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GIFTS OF EXPENSIVE JEWELS BY INSOLVENT LODGES.

THE term we here use in association with a section of our Lodges is a strong one, and may be considered by some of our readers as unmasonic. That it is unmasonic we are ready to admit, but only to the extent that the state of affairs it expresses is decidedly opposed to the teachings of Freemasonry. To assert it is a definition which may not justly be applied to some of our Lodges would be absurd—if the term insolvent may be used in connection with any concern which cannot pay its debts without drawing heavily on its unearned income of the future; and although it might be advisable to use some other less obnoxious word, the evil we are writing of is so palpable a one that it needs severe treatment. Not only does the expenditure of money in the purchase of testimonials, by a Lodge already in debt, affect the Lodge and its members personally, but it also brings discredit on the Order generally, while it robs jewels and other testimonials of much of the honour attached to them. This we shall now endeavour to demonstrate.

The question of Lodge expenditure is a difficult one to discuss in public, as liabilities which might be incurred in some quarters would amount to madness in others, and while we acknowledge the existence of special features in almost every case, there is yet sufficient similarity in them all to bring the subject within the scope of general treatment. There are points which must refer equally to all and which are applicable in every case, and it will not be necessary for us to go beyond the lessons taught in Freemasonry to show all that we need at the present. Extravagance in any shape or form is certainly opposed to the teachings of Freemasonry, and we think there are few Lodges now in debt which, if the truth was stated, could not trace their deficiency to some extravagance—some outlay which was both unnecessary and, considering the expense at which it was made, impolitic. We are aware what inducements are offered to Lodges, on every side, to get into debt. The Treasurers, as a body, are perhaps the greatest sinners in this respect, and what they do they do out of kindness, although their kindness has often very serious results. Many of the Treasurers—we say many with little fear of contradiction—are ready with private means to pay accounts far beyond the sum they have in hand. They consider it an honour to hold the office, and if the Lodge spends more money than it ought to, they are the last to raise a voice to stop it, lest their motives might be misunderstood. Is it any kindness to a Lodge for its Treasurer to advance sum after sum from his own pocket to meet debts incurred by the members as a body, and which are added to time after time in perhaps utter ignorance of the financial state of affairs? Most decidedly not; but, it may be urged, the members of a Lodge do not vote money away without knowing the state of its funds; perhaps not—they know the condition, but men often do things apparently inconsistent with what they know, and excuse themselves by saying they thought things had been altered. If a Treasurer unhesitatingly meets every call of his Lodge without a word of warning or protest, he is certainly open to the charge of allowing the members to rush blindly into trouble. He should have opened their eyes to the true facts of the case, even though in doing so he may have been misunderstood by some of

his hearers. His duty is clear, and neglect of it may cause misfortune to the Lodge for which he thinks he is doing a kindly service. The hotel proprietors are among the many who afford temptation for our Lodges to get into debt, and it almost seems impossible it should be otherwise. The Lodges and their members are individually good for what they undertake, and it would perhaps be disastrous for many of the hosts if they even hinted they would not allow the Lodge any credit. Yet, if the matter be looked at in its proper light, and considered in a calm moment, it will be conceded that a rule of no credit would only amount to kindness, as of all the extravagances a Lodge can practise possibly that of feasting is the worst, and if it came to be recognised that no banquet or refreshment was to be had without an early settlement, many a Lodge would be spared that first false step which, as a rule, ends in the growth of heavy indebtedness. We need not extend our researches on this point; it is very certain Lodges do get into debt, and it is also certain that such indebtedness is incurred on account of extravagance; we will at once address ourselves to the special weakness referred to in our heading—the expenditure of funds in the purchase of expensive jewels or other testimonials when the Lodge is already heavily in debt. The first matter for consideration is to decide whether the brother for whom the testimonial is proposed is directly or indirectly responsible for the deficiency. To explain more fully our meaning; we will take the case of a Lodge, the Worshipful Master of which started his year with a balance in hand, and concluded it with a balance either of unpaid bills or of indebtedness to the Treasurer. Is he worthy of a testimonial? The question can only be answered by a careful examination of the facts of each case separately; but if it can be shown that for years past there had been a balance handed over to the new Master on the day of installation, and the deficiency was a departure from the ordinary course of affairs, without any special reason for its growth, then it is pretty evident the Master has either been unqualified for his post, or has exceeded the limits of prudence, and has forfeited his right to a jewel. A Mason who starts the ruling of a Lodge for the customary term with a balance in hand, and closes it with a heavy deficiency, has no right to increase that deficiency, or to allow it to be increased by the purchase of a badge of honour, while the brethren have no right to permit their sense of justice to be upset by any considerations of custom or precedent. "Honour to whom honour is due," is a principle of the Craft which is totally disregarded by the adoption of such a course, while, if it becomes a custom to present a jewel to every outgoing Master—no matter what amount of harm he may have done to the Lodge, either by incompetency or mismanagement—it robs the jewel of any honour which may attach to it when presented to the Master who did his work well and raised his Lodge above the point at which it stood when he accepted the reins of power. On the other hand, a Master who has reduced the deficiency with which he started his term of office is not only justified in accepting a testimonial, but the brethren are also justified in presenting one, although we would rather the jewel in such cases should be the best the members could subscribe for among themselves, rather than the means of once more swelling the reduced debit balance, but in such cases the brethren themselves are the best judges as to which is the correct line to pursue.

The difficulties of the subject under discussion increase the more we look into them, and therefore we will content ourselves at present with a recital of a case which came under our notice recently. It was not an exceptional case, but it so fully explains our ideas of what should be done that it is the best argument we can offer to prove the need for prudence. The Master of the Lodge to which we refer had had a most successful term of office, but at the commencement of his year the Lodge was heavily in debt, and although he had reduced the amount, the sum owing from the Lodge was considerable at the close of his term. It was then proposed that the usual sum should be voted from the Lodge Funds, to be expended in the purchase of a Past Master's jewel, and had the proposition been carried, it would of course have caused an addition to the indebtedness of the Lodge, and would have reduced the amount of improvement which the year's work had shown. The Master, while not desiring to undervalue the compliment it was desired to pay him, suggested that the usual presentations had better be discontinued until the Lodge was free from debt, and said that a letter of thanks—if any were due to him—would be appreciated, and, under the circumstances, as highly prized as a jewel. He was overruled in this, and then he suggested as a compromise, and as a matter of policy, that a jewel at half the usual cost only should be purchased, until their finances were in a sound state. Even this proposition met with opposition; it had been the custom to do so and so, and any departure from the regular rule was an evidence of decay in the Lodge. However, better counsel prevailed, and the compromise was agreed to, so that the Lodge reaped the benefit of having a public-spirited and conscientious Master, up to the end of his term of office, and we venture to think that the arguments he used, and the manner in which he set himself to the reduction of the Lodge's debts will not only form a pattern for each succeeding Master, but that such a feeling has been engendered in the members as a whole that not one of them will be content until the Lodge is relieved from its obligations to an over-indulgent Treasurer and a kind but misguided landlord.

If a few other Masters would follow the example of the brother we have here referred to—not only strive all they know to reduce the debts of their Lodge, where any are owing, but even make personal sacrifices for the same cause—we should soon have less reason to use the strong terms with which we head this article, or to refer to the outlay on account of testimonials under the head of reckless extravagance.

AN ADMIRABLE SUGGESTION.

[COMMUNICATED.]

THE correspondence which has appeared from time to time in the columns of this journal on the subject of an "employment bureau" testifies to the interest that has been aroused in the minds of many brethren of the Craft, more than one of whom has expressed himself prepared to take part in the management of such an institution, if established. Undoubtedly the idea derived much of its conception from the observations made in a not very remote issue of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE under the title "What Can I Do?" and it would be to us a matter of hearty congratulation should an organisation such as has been suggested be formed, with a view to the mitigation of that depression which exists amongst a large section of our Order. The universal cry throughout the City and in most of the large cities of industry in the country is, that trade is "stale, flat, and unprofitable," and that the supply of labour is far in excess of the demand. Especially and painfully so is this a fact so far as regards the class for whom a Masonic employment bureau has been suggested; for whereas men engaged in mechanical and industrial avocations find it comparatively easy to obtain work—at any rate in sufficient quantity to carry them through the slackest times—those for whose benefit the originators of this suggestion are solicitous are placed in a very different and more awkward position. To put the matter more plainly, a majority of the Freemasons who have been so overtaken by "circumstances of unforeseen calamity and misfortune," are men of the upper middle classes, who have seen "better days," and have moved in respectable circles of society. They are bound, in the

very nature of their calling, to preserve a decent appearance, even though the straits to which they are reduced oblige them to forego what in their more palmy days they regarded as the barest necessities of life. Such a man cannot shoulder his basket of tools and issue forth in search of a "job," with the free independence of an artisan who knows that if he fails in one direction he is bound sooner or later to find a market for his labour. The process through which men of the class we allude to is of a more routine and set description, and it is just here that a "bureau" might be brought into action with the most salutary and useful effect. To give an illustration. A man, formerly occupying a fairly good position, and whose prospects were hopeful, finds himself, through a variety of circumstances, obliged to alter his condition of life, and to enter the competitive ranks of servitude, either as a commercial traveller, a clerk, or in some occupation of a like nature. Once in the surging, struggling mass, he has to take his chance with the rest; and all who know what it means can readily understand the wearing anxiety, the hope deferred that maketh the heart sick, the despondency which overwhelms the stranger in the strange land who is so unfortunate as to be in search of a situation. Without a friendly hand held out to help or guide him, he is cast with thousands more into the lottery where the prizes are in terrible contrast with the number of blanks; his application for employment, either in reply to advertisement or otherwise, is filed with a host of others, in many cases unopened and unread, from the very fact of the plethora of letters of a similar nature that have flooded in from men equally impecunious and desirous of earning an honest living. It is just here that a Masonic organisation or register would be of immense service in carrying out those principles of mutual help and support which are taught amongst the cardinal tenets of Freemasonry. It is sad enough to see the thousands of our fellow men who, whilst unable to obtain work, "to beg they are ashamed;" but it is still more sorrowful to know that amongst the serried ranks of the unemployed are many who have rendered good service to the Craft in their more prosperous days, and who look painfully askant to the Craft to exemplify in some manner those teachings of mutual aid and succour which they so admire whilst assisting in the active work of their respective Lodges. The argument is frequently used that it is difficult to become acquainted with the necessities of an impoverished brother, on account of his natural reticence and hesitation to parade his woes before the world. Unquestionably there is considerable truth in all this, for we have known cases innumerable in which Masons have suffered the greatest hardships and privations before they have been impelled by dire and urgent necessity to make their condition known to an intimate brother, with the view of obtaining temporary relief. To the credit of the brethren generally who are so placed be it said, that nothing short of absolute want can induce them to seek assistance at the hands of the Craft; and it is a well-known axiom, tested by experience, that the latter are far more willing to give than the former are to ask. However, in the case of an organisation such as has been shadowed forth by so many of our correspondents, there would be no difficulty in the way of such poor and deserving brethren making known their wants and being placed in direct communication with those who may have it in their power to alleviate their troubles, and it may be to give them the needed "fresh start" in life. We have frequently remarked that when, amidst the multitude of advertisements appearing in the columns of the daily newspapers from persons seeking appointments, there is an appeal from a member of the Craft, the announcement is seldom repeated a second time, and the conclusion one naturally arrives at is, that almost invariably such appeals meet the eye of some kindly brother, who being in want of assistance himself, or able to recommend employment in some other direction, exerts himself on behalf of the necessitous advertiser. What is done, therefore, by private and individual effort, prompted by fraternal impulse, could be infinitely better accomplished, and on a much wider scale, by an institution specially designed for the carrying out of such a plan of Masonic industrial help. Knowing the existence of such an organisation employers requiring the services of respectable and trustworthy men, whose antecedents could be vouched for by the Secretaries of the Lodges to which the various applicants belonged, would place upon the lists at the

"Bureau" such vacancies as they required to fill up. In like manner men finding themselves suddenly or inevitably thrown into the rack of competition, holding their labour in their hands, would repair immediately to the self-same rendezvous, where they could ascertain at once whether or not there might be any prospect of securing that occupation for which they are fitted. Only lately many cases have come under our observation illustrating most forcibly the value and need of some such means of inter-communication between employers and employed in the Masonic ranks. One brother, stricken down by an attack of rheumatic fever, which prostrated him for many months, finds his business and his livelihood slipping through his fingers and becoming smaller by degrees and beautifully less every anxious day. The illness which has nearly shattered the poor frame leaves it still weak in convalescence, and consequently our poor brother is unable to undertake the arduous work in which he was erstwhile engaged, even if he could reconstruct the business he has lost. He is therefore compelled to seek for some light employment, suited to his present physical condition, and here he finds himself confronted by hundreds of others who though not afflicted as he has been, are nevertheless fain to join in the struggle for "anything they can get." Our brother is thus heavily handicapped all round, and it is from such a position as this that a "Bureau" could render assistance which would be the revival of hope, if not the raising of life to him. This is but a solitary case, which might be multiplied *ad infinitum*, and yet there has existed no intermediary system by which such men can be brought into contact or placed in communication with those who could and would assist them. It appears to us that without incurring any expense whatever—indeed a source of pecuniary gain would, in our opinion, be speedily secured—some such project as has been outlined by writers in these columns could be brought into useful activity in London with the executive of which employers could communicate when in need of honest, upright, and responsible servants, whose probity and excellence of character generally could be guaranteed by the Lodges in which they are well known, and where the latter also could apply in case of vacancies arising, or await such time as notifications should be received at headquarters of employment being accessible. Of course, we do not for a moment anticipate that such a movement would be taken up by the Craft in official manner; if it is done at all it must be inaugurated by private enterprise, and by men who are actuated by the "distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart." Anyhow, nothing could possibly be lost by the experiment, whilst a vast amount of good might be accomplished; and this being the case we should welcome any steps that might be taken with a view of bringing the suggestion to a practical issue. In the midst of so much distress as we read of amidst all classes, and more particularly in those ranks of industry where a majority of necessitous brethren are to be found, something might be done to help our less fortunate fellows out of the slough of despond in which they find themselves helplessly floundering, in company with thousands more. Surely this is a field in which the compassionate interest of Masons everywhere might find legitimate exercise and be productive of the most beneficent results. It is a slur upon the professions of the Craft that any member of it should pine away in enforced idleness and want when it is in the power of others to assist him. Nor would any more deeply deplore such a calamity more than they in whose power it is to avert it. Under all the circumstances of the case, therefore, we trust the hearts of some brethren may be moved to take the initiative in this matter, and institute some means of bringing under the notice of those who could relieve and assist them the wants of so many of our unfortunate brethren who are capable of, and willing to, work in many branches of industry. A "Bureau" would go a very long way to meet the case, and for that reason we sincerely hope the wishes of our many correspondents may be practically realised.

THE TRUTH OF MASONRY.

TRUTH in Masonry is a trial. First, we have its very substance and body—the principles taught by the Craft; second, the peculiar form in which these principles are imparted—through allegory and symbol; and third, the genesis and exodus of both the body of Masonry and the habiliments with which it is clothed—as revealed in the origin and history of Freemasonry. To this trinity of truth every Freemason should be loyal. Dr. Johnson justly said, "Sir, I know not any crime so great that a man could contrive to commit, as poisoning the sources of eternal truth." That Freemason is false to his Fraternity who materially varies either the principles or the forms of Masonry, or intentionally perverts, or carelessly reads, its history.

Let us regard, for a moment, the *body* of Masonry. Its principles are its body, and this body is by far the greatest member of the triple truth which constitutes Freemasonry. It is the truth of substance—that which may not be changed. Of this body, Faith in God is the heart, which must beat true to Him who is over all, and Truth itself. The Masonic system draws its inspiration from the Grand Architect of the Universe. Whoever obliterates the truth of Masonry in its body—its eternal principles, as did the French Masons, by ignoring the Grand Architect of the Universe, commits a deadly sin against the Craft, for which nothing can atone. It matters not that they still have, in a degree, the truth of ritualistic form, and may justly claim a sort of apostolic succession. The tie that bound them to the Universal Craft is severed—the body of French Masonry is dead, its heart has ceased to beat. Who cares for a dead body, although it be clothed in the habiliments of life? Such a body is only fit for burial. Let us, then, treasure the truth of *principle* in Masonry as its noblest part. As the eloquent Bossuet said, "Truth is a queen who has her eternal throne in heaven, and her seat of empire in the heart of God." We may not tamper with this truth, nor gloss it over. "Truth needs no colour." The moment Freemasons are untrue to the first member of the great Masonic triad—the central body of truth, which is itself another triad—composed of Faith, Hope and Charity, that moment they are loose from their moorings, and in imminent peril of destruction.

The *forms* of Freemasonry constitute the second member of the Masonic triad of truth. These forms are not like the habiliments of the natural man, which may be changed at pleasure. Masonry is not fashionable, and has no Worth to set its styles. It does not perpetuate absolutely the same forms, but it changes them, not as much, but as little as possible. Truth in substance *must be unchangeable*, while truth in form may, within certain limits, be somewhat varied without seriously affecting the substance. The aim should be, however, to change even forms *as little as possible*, since they might be so radically altered as to affect even the body of truth. The less the ritual of the Craft is tampered with the better. Old truth appears best in old forms—the one matching the other. It is the glory of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania that it teaches the oldest and purest Masonic truth in the oldest and purest Masonic forms. The ritual of the Fraternity in the Keystone State has probably suffered less from the well-meaning, but sadly marring, remodelling of ambitious Masonic ritualists, than that of any other jurisdiction on this continent—the Grand Lodges of Virginia and South Carolina in this respect approaching it in organic force and primitive simplicity more nearly than any other Grand body. It is a matter of just pride for the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania that it has maintained, not only the substance, but also the very form of Masonic truth.

The origin and history of Masonry—the correct statement of the Craft's succession, constitutes the third member of the Masonic triad of truth. Freemasonry possesses so great antiquity that no one can name a period so remote as to say that it did not then exist. History tells of it as far back as the history of the Craft is contained in any records now extant; prior to that its existence is found recorded on the monuments—on imperishable stone; and beyond that we trace our line of descent through the pre-historic era by means of the traditions which are peculiar to Freemasonry, and justly regarded as vouchers only less valuable than written records, of the history of the Craft. Whoever perverts Masonic history, by either undervaluing its manuscripts or

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Unwholesome changes.—The changeable weather is causing much sickness, and exerting the most powerful influence in deranging the secretions of the body. Alternating chills and heats so derange the capillary circulation, that skin, liver, stomach, or lungs must become disordered. Holloway's Ointment, well rubbed over these organs twice a day, proves the quickest, safest, and best corrective. It penetrates the skin, enters the deeper structures, purifies their blood, cleanses their substance, equalises their circulation, and renders their secretions abundant without annoying, irritating, or exhausting them. This Ointment, perseveringly used, aided by occasional doses of their far famed Pills, is capable of removing all the formidable evils induced by variable weather and its attendant impurities.

its unwritten traditions, is an unworthy "Son of Light." He has heard the truth, but has not learned it. He has seen the truth, but does not recognise it. He who would date his Fraternity only from 1717, when it was endowed with fresh vigour in England, or from any merely modern date in a European country, has yet to learn and appreciate the truth of Masonic history. Its birth was in the Orient, in the youth of the world. Freemasons have always gone to the East for Light, as they must go still. Let us, then, be loyal to the truth of Masonic history, loyal to the truth of Masonic ritual, and loyal to the truth of Masonic principle—a glorious Masonic trinity, worthy of our steadfast adherence and our sincerest devotion.—*Key-stone.*

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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GROVE LODGE, No. 410.

THE fourth regular meeting for the present season of this popular Lodge was held at the Sun Hotel, Kingston, on Saturday, the 25th ult., with Bro. Moreton in the chair, Bro. Eustace Smith S.W., and a large attendance of members, with one visitor. The minutes having been read and confirmed, the W.M. stated he had much pleasure in vacating the chair in favour of Bro. H. J. P. Dumas, who desired to have the privilege of raising Bro. H. J. Fairrie Dumas, his son, and also of passing Bro. H. C. S. Dumas, his second son (a visitor on the occasion), to the second degree, by permission, and at the request of the W.M. of the Isaac Newton Lodge, Cambridge, No. 859. Bro. H. J. P. Dumas P.M. P.G.D. P.G.W. Surrey accordingly took the chair, and performed both ceremonies to the entire satisfaction of those present. All business being concluded, Lodge was adjourned till September, and the brethren retired to an excellent banquet, when in the course of the evening happy and congratulatory allusions were made, particularly by Bro. Greenwood P.M. P.G.S.B. P.G.W. Surrey, &c. and Bro. Lester P.M. P.G. Supt. Wks. as to the fact of a father having been able to confer degrees on two of his sons on the same evening. The raising of Bro. Porter had again to be deferred.

CALLENDER LODGE, No. 1052.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday evening, at the Masonic Rooms, 74A King-street, Manchester. Bro. R. Walker W.M., Seth Wrigley S.W., Jordrell J.W., Jones S.D., Williams J.D., James Campbell acting I.G., Sly Tyler; also Bros. D. Edwards P.M. Secretary, Alfred B. Outram I.P.M. Treasurer, and R. White P.M. Organist. Considering the very warm weather, there was a fair muster of members of the Lodge, with about half a dozen visitors, among whom we noticed Bro. W. Harris W.M. Wolsey Lodge, No. 1993. The agenda contained no business, but the worthy and Worshipful Master, Bro. Roger Walker, had provided a most excellent repast for the brethren and visitors, which at 6.15 p.m. was served up by his good-natured wife, who was assisted by her friend Mrs. Edwards, wife of the Treasurer of the Lodge. Lodge was opened by the W.M. in due form, and with solemn prayer at 7.30 p.m.; the minutes of the last regular meeting were then read and confirmed, when, for rehearsal, and to show the Visitors he was able to do the work, the W.M. rehearsed the first ceremony in a very satisfactory manner, convincing the brethren—if that were necessary—that they had in Brother Walker a most able Master, and one who could boast of an excellent staff of Officers. Lodge was then opened in the second and third degrees, and in due course lowered to the first. Hearty good wishes were expressed from the visiting brethren. Bro. P.M. Edwards Secretary then intimated that he had received a communication from a member of this Lodge intimating his intention to give the magnificent sum of £150 to the Charities in the name of the Callender Lodge. Bro. Edwards said at present he could not disclose the name of the worthy brother, but would do so in due course, after the interview that had been requested, when he would confer with the donor as to the disposition of his munificent gift. The Lodge was then closed in due form and with solemn prayer at 8.45 p.m., when the brethren and visitors were handsomely entertained at the expense of the W.M. Songs, recitations, and speeches were in requisition for the rest of the evening. The members of this happy and prosperous "fireside" Lodge, as it has been called, bade adieu to their visitors and dispersed at 10.45 p.m.

SAYE AND SELE LODGE, No. 1973.

WITH Lodges so few and far between which can boast a home of their own in which to hold their meetings, it would hardly be fair to commence our report of the first installation of the Saye and Sele Lodge in its Masonic Hall at Belvedere, Kent, without offering a few words of congratulation to the brethren on the completion of their building operations, and referring to the splendid accommodation they now possess for the practice of Freemasonry. Whatever may be the conveniences offered by buildings of a public character they can never hope to compete with the comfort of a properly constructed Masonic Hall, any more than the most comfortable lodgings can be compared in an Englishman's heart with the comforts of home. In the one there is always a feeling that there is a certain amount of restraint surrounding our actions, while in the other we settle down comfortably to do exactly as we like, with the feeling that we are not transgressing any of those rules which are

peculiar to different households. Then, again, there seems to be a very wide difference between the Masoury practised in rooms hastily adapted for Masonic purposes, and that worked in halls where every surrounding serves to illustrate some one or other of the teachings of the Craft. It is just that difference which exists in the representation of a play in a private drawing-room, and the same displayed at a well-appointed theatre, with every addition that art and experience can lend in the shape of scenery and dresses. The comfort of a Masonic home so strongly appears to impress every one who is accustomed to visiting that we are surprised to find so few Lodges departing from the regular course. What is possible in one case should be equally easy in others, and yet the number of Lodges which meet under their own roof is most insignificant as compared with those acting otherwise. The question is one which might well receive the attention of brethren who desire to improve the status of Free-masonry, as we feel a more general adoption of the plan carried out by the Saye and Sele Lodge would be hailed with delight by brethren in all parts. It is not every Lodge which is surrounded by such natural attractions as are possessed by the one meeting at Belvedere, but there are few places in the Provinces which do not possess some special feature of attraction, which only requires adapting, to be made as pleasing as is the case with the Saye and Sele Masonic Rooms. The building is situated in the grounds of the Royal Alfred Asylum, in the midst of one of the prettiest spots in the picturesque county of Kent, and every care has been used in its construction to make it suitable for the purposes for which it is intended. We can vouch for its suitability, and would recommend those who contemplate the erection of a hall for their own Lodge to pay a visit to that erected by the brethren of Belvedere before finally settling their plans. We may add that the erection of the hall was commenced in October last; it was opened in December, and was handed over by the Worshipful Master of the past year—Bro. Bateman—to his successor, in a complete state.

The installation ceremony took place on Monday, the 27th ultimo, when the Lodge was opened by Brother A. H. Bateman, the Worshipful Master of the past year, who was supported by Bros. Wood I.P.M. and Treasurer, Elliot S.W., Bright P.M. P.P.J.G.W. Middx. J.W., Chillingworth P.M. P.G.S. Kent Secretary, Flaxman Spurrell P.P.J.G.W. Kent P.M., De Pinna S.D., Robinson J.D., Coleman, I.G. After the usual formalities had been observed, an address was presented to Brother Chillingworth, congratulating him on being the first member of the Lodge honoured with the purple of Provincial Office. A vote of congratulation was passed to the Provincial Grand Master on the completion of his twenty-fifth year as ruler of Masonry in Kent, the vote being proposed by the Immediate Past Master and seconded by the W.M. The installation of Bro. Elliot the W.M. elect was then carried out, Bro. Bateman acting as Installing Master, and performing his duties in the most exemplary manner. In due course the following were appointed as the Officers for the year: Bros. Bright S.W., De Pinna J.W., Wood Treasurer, Heaps Secretary, Robinson S.D., Coleman J.D., Russell I.G. (in Bro. Russell's unavoidable absence his collar was entrusted to another brother *pro tem*), Streeton and Church Stewards. In investing the latter brother, the W.M. thanked him for the way in which he had carried through the architectural work of their new Lodge building. The brethren were one and all grateful for the assistance he had rendered in the work he had so cheerfully undertaken. Bro. Bateman I.P.M. proposed the election of Bro. Creed as Tyler. Now that the brethren had a home of their own, it was but right they should have a local Tyler. They could not do better than elect one who had been initiated in their Lodge, and who had already proved himself worthy of the appointment. The proposition was seconded by the Treasurer and carried unanimously. The Worshipful Master then proposed a vote of thanks to the Installing Master. He was sure no other member of the Lodge could have performed the work of that day as Bro. Bateman had done, and he doubted if the many visitors he saw around him would say it could have been done better. Their Immediate Past Master had performed every work of his year of office most perfectly, and had finished in such a way as to call forth the approval of all who witnessed his efforts. Bro. Wood, as retiring Immediate Past Master, had much pleasure in seconding the proposition, especially as he considered Bro. Bateman had earned their heartiest thanks. The proposal was adopted with acclamation, and Bro. Bateman, in acknowledging it, admitted he was glad his rule was over. He had looked forward to that day's work with some feelings of anxiety. He was greatly gratified at being the first Worshipful Master of the Lodge to instal his successor in the home of the "Saye and Sele." However well they had been entertained in the past by those who had so kindly come forward to accommodate them, he could but feel they had greater comfort in store—there was no place like home, and now the brethren of the Saye and Sele Lodge had a home of their own he felt sure they would discover the truth of the saying was equally applicable in Masoury as outside it. The W.M. then presented to Bro. Bateman a Past Master's jewel. He was very pleased to make the presentation of what he hoped would serve as a memento of a most enjoyable year of office in the Lodge. Bro. Bateman tendered his thanks. One of the disadvantages of a Master installing his successor was, that on the closing day of his term a Master was very apt to weary the brethren by a too frequent use of his voice. He had had to say nearly all that had been said that day, and feared the sound of his voice would become monotonous. He thanked the brethren for the very kind way in which the jewel had been given, and although it was true that Past Master's jewels had lately lost some of the glamour which formerly attached to them—from the fact that their presentation, in many quarters, had become a mere matter of form—he was conceited enough to believe, from many private remarks he had heard, that his jewel was really a mark of the brethren's appreciation of his efforts during the past year. He accepted their present with pleasure, and thought it carried with it a great deal of kindly feeling and sympathy for his humble efforts in the past. One proposition for initiation, and two for joining were handed in, and notice of a proposed motion to alter the

Bye-Laws was given. The Immediate Past Master proposed a vote of two guineas to Bro. Creed for what he had done during the past few months towards getting the Lodge buildings into order. The vote was seconded, and unanimously agreed to. The W.M. then proposed that an engrossed vote of thanks should be presented to the I.P.M. for what he had done for the Lodge, and more particularly for the part he had taken in providing the Lodge with a home of its own. No doubt Bro. Church and Bro. Creed had had a share in the work, but to Bro. Bateman was due the chief credit for what had been accomplished. Bro. the Senior Warden seconded the proposition, knowing that to a very great extent the comfort the members then enjoyed was due to such exertions. The vote was unanimously carried. Bro. Bateman acknowledged the further compliment paid to him. Lodge was then closed. Among the brethren present as visitors were Bros. George Beddel 11 and 1107, John Strapp P.M. 33, W. H. Hedger W.M. 77, J. McNeill W.M. 184, H. H. McNaull W.M., T. Jenkins J.D., and James Smith 299, Dr. H. L. Bernays W.M. 1706, E. Palmer W.M., and A. Jackson P.M. 913, C. Jolly W.M. 1074, W. Fletcher 1365, G. Kennedy P.M. 1536, W. H. Thomas P.M. 1669, H. Gilbert 1838, Percy Beamish W.M. 1967, and others.

The Past Master's jewel bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. A. H. Bateman, by the Brethren of the Saye and Sele Lodge, No. 1973, 27th July 1885, in recognition of his efficiency as Master, and of his untiring energy in connection with the establishment of the Saye and Sele Lodge Rooms."

The banquet was served in a handsome apartment of the Royal Alfred Institution, and was thoroughly in keeping with the other successes of the day. At its conclusion the customary toasts were given. The Queen and the Craft was followed by that of the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. The Worshipful Master could not say anything to exalt the Grand Master in the estimation of the brethren around him. He felt the mere mention of His Royal Highness's name was sufficient to ensure a hearty welcome to the toast. The I.P.M. proposed the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers. They were all good men worthy of the respect and esteem they had won for themselves in the Craft. Though not permitted to speak politics at their Masonic meetings the brethren could but feel proud when distinguished members of the Craft were raised to high position in the service of the Queen. The W.M. gave the toast of the Provincial Grand Master, Lord Holmesdale. The brethren were acquainted with his lordship, who had been present at the Lodge, not only at its consecration, but also at a subsequent meeting. This was a great honour for so young a Lodge, and he hoped that its future conduct would show that the interest taken in it by the Provincial Master was not misplaced. The Senior Warden proposed the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and the Provincial Officers. The Deputy was well known throughout the district, and had done a great amount of work in the Province. The other Provincial Grand Officers were brethren worthy of the honour conferred on them. He was pleased to say the Saye and Sele Lodge had not been overlooked; it had among its members two brethren on whom Provincial honours had been conferred. Bro. Chillingworth, as a representative of Provincial Grand Lodge, returned his heartfelt thanks for the reception which had been accorded to the toast. On behalf of himself, and in the name of the Provincial Grand Officers, he tendered the heartiest wishes for the success of the Lodge. Bro. Bateman heartily next. It was a toast which could only raise one feeling—of gratification and pleasure—being the toast of the evening, the health of the Worshipful Master. The members of the Saye and Sele Lodge only dined together once a year, and then they endeavoured to be happy and communicate happiness; they had been assisted this year by the Worshipful Master in no small degree. Doubtless Bro. Elliot would be much happier as soon as he had got through the work of that day, as there must always be a feeling of nervousness associated with a first night in the chair. Bro. Bateman was proud of having installed Bro. Elliot, as he considered him fitted in every way for the office. Those who were brethren at heart knew there was really something in Freemasonry—it was a grand and noble Institution. They should therefore be very careful, not only of the men whom they admitted, but also of those who were selected for office. He had every confidence in the brother installed that day, and felt convinced he would be able to meet the responsibilities of his office as they should be met. Not only would he continue any good impressions which might already have been formed of their young Lodge, but he would add to its reputation. The W.M. returned thanks. He should try and do all he could for the good of the Lodge. He felt his position was a most difficult one, in having to follow the brethren who had preceded him in it. Their last Worshipful Master was as perfect a Mason as could be found, and it was really a mystery to him how he learnt the many ceremonies he was master of. He should do his best to uphold the dignity of the Lodge, and felt assured he should be supported in his endeavours by the brethren. He then referred to the rapid progress made by the Lodge, more especially in regard to the Masonic Hall they had erected for themselves. After an existence of only three years they might well be proud of it. He should try to the utmost of his ability to carry on the Lodge as it had been carried on by his predecessors. He next proposed the health of the I.P.M. Bro. Bateman. He was sure the toast would be received with all that enthusiasm it deserved. The brethren certainly owed their present comfortable quarters to Bro. Bateman's efforts. He had left behind him a memorial which would be appreciated by the members for many years to come. Bro. Bateman desired to thank the brethren, as he had often had to thank them before, for the very kind way in which they responded to the toast. His thanks were not mere idle words, but the true expression of his feelings. He was pleased to think he had given satisfaction to the members. In any new Lodge it was but natural they should have a number of new Masons, and it was therefore much more difficult to direct a new Lodge, than it was one firmly established, just as it was more difficult to steer a new steamer, the machinery of which had not settled

down to its bearings. He had the honour of wearing the Past Master's jewel of a Lodge upwards of one hundred years of age, but he assured the brethren he experienced no such friction there as had been the case in their new Lodge. He thanked the brethren, not only for the support they had given him, but also for the support they had given to the cause of which he was the representative. He hoped the Lodge rooms which had just been completed would be of service to the members for many years to come, and he felt that had they been suggested during the Mastership of either his predecessor or his successor those brethren would have done as much for them as he had done. It had however happened that the work was proposed during his term of office, and he had done his best to carry it through successfully. The building was paid for with the exception of their mortgage—all respectable men had a mortgage—and it only remained for them to pay an ordinary rent for some few years, in order to clear that off also. He trusted the Lodge might go on prosperously, and ever remain a credit to those Officers who steered it to so successful a starting point. Bro. Spurrell added a few words of congratulation to the I.P.M., and then the W.M. proposed the Visitors. The members of the Saye and Sele Lodge, like all others, were pleased to receive visitors at their meetings. Bro. Strapp responded. It had been the greatest possible pleasure to him to be received as he had been received that day, and he felt sure all the other Visitors were equally gratified. It was especially pleasing to see so young a Lodge worked up as the Saye and Sele had been. He hoped it would continue to prosper, and that the I.P.M. would have many more opportunities in the future of showing his appreciation of Freemasonry. Further replies having been given, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Past Masters. He was perfectly sure this toast would meet an enthusiastic response, as the brethren knew that each of the Past Masters had done a great amount of work to get the Lodge into its present position. He did not wish to brag, but really he felt their Lodge was in such a state that they might boast of what had been done under the direction of the Past Masters. Bro. Spurrell replied. The association of his name with that of the Past Masters had been somewhat unexpected, his position as acting Past Master during the first year of the Lodge hardly entitling him to the rank. He felt great gratification at the way in which the Lodge had prospered. He felt that all who aspired to the prominent position of Worshipful Master of the Lodge would give their fullest attention to the duties, and endeavour to follow the example set by those who had preceded them. Bro. Wood regretted the absence of the first W.M. of the Lodge, Bro. Chillingworth, who had been obliged to leave earlier in the evening. He (Bro. Wood) had felt somewhat nervous at the starting of the Lodge as to whether they would succeed, but they had started on the right principles; not merely for the sake of feasting or obtaining Provincial honours, but for the purpose of promoting Freemasonry in the district, and extending its benefits generally. They were particularly fortunate in having among them several brethren who worked for the good of Freemasonry rather than with any personal object in view. The Worshipful Master proposed the toast of the Officers. He spoke of the Senior Warden, who then had already filled the office of Master in other Lodges, and who had not only allowed the present Master to step over his head, but had kindly accepted the office of Senior Warden under him. Bro. Bright, on behalf of the Officers, returned his best thanks. The Officers were all pleased to see their present Master in the chair, and would strive their utmost to fulfil their duties in supporting him. The W.M. next gave the Masonic Press. The Masonic papers were always ready to help the brethren in any work they might have to do, while their representatives were always ready to come to their meetings whenever asked to do so. Bros. Jolly and Morgan having replied, the I.P.M. proposed our Landlords. Landlords were sometimes obnoxious, but the Trustees and Committee of the Royal Alfred Institution, who occupied that position towards them were far from being so. They were most kind in all their dealings, and especially so in allowing the Lodge to hold its annual banquet in the splendid room they then occupied. Their Worshipful Master was himself an officer of the Institution, and his position as Honorary Surgeon to its inmates was but another evidence of the thorough good fellow they had in the chair. The Worshipful Master responded. He knew the officials of the Institution were only too pleased to lend the rooms of the Royal Alfred Institution for anything the brethren might desire to do in the way of Masonry, and that they would appreciate the compliment which had just been paid them by the brethren present. The proceedings were shortly afterwards brought to a conclusion in the regular way, and a most gratifying meeting was thus brought to a close. We hope to have the pleasure of visiting the Saye and Sele Lodge on some future occasion, feeling sure that while it is conducted in the same spirit as at present prevails, we shall always enjoy an evening under its hospitable roof.

THE ABBEY LODGE, WESTMINSTER, No. 2030.

AN emergency meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held at the Westminster Town Hall, on Monday, the 20th ult., under the presidency of Bro. W. H. Baker the W.M. The Officers present were Bros. F. Seager Hunt S.W., W. Sugg J.W., J. F. Warington Rogers Treasurer, J. E. Shand Secretary, H. B. Sotik I.P.M., J. Gibson I.G., R. E. H. Goffin D.C., H. Mainwaring Dunstan A.D.C., C. C. Piper S., G. Wheeler assistant S., Rev. R. J. Simpson Chaplain. These were assisted by Bros. P.M.'s T. Bull, J. A. Jones and Beasley. The following brethren were also present:—J. M. Burt, H. O. Hamborg, J. Hayler, C. Sweeting, T. Davies, H. Hambling, R. Baughan, J. Kent, J. Pain, H. Brinkmann, C. Davies, R. Wake, R. D. Wynne, T. Rintoul, T. Elder, T. J. White, H. Roach, J. M. Hughes, B. Gerner, D. Stroud, J. Balchin, A. F. Jeffery, W. G. Holland, J. D. Dick, A. W. Thompson, Sydney Hodges, Z. A. Berry, G. Cookson, A. W. Hillier, T. Butler, J. A. Richards, J. S. Manley,

W. Lloyd, T. Flury, A. Simner, G. White, F. B. Wyatt, G. Dexter, W. Bonwick, J. Eisdell Salway, H. Cloots, J. Hawkins, A. Talbot, H. H. Bridgeman, J. Vaughan, W. E. Wood, R. Chivers, &c. The following Past G. Officers were also present:—Bros. Frank Richardson and R. Turtle Pigott. Lodge having been formally opened by the W.M., three brethren were passed to the second degree, Bro. Bull acting as S.W. and Bros. Gibson and Dunstan as Deacons. Mr. Joshua Hawkins, Mayor of Bedford, and Mr. J. Eisdell Salway, of Chelsea, were unanimously elected as candidates for initiation, and were duly admitted into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry, the ceremony being most impressively and accurately performed by the W.M. The W.M., before rising, presented the acting I.P.M., Bro. H. Bowman Spink, with a jewel, which had been voted at the last meeting, in acknowledgment of the services rendered by him as the acting I.P.M. during the first year of the Lodge. Bro. Spink thanked the brethren for their appreciation of the services he had rendered, and said he should always be pleased to do everything in his power to promote the interests of the Lodge. The ceremony having concluded, the Lodge was closed in ancient and solemn form and adjourned till Monday 12th October. At the conclusion of the Lodge the brethren proceeded to Holly Lodge, Highgate, the residence of Bro. Burdett-Coutts I.P.M. On arriving at the grounds, being joined by several other brethren who had been unable to attend Lodge, they were received by the Baroness Burdett-Coutts and her husband. Bro. W. H. Baker W.M. then, in the name of the brethren, presented the Baroness with a handsome gold brooch, consisting of the jewel of the Lodge, beautifully wrought in enamel, and having the following inscription on the back:—"A token of affection from the brethren of the Abbey Lodge, Westminster, No. 2030, 20th July 1885." The work had been executed by Messrs. Jones and Co., of 236 Regent-street, and was greatly admired by all the brethren. The Baroness was visibly affected by the remarks of the W.M., and thanked the brethren in most feeling terms for their kind present, which she said would always be treasured by her. The members of the Lodge were subsequently entertained at dinner, Bro. Burdett-Coutts presiding. After the usual loyal toasts, the Chairman proposed prosperity to the Abbey Lodge, coupled with the name of its Worshipful Master, Bro. W. H. Baker, who responded in suitable terms, and stated that the Lodge now consisted of ninety members. Bro. F. Seager Hunt proposed the health of Bro. Burdett-Coutts, and Bro. H. Bowman Spink that of the Baroness, both of which the Chairman acknowledged. The party left about eleven o'clock, after spending a most enjoyable time.

HENRY LEVANDER LODGE, No. 2048.

THAT "nothing succeeds like success" is particularly demonstrated at many of our Lodge meetings. Some Lodges which appear to have everything around them in proper order, which seem to possess every requirement that can possibly be needed, and which are governed by brethren, of whom great things are expected, somehow or other fall short of achieving those brilliant successes which attend other and perhaps less pretensions meetings. It is often very difficult to point to the cause of the falling off, we will not say absence of success, but on the other hand we need not search far to discover the secret which leads to the acmé of perfection—that can only be secured by a combination of happy circumstances which embrace, first of all, a Master who has the skill to preside, and next efficiency, popularity, and hospitality in those who are associated with him in the management of the day's proceedings. Such were the happy circumstances which surrounded the installation meeting of the Henry Levander Lodge, which took place on Saturday, the 25th ult., at the Railway Hotel, Harrow, on which occasion Bro. W. A. Scurrah was installed into the chair of K.S. The meeting was an unqualified success, and stands out as an example of what is possible on such occasions. There was, however, one fault, if fault we may term it; the brethren were treated to too liberal a programme; the work which had to be performed being more than should have been attempted, especially on so hot a day as Saturday proved to be. However, the work was exceptionally well done, and it is perhaps bad taste to even think of faultfinding when all we have to complain of is, that we had too much of a good thing. The Lodge was presided over by Bro. H. Lovegrove P.M. P.P.G. Supt. of Works Middlesex, the first W.M. of the Lodge, who was supported by the following of his Officers:—C. J. Axford S.W., W. A. Scurrah J.W., C. P. McKay P.M. Secretary, Phillip Check S.D., R. W. Surridge I.G., W. H. Burgess D.C., H. Webb Steward, J. Bend P.M. 720 Organist, and Very Tyler. Having disposed of the opening formalities Bro. J. Mills was, at the request of the W.M. of Lodge No. 1919, passed to the second degree; Bros. Edgar Robert Clann and Arthur William Wace, of the Henry Levander Lodge, and Bro. C. Mennie, of the Royal Savoy Lodge, were raised, and then the ceremony of installation was commenced, Bro. W. A. Scurrah being most impressively placed in the chair. In due course he was saluted, and appointed the following as his Officers:—Axford S.W., Check J.W., H. Lovegrove P.M. Treas., McKay Sec., Surridge S.D., Burgess J.D., Webb I.G., Worrall D.C., Barfoot Assist. D.C., Read Organist, S. Reece Steward, and Very Tyler. Bro. Scurrah was at once called to activity, as five candidates were awaiting initiation, and in each case he fulfilled his duties in a most gratifying manner. The candidates were—Arthur Henry Scurrah (nephew of the W.M.), Frank Charles Joseph, Alfred William Gerrard, H. W. Parker and William Dent Dickenson. After the initiation of these gentlemen some routine business was transacted, and Lodge was adjourned until the 26th September next. Among the Visitors were Bros. H. Spencer W.M. and John W. Marsh P.M. 73. G. Emblin J.D. 147, Edwin Storr W.M. 167, Stephen Richardson W.M. 183, W. Fern 538, James Stevens P.M. and Thomas Poore P.M. 720, F. Marx P.M. and Harry Sillis A.D.C. 957, A. G. Fidler P.M. 1237 P.P.S.G.D. Middx., J. Archer D.C. 1456, W. M. Stiles P.M. and C. J. Scales P.M. 1507, J. Fidler 1550, 1743, E. A. Francis and G. M. Thompson 1599,

W. Medwin P.M. 1613, G. H. Stephens W.M. 1623, B. J. W. Love I.G. 1695, James C. Smith J.W., H. Dickey Sec., W. H. Barling J.D., R. Ross D.C., Henry W. Field, J. J. Taylor, J. Glynn, A. Thomas, John C. Hamilton and C. J. Knightley 1744, W. H. Leo W.M. 1879 Prov. Assist. G. Sec. Middx., C. Gurr 1919, James Willing W.M., E. Clann, J. Duncan, and C. Mennie 1997. During the meeting of the Lodge a Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Lovegrove. It bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. Henry Lovegrove, First W.M. and Founder, 25th July 1885."

A banquet followed, and here also the W.M. displayed great ability as President. The toasts of the Queen and the Craft, the Grand Master, the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Officers of Grand Lodge were each briefly proposed and honoured. That of the Provincial Grand Master Sir Francis Burdett was next given. The Worshipful Master was quite sure all who knew Sir Francis Burdett knew him to be a good Mason, always ready to do his best for the Lodges under his direction. He was a most genial man, and never met one of the members of his Province without heartily shaking him by the hand, and inquiring as to the state of Masonry in the Lodge with which he was associated. The Worshipful Master had received a letter from Sir Francis Burdett, in which he expressed the pleasure it would have afforded him to be present at the meeting, had he not been away from home. Further than this he had another engagement the same day. With the toast he coupled the health of the Provincial Grand Officers. He was pleased to have several Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge among the company. There was Bro. Levander, a brother of the worthy Mason after whom their Lodge was named, Bro. Fidler, Bro. Lee, and among their own members Brother Lovegrove their Immediate Past Master, and Brother Axford their Senior Warden. He was heartily pleased to see them, and trusted they might all along enjoy the honour of the offices to which they had been appointed. Bro. Levander acknowledged the compliment. The toast was rather a comprehensive one to respond to. Of Sir Francis Burdett one might say a great deal without going too far. All who had met him in Freemasonry must have been struck with the gentlemanly bearing of the Provincial Grand Master. The Deputy likewise had his heart in Freemasonry, while the same could be said of the Provincial Grand Officers generally. It was a source of great gratification to them to visit the Henry Levander Lodge. Only twelve months since a few brethren had assembled to consecrate the Lodge, under what he might term auspicious circumstances, and it was a great pleasure to be again present to witness the way in which the Lodge had prospered. In conclusion, he would ask the brethren to drink the toast—Success to the Henry Levander Lodge. Bro. Lovegrove proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. It was great pleasure for him, for the first time in the Henry Levander Lodge, to do so. In Bro. Scurrah they had a most desirable Master, and one who would advance the interests of the members. Bro. Scurrah returned his thanks, both for the kind manner in which the toast had been received, and also for the hearty reception it had met with at the hands of those present. The brethren would believe him when he said he considered it a great honour to be placed in the position of Worshipful Master of a Lodge. It was with very proud feeling that he had assumed the chair for the first time, and he felt he had risen to it by the kind wishes of the members of his Lodge. Ever since he had been a member of the Order he had taken the greatest interest in its welfare. He considered that every man who became a Mason should master the ritual, and never forget that relief was one of the grandest principles of the Order. Masons should find a pleasure in working for those of their brethren who had been overtaken by distress, or those whom brethren had left behind in necessitous circumstances. He trusted he should be able to do his duty as Worshipful Master of the Henry Levander Lodge, and that he should gain the approval of its members. Bro. Scurrah next gave the toast of the Immediate Past Master, who was also their Installing Master. The brethren who had witnessed the ceremony that day must have been pleased and delighted at the ready manner in which Bro. Lovegrove had performed his work. They were all of opinion that the Immediate Past Master was a really true and worthy brother, one who would do all he could to advance the interests of the Lodge during the coming year, while the Master felt he would assist him most materially in the work of his office. Bro. Lovegrove tendered his warmest thanks. He had been unable in the Lodge to adequately thank the brethren for the very handsome jewel they had presented him, and now assured them he highly appreciated their kind gift. The Henry Levander Lodge had been established for two especial purposes, firstly to perpetuate a name—that of Henry Levander—honoured and respected, not only in Middlesex, but throughout the Craft in general; and secondly, to provide a Lodge, needed by several brethren of the City of London, in which they might meet together and enjoy themselves in true Masonic form. He was very proud that he had been appointed as first Master of this Lodge, and that it had been so great a success; it gave every promise of faithfully fulfilling the objects for which it was established. Bro. Lovegrove then said that he had received the sanction of Sir Francis Burdett, their Provincial Grand Master, to start a Masonic Calendar for Middlesex. This he hoped to make interesting, of service to the brethren of the district, and to Freemasonry at large. Bro. Scurrah now proposed the toast of the Initiates. This was a very important toast. Grand as Freemasonry was, grand as were its doings, it would be nothing without the frequent importation into its midst of new blood. They had that evening initiated five gentlemen, whom they all trusted would become worthy members of the Order, and a credit to the Henry Levander Lodge. Among the Initiates, the W.M. said, was his nephew, and he should never have thought of introducing him to Freemasonry had he not thought that it would benefit him, and that he was certain to do his duty. Bro. A. H. Scurrah suitably responded. He felt a great pleasure in having been admitted. Bro. Joseph also considered a high honour had been conferred on him that day. He had long been associated with University College Hospital and University College, where the

late Henry Levander was well known and highly respected. Bro. Joseph also had the pleasure of a long friendship with the present Worshipful Master of the Lodge into which he had been initiated that day, circumstances which increased the pleasure he felt in being among them. He felt that if he and his fellow initiates endeavoured to emulate the achievements of their Worshipful Master in Masonry the brethren would not consider them unworthy members of the Craft. Bro. Gerrard also thanked the Lodge. What he had seen and heard that day had given him the greatest satisfaction. He trusted he might always remain a member of the Lodge and do his duty to it. Bro. Parker followed. He trusted by attention to his duties to make himself a worthy member of Freemasonry. Bro. Dickenson also hoped, by perseverance, to win a reputation for himself. The warning of the Tyler at this point—"ten minutes to catch the last train" had the effect of bringing the proceedings to a hasty conclusion. Bro. Scurrah, however, took the opportunity of proposing the toast of the Visitors in a most hearty manner. He felt their attendance that day in such numbers showed they thought very highly of the Levander Lodge; they thought a great deal of the Officers; and, he hoped, that they thought a little of its Worshipful Master. He trusted they would attend again, and that he should then have more time in which to express the pleasure he felt at their presence. Bros. Willing and Stiles suitably responded, but we are obliged to say that even these distinguished members of the Craft could not offer attractions to the brethren sufficient to counteract those of "the last train." Doubtless we shall have future opportunities of hearing these brethren at the Henry Levander Lodge, and then we shall be in a better position to record the gratification they must feel at seeing one who may justly be numbered among their Masonic children occupying the position of its Worshipful Master. The proceedings were brought to a close in due form, and the brethren repaired to town after having enjoyed a most pleasant evening. We trust the present state of prosperity of the Lodge may continue for all time.

PORTSMOUTH TEMPERANCE LODGE, No. 2068.

AT the ordinary meeting of this Lodge, held on Monday, the 27th ult., Bro. Captain Ward, R.A., presiding. After the ordinary business of the Lodge, Bro. Captain Haldane P.M. presented Bro. Captain Ward with a gold jewel, on behalf of the founders of the Lodge, and Bro. A. L. Emanuel I.P.M. with an address that had been handsomely illuminated by Bro. James Robertson, and which read as follows:—"To Bro. A. Leon Emanuel I.P.M. P.P.G.J.D. Hants and Isle of Wight,—We, the Worshipful Master, Officers, and brethren of the Portsmouth Temperance Lodge, No. 2068, desire to express our high appreciation of the great assistance rendered by you in founding this Lodge. Impressed with the belief that the Lodge would conduce to the welfare of the Craft in this borough your advice and influence were most cheerfully given; and in conveying to you our best thanks for your valuable co-operation, owing to which obstacles disappeared and the Lodge was successfully started, we venture to trust that it may please the Great Architect of the Universe to spare you for many years to be of service to Freemasonry and other useful objects." Bro. Capt. Ward responded, and said that anything that gave satisfaction to the brethren was a source of pleasure to him. Bro. A. L. Emanuel also responded, and said that though there were many difficulties in forming the Temperance Lodge they had been overcome.

GEORGE PRICE LODGE, No. 2096.

THE second regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 22nd inst., at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon. Present:—Bros. J. D. Langton W.M., H. M. Hobbs S.W., F. T. Ridpath J.W., J. Langton Treas., J. S. Fraser Sec., M. L. Levey J.D., W. G. Goode I.G., and W. Lane Tyler; also Bros. W. G. Oates, S. Oxenham, J. C. Leaver, F. W. Leaver, E. C. Holdsworth, C. Holden, J. Rosenberg, W. Fraser, J. Klein. Visitors—Bros. J. Hook P.G.D.C. Surrey, A. Pocock W.M. 1965, M. H. Dicker S.W. 1470. The minutes of the last meeting and the emergency meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. Oates, Oxenham, J. C. Leaver, F. W. Leaver, Holdsworth, Holden, and Rosenberg were passed to the second degree, the ceremony being performed in the W.M.'s usual admirable manner. The by-laws of the Lodge, which had been previously circulated among the members, were then approved of, and the members adjourned to refreshment, under the presidency of the W.M., when some very good songs were rendered by Bros. Dicker, Ridpath, J. C. Leaver and F. W. Leaver.

THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE summer entertainment to the "Old Folks" at Croydon took place on Wednesday, the 29th ult. Among those who were present were Bro. W. J. and Mrs. Murlis, Bro. Dr. and Mrs. Strong, Bros. J. A. Farnfield, Thomas Cubitt, C. F. Hogard, Bro. Edgar and Mrs. Bowyer, Mr. A. P. Bowyer, Bro. James and Mrs. Terry, the Misses Kate and Jessie Terry, Bros. J. Terry jun., J. G. Stevens, R. W. Stewart, H. M. Mason, J. J. Berry, H. G. Buss, W. W. Morgan, Isaac Dixon, E. Dixon, John Newton, Mr. and Miss Massey, Mrs. Mason, the Misses Anna Johnston, P. Culver, Ada Strong, Grace O'Neill, Crutch, &c. An hour was pleasantly spent in visiting the residents and overlooking the establishment, after which refreshments were supplied, and then the Royal Criterion

Handbell Ringers, conducted by Bro. Harry Tipper, gave one of their pleasing entertainments, of which the following is the programme:—

Part Song—"Legend of the Rhine."
Song—"The Whaler's Yarn," Watson.
Recitation—Selected.
Part Song—"Love's Good Morrow," Reay.
Song—Selected.

Interspersed with the following, played on the bells:—Selection from "Faust," Gounod; "Mvosotis" Waltz, C. Lothian; Scotch Airs; Gavotte; Imitations of Village Chimes.

Part Song—"Kate Dalrymple," Archer.
Song—"Madoline," Nelson.
Recitation—"Yarn of the Nancy Bell," Gilbert.
Song—Selected.

Part Song—"Matrimonial Squabbles."
Bell Selections:—"Merry Bells" Polka, D. Godfrey; English Airs; "Mia Cara" Waltz; "Les Cloches de Corneville."

"God Save the Queen."

At the conclusion of a very pleasant evening, Bro. James Terry proposed a cordial vote of acknowledgment to Bro. Tipper and his coadjutors, for the excellent entertainment they had provided. The zeal invariably displayed by Brother Terry in connection with these half-yearly gatherings was also specially referred to, and the thanks of those present cordially tendered to him. Among other gifts which were distributed to the inmates during the day were packets of tea and sugar to each of the Female residents at the Institution, and packets of tobacco to each of the Male annuitants, presented by the Supreme Council 33°. In another column we refer to the liberality displayed by the members of this body, whose gifts are always dispensed with judgment. No more gratifying feature of this liberality can be offered than the example we thus refer to. A bountiful supply of flowers was provided by Bro. Isaac Dixon, of Feltham, whose forethought appeared to be greatly appreciated by the old people, who accepted these "lovely voices of the Great Architect of the Universe" in true Masonic spirit. It is gratifying to see that the residents take an interest in setting off their homes to the best advantage, especially worthy of commendation in this respect being the display of flowers by B. o. Shoring, exhibiting, as it does, the greatest care on his part in their culture.

THE LEVANDER MEMORIAL.

AT a meeting of the "Levander Memorial" Committee on Tuesday, the 21st inst., Bro. R. H. Thrupp P.A.G.D.C. D.P.G.M. Middlesex in the chair. It was resolved to erect a tombstone over the late Bro. H. C. Levander's grave, in West Hampstead Cemetery, at a cost not exceeding £10, and with the balance of the money that may be subscribed to found a "Levander Prize Fund" at the Girls' School, of which Institution the late Bro. Levander was an active supporter and friend.

Below is a list of subscriptions paid and promised, and it is hoped that the Lodges and brethren in the Province who have not yet sent in a subscription will do so at an early date, to Bro. J. F. H. Woodward, Hon. Treas., Comberton, Mowbray-road, Norwood, S.E.

Prov. Grand Lodge of Middlesex	-	-	21	0	0
Prov. Grand Chapter Middlesex	-	-	5	5	0
Bro. Sir F. Burdett, Bart., P.G.M.	-	-	5	0	0
R. H. Thrupp D.P.G.M.	-	-	1	1	0
Rev. E. Brette, D.D., P.G. Chap. Middx.	-	-	5	5	0
F. B. Archer P.G. Treas.	-	-	2	2	0
J. F. H. Woodward P.G. Sec.	-	-	1	1	0
F. McDougall	-	-	1	1	0
D. P. Cama	-	-	2	2	0
F. Walters	-	-	1	1	0
W. Vasilla	-	-	1	1	0
E. Gilbert	-	-	2	2	0
J. W. Lambert	-	-	1	1	0
H. J. Adams	-	-	2	2	0
Hy. Slyman	-	-	3	3	0
J. Hookey	-	-	0	10	6
Sir R. Hanson	-	-	1	1	0
Rev. Stainton Moses	-	-	1	1	0
H. G. Buss	-	-	1	1	0
Geo. Rooks	-	-	2	2	0
Acacia Lodge 1309	-	-	2	2	0
Lebanon 1326	-	-	2	2	0
Felix 1494	-	-	3	3	0
Crescent 788	-	-	2	2	0
Bard of Avon 778	-	-	2	2	0
Era 1423	-	-	2	2	0
Unity 1637	-	-	2	2	0
Strawberry Hill 946	-	-	2	2	0
Quadratic 1691	-	-	2	2	0
Dalhousie 865	-	-	5	5	0
Thames Valley 1460	-	-	2	2	0
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Greenock	6 8	9 40	7 40	8 12	8 12	
Edinburgh (Waverley)	4 32	8 40	5 52	7 25	7 25	
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Pending the announcement of definite arrangements, the names of Brethren willing to co-operate with the Committee and Executive as Stewards will be gratefully received.

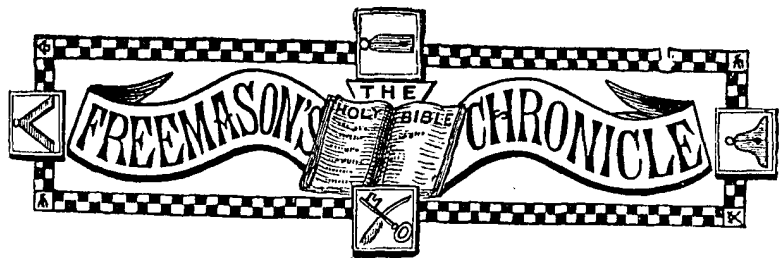
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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

A QUARTERLY Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday, the 5th day of August next, at six o'clock in the evening.

BUSINESS.

The Minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 15th April to the 14th July 1885, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Balance Grand Chapter -	375	17	5	Disbursements during the quarter -	717	0	0
„ Unappropriated Account -	192	3	10	Balance -	74	9	5
Subsequent Receipts -	414	16	6	„ in Unappropriated Account -	191	8	4
	£982	17	9		£982	17	9

which balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following Petitions:—

1st. From Companions Edward Thomas Clark as Z., Henry Trevor Gardiner as H., Ezra Gooderidge as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Aire and Calder Lodge, No. 458, Goole, to be called the Aire and Calder Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Rooms, Boothferry Road, Goole, Yorkshire (Western Division).

2nd. From Companions Robert Foreman Castellari as Z., George Edmond Coates as H., Henry Wilson Warmington as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Lodge Northern Star, No. 1463, Ferozepore, to be called the Mayo Chapter, and to meet at Ferozepore, Punjab, East Indies.

3rd. From Companions William Kelly as Z., George Toller jun. as H., Samuel Steads Partridge as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1560, Leicester, to be called the St. George's Chapter, and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, Leicestershire.

The foregoing petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee have also received the following petition praying for a Charter of Confirmation, the original being lost or destroyed by fire in 1882:—

From the Principals and Members of the Sussex Chapter, No. 354, Kingston, Jamaica.

The Committee recommend that a Charter of Confirmation for the above-named Chapter be granted.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received a memorial from the Companions of the Royal Gloucester Chapter, No. 130, Southampton, praying for a Charter authorizing them to wear a centenary jewel, in accordance with the resolution passed by the Supreme Grand Chapter on the 1st February 1882. This memorial being in form, and the Chapter having proved an uninterrupted existence of 100 years, the Committee recommend that the prayer thereof be granted.

The Committee recommend that the meetings of Grand Chapter in future take place in the Great Hall instead of in the Zetland Room, commencing at the November Convocation, and that the Committee be authorized to complete the paraphernalia and appointments, which are at present defective.

(Signed) ROBERT GREY, P.A.G.S.
President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
15th July 1885.

MARK MASONRY.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF BERKS AND OXON.

THE annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons for this Province was held at Abingdon, on Wednesday, the 29th ult., and was numerously attended, each of the six Lodges, the Porchester, University, Abbey, Leopold, Alfred, and Jersey being well represented. Much success attended the day's proceedings, the only drawback being the absence of the Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Jersey, who had been compelled to leave England for a few weeks to recruit his health. In his lordship's absence, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Stephens, of Reading, presided, supported by the Acting Deputy P.G. Master, and a goodly number of Officers of Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge. Deep regret was expressed at the cause of the absence of Lord Jersey, whose letter to Bro. Stephens was read at the opening of Provincial Grand Lodge. The Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Pulley, presented an interesting report upon the state of the Province, showing a satisfactory increase in the number of members during the past twelve months. The Province and all the Lodges were represented at the recent Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund at the Crystal Palace, the Stewards representing them taking up about £82. Bro. E. J. Trendell, of Abingdon, having resigned office as Provincial Grand Treasurer, was cordially thanked for his past services, and Bro. John Tompkins was elected to fill that position. The brethren were unanimous in conveying their hearty congratulations to Earl Jersey on his having been appointed by the Grand Master his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to preside over the Craft Masons in the Province of Oxfordshire. Various matters affecting the welfare of Mark Masonry were considered, and the brethren of the Porchester Lodge gave a cordial invitation to the Provincial Grand Lodge to meet next summer at Newbury. The invitation was at once accepted by Bro. Stephens, on behalf of the Provincial Grand Lodge. The Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year were appointed and invested as follow:—

Bro. E. J. Trendell, 225	-	-	Senior Warden
J. M. Dormor, 247	-	-	Junior Warden
Sir B. Brodie, Bart., 55	-	-	Master Overseer
A. H. Simpson, 225	-	-	Senior Overseer
E. Head, 27	-	-	Junior Overseer
Rev. H. Wells, 235	-	-	} Chaplains
Rev. H. Lewis, 225	-	-	
F. G. Hall, 27	-	-	Registrar of Marks
J. Tompkins, 225	-	-	Treasurer
T. J. Pulley, 235	-	-	Secretary
J. W. Lindars, 235	-	-	Assist. Secretary
W. W. Ridley, 235	-	-	Inspector of Works
T. Lucas, 247	-	-	Senior Deacon
Llewellyn, 257	-	-	Junior Deacon
J. E. Sydenham, 235	-	-	Dirac. of Ceremonies
F. J. Humphreys, 55	-	-	Assist. D. of Cere.
E. Nichols, 235	-	-	Sword Bearer
W. Graham, 27	-	-	Standard Bearer
J. B. King, 225	-	-	Inner Guard
R. Puttick, 257	-	-	Steward

The business having concluded, the Provincial Grand Senior Warden (Bro. Trendell) following, his liberal practice on former occasions of a like nature, invited the brethren to his charming residence "The Abbey," in the grounds of which luncheon was provided in an elegant style, with an *ad libitum* supply of champagne and other choice wines. The guests included, besides the Mark Masons, many of Bro. Trendell's private friends, and among those seated at the head table were Mr. J. C. Clarke, M.P., and his son, Mr. Heber Clarke, the Mayor of Abingdon. The usual toast list was gone through, and the health of the most esteemed host (Bro. Trendell) proposed by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, was drunk amidst enthusiastic cheering. Several hours were agreeably spent in the Abbey grounds, and in the evening the highly successful gathering broke up. The musical arrangements, under the direction of Bro. Rowley, were excellent.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Barnet, on Friday, the 24th ult. The Provincial Grand Master, Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., was supported by Bros. J. E. Dawson Deputy Prov. Grand Master, F. Sumner Knyvett Treasurer, Charles Bullock Registrar, Geo. E. Lake Secretary, J. Terry D. of C., H. Beadell St. B., W. A. Sproat, H. Hughes and W. K. Hopkin Stewards; George Lambert P.G.S.B. England, T. S. Carter P.P.G.W., James Cntbnsh P.P.G.A.D.C., George Mickley P.P.G.D., H. J. Foster W.M. 504, C. E. Playfair P.P.G.S. of W., F. L. Lane S.W. 504, J. G. Yolland P.P.G.S.B., W. J. Thody W.M. 1580, G. Askew P.P.S.G.D., H. J. Giller W.M. 1984, W. Warr J.W. 2086, J. Knight P.P.S.G.D., J. Shilcock P.P.G.J.W., J. Parrott P.P.G.S.B., H. Edwards P.P.S.G.W., R. F. Young P.P.J.G.D., J. Euerby P.P.G.P. G. Young P.P.G.P., Henry Cox P.P.G.S. of W., Henry J. Moxon 2054, R. Townsend J.W. 1984, George G. Flint P.M. 404, W. Gilbert P.P.J.G.W., W. A. Rogers P.P.J.G.D., J. Tydeman P.P.G.P. Essex, W. Lewis P.P.G.S., J. Robinson P.P.J.G.W., T. Reilly P.P.G.P., W. Large P.P.S.G.D., T. Grant P.M. 1984, W. Smith W.M. 409, E. Bowyer P.P.S.G.W. P.G.S.B. England, W. J. Crutch J.W. 1580, Percy W. Taylor P.P.J.G.W., J. E. Cussans P.P.S.G.W., J. Brittain P.P.G.S., F. Venables P.P.G.P., Charles Lacey P.P.G.D., J. Lowthin P.P.S.G.W., Charles E. Keynes P.P.J.G.W., J. R. Cocks P.P.J.G.W., Rev. C. W. Harvey Chaplain 403, G. S. Bigley J.D. 869, F. R. Barrett 469, Jos. Mellor J.D. 1757, G. F. Kempson A.D.C. 1385, J. S. Webb I.G. 1580, P. W. Dunville J.W. 1479, C. H. Marriott 1385, G. Holdsworth Senior Deacon 1327, D. Schmidt Junior Warden 1385, S. Tryon 1950, H. E. Roberts 449, E. P. Debenham I.G. 1479, B. Gotto D.C. 1385, W. Mole S.D. 1757, R. W. Wilson Steward 2054, A. Phillips Hills' I.G. 2054, J. H. Baxter 1385, G. Rule 1984, G. W. Bramell 1414, W. Bellingham 1964, L. Marcus J.W. 409, J. Terry S.D. 1964, F. Christmas J.W. 194, W. Lewis S.D. 1385, and others. The minutes having been confirmed, and the roll of Lodges in the Province called over, Bro. Knyvett was re-elected to the office of Provincial Grand Treasurer, and then the following brethren were appointed as the Officers of the year:—

Bro. George Mickley P.M. 449	-	Senior Warden
John Brittain W.M. 1385	-	Junior Warden
Rev. Philip Deedes W.M. 1479	-	} Chaplains
Rev. C. W. Harvey Chap. 403	-	
F. S. Knyvett P.M. 404	-	Treasurer
H. S. Sherry W.M. 404	-	Registrar
G. E. Lake P.M. 404	-	Secretary
H. J. Foster W.M. 504	-	Senior Deacon
F. Hall W.M. 403	-	Junior Deacon
W. Smith W.M. 409	-	Supt. of Works
J. Terry P.M. 1327	-	Dir. of Ceremonies
H. Hughes W.M. 869	-	Assist. D. of Cere.
W. K. Hopkin S.W. 1385	-	Sword Bearer
H. J. Moxon P.M. 2054	-	} Standard Bearers
W. J. Thody W.M. 1580	-	
W. Warr J.W. 2086	-	Organist
Henry Holmes 1385	-	Assistant Secretary
H. J. Giller W.M. 1984	-	Pursuivant
W. Mole J.D. 1757	-	Assistant Pursuivant
W. T. Graves S.W. 1984	-	} Stewards
D. Schmidt J.W. 1385	-	
W. Lewis S.D. 1385	-	
J. Mellor J.D. 1757	-	
P. W. Dumville I.G. 1479	-	
E. P. Debenham 1479	-	

Bro. Wright was elected Prov. Grand Tyler, and Bro. Thomas Assistant. The report of the Board of Finance having been submitted, Bro. T. S. Carter P.P.G.W. P.M. and Secretary 403 proposed "That the sum of twenty guineas be voted from the funds of Provincial Grand Lodge to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and that the amount be placed on Bro. George E. Lake's list as Steward." Bro. James Terry Prov. G.D. of C. P.M. and Sec. 1580 proposed "That the sum of ten pounds be voted from the funds of Provincial Grand Lodge to the Gladsmuir Lodge, No. 1385, towards defraying the expenses of entertaining Provincial Grand Lodge." Bro. Charles E. Keyser P.P.G.W. P.M. 404 proposed "That the sum of ten pounds be voted from the funds of Provincial Grand Lodge to the High Barnet Schools." Bro. G. E. Lake Prov. G. Sec. P.M. and Treas. 404 proposed "That the publication of the Provincial Calendar be continued," and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master proposed "That the thanks of the brethren are due and are hereby tendered to the Rev. R. R. Hutton for his courtesy in placing the School House at the disposal of Provincial Grand Lodge." Each of these propositions was agreed to, and then two notices of motion, which formed the subject of a supplemental agenda, were considered. The first, submitted by Bro. J. Tydeman P.M. 1327, was to the effect "That the sum of ten pounds be voted from the funds of Provincial Grand Lodge to the Fund for the Restoration of Queen Eleanor's Cross, Waltham Cross," and the second by Bro. A. T. Brett, M.D., P.M. 404 P.P.G.S.W., "That the sum of twenty guineas be voted from the funds of Provincial Grand Lodge to the Building Fund of the Watford District Cottage Hospital." After discussion of the former proposition, the Provincial Grand Treasurer submitted as a counter motion "That the sum of ten guineas be invested in Consols." Ultimately the original proposition was negatived, and thereupon Bro. Brett withdrew his proposal. After the transaction of some formal business, Provincial Grand Lodge was closed, and the brethren repaired to the banquet, which was served by the proprietor of the Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, Mr. H. S. Roberts, and presided over by the Provincial Grand Master. The usual toasts followed. The Prov. Grand Master hoped the first toast would not have to be varied for many years to come, but that Her Majesty would continue her reign and continue to meet that reception always accorded her. He spoke of

the marriage of the Princess Beatrice, and was assured every Mason wished her happiness. In proposing the toast of the Grand Master, he had to say the same thing year after year, but each time with greater conviction of its truth. He spoke of the way in which the Craft had flourished under the rule of the Prince of Wales, and felt that if any opportunity could be found of showing the present feeling of Masons towards His Royal Highness, it would far exceed the grandeur of his installation ceremony. It was hardly necessary to say much on behalf of the Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master, as it was well known that in consequence of the multifarious duties of the Grand Master much of the work of ruling the Craft devolved on them. The brethren might congratulate themselves on the way in which they performed their duties. He feared they would not have so much of the company of the Earl of Carnarvon as formerly. They could but wish him God speed in the office he had been pleased to accept in Ireland. The Earl of Lathom was equally worthy of their esteem, and was equally beloved by the brethren. Of the other Grand Officers he would leave the two distinguished members of Grand Lodge who were present to speak. There was one thing, however, the brethren must not forget. Each were Past Wardens of the Province of Hertfordshire. Bro. Lambert was the first to reply. The Grand Officers had worked well—did work well. He could say, from personal knowledge, the Earl of Carnarvon and the Earl of Lathom were ever ready to perform their share in the work of Freemasonry. Neither seemed to spare time or expense in doing anything that might be required of them. Bro. Bowyer also responded. The Deputy Prov. G.M. then gave the health of the Provincial Grand Master. It was not necessary to make a long speech in submitting this toast. The Provincial Grand Master had been pleased to allude to the time when the Grand Master was installed, but there in Hertfordshire he felt they wanted to centre their thoughts on the day they secured the services of Bro. Halsey as Masonic ruler of the county. That was indeed a day worthy of being recorded in their memory, as under his rule Masonry had flourished and prospered in the district. The Prov. G.M. replied. It was a source of great gratification to him that Masonry had so greatly increased in the Province during the past few years. All the Lodges embraced were on a satisfactory footing and progressing as well as could be desired. So long as they pulled together as they had done in the past they would do well. The brethren of the Province of Hertfordshire appeared to consecrate a new Lodge each year, and if this continued, with the same amount of prosperity surrounding them as they then experienced, there was no knowing to what position they might rise. No one could dispute that Freemasonry was flourishing in the county. He hoped the members of the new Lodges would follow the example of the old ones, and that the older ones would keep up their enthusiasm for Freemasonry. He felt that no Provincial Grand Master could be better supported by the members of his Province and by his Officers than he had been. He next gave the toast of the Deputy, and the Provincial Grand Officers. He was gratified that he had always had such distinguished Masons to assist him in the Province. It was a great comfort to him to be supported by a brother so well acquainted with the Lodges of the District, as was his Deputy Bro. Dawson, while the manner in which the other Provincial Officers performed their work gave evidence that they had their hearts in it. It gave Bro. Dawson great satisfaction to reply to the toast. Whenever he had the pleasure of attending any of the Lodges he received a most enthusiastic reception. He filled a very difficult office, in having to follow the lamented Bro. Wilson Iles. So long as he was permitted to hold the office he was then honoured with he should endeavour to devote his best services to the Province and the Lodges comprising it. Brother Mickley Senior Warden followed. He was proud of being a Hertfordshire Mason, and was sure every Officer appointed by the Provincial Grand Master was proud of his position. He thought he might answer for all that they would assist, to the utmost of their power, in upholding the dignity of the Province. The next toast was the Worshipful Masters of the Lodges in the Province. When they looked back at what the older Masters had done, and witnessed how the younger ones were trying to emulate the work of their predecessors, they need have no fear of the result. The Province was much indebted to the Gladsmuir Lodge for the way in which its members had come forward on an emergency and prepared for the annual meeting of the Province. It had been arranged that the King Henry VIII. Lodge at Hemel Hempstead should this year entertain Grand Lodge, but the sudden death of its Master had put an end to this. The Gladsmuir Lodge had stepped forward and nobly undertaken the duty. Unfortunately their presence there that day was not one of unalloyed pleasure. He missed from among the Past Masters of the entertaining Lodge the face of an old and worthy brother, Dr. John Livingston. He believed the loss of the two distinguished members he had mentioned would be felt by every Mason in the Province. He trusted the present Masters would follow in the footsteps of their predecessors, and that they might so perform their duties as to provide examples for those who would come after them. Bro. Brittain, W.M. of the Gladsmuir Lodge, replied, thanking the Provincial Grand Master for the honour he had done the Masters of the Province in proposing their health. He felt he was only expressing the feelings of every Worshipful Master in saying how pleased they were to once more meet their ruler in Lodge, and to see him in good health. Their duty was not only to do the work of their respective Lodges, but also to make themselves capable of meeting any emergency they might be called upon to face. The Provincial Master had referred to the circumstances—the unfortunate circumstances—under which their meeting had taken place that year at Barnet. As soon as he, as Worshipful Master of the Gladsmuir Lodge, heard of the desire to hold the Lodge under their banner, he called a meeting of the Past Masters, and so great was the interest they took in the work of the Province that a larger number of them assembled than had been known for years before. They then fully proved the desire they felt to carry out the wishes and commands of the Provincial Grand Master. The toast of the

Charities followed from the chair. Bro. Halsey was pleased to think that every brother in Hertfordshire knew what the Charities were, and supported them to the best of his ability. He considered it a wonderful thing, and a most gratifying feature in connection with Freemasonry, that notwithstanding cries of bad trade and severe times the support given to the Charities did not fall off. This proved that however much brethren might have to curtail their expenses they looked upon benevolence as the last call which should be disregarded. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Terry, congratulating him on his improved state of health, and hoping he might long be spared to be among them and plead the cause of Masonic Charity. Bro. Terry responded. The kind way in which the mention of his name had just been received was an evidence that when a man endeavoured to do his duty he was respected. Not only had the brethren kept up their support of the Charities, but they had subscribed sufficient to allow each of the three to be extended, and this too at a time when nearly every Charitable Institution was reducing its sphere of operations—closing wards or leaving beds empty. The brethren could accomplish a great deal if they would all do something, however small. He hoped the day would come when every brother, as soon as he received his third degree, would enrol his name as a Steward for one or other of the Institutions. The Provincial Grand Master then proposed the toast of the Visitors, and that having been acknowledged the proceedings were shortly afterwards brought to a conclusion.

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RENUMBERING OF LODGES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Although not much of an advocate of "change for the sake of change," I cannot help thinking that the suggestion is a feasible one that aims at the renumbering of our Masonic Lodges, in order that we may really know to a nicety the number and strength of the Craft. Many Lodges that have ceased to exist are still retained on the register, and thus it is made to appear that the numerical strength of the Order is greater than is obviously the fact. It is difficult to see what "confusion" would arise from the alteration, as brethren would soon settle down to the new order of things. I presume the numbers only, and not the names of the various Lodges would be changed, and the only variation would be in reply to the query as to the age of one's maternal parent. I do not apprehend any great difficulty is likely to arise from that circumstance, while, on the other hand, we should be accurately informed of the actual strength of the Masonic body, which would be in many respects most desirable.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother, fraternally yours,

A READER.

THE BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In your excellent periodical, of the 27th ult., I find among the list of Stewards for the Boys' School Festival the name of Bro. John Early Danks, "Union Lodge, 414." As Bro. Danks is not a member of the Lodge of Union, but of Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101, the report should have stated "Union Chapter 414." This was explained to me by Bro. Danks at the Prov. Grand Lodge meeting on the 29th ultimo, which I attended, and was much surprised at the paucity of numbers in that noble building, the New Town Hall, Reading.

There appeared to be a general grumbling on the dais as to the dispensation of the regalia, and the general management. I was much pleased to find that the right man was in the right place, viz., Bro. Flanagan, the founder of the Kendrick Lodge, Reading, as Junior Grand Warden. Rather stringent remarks were made respecting the Senior Grand Warden, who lives in the Province of Surrey. It was also remarked that it is high time the Provinces was divided, viz., the Province of Berkshire (or Berks) and the Province of Buckinghamshire (or Bucks).

I wish it to be distinctly understood that these remarks are made solely for the benefit of the Craft generally.

Believe me, yours faithfully and fraternally,

W. P. IVEY P.M. 1101,
P.Prov.G.S.B. Berks and Bucks.

The Grange, Theale, Berks,
27th July 1885.

We are gratified in being able to offer our congratulations to the members of the Wilson Hles Lodge on the honour conferred on one of their most esteemed members—Bro. Henry J. Moxon—by his appointment to the office of Provincial Grand Standard Bearer of Hertfordshire. The offer of the office was an honour conferred on the Lodge, and by the unanimous voice of the members Bro. Moxon was selected as the recipient; the appointment, therefore, is really of double value.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. W. A. SCURRAH.

THE election of Bro. Scurrah to the chair of the Henry Levander Lodge, No. 2048, was taken advantage of by a few of his Masonic friends, who, a short time since, held a meeting at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, W.C. Those present were Bros. W. M. Stiles P.M. 1507, 1732, 1744, in the chair, H. W. Field, C. J. Knightley, J. Glynn, A. Thomas, and W. A. Scurrah. Letters were read from Bros. J. Hamilton and H. Dickey excusing their absence on account of pressing business engagements. The Chairman stated the object of the meeting was to present to Brother W. A. Scurrah a W.M.'s apron and case from a few old Masonic friends as a mark of the respect and high esteem in which they held him as a friend and as a Mason, he having in a very short time made for himself a name in the Craft, both in respect of the Masonic Charities and his knowledge of the Ritual, and to express their gratification at the honour that had been done him by the members of the Henry Levander Lodge in having elected him W.M. of that Lodge. Brother Stiles expressed a hope, on behalf of the donors, that Bro. Scurrah might live for many years, and in due course be advanced to the highest Masonic honours. A Worshipful Master's apron with silver levels, &c., was then presented. Bro. W. A. Scurrah in accepting the present, said it was his opinion that Freemasonry was one of the noblest institutions of the land. All that he had done and all he hoped to do was from a conscientious conviction that every Brother should carry out the three grand principles of the Order in his life and actions. In thanking the brethren for their very handsome present, Bro. Scurrah said he could not forget that the donors were old and tried friends, and he thanked them for this fresh proof of their esteem. Some of the other brethren present made some suitable remarks upon the presentation, and the brethren then separated. The apron bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Brother W. A. Scurrah by a few sincere friends on his being installed Worshipful Master of the Henry Levander Lodge. July 1885."

Royal General Theatrical Fund Dinner.—Happily the "universal depression" which affords profitable employment to royal commissioners and inspires melancholy leaders in the "dailies," spares at least the Royal General Theatrical Fund—one of the most useful and most carefully administered of existing charities. The annual dinner, held on the 24th ult., proved the most successful yet given, while the subscriptions announced amounted to £1200. A special interest was felt in the occasion as Mr. Bancroft presided. In the speech of the evening, proposed in graceful and sympathetic terms by the chairman, who referred to his own days of hard apprenticeship, when fame and fortune seemed at times but a mirage, and from the trials of those days pointed an eloquent appeal for those to whom the mirage proves no omen of coming pleasant places, but leaves them too often in the thirsty desert of disappointment. Mr. Bancroft spoke with affectionate respect of the profession "to which I have the honour to belong;" referred to his old friends T. Swinburne and Simpson, who had given him kindly encouragement when encouragement meant new strength, and hope. The chairman's voice suffered from the strong emotions of the occasion, but he was listened to with hushed attention and loud and long were the plaudits given, not so much to the able and earnest chairman as to the kind friend whose farewell to the honours and cares of management could once more receive the regretful God speed of many a private friend and lover of dramatic art. Mr. Justin McCarthy proposed Literature and the Stage, but though he "caught the Speaker's eye," he was but irreverently listened to, and subsided with virtue's usual recompense. Mr. Yates made an amusing speech for the Drama and the Stage. Mr. Pinero, evidently not yet consoled by the "Magistrate" for certain misadventures, said unkind things of Mr. Gilbert's young person of fifteen, and spoke still more severely of her factious brothers and cousins, who make first nights hideous to sensitive authors by irreverent comments and indelicate interruptions. The pleasantest episode in the evening's proceedings was the descent of the ladies from their gallery to the dining room, Mrs. Bancroft leading the way, when the cheers and handkerchief waving that greeted her appearance might have been a loyal outburst in honour of a Princess; but then, is she not a queen of hearts? The musical arrangements by Bro. Wilhelm Ganz gave delight to the guests, and made ample compensation for certain of the speeches. Miss Grisvold and Miss Little sang, amid much applause; especially exquisite was "Who is Sylvia?" Mdlle. Donilly gave some exquisite French chansonettes, and made a most favourable first appearance in England. We need not say with what pleasure the ever popular Sims Reeves was listened to, as he sang the old favourites, "The Bay of Biscay," "The Death of Nelson," and "My Pretty Jane." He shared the honours with Mr. and Mrs. Bancroft. It but remains to say the dinner was well served, with that attention to the comfort and convenience of the guests which especially distinguishes the management of the Freemasons' Tavern.

The Actors' Benevolent Fund.—The public may be said to have enjoyed a great treat—that is to say the happier public, to whom guinea stalls and generally raised prices means but added satisfaction—on Tuesday, 21st ult., when the Executive of the Actors' Benevolent Fund held their festival performance at the Lyceum. A fine programme had been secured. All the leading actors and actresses in London strove to contribute to the success. Madame Sarah Bernhardt gave her weird Macbeth sleep walking scene, amid the hushed silence of the house. Every seat and each corner for standing room was occupied, and Mr. Irving could well be proud of the result, when the balance sheet announced a sum of £560 raised for the Charity on whose behalf he had given his theatre, and for which he had brought to bear all the tact and ability needful to bring about such a triumphant result.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 1st AUGUST.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1624—Fecleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
 2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 7
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
 1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
 M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

MONDAY, 3rd AUGUST.

22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Dentford, at 8 (Instruction)
 975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
 1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
 1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queens Hotel, Victoria Park at 7.30 (In)
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C., at 7 (Inst.)
 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst.)
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 191—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
 113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston.
 133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
 156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
 236—York, Masonic Hall, York
 251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple
 381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
 431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
 507—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
 850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
 928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield

1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
 1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
 1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
 1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
 1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
 1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax
 1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
 1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea
 1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
 1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
 1798—Zion, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester

R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
 M.M. 12—Minerva, Masonic Hall, Prince Street, Hull
 R.C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 4th AUGUST.

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, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
 171—Amity, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)

820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 890—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
 861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
 1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
 1441—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road
 146—Mount Widgeumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
 1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
 1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
 R.A. 701—Camden, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
 R.A. 1365—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.
 124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
 158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Koighley
 364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
 393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
 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.
 948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
 960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
 974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
 995—Furness, Masonic Hall, Ulverston.

1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
 1131—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
 1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
 1310—Harrow, King's Head, Harrow.
 1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
 1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
 1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
 1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
 1993—Wolsley, Masonic Hall, Town Hall Buildings, King Street, Manchester
 R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 R.A. 681—Scarsdale, Masonic Hall, Chesterfield.
 R.A. 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
 R.A. 938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New Street Birmingham
 R.A. 1138—Devon, Masonic Hall, Devon Square, Newton Abbey
 M.M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 5th AUGUST.

Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 30—United Mariners', The Lizard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 229—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)
 538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
 902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)

1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
 1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
 1682—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction.)
 R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
 398—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
 326—Mora, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
 327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
 406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
 417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
 645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
 678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
 838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)

902—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton
 1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
 1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent
 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
 1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
 1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
 1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street
 1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
 1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigau
 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, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
 1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Staamora.
 1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
 1736—St. John's, St. John's Rooms, King X Street, Halifax
 1903—Prince Edward of Saxo Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth

R.A. 126—Nativity, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
 R.A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
 R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds
 M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness

THURSDAY, 6th AUGUST.

27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
 742—Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolsley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)

1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
 1145—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
 1278—Burdett Courts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
 1308—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
 1554—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
 1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
 1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)
 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
 1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)

R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury at 8. (Instruction)

M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
 123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 266—Naphali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
 269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
 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.
 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
 446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
 509—Teas, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
 637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
 792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby
 976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset

1088—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1231—Cavile, Royal Hotel, Elland
 1282—Aucholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
 1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
 1384—Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes
 1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
 1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padham, near Burnley

1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1807—Loyal Wye, Buiith, Breconshire
 1829—Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham
 R.A. 187—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
 R.A. 496—Mount Edgecombe, Masonic Rooms, St. Austell
 R.A. 531—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Artwick, Openshaw, Man
 R.A. 587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
 R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
 M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 7th AUGUST.

Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
 1168—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., 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)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ludbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 1716—All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar
 1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
 R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
 K.T. 134—Blondel, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
 44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
 219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
 242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
 837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
 998—Welchpool Railway, Station, Welchpool
 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
 1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 1528—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
 1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
 1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
 1649—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
 R.A. 214—Hope and Unity, White Hart, Romford
 K.T.—Loyal Volunteers, Queens Arms Hotel, George-street, Ashton-under-Ly

SATURDAY, 8th AUGUST.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
 1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
 2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
 1637—Unity, Harrow
 1929—Mozart, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon
 2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds

REVIEWS.

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"Rules and Regulations for the Government of the Degrees from 4° to 32° inclusive, under the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Rite for England and Wales, and the Dependencies of the British Crown, together with a List of Members, corrected to June 30, 1885." Office of the Secretary General, 33 Golden Square, London, W.

AMONG the many calendars and directories issued by Craft Freemasonry, this little work comes as a refreshing novelty. The information it contains is *caviare* to those whose knowledge of Masonry is bounded by the blue and the red. It reveals nothing of the occult science enshrined in the higher degrees; it only tells of matters that ought to be known to the novice before he enters upon a course of development. To those already within the charmed circle the book before us will be very acceptable. It contains the designations of the several degrees, an account of the clothing and jewels to be worn in certain sections of them, schedule of fees, order of procedure as to warrants, consecration, and various other matters. There is a full and complete directory of Councils, a list of Rose Croix Chapters and members of the several degrees; in fact, it is an ample and interesting guide for all those who desire to climb the Masonic ladder, and for those who are on the upward course and at the summit. Page 38 has a value for the whole of the Brotherhood. It gives in a tabulated form the sums of money contributed to various charitable movements connected with the Order since 1857 up to 1884. There are gaps of years in the earlier period, but the grants follow in consecutive order, from 1873 downwards. During the whole time £2,428 13s 9d has been contributed, and embraced in the list of objects aided are some which show that the charity of the Perfect Masters Elect, Knights, Princes, and Sovereigns is wide and comprehensive. For instance, we find money granted to the Masonic Female Orphan School, Dublin; National Society for Aid to Sick and Wounded in Time of War; French and Irish Relief Funds, India Famine Fund, and our own particular Institutions. The annual balance sheet shows that nearly £200 was given during the past year in charity donations, a sum, we think, that might be increased,

considering the financial condition of the Council, for after writing off liabilities a capital balance is left of £15,855 7s. Among the items of assets is one that will cause some surprise and pleasure. We find under the head of "Library (estimated)" is the sum of £2,333 12s 6d. That must represent a large collection of books, which should be valuable, not only to the members of the higher degrees, but also, we should think, to Craft Masons as well. We should like to know if they are available to the latter, and under what conditions. The library question is often brought before the brethren, but little progress has been made to open up Masonic treasures to the whole body. We should be glad to learn that something more was being done in this direction. More light is wanted, and there are many rays yet undisclosed that might reward the diligent searcher were opportunities offered. We have found much suggestive matter in the book before us, and as it can be procured for 1s 2d, postage included, those interested in the subject should send to the office of the Supreme Council for a copy.

"Record of the Installation of Bro. Thomas William Tew, J.P., P.M. Lodge No. 910, St. Oswald, Past Grand Deacon of England, as Right Worshipful Grand Master of the West Riding of Yorkshire, at the Albert Hall, Leeds, on Friday, the 24th day of April 1885. With Preface and Appendix. Dedicated to the Brethren of the West Riding of Yorkshire, by Bro. Charles Letch Mason, P.M. Lodge 304, J.W. 2069, P. Prov. Grand Treasurer of West Yorkshire, P.Z. Chapter 304 306 580, P. Prov. Grand H. of West Yorkshire, P.M. Copley Mark Lodge, No. 111, Prov. Grand Mark Master of West Yorkshire, &c. &c. &c." Leeds: Printed for Inchbold and Beck, 33 Bond Street. 1885.

THIS is a full, complete, and capably arranged printed record of an event that happily comes very rarely. When Colonel Sir Henry Edwards, through failing health, retired from the chair of Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, he carried with him the love and esteem of the brethren in the Province. So highly were his services estimated that a thousand guineas was raised to purchase a perpetual presentation to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to be called the "Sir Henry Edwards Presentation." Such was the parting gift to one who had done so much for the Craft. His successor was found in Bro. Tew, and the Yorkshire Tykes resolved to give him a welcome worthy of their large hearts, and to the man who had been chosen by our Royal Grand Master to preside over them. We shall not follow the record of the proceedings; the facts are still remembered; but there are other matters in this book that give it a wider and more permanent value. We are told that "on no occasion, with the exception of the Installation of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, in the Albert Hall, on the 28th day of April 1875, has there been so large an assemblage of brethren" as met when Bro. Tew was installed. That of itself would be sufficient warrant for Bro. Mason, but he has added something of his own, which shows that he is not unskilled in knowledge of the Craft in general, and of the Lodges in the West Riding Province of Yorkshire in particular. His preface is a carefully written summary of the History of Freemasonry. "Like beacons," he says, "receding from us in the distance, there stand in view, through the mists of antiquity, evidences that Spiritual Masonry has in past ages shed its benign light, dim at times it may be, but true and steady, in the midst of the densest ignorance, bigotry, and superstition. The hand of Time, the storms of civil tumult, and the clash of war, have not entirely eradicated those relics and traditions of our Masonic forefathers." The same belief in the remote origin of the Order found expression in the admirable sermon preached on the day of installation in Leeds Parish Church, which is given in full in the record before us. Bro. the Rev. Canon Bullock, M.A., said on that occasion: "The strong and useful resemblances between our own Masonic secrets and ceremonies and those of early periods justify the conclusions that the principles and practices of our Order carry us back to times when historical accuracy is impossible, and that, under different forms and various names, our Craft may claim a past which Masonry itself cannot measure." This is an inviting subject to dwell upon, but we must leave it, to say, in conclusion, that apart from the record of a notable event, Bro. Mason deserves to be commended for the various items of information he has furnished of the early history of Masonry in Yorkshire. He has bestowed great labour, patience and ability on his work, and we heartily congratulate him upon the result.

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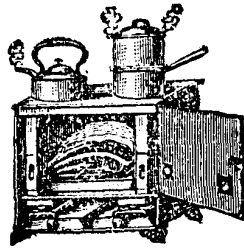
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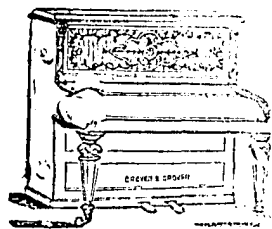
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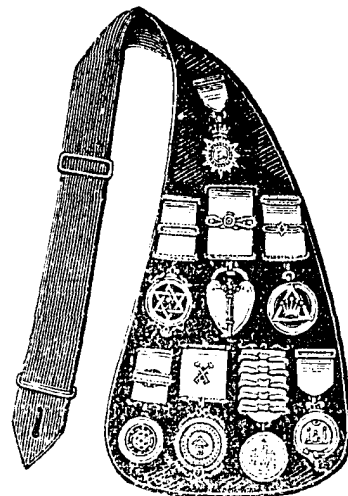
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