of Freemasons in the Province by making grants of money for that purpose, in which he was supported by Bro. the Rev. Dr. Ace P.P.G. Chaplain. The question met with the hearty approval of the brethren, whom the R.W.P.G.M. informed that it had already been discussed in Committee, where it had received unanimous support; the minutes of which Committee having since been confirmed by this P.G. Lodge. On the proposition of W. Bro. E. Locock D.P.G.M., seconded by W. Bro. J. Fowler P.P.G.S.W., it was resolved that Bro. James Hodgins W.M. 985 and Bro. Jack Sutcliffe P.M. 1291 be appointed joint Stewards for the Province, for the purpose of raising a sufficient sum of money, supplemented by grants from the P.G. Lodge Fund of Benevolence and the Oliver Memorial Fund, to obtain the admission by purchase of one or more of the candidates now on the list of the Province into the R.M.I.B. Proposed by Bro. J. Robinson 792 P.P.G.J.D., and seconded by W. Bro. Rev. Dr. Ace 1232 P.P.G. Chaplain—"That a grant of £50 be made from the P.G. Lodge Fund of Benevolence towards such object. Carried unanimously. Proposed by Bro. H. Watson P.G. Registrar, and seconded by Bro. A. Bates P.P.G.D. of C.,—"That Bro. C. M. Nesbitt 712 be re-elected as P.G. Treasurer." Carried unanimously. Proposed by W. Bro. Locock D.P.G.M., and seconded by Bro. Rev. G. W. Lowe P.G. Chap., "That Bros. J. Fowler 712 P.P.G.S.W. and W. Griffin 712 P.P.G.D. of C. be elected auditors of the P.G. accounts for the ensuing year." Carried unanimously. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to the Rev. Canon Moore for the use of the Parish Church, and also to Bro. the Rev. G. W. Lowe P.G. Chap. for his excellent sermon, with a request that he would have it printed.

The following brethren were then appointed and invested as P.G. Officers for the ensuing year:—

Office	Name	No.	Residence
P.G.S.W.	Bonner, C. F., W.M.	469	Spalding
P.G.J.W.	Sissons, W. H., F.M.	1447	Barton
" Chap.	Holdich, Rev. T. P., P.M.	1286	Linwood
" Treas.*	Nesbitt, C. M., P.M.	712	Louth
" Reg.*	Watson, H., P.M.	297	Lincoln
" Sec.*	Marsden, F. D., P.M.	712	Louth
" S.D.	Finlay, W., W.M.	1232	Bourne
" J.D.	Hodgins, James, W.M.	985	Holbeach
" S. of W.	Chapman, Joseph, P.M.	1294	Grimsby
" D. of C.*	Roberts, W. H., W.M.	792	Grimsby
" A.D. of C.	Vickers, B., P.M.	297	Lincoln
" S.B.	Garfit, R., P.M.	1600	Alford
" Std. Br.	Lazenby, T. C., W.M.	297	Lincoln
" O.	Lambert, A. W.	588	Sleaford
" P.	Thorpe, Robert, I.P.M.	588	Everton
" Steward	Eley, James, Sec.	272	Boston
" "	Wilkinson, T. M., S.W.	297	Lincoln
" "	Woodward, J., P.M.	469	Spalding
" "	Richardson, J. W., Treas.	712	Louth
" "	Wilson, E., S.W.	1304	Horncastle
" "	Peacock, A. L., W.M.	1386	Lincoln
" Tyler*	Box, Benjamin	422	Gainsboro'

* These six brethren were re-appointed.

Hearty good wishes having been expressed, Prov. Grand Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, provided by Bro. Harper, of the White Hart Hotel, Spalding, in a marquee erected in the spacious grounds of Ayscoughfee Hall, which had been kindly thrown open to the brethren on this occasion by W. Bro. C. F. Bonner W.M. 469, the generous proprietor. The chair was taken by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, supported by Bro. Kingston, the Right Worshipful District Grand Master of Malta, W. Bro. E. Locock D.P.G.M., Bros. W. H. Radley, T. Fowler, W. Clegg, C. Pocklington, A. Bates, T. Coates, J. A. Thomas, Revs. G. W. Lowe, Cecil Sumner, A. W. G. Moore, B. Matthews, Bros. C. M. Nesbitt, H. Watson, Jack Sutcliffe, &c. The vice-chair was occupied by Bro. C. F. Bonner W.M. 469, who, throughout the day, was most earnest in his endeavours to promote the comfort and happiness of his brethren. The musical arrangements at the banquet were in the hands of Bro. Montem Smith, T. G. Carter, and Seymour Smith, and gave unlimited satisfaction. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the visiting brethren departed for their homes by special trains, most kindly arranged for their benefit, as this enabled the majority to enjoy this most pleasurable day almost three hours longer than would otherwise have been the case. Indeed too much praise cannot be given to the committee of management (under the able leadership of Bro. G. F. Barrell P.M. and Sec. 469 P.G.A.D. of C.) for their excellent arrangements throughout, which were simply perfect, and well deserving of imitation elsewhere. Vouchers were given to each brother who signed the attendance sheet, and no one was allowed in Lodge or could obtain a ticket for the banquet without producing it. The menu card was a curiosity of the Chaucerian age, and we trust that "ye Manciple" who catered so well for the enjoyment of his guests was well rewarded for his trouble.

The Summer Festival of the High Cross Lodge, No. 754, will be held on Wednesday, 16th July, at the Crown Hotel, Broxbourne. Bro. Henry Stephens W.M. of the Lodge will preside at the banquet, which will take place at two o'clock. Tickets can be obtained of the Secretary or of the Stewards, price 15s each. We wish our brethren and their friends a pleasant meeting.

THE BOYS' FESTIVAL.

WE append the list of Stewards, with the several amounts collected or subscribed. Where no amount is inserted the list had not been received up to the time of our going to press.

LONDON.

Grand Stewards	Binckes, Frederick, P.M., P.G. Steward	249	18	0
Grand Masters	1 { Hartridge, F. I. Sewell, I. W., J.W.	22	1	0
Antiquity	2 { Turner, Sharon Grote Batley, J. Armitage	42	0	0
Royal Somerset House and Inverness	4 West, Fredk., P.M., P.P.G. Reg. Surrey	10	10	0
St. George and Corner Stone	5 Clarke, Wm. Hen., P.M., P.G. Stewd.	21	0	0
Friendship	6 Venables, Rowland George, S.W.	36	4	0
Royal York of Perseverance	7 Adlard, Frederick, P.M., P.Prov. G.A.D.C. Essex	22	1	0
British	8 Smith, Thomas	24	13	6
Westminster and Key-stone	10 Robbins, Rev. John, D.D.	23	2	0
Enoch	11 Abbotts, William, M.D.	36	15	0
Tuscan	14 Turner, Chas. H., S.W.	10	10	0
Kent	15 Cambridge, J. H.	40	19	0
Royal Athelstane	19 Grabham, E. B., P.M. 1494, and P.Pr.G.W. Middx.	52	10	0
Emulation	21 Spico, Robt. Paulson, W.M.	43	1	0
Neptune	22 Waterall, G.	44	2	0
Robert Burns	25 Shervill, G. R., P.M., P.G.S.	128	2	0
Castle of Harmony	26 Beaumont, W.C., W.M. G.S.	29	8	0
Old King's Arms	28 Hainsworth, James, J.W.	44	2	0
St. Albans	29 Fisher, James	58	16	0
United Mariners	30 Gladwell, A. E., P.M.	10	10	0
Britannic	33 Trail, Thomas William	47	5	0
Constitutional	55 Pownceby, Samuel, W.M.	81	18	0
Peace and Harmony	60 Chancellor, J. Thornton, S.D., G. Steward	13	13	0
Prosperity	65 Brown, Geo. Thos., P.M. and Sec.	100	0	0
Mount Lebanon	73 Keeble, Henry, W.M.	25	0	0
Pythagorean	79 Partridge, Henry Workman, W.M.	31	10	0
St. John's	90 Cross, J. L., I.G.	48	6	0
Regularity	91 Logan, W. G.	22	1	0
Eastern Star	95 Sharp, F. Inman, P.M.			
Burlington	96 Morgan, W. Vaughan, P.M., V. Pres. of Institution	103	19	0
London	108 Tayleur, C. W.	45	3	0
Middlesex	143 Matthews, H. J.			
Prudent Brethren	145 Leggett, John Hen, W.M.	21	0	0
Cadogan	162 Ramsay, John, J.D.	44	12	6
Old Concord	172 Dettridge, Alf. Jas., P.M.	78	15	0
Sincerity	174 Lacey, C., P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, V. Pres. of Instn.	135	0	0
Domatic	177 Ferguson, Wm. John, P.M.	42	0	0
Manchester	179 Binet, Leonard	26	3	6
Tranquillity	185 Posener, David, P.M.	21	0	0
Industry	186 Mortlock, Thomas S., P.M.	87	0	0
Jerusalem	197 Hansard, Henry Luke	11	11	0
Percy	198 Rowe, James Tovey, W.M.	21	0	0
Nine Muses	235 Webb, Walter, P.M.	15	15	0
Unions	256 Farnfield, J. A., P.M., V. President of Inst.	91	17	6
Prince of Wales	259 Rigg, Herbert Addington	81	18	0
Bank of England	263 Spencer, Walter, W.M.	38	17	0
Salisbury	435 { Stammwitz, Ernest H., P.M. Jeffs, Richard, J.W.	10	10	0
Zetland	511 Elborn, Samuel, P.M.	22	11	6
La Tolerance	538 Cooper, Thomas W., S.W.	39	7	6
Yarborough	554 Verry, G. Ward, P.M. and Sec.	73	10	0
Fitzroy	569 Sanderson, J. C., S.W.	68	5	0
Canonbury	657 Chapman, James	60	18	0
Palmure	715 Howell, James C.	84	0	0
High Cross	754 Roberts, D., P.M. and Treas.	35	14	0
Lily of Richmond	820 Hubbard, Charles, W.M.	52	10	0
Victoria Rifles	822 Trower, Alfred, S.W.	115	10	0
Temperance in the East	898 Rogers, Henry, W.M.	34	13	0
Royal Albert	907 White, Francis Alfred	78	15	0
Marquis of Dalhousie	1159 Wood, J. H., P.M.	28	17	6
Lewis	1185 Morris, Rev. R., LL.D., M.A., Chaplain	30	9	0
Macdonald	1216 Carnell, T. W., W.M.	56	14	0
Sphinx	1329 Voisey, R. J.	76	18	0
Stockwell	1339 { Brighten, W. G., P.M. J. M. Klenck	43	1	0
Friars	1349 Mason, John, P.M.	77	13	0
Clapton	1365 Cogan, J. L., W.M.			
Friends in Council	1383 Giddy, R. W. H., D.G.M. South Africa	54	12	0
Earl Spencer	1420 Southam, Arthur, P.M.	207	2	0
Langthorne	1421 Taylor, T. S., P.M.	65	2	0
Peckham	1475 Stevens, Thomas, P.M.	42	0	0
Metropolitan	1507 Kingham, Richard T., P.M.	128	2	6

St. Peter's, Westminster	1537 Clutton, R., W.M., V. Pres. of Inst.	143	10	0
Chaucer	1540 Klingenstein, W., Sec.	21	0	0
Alexandra Palace	1541 Dight, Morris L.			
St. Dunstan's	1589 Manners, George, S.D.	26	15	6
Kilburn	1608 Brewer, Charles, W.M.	118	12	6
Bayard	1615 Richardson, F., P.M., P.G. Stwd., V. Pres. of Inst.	70	7	0
West Smithfield	1623 Adams, Thos. W., P.M.	21	0	0
Royal Kensington	1627 Dewar, Donald M., P.M.	55	3	0
Crichton	1641 Griffiths, Thomas, W.M.			
Earl of Carnarvon	1642 { Penn, George, P.M. Stephens, William, P.M. Woodward, E. C., P.M.	525	0	0
Aldersgate	1657 Altman, Albert J., W.M.	31	10	0
Beaconsfield	1662 Franklin, Thomas, W.M.	42	0	0
Henry Muggerridge	1679 Storr, E. Francis, W.M.	25	4	0
Rothsay	1687 Kirk, Frank, W.M.	49	7	0
New Finsbury Park	1695 Earl, William.	19	10	0
Orpheus	1766 Murray, J. Joyce, Vice-Patron of Inst.	10	10	0
All Saints	1716 Coleman, J. Kemp, S.W.	50	8	0
Farringdon Without	1745 Ramsey, W.	10	10	0
St. Leonard's	1766 Barham, C. F.			
Kensington	1767 Read, George.	39	18	0
Royal Hanover	1777 Marshall, H. Brooks, C.C., Vice-Patron of Inst.	105	0	0
Bromley St. Leonard	1805 Fennell, R. J., S.D.	73	10	0

UNATTACHED.

Woodford, Rev. A. F. A., P.G. Chaplain.	10	10	0
Bowyer, E., Vice-Pres. of Inst.	31	10	0
Kenning, G., Vice-Pres. of Inst.	10	10	0
Poore, W., P.M. 1306	10	10	0
Torkington, Abner, No. 60	30	0	0

LONDON CHAPTERS.

Yarborough	554 Berry, John James, Z.	63	0	0
Macdonald	1216 Bradley, A. C., Scribe N.	23	2	0

PROVINCES.

BEDFORDSHIRE.

Stuart	540 Smith, R. B., P.M., P.Pr.G.A.D.C., Leicester and Rutland.	38	17	0
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BERKS AND BUCKS.

Etonian	209 Radclyffe, Dick	131	16	0
Windsor Castle	771 Barton, R. George, J.D.	32	11	0
Abbey	945 Shepherd, E. L., P.M., Prov.G.S.B.	42	0	0
Ellington	1566 Cox, Chas. William, S.W.	67	1	0
Watling Street	1639 { Reeve, J., P.M., Prov.G.S.B. Page, Samuel K.	21	16	0

CHESHIRE.

Independence	721 Cunnah, John J.	10	10	0
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DERBYSHIRE.

Royal Sussex	353 { Booth, W. J., W.M. Wright, G. T., P.P.J.G.W.	52	10	0
Repose	802 Ball, W. L.	42	0	0
St. Oswald	508 Wallis, Percy	21	0	0

DEVONSHIRE.

Sincerity	189 Curteis, J. Edward, P.M., P.Pr.G.S.W., Vice-Patron of the Institution	68	5	0
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DORSET.

Portland	1037 Howard, Rd. Nicholas, P.G.W., Pr.G. Sec., Vice-President of the Institution	295	2	0
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DURHAM.

Harbour of Refuge	764 Lane, Chas. Sherriffe, W.M.	130	4	0
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ESSEX.

Priory	1000 Johnstone, Jeremiah C., W.M.	67	13	6
Arnold	1799 Arnold, B. Alfred, W.M.	35	14	0

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.				SOMERSETSHIRE.			
Foundation	82	Sole, W. Anslow, W.M.	10 10 0	Royal Clarence	976	Jelley, Thos. E. Smith, P.M., P.G.S.W.	35 15 0
		Ferrieres, Baron De, J.W., Vice-Patron of the In- stitution	94 10 0	Agriculture	1199	Edwards, Chas. Lund Fry, P.M. P.Prov.G.D. and P.Prov.G.S.W. Oxon., W.M.	97 13 0
Royal Lebanon	493	Godfrey, Henry, P.M., Vice-President of In- stitution	236 15 0				
		Hatton, A. V., W.M.	36 15 0				
HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.				STAFFORDSHIRE.			
Southampton	130	Le Feuvre, J. E., Pr.G. Sec.	81 18 0	St. Matthew's	539	Bayliss, W., W.M., P.Pr.G.D., Vice-Presi- dent of Institution	183 15 0
Medina	35	Barfield, A., W.M.	15 15 0	Portland	637	R. N. Howard	32 11 0
Paumure	723	Benham, T., P.G. Purst.	52 10 0				
Carnarvon	804	Harrison, John, P.M., Pr. G.S.W.	23 2 0				
HERTS.				SUFFOLK.			
Hertford	403	Austin, Stephen, W.M., P.Pr.G.S.W.	25 0 0			Henniker, Right Hon. Lord, P.G.W.	112 7 0
KENT.				SURREY.			
United Industrious	31	Higham, P., P.M. and Treas., Pr.G.J.W.	33 1 6	Dobre	889	Nuthall, Alfred, S.D.	23 12 6
Sydney	829	Etheridge, Lewis, P.M.	51 9 0	Albert Edward	1714	Hacker, H., P.M., P.Pr.G.D. Hants	73 10 0
Gundulph	1050	Curel, G. H., P.M.	55 6 0				
Lord Warden	1096	Usher, Thos. James, P.M., P.Pr.G. Reg.	49 7 0				
Cinque Ports	1206	Emmerson, R. Joynes, P.Pr.G.M., P.M.	52 10 0				
Amherst	1223	Dartnell, Richard, P.M.	84 0 0				
Acacia	1314	Wyer, John, I.P.M.	117 1 0				
Chiselhurst	1531	Goldsmith, Wm. Ovenden.	42 6 0				
United Military	1536	Weston, Wm. Alexander, P.M.					
CHAPTER.				SUSSEX.			
Peace and Harmony	199	Lukey, Edward, S.E.	118 13 0	Royal Brunswick	732	Bonnett, Benjamin	123 1 0
LANCASHIRE, EAST DIVISION.				WARWICKSHIRE.			
Friendship	44	Bennet, Alfred B., P.M.		Temperance	739	Biermas, J. G.	147 10 0
St. John's	221	Head, Henry, S.W.		WORCESTERSHIRE.			
Amity	283	Hargreaves, T., P.Pr.G.D.	10 10 0	Harmonic	252	Bristow, William, P.M., Pr. G.W., Pr. G. Sec.	428 8 0
Affability	317	Sillitoe, I. H., P.M. Mather, J. Chadwick	10 10 0	Hope and Charity	377	Taylor, George, P.M. and Treas., Prov. G. Purst.	152 5 0
LANCASHIRE, WEST DIVISION.				YORKSHIRE—West.			
Prince Leopold	1588	Goodacre, William, P.M.	65 2 0	Probity	61	Gaukroger, William, P.M.	
Urmston	1730	Barber, George, W.M.	13 13 0	Three Grand Principles	208	Day, Hy., P.M., P.Pr.G.W., Vice-Pres. of Inst.	
Liverpool Dramatic	1609	Higginson, T. R., Treas.	1 1 0	Harmony	275	Keighley, Chas. Wm., W.M.	
		Mattison, Sylvester.		Fidelity	289	Kay, John Dunning, P.M. Wilson, Richard, S.W. Beck, William James, P. Prov. G.D.C. Heald, George H. Greaves, William	
		Toller, George jun.	42 0 0	Royal Brunswick	296	Bingham, John E.	
LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.				Hope	302	Smith, H., P.M., Pr.G.Sec., Vice-Pres. of Inst. Rhodes, Manoah S., W.M.	
LINCOLNSHIRE.				Airdale	387	Booth, F.W.W., P.P.G.D.C. Roebuck, Charles, P.M. Sharp, Frederick	
Pelham Pillar	792	Roberts, W. H., W.M.	10 10 0	Friendship	750	Kelly, Rawson, P.M.	
St. Albans	1294	Pollitt, William, W.M.	53 11 0	Pentalpha	974	Firth, William, W.M. Holmes, T. Wainman, P.M.	
MIDDLESEX.				Sincerity	1019	Wordsworth, John, P.G.S., P.P.G.W., Vice-P. and Trustee of Institution Clayton, William, P.M.	
Carnarvon	708	Gibbs, Alban C. H.	15 15 0	Defence	1221	Moore, Major R. W., P.M.	
Acacia	1309	Proffitt, John	11 11 0	Wharnccliffe	1462	Hinchcliffe, Zaccheus, P.M.	
Thames Valley	1460	Rev. Dr. Brette, P.M. and Trea., P.Pr.G.Ch., Vice- President of the Institu- tion	24 3 0	Friendly	1513	Bustard, John, W.M.	1462
Hemming	1512	Walls, T. C.	26 16 0				£400 0 0
St. James's	1579	Cusworth, Thomas J.	44 2 0				
MONMOUTHSHIRE.				NORTH WALES AND SALOP.			
Albert Edward P. of Wales	142	Watkins, Wm. P.P.G.S.W., P.M. and Treas.	37 16 0	St. Oswald	1124	Spanll, Alfred C., I.G. Spanll, W. H., Pr. G. Sec.	51 9 0
NORFOLK.				Royal Denbigh	1143	Sissons, Robt. Jas., P.M., P. Prov. G. Reg.	78 10 0
Sincerity	943	Riches, H.	25 4 0	Square and Compass	1336	Bury, J. O.	10 10 0
OXFORDSHIRE.				Caradoc	1674	Coxhead, Thomas, J.D.	10 10 0
Alfred	340	Dormer, James Mace, J.D.	21 0 0				
Apollo University	357	Pickard, Rev. H. A., G.Ch., P.Pr.G.W.	28 7 0				
Churchill	478	Withington, Thos. Ellames.					
Cherwell	599	Potts, John, P.M., P.Pr.G.S.W.	18 18 0				
Marlborough	1399	Brown, Thomas B., P.Pr.G.W.	10 10 0				
GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.				MARK DEGREE.			
				Grosvenor	144	Levander, H. C., G. Reg., Vice-Pres. of Inst.	52 10 0

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 28th JUNE.

Provincial Grand Lodge Middlesex, Great Stanmore, at 1.30 p.m.
 108—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
 1511—Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, N.
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
 308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
 1462—Wharnclyffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
 1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe.
 1531—Chislehurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chislehurst.

MONDAY, 30th JUNE.

45—Strong Man, Sportsman, City-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
 704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1260—John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)

61—Probit, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.
 148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington.
 284—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, New-road, Batley.
 302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
 307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
 408—Three Graces, Private Room, Haworth.
 467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham.
 613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport.
 1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford.
 R. A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.

TUESDAY, 1st JULY.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
 141—Faith, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
 860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1446—Mount Edgumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
 1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
 1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8. (In.)
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30. (Inst.)
 1818—Clapham, Alexandra Hotel, Clapham Common, at 5.30. (Emergency.)
 R. A. 1385—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction.)

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
 120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
 121—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham.
 126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley.
 158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness.
 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
 265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
 403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford.
 393—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick-on-Tweed.
 558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
 804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
 847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
 897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire.
 928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield, Hampshire.
 948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard.
 960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
 986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.
 1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
 1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
 1214—Scarbro, Scarbro Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley.
 1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
 1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
 1343—St. John, King's Arms, Grays.
 1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
 1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Arms Hotel, Great Stanmore, Middlesex.
 1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle.
 R. A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 R. A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
 M. M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Chatham.
 M. M. 115—Bedford, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.

WEDNESDAY, 2nd JULY.

FESTIVAL OF THE MARK GRAND LODGE BENEVOLENT FUND, Alexandra Palace.
 PROV. G. LODGE, Essex, Shire Hall, Chelmsford, at 1.30.
 193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
 201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
 228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8. (In.)
 538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1041—Wandsworth, Spread Eagle, Wandsworth. (Instruction.)
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8. (Inst.)
 1288—Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1553—Duke of Connaught, Class Room, Sutherland Chapel, Walworth, at 8. (In.)
 1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (Instruction.)
 R. A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction.)

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
 81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
 86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott, Lancashire.
 125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent.
 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire.
 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.
 277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham.
 293—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale

326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol.
 327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton.
 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds.
 387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley.
 406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
 417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester.
 580—Harmony, Wheatsheaf, Ormskirk.
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
 645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
 678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
 758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn.
 910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract.
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
 992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton.
 1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
 1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon.
 1107—Cornwallis, Masonic Hall, Frith.
 1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick.
 1208—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich.
 1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester.
 1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
 1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea.
 1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan.
 1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
 1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull.
 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull, at 7.0. (Instruction.)
 1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore
 1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool.
 1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaitwaite.
 1692—Hervey, George Hotel, Hayes.
 R. A. 300—Perseverance, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
 R. A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.
 M. M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness.
 M. M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 R. C.—Palatine, Palatine Hotel, Manchester.

THURSDAY, 3rd JULY.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8. (Instruction.)
 15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 211—St. Michael, George, Australian Avenue, Barbican, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury.
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
 1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston.
 1539—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In.)
 R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
 M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.30. (Inst.)

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.
 116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne.
 123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire.
 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury.
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 266—Naphth, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood.
 269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn.
 275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield.
 283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden.
 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
 294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks.
 295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield.
 300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne.
 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 337—Candour, Commercial Inn, Uppermill, Saddleworth.
 344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Ratcliffe, Lancashire.
 346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn.
 389—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe.
 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
 442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Boroughbury, Peterborough.
 446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
 456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttroter.
 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington.
 509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
 636—D'Oyle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth.
 637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
 659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth.
 702—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby.
 913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead.
 974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Eiland.
 1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire.
 1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire.
 1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire.
 1360—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbeldon.
 1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster.
 1384—Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes.
 1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich.
 1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkies Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley.
 1515—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley.
 1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire.
 1594—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomeryshire.
 1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 R. A. 759—Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire.
 R. A. 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
 M. M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.

FRIDAY, 4th JULY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8. (Inst.)
 902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 9. (Instruction.)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
 1153—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
 1239—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd. N. Kensington, at 8.0. (Inst.)
 London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 6.
 R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)
 R. A. 1471—North London, Crown and Woolpack, St. John-st.-rd., at 8. (Inst.)
 Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.
 41—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
 219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
 242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.
 375—Lambton, Lambton Arms, Chester-le-street, Durham
 401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn.
 460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme.
 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
 539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.

652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth.
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.
 1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill.
 1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield.
 1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy.
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1528—Fort, Red Lion Hotel, Newquay, Cornwall.
 1537—Albert Edward, Rush Hotel, Hexham.
 1561—Morocambo, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
 1648—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
 1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth.
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7.
 R. A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30.

SATURDAY, 5th JULY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
 1815—Penge, 'Thick' Hotel, Anerley-road, Penge, at 3.30. (Consecration.)
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
 615—St. John and St. Paul, Pier Hotel, Erith, Kent.
 1225—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent.
 1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction.—Held at Bro. Spurgin's, the Sportsman, City-road, on Monday, the 23rd inst. Present:—Bros. Halle W.M., Pelikan S.W., Beattie J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Weil S.D., Hallam sen. J.D., Willison I.G., also Bros. Ross, Wing, Lardner, Symons, Payne, H. M. Symons, Hirst, H. Gyer. Lodge was opened in regular form, the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Fenner being the candidate. Bro. Pelikan worked the first, Bro. Fenner the second, Bro. Hallam sen. the fourth section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. H. M. Symons, of the mother Lodge, was elected a member. Bro. Pelikan was appointed W.M. for next meeting. A vote of thanks was accorded the W.M. for the excellent manner he had filled the chair of W.M. for the first time in this or any other Lodge, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

The Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.—Held its weekly meeting on Tuesday, 24th June, at Bro. Bond's, The Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, Holborn. Present—Bro. Lister W.M., Willey S.W., Dodson J.W., Linscott S.D., Hallam J.D., Cornu I.G., Dickins Sectry., P.M. Bingemann Preceptor. Bros. Low, Kidder, Tate, Davis, Bond, Baker, and several others. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Davis being the candidate. The second, third, and fourth sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Hallam. Bro. Davis of Lodge 228 was unanimously elected a member of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Willey was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. A vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Lister, for his able working on this the first occasion in this Lodge of Instruction. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and adjourned to Tuesday 1st July.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held its usual meeting at Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, the 21st, under the presidency of Bro. F. Brasted, who was supported by Bros. J. Lorkin S.W., Fidler J.W., Fenner Sec., Hallam acting Preceptor, Gibbs S.D., Williams J.D., Little I.G., also Bros. J. A. Powell, McMillan, Parks, Adams, C. Lorkin, Garrod, Davies, and Fysh. Formalities were gone through; Bro. McMillan gave satisfactory proof of his proficiency, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed by the W.M., in a very correct manner; the ceremony being completed by the recital of the traditional history. Bro. Hallam worked the first and third sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed down to the first. Bro. Little of the Guelph Lodge 1685 was elected a member; Bro. J. Lorkin was elected to preside at the next meeting, which will be the last before the summer vacation. Lodge was closed and adjourned.

High Cross Lodge, No. 754.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Seven Sisters', Tottenham, on Wednesday. Bro. Stephens the W.M. presided, and after the usual routine business proceeded, after the ballot had been taken, to initiate Mr. Harry Cooper into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The Bye-Laws of the Lodge were read, and the name of a gentleman for initiation having been given, the W.M. closed his Lodge. The brethren adjourned to supper, which having been partaken of, the usual toasts were given. In introducing that of the Queen, the W.M. referred to the kind sympathy that Her Majesty had shown the Ex-Empress of France in her recent bereavement. The toast was heartily received, and was followed by that of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Grand Master, with this the W.M. coupled the healths of the Pro G.M., the Deputy G. Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present, paying a just compliment to their exertions on behalf of Freemasonry. Bro. J. Wells P.M. assumed the gavel, and had great pleasure in proposing the health of the W.M., whom he complimented for his kind and affable manner, and his general ability in conducting the affairs of the Lodge. Bro. Stephens was, he observed, very near the end of his term of office, and he hoped that whoever might be appointed as his successor would, if possible, be a better man; but he was afraid few could give greater satisfaction than their present Master. After a song, the W.M. rose to reply. He tendered his heartiest thanks for the kindness at all times extended towards him, and hoped to merit a continuance of the favours of the brethren. He had done his best in

the past, and was only too pleased to find that it had met the approval of the members. His next duty was a most pleasing one, and one that he felt would merit the heartiest reception from all assembled. It was a great episode in the career of a Lodge to receive a new member among them, and he trusted that the brother who had been initiated that evening would show that he had been impressed with the ceremony performed on his behalf. He could assure him that the more he looked into Freemasonry the more he would find that the brethren were anxious for the welfare of their fellows. Bro. Cooper, in his reply, thanked the brethren for the reception that had been given him. At present he was not in a position to say much of Freemasonry, but he trusted that the more he saw of it the better he should like it, and finally prove himself worthy of the position that had been accorded him. The next toast the W.M. had to propose was that of the Visitors. He considered this a most pleasing part of his duty, as he felt assured that each member was gratified at seeing the guests who had honoured them with their presence. They were not so numerous supported by visitors as they were at the last meeting, but they somewhat made up for quantity by quality. He referred to the exertions the press were making to advance the cause of Freemasonry by reporting the various meetings that took place, and thereby giving brethren who were unable to be present an idea of what was taking place. Bros. G. C. Young 820, J. B. Reid 946, and W. W. Morgan jun. 1385 (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), responded to the toast. The W.M. next called upon the brethren to drink to the health of the P.M.'s, whom he thanked for the assistance they at all times rendered the W.M. in carrying out the duties of the Lodge, and hoped they would be among those present at many future meetings. Bro. Wells returned thanks. He considered it the duty of every Past Master to support the Master, and regretted that the present ruler had not been better supported than he had. The health of the Officers was next drunk. Without them the W.M. felt he should have been unable to carry on the affairs of the Lodge—he hoped that he should always have them to assist him. Bro. S.W. replied, after which the Tyler was called, and he gave the concluding toast of the evening. Among those present were Bros. H. Stephens W.M., J. W. Wells, W. Dance, J. Linsell, C. F. Barham, J. Maller P.M.'s, G. Burford S.W., J. Farrier J.W., T. Cunningham Sec., J. H. Thompson J.D., J. Garrod D.C., J. Verry Tyler, A. G. Fidler, A. Bridgman, W. T. Turner, W. S. Cooper, W. F. Stevenson, A. W. Hackett, H. Cooper, &c.

High Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 754.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 19th June, at the Coach and Horses, Tottenham. Present:—Bros. Peach W.M., Bryant S.W., Taverner J.W., Thompson Preceptor, Garrod Sec., Everdell S.D., G. Tegg J.D., Driscoll I.G., also Bros. Young, Mattocks, &c. The Lodge was opened in ancient form, and minutes of last Lodge meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Young being candidate. The questions leading to the second degree were answered, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Young again acting as candidate. Bro. Taverner was elected W.M. for next meeting. There being no other Masonic business the Lodge was closed in ancient form.

Lord Warden Lodge, No. 1096.—This Lodge held its usual meeting on Friday, 20th inst. There were present:—Bros. John Laggett W.M., E. Kirby I.P.M. and Treasurer, T. Ayling P.M. P.D.C., F. Leith P.M. Lord of the Manor, Rev. J. B. Harrison P.M. P.G. Chaplain, H. R. Botting S.W., J. Carpenter J.W., T. J. Usher P.M. P.P.G.R. Secretary, W. Carterfield S.D., F. R. England J.D., Henry Abrams Organist, F. Haslip I.G., E. Rea, H. Webb, W. Norris, D. Fraser, G. Band, S. Holgate Tyler; Visitor—Bro. W. I. Spicer P.M. 569. Lodge was opened punctually at eight o'clock, and the minutes of last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. Charles Crutchley Domatic 177, and found to be unanimous in his favour. Bro. G. Band, being a candidate for the second degree, was duly examined; he answered most satisfactorily, and retired. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the W.M. in a most impressive manner passed Bro. Band. Bro. J.W. gave the charge, and Bro. S.W. the ancient lecture, in finished style. A word of praise is due to the whole of the Officers for the steady and efficient manner in which they performed their several duties. Lodge was closed in the second degree. Bro. Usher P.M. announced that he had accepted the office of Steward at the forthcoming Festival on the 25th inst.; he made an urgent appeal to the brethren to assist him in his efforts. Bro. T. Ayling proposed, and Bro. E. Kirby seconded, that five guineas out of the Lodge funds be placed on Bro. Usher's list;—carried unanimously. Lodge was closed in ancient form, and the brethren spent a most pleasant hour together.

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, No. 1298.—The 330th meeting was held at the Alwyne Castle, Canonbury, on Friday, 20th June. Present:—Bros. Ager W.M., Boas S.W., Lockwood J.W., Cull Preceptor, Rowley S.D., Mendelsohn J.D., Beattie I.G., G. H. Hunter Secretary pro tem, and other brethren, whose names were duly entered in the attendance book. The Lodge was opened in the first degree, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Potter, having offered himself as a candidate for raising, was examined as to his proficiency as a F.C., and entrusted; the ceremony of raising was then rehearsed. Bro. Preceptor worked the first, second, and third sections of the lecture in the third degree. Bro. Preceptor was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—The members met at Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, on Tuesday. Bros. Worsley W.M., Smith S.W., Shepherd W.M. 1349 J.W. The

Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. This being the fourth Tuesday in the month, sections only were worked; the following brethren taking part:—First Spencer, second Smith, third Barker, fourth Johnson, fifth McDonald, sixth Andrews. The Lodge then opened in the second degree, when Bro. Barker worked the first, Pavitt the second, Worsley the third, and Smith the fourth, there being not sufficient time to work the remaining sections. Lodge was resumed, when Bros. Slaiter 804, and Ellis 129, were unanimously elected members. In addition to those previously enumerated, there were present Bros. Dixon, Rawe, Johnson, Wright, Sadler, Spencer, McDonald, Dunsmore, Glasspoole, Watson, Barker, Pavitt, Power, White, and Morgan 245. Bro. Andrews kindly officiated as Preceptor, and, assisted by Bro. McDonald, the questions and answers were ably worked, giving pleasure to every one present. We were sorry that neither Bro. Musto nor Bro. Cundick were present; we trust it was not illness that prevented them. Bro. Johnson will preside on Tuesday next.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—At 119 Leadenhall-street, E.C., on Thursday. Bros. Woodward W.M., Beedell S.W., Forss J.W., J. Da Silva S.D., Powell J.D., Alvorsen I.G., L. Nordon Hon. Sec., Webb Preceptor, and other brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Maidwell candidate. Bro. Da Silva worked the first, second, third, and fourth sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Gimmingham 1707 was elected a member. Bro. Beedell was appointed W.M. for Thursday next.

St. Michael's Lodge of Instruction, No. 211.—On Thursday, at the George Tavern, Australian Avenue, Barbican, the brethren were presided over by Bro. F. Brasted, who was supported by a very efficient staff of officers. The ceremony of the third degree was rehearsed, the W.M. giving the traditional history and explaining the tracing board. The appointments for this Lodge of Instruction have been presented by the members of the mother Lodge, who are anxious to receive the visits of members of the Craft Universal. On Thursday next the W.M., Bro. Alfred Withers, will preside, when the Officers of 211 will fill their respective posts. Lodge opens at eight o'clock.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday last, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Present:—Bros. Clark W.M., J. Lorkin S.W., Smyth J.W., Carr S.D., Polak J.D., Greenwood I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Walington Preceptor. Bros. Forss, Brasted, Allen, Christian, Wardell, C. Lorkin. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hand candidate. The Lodge was called off, and on resuming labour Bro. Allen worked the first, second, third, and fourth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. A vote of thanks was accorded the W.M., this being the first time he had occupied the chair. Bro. J. Lorkin was elected W.M. for next Tuesday evening.

Falcon Lodge 1416.—The Annual Excursion took place on the 19th inst., the party consisting of Bros. T. J. Wilkinson W.M., Rev. C. E. Camidge P.P.G. Chaplain, G. Ayre P.M., W. Coltman S.W., W. Hale J.W., &c., and a considerable number of ladies. The arrangements were most successfully carried out by the Secretary, Bro. J. Johnson. Carriages were in readiness at Masham Station to convey the visitors to Swinton Park, where they were conducted by Mr. Featherstone through the beautiful grounds of Mrs. Danby Harcourt. After luncheon they proceeded to Jervaulx Abbey, and the interesting ruins were examined, Mr. Maughan (Marquis of Ailesbury's agent) and Mr. Rennie affording much explanatory information. On their return to Masham a substantial and abundant repast was served by Mr. Stickland, at the King's Head Hotel, and the party afterwards inspected the fine Old Church, the Vicar, the Rev. G. M. Graham, M.A., and Mr. Bowes of the Swaledale Bank, contributing much to the enjoyment of the day by their most obliging and courteous attentions.

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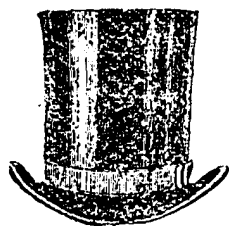
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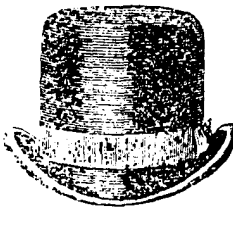
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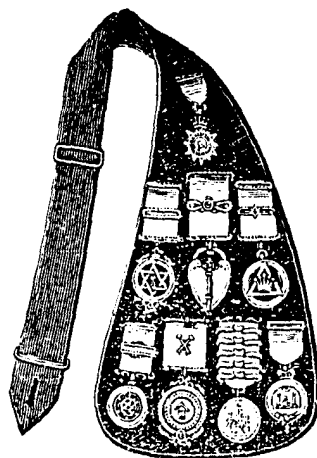
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