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“ABUSE OF THE BALLOT.”

THE letter published in our correspondence columns last week, from the pen of Bro. James Stevens, under the above heading, raises such important issues that it is almost impossible to treat the subject with mere passing notice. True, it has been discussed over and over again in the pages of this journal, in cases where flagrant violation of the real uses of the ballot have been pointed out to us; but there is obviously little to expect by way of improvement in this particular so long as there lingers in our Lodges that spirit of discord and contention which it would seem to be as difficult to eradicate as are our most troublesome household pests. For the benefit of those who may not have perused carefully the communication referred to, or may possibly have overlooked it amidst the activities of the Easter holidays, the facts as narrated may be briefly outlined here, for the purpose of bringing them prominently under the notice of our readers. And let us premise, before going further, that the miserable coterie, whose names are mercifully concealed by the writer of the letter, should experience a tingling of the ears—provided they have any sense of Masonic honour left in their composition at all—such as they never experienced before at so direct a challenge hurled at their “knaveish tricks.” An emergency meeting, it would appear, was called of a certain Lodge in Kent, at which a gentleman of undoubted good report, and holding a position of considerable social importance, was to be submitted as a candidate for initiation. His sponsor was the Secretary of the Lodge, who knew his nominee well, and detailed to the regular Lodge meeting the antecedents and present qualifications of the gentleman who sought participation in the mysteries and the privileges of the Craft. These were abundantly satisfactory to the brethren then in attendance, and the nomination was duly seconded by the Worshipful Master, who, though personally unacquainted with the applicant, felt himself justified, nevertheless, in supporting the claim for admission to the Lodge. In brief, he had sufficient assurance of the gentleman’s fitness for candidature; while at the regular Lodge meeting, to which the nomination was submitted, “all then present expressed satisfaction with the anticipated introduction of a worthy man and talented musical companion.” But, mark! The canker-worm of discord had crept into the Lodge; some little friction, such as should never for a single moment be tolerated in a Masonic family, had arisen in consequence of the choice made by the Worshipful Master of his Officers for the year, and thus a little clique, including one or more Past Masters—who ought to set a better example—purposely abstained from the meetings of the Lodge, though they rallied venomously to testify their chagrin on an occasion when their private spleen could be vented on an innocent victim. According to the information afforded by our correspondent, who judiciously avoids the mention of persons or locality, it seems that some inkling had been obtained by the Worshipful Master and his Officers of intended and preconcerted opposition to the candidature of the gentleman whose name had been so favourably received. There was a ruffle on the otherwise smooth waters, and the habitual serenity of the Lodge-room was clouded by an ominous shadow of vindictive opposition. Frowning faces, that had relieved the Lodge of their unwelcome presence during recent regular meetings, darkened the atmosphere of this “emergency;” and in order to

quell the inevitably coming storm the Worshipful Master acted within his perfect right; and with the utmost candour and impartiality in having recapitulated to the brethren the qualifications of one who had travelled a great distance, and at much personal expense, and who then stood knocking at the door of the Lodge for admission. Having done so, he “positively solicited any members entertaining objection to give him—in the confidence of the tyled Lodge—the slightest hint thereof, that withdrawal of the candidature might in such case ensue, and the discredit of formal refusal be avoided.” This was a proper and constitutional course to adopt; but the Iscariots, who had come with the ill-concealed purpose of upsetting the harmony of the Lodge, made no reply to the courteous invitation of the Worshipful Master—whose only sin appears to have been that he declined to practise “the old man and his ass” of the fable—but sullenly and vindictively black-balled the candidate who had been so unanimously accepted by all the rest of the brethren. “Nothing, therefore, was left the W.M. but to close his Lodge, and this was done in sorrowful regret that ‘peace and harmony’ had been so ruthlessly disturbed.” Happily, such cases of so abject and base an abuse of the ballot rarely come under the notice of the Craft; and, for the sake of those principles of accord and harmony which Masons so dearly cherish, may this miserable exhibition of Kentish spitefulness find no parallel in our records for a very long time to come. If the animosity of the malcontents had assumed such intensity as to cause them to refrain from meeting in regular Lodge under the *régimé* instituted by the Worshipful Master for the time being, on what earthly ground of gentlemanly courtesy or honour could they have been prompted to rally on an occasion when no other end could possibly be gained than that of inflicting pain and ignominy upon a perfectly innocent individual? Such conduct cannot be characterised as any other than despicable in the extreme, and unworthy of the great Fraternity to which we belong. There is an old axiom that “’tis great to have a giant’s strength, but cowardly to use it;” and never was the aphorism more appositely exemplified than in this wretched fiasco in Kent. We have no words sufficient to express our abhorrence and contempt of men who would adopt so paltry a means of wreaking their retaliation for a fancied or real grievance. If there were reasonable grounds for dissatisfaction with the majority of the brethren, the malcontents might have remembered the lesson imparted in their first degree, and have held aloof altogether from the Lodge until such time as their differences might have been amicably adjusted rather than disturb the harmony of the rest. The very fact of their doing so with reference to the regular meetings rendered it doubly flagrant to combine maliciously on an evening specially set apart for the election of an ostensibly excellent candidate, against whose eligibility not a word could be advanced. Had there been any ground of objection it might have been urged in response to the challenge so courteously presented by the Worshipful Master prior to the ballot being taken. That such response was not forthcoming is to us a sufficient proof that no just cause of complaint was known or justified; but with a subtle sulkiness these “misguided brethren” smuggled their “pills” sneakingly into the adverse side, and thus excluded from the Lodge a man who, upon the face of the facts related to us, would have proved a useful and most acceptable member. None could be more jealous than

ourselves of the sanctity of the ballot, when legitimately applied, although it were always preferable that if any likelihood is shown of a candidature being in disfavour intimation thereof should be given to the proposer and seconder, in order to prevent a refusal, which is always a source of painful regret to the members of a Lodge, who regard such a *contretemps* as a hitch in the otherwise smoothly working machinery of their body. As a rule this more sensible and honest course is adopted, and much scandal and heartburning avoided; but in the instance now under consideration, there was a deliberate straining of the powers of voting, and simply to gratify a personal pique, and to mar the comfort and happiness of the majority, because they had acted contrary to the wishes of the clique. What were the particular causes of the isolation of these three or four members from the body of the Lodge we are not aware, nor do we care to ask. But we do say, that such an exhibition of malicious spleen as that narrated by our correspondent furnishes us with a sorry picture indeed of the extent to which factions spite can be carried even in a Masonic Lodge. For the sake of the credit of the Craft, we hope we have heard the last of it, although we quite agree with our correspondent that there should be exercised some "high Masonic authority to prevent the continuance and increase of what is rapidly becoming a most injurious scandal in connection with the Order." It is useless to argue with men whose little minds are so easily poisoned as those involved in the "scandal" before us; or those who will descend to such despicable means of showing their resentment. They belong to a class—a very insignificant one, we are glad to believe—who deem that they have the privilege of the ballot, and have a right to use it, regardless of consequences. Undoubtedly, they have a right to use it, but as a rule it is exercised legitimately, and at any rate with some little show of decency. But no amount of argument will convince some people that the rules of decency should be considered and observed. No; they have a grudge against one or other of the Officers, and the only way they can show it is to cause discord to arise in any possible way, no matter at whose expense. Over and over again we have heard the same wail of regret that such should be the case, and we have found it unavailing either to argue or advise such a class of individuals. We grieve to say so, but the spirit of personal vindictiveness cannot be wholly and entirely stamped out even in our Masonic Lodges. The only course to be adopted, so far as we can discover, is for the decent members of the Lodge to set their faces against such petty would-be tyrants and cowardly scunks, and to send them to that "Coventry" which they so richly deserve. Some men have no soul beyond their own personal likes and dislikes, and there is no use attempting to cure such a deep-rooted disease. We can only hope, with the writer who has ventilated this subject, that "on the principle that there is no wrong without a remedy, measures will be promoted which will effectually prevent repetitions of such abuse of the ballot." For ourselves, we confess we can offer no suggestion as likely to secure a panacea for this evil, though we should be pleased to hear what our correspondents have to say on so important a question.

DUTY OF THE HOUR.

An Extract from an Oration by Bro. L. C. Krauthoff, before the Grand Lodge of Missouri, 13th October, 1885.

DEEP in the heart of man is a great yearning for association and communion with his fellows. He has an inborn aversion to solitude and the life of an anchorite. He realises that unaided and alone he is weak and helpless, and unable to develop the great mission and purpose of his existence. 'Tis this that produces associations in every relation of life—domestic, religious, social, governmental, political, business; and this, also, far back in the misty past, gave rise to an institution having for its purpose the formation of the entire human race into one grand and harmonious family, and for its aim, the realisation of the heaven-taught universal brotherhood of man. In such an organisation, aid and assistance to the poor and needy, the amelioration of sorrow and suffering, and the contribution to the relief of the weak and distressed, must needs be a part of the foundation upon which the super-

structure rests. And so it is. Next to a belief in God, Charity, which is indeed but an incident to such belief, is placed at the very basis of the Institution. Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth are its most excellent tenets. The lesson of Charity is taught in the Masonic Primer, and is repeated and amplified in every grade through which the candidate passes, and unless he has learned it, he has indeed been a poor and unworthy scholar. The obligation to practise it is most solemnly enjoined upon him by word, symbol, and ceremony, and the promise to follow this teaching is repeatedly given in words and manner most serious and binding. Under a sense of this obligation, this body has taken initial steps for an organised and collective redemption of those promises, by the establishment of an Industrial Masonic Home. In the light of the facts disclosed by the address of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, the perfection of this initial step and the practical exemplification, individually and as a Grand Lodge, of the charitable principles we profess, is, to my mind, the duty of the hour! With this evidence before us, there can be no question of the need of assistance, prompt and substantial, to our indigent brethren and to the distressed widows and orphans, who have been left to our care and protection by brethren who have "gone before." The very fact that a worthy distressed brother, or a widow or orphan left by one, lives in our jurisdiction, is at once an appeal and a *demand*, more eloquent than words can frame, for assistance and relief at our hands. It is a demand we cannot, it seems to me, permit to pass unheeded, consistent with a sense of the obligation resting upon us. Preserved in its pristine purity, the Institution of Freemasonry will have a mission that can only expire with the last man on this sphere, who, prophet-like will stand, saying:

"We are twins in death, proud sun;
Thy face is cold, thy race is run,
'Tis mercy bids thee go;
For thou, ten thousand thousand years
Hast seen the tide of human tears
That shall no longer flow."

Never should eye be so keen, ear so ready, heart so willing and purse so open as when the existence of distress and the ability to do good is presented to the members of an organization charged with such a mission. This state of facts and this opportunity are now before us; and in a Masonic body, this should mean, with one voice, a resolution that there shall be no waiting for poverty to plead; for shrunken forms and withered cheeks to stare us in the face, or until destitution shall have driven to crime or beggary; but that prompt and effectual action will be taken. Can we do so, collectively, in the present financial condition of this Grand Lodge and its subordinates? Can we assist in it individually without materially injuring ourselves and those dependent upon us? In what manner can we best and most practically attain the desired end?

Thanks to the prosperity that has blessed her subordinate bodies, and the intelligence and ability which have marked the management of her funds, this Grand Lodge is to-day in a most flourishing condition. Her treasury is plethoric, her income far exceeds her expenses, and she has, and will continue to have a yearly surplus. The details of this financial condition can be readily gathered from the several reports of our Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and I need not weary you by presenting them here and now. How shall we dispose of this surplus? Shall it be refunded to the contributors, or shall it be permitted to accumulate until, under the influence of the full tide which an overflowing cash box usually generates, it will be expended for a purpose less worthy and less powerful for practical good than that to which it was set apart at the last Communication of this body? The system of refunding to subordinate Lodges has little to commend it, and certainly there is neither demand nor necessity to resort to it, and the other probable disposition that has been indicated will have no advocates at this day.

This surplus, supplemented by what the healthy condition of the subordinate Lodges justifies them in contributing, and but a small proportion of the plenty that our Heavenly Father has so generously scattered over our smiling State, which has fallen to the lots of the twenty-eight thousand Masons within her borders, and the other resources which our Most Worshipful Grand Master has enumerated, all join to make up an endowment fund sufficient to justify action on the part of the most cautious financier. Added to this is the most munificent disposition

manifested by a loving widow of one of our departed brethren, who in his earthly life was one of Masonry's brightest ornaments and most faithful votaries, to fulfil the purpose which he fondly cherished while he graced our midst, to materially assist in this great work. This purpose is fully shared by her, and, besides carrying it out, she gives it a double value by accompanying it with an offer of her own time and energies, her love and ministrations, her experience and ability.

Never was occasion more propitious than at this time! Verily the indigent Mason and suffering widow and orphan have cause to be gladdened by the bright view and glorious prospect that is opened up! The changing lights on the mountain tops, that long have seemed to make our path to duty dim and beset with difficulties, have settled into a steady glowing brilliancy that radiates throughout Missouri, bearing upon its beams messages of love and hope to the needy and the suffering whose weary souls have so anxiously waited for light and ease.

The experience in other jurisdictions shows the feasibility of the performance of this duty by the erection of a Home where one and all of these will be welcomed and made to feel that they are at home, in fact and in truth, in the fullest and best sense of that sweet term. In song, verse and prose, in divine and in human writings, the beauties of home—that

"Spot of earth supremely blest,
A dearer, sweeter spot than all the rest,"

have been portrayed. Let us build one, by the aid of God, and make it one of his temples. Unto His Fatherly care let us commit it and those that come to dwell therein. No music that ascends to His throne will please Him half so much as that which comes from such a retreat. To the Mason upon whom age has drawn apace, whose loved ones have one by one been borne in sadness to that narrow house, and who stands all alone in the winter of his life, let us furnish a resting place where he may find his seat near the fire or in cooling shades, and there pass his days, concentrated within himself, and happy in feeling how good and how pleasant it is to have such brethren.

To that brother whom health has deserted, to whose heart the chill cold blasts of adversity have brought terror and despair, who has no hope disconnected with that eternal rest that is surrounded by the dreary silence of the tomb, to whom life seems dispossessed of all its former attractions and who turns with loathing from all the world around him, let us whisper the glad words of brotherly love, and within the hallowed precincts of our Home, show him the full force of the sweet ties of Fraternity that grapple us to him with "hooks of steel," and the heaping full measure of the cordial and substantial sympathy these ties bring to him. Send him a message that comes to him as "as the sun kisses the frozen earth," that bids him drive away dull care, to gather new hope to cheer him on his way and "to break out from the prison of his sorrows."

The Temple of Solomon, it has been said, was "the prayer of a nation put in marble," and so let our Home be to the Mason's widow and orphan, the embodiment of the Fraternity's principles and the evidence that the mystic tie that bound the husband and father to his brethren, now draws them to those he left behind him. Let us bid them dry their tears, bind up their wounded hearts, take them under our fostering protection, and place them beyond the trials and temptations, the want and suffering, of a world all too selfish, all too unmindful that "all mankind's concern is charity," and that all the triumphs and trophies of worldly success heal not "a passion or a pang entailed on human hearts." Make our Home the very fountain-head of charity from which go out streams "to invigorate and gladden the sorrowful, to bear relief to famished poverty, to meander by the widow's cottage, to lave the feet of the orphan."

"White flowers of love its walls shall climb;
Soft bells of peace shall ring its chime;
Its days shall all be holy time."

The thankful glistening of an eye erstwhile red and swollen from weeping tears of sorrow which bedipped the crust that alone saved from starvation; the tremulous voice that wells up from the heart that was lately all but broken with despair and filled with misery, brings to the doer of good a peace of mind and a delicious sense of duty well performed that has in it something of a benediction and something of a psalm.

"The drying of a single tear has more
Of honest fame than shedding seas of gore."

Is there one among you who in his past life has felt the need of human sympathy and assistance? Is there one across whose path has come a wall apparently as dark as ebony and as hard as adamant; whose bark of life has been tossed by angry waves high upon adversity's barren shore? To him this appeal is not in vain. He will be a willing searcher for the "points of polarity" among his brethren. Never to his dying day will he forget the renewed hope he gathered from the warm, sympathetic grasp of the hand whose thrill told him that there was a living response to his emotion; nor the gratitude he felt for him who showed him the golden rift that marked the gate through the dark barrier, or for him whose aid safely set his bark afloat again in the calm waters of peace and prosperity. Fate may have such an experience in store for many of us. Bring yourself to think, if you can, how wistfully and prayerfully you would look for succour should it come to you; and, in that frame of mind, recalling the Golden Rule, and remembering that "he that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord;" that "blessed is he that considereth the poor;" that the Great Teacher has enjoined upon you to "love your neighbour as yourself," determine once for all to enrol your name among those who shall feel it their duty and their pleasure to found and maintain an institution whose purposes will be so fruitful of good, and the success of which will always be to them a source of joy and happiness. Perchance some day this bread you now cast upon the waters will return to you increased in value many thousandfold.—*Voice of Masonry.*

FREEMASONRY IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

THE records of the progress of the Craft in the Colonies and dependencies of the British Crown are always interesting to brethren at home, and it is gratifying to learn from the reports we have just received from the Grand Lodge of South Australia that continued vitality pervades the numerous Lodges in that distant part of the globe. At a Quarterly Communication, held at the Freemasons' Hall, Flinders Street, Adelaide, in July, last year, the M.W. Grand Master Bro. the Hon. S. J. Way, Chief Justice, presided, supported by Bros. H. E. Downer, M.P., Deputy Grand Master, A. M. Simpson J.P. S.G.W., J. Ramsay J.P. S.J.W., Saul Solomon President of the Board of General Purposes, Dr. T. E. J. Seabrook J.P. Past President of the Board of General Purposes, W. B. Webb G. Reg., J. H. Cunningham G. Sec., J. C. Kaufmann LL.D. G. Inspector of Lodges, Rev. F. S. Poole M.A. G. Lecturer, P. Sampson S.G.D., F. H. Wigg S.G.D., W. F. Olifent S.J.D., F. C. Bowen S.J.D., L. J. Carter G. Supt. of Works, Edwin Saint G. D. of C., F. W. Bullock Assist G. D. of C., L. G. Madley J.P. G. Swd. Br., W. J. Shakspeare G. Org., Harry Turner Assist G. Sec., A. Simpson G. Pur., W. M. Hugo P.G. Pur., Bros. Ingleby, J. De Cean, F. W. Gardiner, J. C. Bleechmore, and A. Kemp G. Stewards, A. J. Woodman P.G. Steward, N. Kildael Grand Tyler, and many Past Masters, Worshipful Masters, Wardens, and other visiting brethren. The report of the Board of General Purposes to the Grand Lodge of South Australia was then presented, and from it we learn that during the preceding quarter the Worshipful Masters of a number of Lodges had been installed, the R.W. Deputy Grand Masters and the Grand Officers being present at many of these ceremonies. The Book of Constitutions had been published, and copies supplied to all the Lodges. Grand Lodge certificates were then being issued. The Board congratulated the Craft upon receiving the intelligence, by telegraph, of the recognition of the Grand Lodge of South Australia by the Grand Lodge of England; and it was expected that the Grand Lodges of Ireland and Scotland would shortly follow the example. In accordance with resolutions passed at a previous Grand Lodge, the Board had caused to be erected in the Lodge-room a tablet in commemoration of the foundation of the Grand Lodge of South Australia. The Board, of which Brother J. H. Cunningham is G. Secretary, recorded with deep regret the death of a worthy and esteemed member of Grand Lodge, Bro. P. M. William Oldham, Past Grand Inspector of Lodges, who died at Kafunda, on 3rd July 1885. The report was received and adopted. R.W. Bro-

ther H. E. Downer proposed, and R.W. Bro. A. M. Simpson seconded, "That this Grand Lodge desires to record the deep regret experienced at the loss sustained by the death of V.W. Bro. William Oldham, Past Grand Inspector of Lodges, and that the G. Secretary be instructed to forward to the family of the late brother a letter of condolence and sympathy on behalf of the Grand Lodge." This was carried, as also was a resolution that a letter of sympathy should be forwarded to R.W. Bro. H. M. Addison, on account of his recent accident. Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form.

At the October Quarterly Communication Right Worshipful Bro. H. E. Downer, M.P., D.G.M. presided, in the absence of the Grand Master, and he was supported by a full attendance of Grand Officers, Past Masters, Worshipful Masters, Wardens, and Visiting brethren. The Board of General Purposes reported that official intimation had been received from the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland that the Grand Lodge of South Australia had been recognised and acknowledged by those bodies as a regular Grand Lodge; also that the warrants of the Lodges working under the English and Irish Constitutions, previous to their connection with the South Australian Constitution, had been cancelled, and returned to this Grand Lodge by their respective Grand Lodges. The Grand Lodge of Scotland had resolved to allow the warrants of the several Scotch Lodges to be retained by them, and they would in due course be cancelled and returned. With very great pleasure the Board informed the Grand Lodge that the Grand Lodge of Scotland had passed at their last Communication the following resolution—"That Bro. Hugo C. E. Muecke, Ex-District Grand Master, be cordially thanked for the services he has rendered to the Grand Lodge of Scotland." Recognition had also been received, and fraternal correspondence opened with the Grand Lodges of Manitoba, Peru, New Mexico, and Michigan. The Grand Lodges of Scotland, Manitoba, and Peru had submitted the names of W. Bros. J. D. Hedderwick, Peter McGregor, and Ignacio Acuna as Worthy Representatives of this Grand Lodge near their respective Grand Lodges, and the Board recommended that these brethren be commissioned accordingly. The Board further recommended the names of the following brethren to be suggested to the undermentioned Grand Lodges as Worthy Representatives of this Grand Lodge—England, M.W. the Hon. S. J. Way Grand Master; Ireland, R.W. Bro. H. E. Downer Deputy Grand Master; Scotland, M.W. Bro. H. C. E. Muecke P.G.M.; Manitoba, W. Bro. Saint G.D. of C.; Peru, W. Bro. Knight Deputy G.D. of C.; New Mexico, W. Bro. Gurner P.G. Reg; Michigan, W. Bro. Bullock Assistant Grand Deputy D. of C. The Board suggested that the question of conferring honorary Lodge rank upon the representatives of this Grand Lodge near other Grand Lodges should be considered. A petition for a new Lodge at Yorktown had been granted, and the Lodge was to be consecrated shortly. The Board recommended that his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the M.W. Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, be requested to fill the office of Grand Patron. The demands upon the Benevolent Funds had been considerable during the last quarter; the applications had been carefully considered, and relief had been afforded in all cases when found worthy. Resolutions were passed expressing gratification at having received from the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland intimation that recognition, as a lawfully constituted Grand Lodge, had been accorded to the Grand Lodge of South Australia, and that this Grand Lodge heartily reciprocated the desire for the interchange of fraternal intercourse and correspondence. Grand Lodge was then closed in due form.

The Grand Master presided at the January Quarterly Communication, numerous supported by Grand and other Officers and Brethren. The Board of General Purposes reported that the new Lodge at Yorktown had been duly consecrated by the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Lodge Officers, on 21st November 1885, under the designation of the Melville Lodge, No. 36. They regretted to report the death of Bro. T. J. King, Past Grand Inspector of Lodges, which took place on 14th December. Bro. King, who was deservedly esteemed by his brother Masons, was accorded a Masonic funeral, at which a large number of the Craft attended, together with many of the Grand Officers. The death of Bro. G. M. Turnbull, Grand Steward, also occurred in the preceding month. That

brother was a respected and popular member of the Lodge of Harmony, and by his death many members of the Craft had lost a loving brother and sincere friend. The Board recommended to the favourable consideration of the Grand Lodge the notice of motion by R.W. Bro. John Ramsay—"That the amount payable by Lodges to the funds of General Purposes and Grand Lodge, for each of its contributing members, be reduced from one shilling to ninepence per quarter." This, when submitted to the meeting was carried unanimously. The Benevolent Fund in connection with the Grand Lodge had been drawn upon to a very considerable extent, but it was gratifying to have to report that relief had been afforded to every case deserving of consideration. The report was read and adopted, and it was agreed that letters of condolence should be forwarded to the widows of the late Bros. T. J. King and G. M. Turnbull. Nominations for Grand Lodge Officers and members of the Board of General Purposes were then received:—

Bro. the Hon. S. J. Way ...	...	Grand Master
H. E. Downer ...	...	Depnty Grand Master
Jno. Ramsay ...	...	Senior Grand Warden
Philip Sansom ...	...	Junior Grand Warden
Rev. C. G. Taplin ...	...	Grand Chaplain
J. C. Kaufmann ...	...	Grand Inspector of Lodges
Rev. F. S. Poole, M.A. ...	...	Grand Lecturer
F. W. Bullock ...	...	Senior Grand Deacon
J. H. H. Vockins ...	...	Senior Grand Deacon
F. Olifent ...	...	Junior Grand Deacon
H. Turner ...	...	Junior Grand Deacon
R. L. Mestayer ...	...	Grand Supt. of Works
G. C. Knight ...	...	Grand Dir. of Ceremonies
J. Le M. F. Roberts ...	...	Asst. G. Dir. of Cers.
H. Turner ...	...	Grand Sword Bearer
J. G. Jenkins ...	...	Grand Standard Bearer
J. Shakespeare ...	...	Grand Organist
A. Simpson... ...	...	Grand Pursuivant
J. Nicholson ...	...	Asst. Grand Pursuivant

Board of General Purposes.

Bros. A. M. Simpson, J. R. Gurner, D. Morris, and J. G. Jenkins.

THE "QUEEN" OF INLAND WATERING PLACES.

A POPULAR and effective means of advertising the attractions of "favourite resorts" is the publication every now and then of illustrations, by which intending excursionists at the opening of a holiday season are enabled to form a decision on the always perplexing question, "Where to go for our annual holiday?" We have just received a unique specimen of this kind of visitor's guide in the shape of an illustrated supplement to the *Buxton Advertiser*, in which are given a series of panoramic views of "the Queen of Inland Watering-places." The views, especially those of Buxton from St. Anne's Cliff, the Pavilion and Gardens, Haddon Hall, Chec Tor, and Chatsworth, are exceedingly good, and the whole of the supplement is remarkably well-executed. It is stated in the accompanying letterpress that the lowest portion of the town is 1,000 feet above the level of the sea. The antiquity of the town, which was at one time a Roman station, is attested by the many grand Roman roads converging upon it; and we are reminded by the quaint reminiscences of "Old Buxton" that many great and illustrious personages have at various times visited the place, and derived great advantage from the use of the mineral waters that have given to Buxton a world-wide reputation. Probably on these waters and baths the fame of Buxton may be said principally to rest. The thermal waters spring in immense and unvarying volumes, and at a temperature of 82° Fahr. It is asserted that the curative properties of these waters in cases of rheumatism and gout are "simply marvellous," and, although there is much that is hackneyed in an expression so often employed, there can be little difficulty in adducing testimony to the truth of the assertion from the experience of those who have sought the healing benefit of the mineral springs and the baths for which this Derbyshire Spa is so renowned. The supplement before us describes the baths as truly a "Bethesda's pool" to suffering humanity. In cases such as the one now under notice, when so much stress is laid upon the virtue of native springs, and to the unequalled salubrity of the temperature, and the admirable sanitary and hygienic arrangements of the place, the inference is set down at once that such a resort is only suitable to the afflicted and infirm. We have heard the remark applied to Torquay—certainly one of the most beautiful, as well as the most invigorating of sea-side resorts—that it is only a place fit for people far gone in pulmonary ailments, and not for the vigorous and the strong. Of course, in making such assertions, those who utter them are in some measure at least actuated by personal or interested considerations; and daily experience is found to contradict to the letter all such rival accusations. It must not be thought, therefore, that because Buxton has an unparalleled possession of springs and baths it is only a resort for invalids; for in the Pavilion and gardens music is blended with lawn-tennis, boating, bowling, rinking, and many other pastimes which the young and athletic so much enjoy, whilst the beauty of the surrounding scenery adds Nature's own charm to the enterprises of art in providing attractions for visitors. The supplement published by Mr. C. F. Wardley is a work of art in itself, whilst the information accompanying the plates is interesting, and full of valuable hints to those who are just now contemplating the package of their family portmanteaus before setting out for their summer sojourn in the country.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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SOUTH MIDDLESEX LODGE, No. 858.

THERE was a very gratifying attendance of members and Visitors at the Installation meeting of this popular old West-end Lodge, held at Beaufort House, Walham Green, on Thursday evening, the 22nd instant. The Lodge is intimately bound up with the Second Middlesex Rifles and other Volunteer corps of this district, many of whose officers figure on the roll of membership; and during the past year, under the able and genial presidency of Bro. Lieut. F. Larnar, the proceedings have been crowned with even more than ordinary success. There appears to be such thorough harmony and urbanity pervading the conduct of this Lodge's affairs that it need be no matter for surprise that new and excellent "blood" is being constantly infused into it, and that, both from a numerical and financial point of view, this branch of the Fraternity is in a robust and healthy condition. The brethren assembled soon after four o'clock, under the presidency of the retiring Worshipful Master, Bro. Lieut. F. Larnar, who was supported by Bros. C. S. Wilkes S.W. and W.M. elect, T. C. Allengame J.W., Major C. H. Reid-Tod P.M. Treas., W. H. Rawkins Secretary, E. H. Walmsley S.D., W. H. Hobbiss S.D., Lieut.-Col. H. Radcliffe P.M. Director of Ceremonies, E. A. R. Ewen Steward, Past Masters P. Kirke, W. F. Woods, Francis Egan, C. H. Cumberland, B. Pollard, and P. H. Jones; Bros. W. Burn, C. W. Stevenson, B. Fickling, R. Ethridge, W. Graham, W. S. Cottis, R. H. Grey, C. Wetherby, S. H. Moore, W. Ham, Thos. Grover, Woodstock Tyler, and others. Amongst the Visitors were Bro. J. Percy Leith P.M. 2 P.G.D., J. G. Fisher P.M. 1194 P.G.S. Middlesex, E. Clark P.M. 1329 P.P.G. Supt. of Works, J. Clulow 1851, H. J. Amphlett 1511, R. Wilson 2054, A. B. Hudson 1657, H. F. Back 55, F. Prior 765, J. H. Townsend Green 1974, J. Holliday 1777, F. A. Ford 2021, R. Josey 1828, &c. Lodge was opened in accordance with ancient Rites, and the minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, was advanced to the third, when Bro. W. Graham was raised to the sublime degree, the ceremony being impressively and ably worked by the retiring W.M. Bro. Larnar then vacated the chair, which was assumed by the esteemed Treasurer of the Lodge, Bro. Major C. H. Reid-Tod as Installing Officer; and Bro. C. A. Wilkes was presented in due form as W.M. elect, and assented to the usual interrogatories on accepting the responsibilities of office. A Board of Installing Masters was then constituted, and Bro. Wilkes was inducted into the chair of K.S. with all solemnity, the ceremony being performed in masterly manner. On the re-admission of the brethren, the newly-installed W.M. was proclaimed, and saluted in the three degrees, after which he invested his Officers for the year, as follow:—Bros. Lieut. F. Larnar I.P.M., T. C. Allengame S.W., S. E. H. Walmsley J.W., Major C. H. Reid-Tod P.M. Treasurer, W. H. Rawkins Secretary, W. H. Hobbiss S.D., Dr. A. Handyside J.D., E. A. R. Ewen I.G., and Woodstock Tyler. The ancient charges to the Masters, Wardens, and Brethren were delivered by the Installing Master with much elocutionary effect, and the ceremony throughout was most edifying and highly appreciated by all present. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Radcliffe P.M. acted efficiently as Director of Ceremonies. At the close of the Installation business, the ballot was opened for Dr. Gilbert Richardson, of Patney, proposed by Bro. Wilkes and seconded by Bro. Larnar, and for Mr. J. Wilmer Ransome, of Highbury New Park, whose sponsors were the same. Both were unanimously accepted, and Mr. Ransome being present, was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Craft, the working of the newly-installed W.M. giving promise of able and excellent ruling during the year upon which he had just entered. The other candidate, Dr. Richardson, was prevented by urgent professional duties from attending. The report of the Audit Committee, which showed the Lodge to be in a satisfactory condition, both as regards numbers and funds, was submitted and approved; and the Worshipful Master then, in the name of the brethren, presented to the retiring Master a handsome P.M.'s jewel, which had been unanimously voted to him by the Lodge, as a mark of their esteem, and in recognition of the valuable services he had rendered during his tenure of office. The jewel was quite unique in its design, bearing on its front the Middlesex arms, beneath which was a bugle, denoting the connection of the Lodge with the Second South Middlesex Volunteers, and on the reverse side was the inscription—

Presented to Bro. Fred. Larnar P.M. for his efficient services as Worshipful Master during the year. April 1886.

The gift was accompanied by a few eulogistic observations on the part of the W.M., who referred to Bro. Larnar's very successful year, and the zeal and fidelity with which he had carried on the affairs of the Lodge during the time he had filled that exalted position. He had gained the respect and esteem of the brethren generally by his unwearied exertions for the promotion of the best interests of the South Middlesex Lodge, and he (the speaker) hoped to have that worthy brother's assistance and counsel in carrying on the business of the Lodge in the year upon which he had, by the kindness of the brethren, entered to-day. Bro. Larnar briefly acknowledged the compliment which had been paid to him, and promised to continue his efforts for the welfare of the Lodge, as he had done in the past. He congratulated Bro. Wilkes upon his accession to office, and the brethren upon the wise choice they had made, and assured them all that whatever he could do to advance the prosperity of the Lodge he should be most happy to do. In wearing the beautiful jewel which had been fastened to his breast, he should ever be reminded of the pleasant hours he had spent in association with the brethren of the South London Lodge, and concluded by expressing the hope that he might continue to merit the kindly sentiments which had actuated them in making him such an acceptable present. Some routine business having been transacted, and hearty good wishes interchanged, the brethren and Visitors adjourned for the banquet, which was served

in admirable style by Mr. Maltby, in the large hall, whose walls are adorned with quaint military subjects, bought, we understand, from the old "Globe," in Leicester-square. At the end of the hall was a large drop-scene, on which is painted a strikingly excellent representation of the Volunteer camp at Wimbledon. At the conclusion of the *recherche* repast, which was capitally served, the Worshipful Master proposed the Loyal toasts, in doing which, after alluding to her Most Gracious Majesty as Patron of the Craft, he said when they looked back upon the time since H.R.H. the Prince of Wales succeeded to the position of M.W. Grand Master, they would find that nearly 700 new Lodges had been consecrated, and each year had brought upwards of 800 into the Order. That spoke volumes as to what the Prince of Wales had done for Freemasonry. The Prince had endeared himself to every man, woman, and child, not only in England, but on the Continent, and his name was respected, not only by Masons, but by every community throughout the world. He then gave in suitable terms the M.W. Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, present and past. In doing so, he spoke of the superior way in which the work of Grand Lodge was carried on, and said we ought to be thankful to those gentlemen who so assiduously devoted themselves to the interests of the Craft. This evening they were honoured by the presence of one of the Grand Officers—which was not a frequent occurrence in their Lodge—and they would have had others but for the meeting occurring so close upon the Easter holidays. The toast was received with the utmost cordiality, and, in responding, Bro. J. Percy Leith P.G.D. said the Officers of Grand Lodge did their utmost to merit the approbation of the brethren generally. The duties of Grand Lodge required careful attention to matters of detail, and that attention conducted mainly to the success or otherwise of the Institution. To obtain the approval of the brethren by the success of their exertions was the highest reward coveted by the Officers of Grand Lodge. He thanked them individually for the kind manner in which the Worshipful Master had coupled his name with the toast, and it afforded him genuine pleasure to have had an opportunity of witnessing the ceremonies, performed in a manner which, he assured them, was deserving of the highest credit. Not only was their own Master employed in these ceremonies, but they had an opportunity of seeing their Immediate Past Master, who had carried on the work of the past year so well, taking upon himself the raising of a brother to-day. There was no doubt that Bro. Larnar's mantle would fall upon the shoulders of his successor. He (Bro. Wilkes) had had an opportunity, which few Masters have of performing an initiation on his installation night, and they were all much gratified at the extremely able way in which he, as a novice, conducted that interesting ceremony. In Bro. Major Reid-Tod they had a Past Master who was always available, whose services were ever at their disposal, and who would at any time come forward to take upon himself the arduous duties of Installing Master. He had discharged those duties that day with great ability, and was deserving of high credit. Having thanked the brethren for their hospitality, he said his visit to the Lodge on this occasion was particularly agreeable, inasmuch as the father of their initiative was an old friend of his, and it was a strange coincidence that he should be present on the night when the son was initiated into Freemasonry. Bro. Larnar I.P.M. then assumed the gavel, and proposed, in felicitous terms, the health of their newly-installed Worshipful Master. Most of the brethren present knew that Bro. Wilkes was a thoroughly good man, in every capacity of life, and from what they had seen they might be confidently assured he would make an excellent Master of their Lodge. Very few words were required to recommend this toast to their notice, but he asked the brethren to offer Bro. Wilkes the same cordial help that they had afforded him (the speaker) during his year of office. He was sure that at the expiration of that term they would have every reason to be abundantly satisfied with the choice they had made. The W.M., who was heartily received, said he rose with diffidence and pleasure to respond to the toast—with diffidence, fearing he should not be able to carry out the duties which they had been kind enough to impose upon him to their entire satisfaction, and with pleasure because he had reached, he might say, the height of his ambition in Masonry. When, only a few years ago, he had the honour of being initiated in this Lodge, he was vain enough to hope he might attain to the exalted position he now held. He had attained that position, even sooner than in those ambitious days he expected, and he thanked the brethren for the extremely kind way in which he had been received on this occasion. He should strive to do his best to justify the selection they had made, and hoped that at the end of his year of office they might be able to drink to his health with the same cordiality as they had done that day. He assured them nothing should be wanting on his part to maintain and to increase, in his humble way, the welfare of the South Middlesex Lodge. In proposing the health of the I.P.M., he spoke of the able manner in which Bro. Larnar had conducted the office of Master during the past year, although that subject needed no comment from him. They were all extremely indebted to him for the way in which the affairs of the Lodge had been conducted. It was impossible for any Master to have done his duty in a more efficient manner than Bro. Larnar had done; therefore, he had very great pleasure in proposing this toast. As he had been warned two or three times that time was on the wing, and that the brethren would run away, he asked them, without further preface, to drink to the toast with all honours. Bro. Lieut. F. Larnar I.P.M. was warmly applauded, and, after returning thanks for the hearty reception accorded to the toast, said after the many speeches he had made during the year, they would not want any lengthened remarks from him on this occasion. He was very proud to have arrived at that position. Of course, he valued his position as Master of the Lodge, but he was equally happy in that which he now filled as a Past Master. He wished to convey to them his grateful thanks for the very kind support they had rendered him during his year of office.

The W.M., in proposing what he termed the toast of the evening, "The Initiate," observed that without initiates Masonry would be entirely at a standstill. In the South Middlesex Lodge they had been particularly fortunate in having a goodly number of them. That evening he had hoped to have had the honour of two initiates, but at the last moment he received a telegram from one, who was a medical man, to the effect that he had been called away on important duty. He hoped, however, to have the pleasure of initiating him on the next occasion. They had that evening a very excellent addition to their number in the person of an old friend of his, and possibly, in name, a friend of many others in the Lodge. It was three or four years since he had the pleasure of proposing Bro. Ransome, but circumstances had prevented him from attending until now. However, the old adage held good, "Better late than never." Personally, he was much pleased that Bro. Ransome did not come forward earlier, because now he had the honour of initiating his old friend. He was one of the right sort, and one of whom they would have reason to be proud. The E.A. song having been sung with acclamation, Bro. Ransome thanked the brethren very much for having received the toast of his health so heartily, and also for their having admitted him into the Order. He had been deeply impressed with the interesting and solemn ceremony he had witnessed in the Lodge-room. It had always been one of his ambitions to become a Mason, and he thanked them most sincerely for having admitted him. The W.M. next extended a hearty welcome to the Visitors, and said although in every Lodge this toast was well received, he thought it was especially so in the South Middlesex. He did not know that he had a right to say "especially," because every Lodge was glad to receive Visitors; but, speaking for the brethren of his Lodge, he said they were only too delighted to see such a goodly number present on this occasion. He then enumerated the brethren who had honoured them with their company, some of whom were distinguished in the Craft, and he had received letters and telegrams expressing regret for non-attendance from others who, although not with them in person, were so in spirit. Bro. Clark said his visit to the South Middlesex Lodge had afforded him much gratification. He thanked them for the bounteous manner in which they had entertained their Visitors, which was something beyond that usually experienced, even in Masonic Lodges; and the way in which the working had been done afforded him much pleasure. It was most agreeable to meet so many old friends, amongst whom was the initiate, whom he had known in business. If he carried out his Masonic duties as he did those on behalf of his clients, he would be everything that the brethren of the Lodge could desire. Bro. Fisher could add but little to what had been said by the last speaker in response to this toast; but Bro. Clark omitted one important point, and that was the excellent manner in which the installation ceremony had been rendered by their worthy Bro. Major Reid-Tod. Having witnessed that ceremony on many occasions, he was bound to say he had never seen it carried out in better form, or with more expressive feeling than it had been done that day. He thanked Bro. Reid-Tod for the able manner in which he reminded them of the tenets and principles of the Craft. In that ceremony everything was brought to their minds as to what Freemasonry was, but it was the manner in which it was rendered that made an impression upon their hearts. He had heard Bro. Tod rehearse that ceremony many times in Lodges of Instruction, but that evening he even excelled himself. He again thanked them for their unbounded hospitality at the festive board, and for the treat which had been afforded them in the Lodge-room. Bro. Back thoroughly endorsed the sentiments expressed by those who had preceded him. Although he had not the good fortune as yet to witness an installation ceremony, from what he had heard from critical brethren he knew it had been admirably performed. The W.M., in appropriate terms, gave the Past Masters, extolling their zeal and assiduity in promoting the welfare of the Lodge and the comfort and harmony of the brethren. The Past Masters severally acknowledged the toast, and, the Officers of the Lodge having replied to the compliments paid to them, the list was fittingly closed by the Tyler. The proceedings of the evening, which were of the most enjoyable character throughout, were diversified by some capital songs and recitations, Bro. Hobbiss rendering efficient aid as accompanist on the pianoforte.

CALLENDER LODGE, No. 1052.

THE Installation meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 20th ult., at the Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester. After the confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, a ballot was taken for a joining member, Bro. Joseph Priestman, and declared to be unanimous in his favour. Bro. Robert White P.M., the D.C. of the Lodge, presented the W.M. elect, Bro. Seth Wrigley, the S.W. of the past year, for installation, and this interesting ceremony was performed in a most impressive and eloquent manner by the popular outgoing Master, Bro. Roger Walker. Although this was Bro. Walker's first attempt in the capacity of Installing Master the ceremony was rendered in such a style as to engross the attention of the brethren, from the commencement to the end, and Bro. Walker was rewarded at its close with an outburst of applause seldom given in a Lodge-room. We venture to predict the day is not far distant when Bro. Walker's talents will be recognised and rewarded in the Province of East Lancashire. The addresses to the newly-appointed Officers were delivered by Bro. J. Beresford P.P.G.D. Cheshire; this brother's fame is such as to render criticism or praise superfluous. After business the brethren, numbering about sixty, adjourned to a sumptuous banquet provided in the room below, where they did ample justice to the viands, excellently served by the Lodge caterer. The Queen, Prince and Princess of Wales, the Grand Lodge and Provincial Lodge toasts having been duly honoured, Bro. Geo. Chadwick P.G. Secretary responded to the latter, assuring the brethren of the Callender Lodge that the Prov. G.M. R.W. Bro. N.

Le Gendre Starkie would be pleased to hear the report he (Bro. Chadwick) should give of the good and efficient work done in their Lodge. He noted with pleasure that although the members were not numerous, and that the brethren had during the past few years not been able to do as much as they wished towards the general Charities, they had that day voted another £5 to the East Lancashire Masonic Benevolent Institution, to mark their esteem for the Installing Master, and the success which had attended the Lodge during his tenure of office. Bro. Chadwick also announced that Bro. Warburton P.M., the Charity Representative of the Lodge, had supplemented the vote by a donation on his own behalf of £5. It was only fair that acts like these, done in secret and so unostentatiously, should at least be mentioned, so that brethren might be stimulated to imitate the good example, and that the giver should himself see his charitable act was recognised. Bro. Walker I.P.M. then proposed the health of the newly-installed Worshipful Master. In Bro. Seth Wrigley the Lodge would undoubtedly find a worthy occupant of the chair; he would prove an honour to the name of Callender, for whilst serving the subordinate offices of the Lodge he had, by his suavity, courtesy, zeal and assiduity, ingratiated himself into the affections of every member and earned the esteem of the Past Masters. The manner in which Bro. Wrigley had thrown himself into the labours of preparing for the comfort of visitors to the installation and banquet was an additional guarantee that the duties devolving upon him would be faithfully performed, and every detail carefully attended to. Bro. Seth Wrigley, in reply, assured the brethren that he had, from the time of his initiation, aimed at filling the position in which the brethren had that evening placed him; he would prove his gratitude for the confidence they had reposed in him by handing the warrant, on the expiration of his term of office, if with no extra lustre, at least as untarnished as he now received it. He only hoped he should succeed in his efforts as well as Bro. Walker, who had been most energetic and untiring for the welfare of the Callender Lodge, this should be his aim and endeavour during his Mastership. In proposing the health of the I.P.M., Bro. Wrigley made most flattering allusions to the work that had been done, and to the unanimity which had prevailed in the Lodge. He then presented to Bro. Walker a beautiful P.M.'s jewel, on behalf of the members. He trusted that Bro. Walker would live long to wear the jewel, which denoted the affections of every member. Bro. Walker I.P.M. responded, and promised that having fallen into the ranks of the P.M.'s he should, like them, remain in the Lodge, and whilst he lived wear with pride the jewel which the brethren had been pleased to bestow upon him. It should ever be a beacon to direct him to his Masonic duties, and any service it might be in his power to render would be willingly given on behalf of the Lodge or any of its members. The Secretary, Bro. Edwards, in proposing the Visiting Brethren, complimented the Lodge on being honoured with distinguished brethren from many Provinces; brethren who had attained Provincial rank. There were also present many who deserved it, but who, through the scarcity of offices at the disposal of the Prov. Grand Master, and from the number of brethren eligible for the honour, were unavoidably, up to now, undecorated. He asked the Visitors, all of whom had given evidence of being at home, to come and see the Lodge whilst the ordinary duties were being performed through the year, and promised they should find one of the best worked, truly harmonious, hospitable and happy Lodges in the Province. They would be satisfied that the Lodge work could not be excelled, and a better acquaintance with the Lodge would improve their opinion of the Worshipful Master's hospitality, however high that opinion might already be. Nearly all the Visitors responded. Amongst them were Bros. J. Chadwick P.G.S., Thos. Carter P.G.O., Board P.G.D.C. Warwickshire, J. Beresford P.P.G.D. Cheshire, Wm. Harris W.M. 1993, Hebden P.M. 1458, Elliott P.M. 1147, Biddolph, Hill, Blatherwick, and Cheetham W.M. 993. Bro. Harris concluded a very eloquent response by paying a high compliment to Bro. Walker I.P.M., expressing the extreme pleasure it gave him to meet Bro. Walker and witness the ceremony he had so well performed, more especially as Bro. Walker had rendered such valuable service to him (Brother Harris) in performing ceremonies in the Wolseley Lodge, where he had made himself so agreeable and popular to every member. Bro. Harris also expressed the hope that the very high prestige of the Callender Lodge might be maintained, and that it might continue in its labour of love, and prosper under its new Master. Bro. Blatherwick said, that having for years worked in another sphere with the late Bro. W. R. Callender, he was convinced that from the manner in which the Lodge was conducted, and the "esprit" which prevailed, the inspiration of that departed brother haunted the Lodge, and that whilst this continued the Callender must of necessity remain a model Lodge in the Province. The toasts of the Past Masters and the newly-invested Officers having been duly honoured, Bro. Warburton P.M. gave the Masonic Charities, favouring those present with a most interesting account of the history and work of each, remarking that although the Lodge had not subscribed as much as they could have wished to the general Charities, owing to the claims of their own members and the depression of trade in the district, the feeling was strong in the Lodge to be in the fore in the lists of subscribers to the Masonic Charities, the trifle given to-day therefore might be considered an earnest of more to follow. During the evening the meeting was enlivened with some capital music, singing and recitations by Bro. Carter P.G.O., Owles, J. Jordrell, Ernest Jones J.W., Bennett I.G., Start, and the brethren left after one of the pleasantest evenings spent even in this ever happy Lodge.

VICTORIA LODGE, No. 1056.

THE installation meeting of this popular Lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, on Thursday evening last, when there was a goodly muster of the brethren and Visitors, under the presidency of the retiring W.M. Bro. Edmund Bowles. Lodge was opened soon after four o'clock, and the minutes of the

last meeting were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was then presented, showing the Lodge to be in a sound and healthy condition, both as regards membership and finances; the report was unanimously adopted. Lodge being advanced to the third degree, Bros. W. P. Bothamley, E. Noyes, and H. Mitchell were raised, the working of the Worshipful Master being all that could be desired. Resuming in the second, Bro. Samuel Cochrane S.W. and W.M. elect was presented for the benefit of installation, and having formally assented to the responsibilities of office, he was duly installed into the chair. The brethren, on their re-admission to the Lodge, saluted the newly-installed W.M. in the three degrees, and the charges were delivered, in an effective manner. The W.M. then appointed and invested his Officers for the ensuing year, and after the interchange of fraternal greetings, the brethren and visitors partook of a sumptuous banquet, provided in Bros. Ritter and Clifford's usual commendable style. The customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the health of the newly-installed W.M. being received with especial enthusiasm, and responded to in appropriate terms by Bro. Cochrane. The toast of the Visitors was also very heartily received and acknowledged, whilst a fitting tribute of praise was accorded to the Past Masters, Treasurer, Secretary, and Officers for the active zeal they had displayed in promoting the interests of the Victoria Lodge. The proceedings of the evening, which were of a thoroughly harmonious and enjoyable description, were varied by some capital singing and recitations.

St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction, No. 141.—The annual meeting of this very old Lodge of Instruction was held on Good Friday, the 23rd ult., at Brother Pope's, White Hart Tavern, King's Road, Chelsea, on which occasion a large number of eminent brethren attended to celebrate the custom of working the fifteen sections. The following took part in the working:—Bros. W. Stuart P.M. 141, 179 as W.M., A. Carlstrom S.W., P. Coghlan J.W., J. March Secretary. First lecture—Bros. Coghlan, Alexander, Raffle, Coop, Whiting, Smith, Woods. Second lecture—Bros. Watts, Corbey, Carlstrom, Cleghorn, Dairy. Third lecture—Bros. Markland, Whiting, Woods.

The M.W. the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales having approved of a new Masonic Lodge for Gosport, the consecration will take place in the Thorngate Hall, on the 12th May, by the R.W. Provincial Grand Master (Brother W. W. B. Beach, M.P.), assisted by the Officers of the Province. Brother Francis Powell P.M. 903 is the Worshipful Master designate.

Bro. Spiegel P.M. will deliver his lecture, on the Origin of Freemasonry, at the Creaton Lodge of Instruction No. 1791, held at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk Road Shepherd's Bush, on Thursday, the 6th of May.

The following Festivals were celebrated at Freemasons Tavern during the week ending Saturday, 1st May 1886:—

Tuesday—Royal York Chapter, Lodge of Prudent Brethren, Royal Savoy Lodge. Wednesday—Grand Festival, Smeatonian Society of Civil Engineers, Jordan Lodge. Friday—Britannic Lodge.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Drury Lane.—London has its national theatre once again, with its old glories of melodrama. The pantomime season had extended this year beyond its usual limits, and indeed Aladdin might seemingly have travelled through midsummer and autumn to shake hands with the "Forty Thieves" next Christmas. Mr. Harris has willed otherwise, and now we have "Human Nature" for a few weeks before we welcome Carl Rosa and his pleasant opera season. In the absence of Mr. H. Neville, with a touring company, Mr. Harris assumes the part of the hero, and seems equal to the chivalry required. On the first night he was strangely nervous, as many a gallant captain has been before on entering on a great campaign. That strangely versatile actor Mr. R. Pateman is the demoniac baby farmer, so blood-curdling in his villainy that the gallery does not hiss, but howls at him in appreciative virtue. Mr. Harry Nicholls plays the benevolent "comic relief" with a brightness and geniality that reminds old playgoers of Buckstone. Pretty Marie Illington is still the delightful sonbrette—charming in every one of her scenes. However, for this occasion the "play was (not) the thing," but rather the playhouse. It was the première of Drury Lane newly decorated, and with such liberal magnificence that surely the grand old interior has never shone with such a glory of ruby velvet and lavish gilding, whilst the same coloured tablean curtains repeat and complete the gorgeous draperies of the boxes. The uncompromising severity of the central sunlight gains grace and sparkle from a veil of crystal drops. The stalls and the boxes have had their seats upholstered for the greater comfort of visitors, and soft carpets cover the endless stairs and corridors. Drury Lane is now the most luxuriously appointed theatre in London. At the close of the performance Mr. Harris was summoned again and again in answer to the enthusiastic plaudits of the audience.

Grand.—The popular and courteous manager of this North London Theatre, Mr. H. A. Freeman, announces his annual benefit for Wednesday, the 5th May, on which occasion he will present a very attractive programme.

The following brethren were appointed Officers of Grand Lodge, at the Grand Festival on Wednesday:—

Bro. Lord Herschell (Lord Chancellor)	Grand Senior Warden
Right Hon. Lord Charles Beresford, C.B., M.P.	Grand Junior Warden
Rev. James Nelson Palmer	Grand Chaplains
Rev. William Mortimer Heath	
Dorabjee Pestonjee Cama	Grand Treasurer
Frederic Adolphus Philbrick, Q.C.	Grand Registrar
Col. Shadwell H. Clerke	Grand Secretary
Ernest Emil Wendt, D.C.L.	Grand Sec. Ger. Cor.
Sir Bruce Maxwell Seton, Bart.	Grand Senior Deacons
Samuel Pope, Q.C.	
Ralph Clutton	Grand Junior Deacons
John E. Le Feuvre	
Horace Jones	Grand Supt. of Works.
Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter)	Grand Dir. of Cers.
Rudolph Glover	Grand Dep. Dir. of Cers.
Henry Trueman Wood	Grand Asst. Dir. of Cers.
William Roebuck	Grand Sword Bearer.
Edward Dean Davis	Grand Standard Bearers
Henry Greene	
Walter Parratt	Grand Organist
Albert Lucking	Grand Pursuivant
William Henry Perryman	Grand Assist. Pursuivant
Henry Sadler	Grand Tyler

The following were appointed Grand Stewards:—Bros. Major G. C. D'Albiac, F. P. Shipp, H. P. Hughes jun., H. F. Pollock, R. E. Johnston, J. Russell, A. Williams, M. R. Sewill, E. C. Mather, F. W. Macan, J. R. Dunlop, R. Plumbe, Henry Carter, A. Layton, H. M. Bates, C. E. Wilson, R. Grantham, E. T. G. Darell.

The R.W. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Provincial Grand Master Middlesex, will hold his Provincial Grand Lodge on Saturday, 5th June, at the Town Hall, Twickenham.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday, when Bros. Joshua Nunn P.G.S.B., James Brett P.G.P. and C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P. occupied their respective chairs of President, and Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents. The recommendations of the last Board having been confirmed, forty-four new cases were considered. Three of these were dismissed, one was deferred, and the remaining forty were relieved, the total sum voted being £925, made up of one grant of £5, thirteen of £10, one of £15, nine of £20, one of £25, ten of £30, three of £40, one of £50, and one of £100.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

By the brethren of the Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55, by special invitation, at the New Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 813, held at the Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., on Wednesday, 5th May, at seven. Bros. Fox P.M. 201 W.M., Gush P.M. 1541 S.W., Larchin P.M. 1541 J.W. First Lecture—Bros. Brailer, Spon, Norman, Main, Gregory, Larchin, Gush. Second Lecture—Bros. Hands, Sharpe, Jenkins, Fox, Bond. Third Lecture—Bros. Gilt, Weeden, Giddings. Bro. J. R. Cordell 813 Secretary.

Obituary.

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SIR HENRY EDWARDS, BART., P.P.G.M. WEST YORKSHIRE.

The news of the decease of Brother Sir Henry Edwards will be received with feelings of regret throughout the country, but more particularly in that district of Yorkshire with which he was more intimately associated. Our deceased brother was appointed to the charge of the Masonic Province of West Yorkshire in 1875, and was the first Mason on whom the Grand Master conferred the dignity of Provincial Grand Master. Some two years since Sir Henry was compelled, through ill health, to resign his appointment, much to the regret of the brethren of his Province, who had learned to appreciate the thorough heartiness with which he entered into, and carried out, his Masonic duties.

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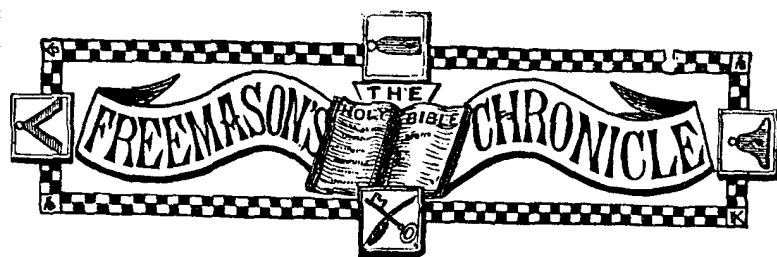
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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

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

BUSINESS.

The Regulations for the government of the Supreme Grand Chapter during the time of public business to be read.

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

Installation of Principals, and appointment and investiture of Officers for the ensuing year.

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 20th January to the 20th April 1886, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Balance Grand Chapter -				Disbursements during the quarter -	248	16	2
„ Unappropriated Account -	185	2	4	Balance -	220	10	0
Subsequent Receipts -	438	2	6	„ Unappropriated Account -	198	3	10
	£667	10	0		£667	10	0

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 George Arthur Montgomery Tapscott as Z., Andries Selzer as H., Thomas Melville du Toit as J., and nine others for a Chapter to be attached to the Octahedron Lodge, No. 1417, Barkley, South Africa, to be called "The Octahedron Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Barkley, South Africa.

2nd. From Companions Stephen R. White as Z., Richard Thomas Middleton as H., Henry Hagell Lowrie as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Southern Cross Lodge, No. 1590, Uitenhage, Cape of Good Hope, to be called "The Southern Cross Chapter," and to meet at Uitenhage, Cape of Good Hope (East Division).

3rd. From Companions James Reginald Spence as Z., Raphael Borg as H., George Charles Peere Williams Freeman as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Bulwer Lodge, No. 1068, Cairo, Egypt, to be called "The Bulwer Chapter," and to meet at Cairo, in Egypt.

4th. From Companions James Griffin as Z., James Gifford as H., William Odam as J., and twenty-two others for a Chapter to be attached to the Lodge of St. George, No. 2025, Stonehouse, to be called "The St. George Chapter," and to meet at the St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, in the County of Devon.

5th. From Companions Henry John Atkins as Z., William Bowring Rogers as H., David Sydenham as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Lodge of Hengist, No. 195, Bournemouth, to be called "The Hengist Chapter," and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Bournemouth, in the County of Hampshire.

6. From Companions James Smith as Z., Alexander Smith as H., John Bray as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Broad Arrow Lodge, No. 1890, St. George's, Bermuda, to be called "The Royal Edward Chapter," and to meet at St. George's, Bermuda, West Indies.

7th. From Companions William Mason Stiles as Z., William Alfred Scurrah as H., James Willing jun. as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Henry Levander Lodge, No. 2048, Harrow Station, to be called "The Henry Levander Chapter," and to meet at the Railway Hotel, Harrow Station, in the County of Middlesex.

8th. From Companions George Lambert as Z., Robert Payne as H., Herbert C. Lambert as J., and twelve others for a Chapter to be attached to the Queen's Westminster Lodge, No. 2021, London, to be called "The Queen's Westminster Chapter," and to meet at 8A Red Lion Square, Holborn, London.

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

The Committee have also to report that they have received a memorial from the Companions of the Chapter of Fidelity, No. 3, London, praying for a Charter authorising 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 have likewise to report that a Chapter through neglect of the Law as contained in Article 67, page 22, of the Royal Arch Regulations (Edit. 1879), has recently exalted a Brother at a less period than twelve calendar months from the date of his becoming a Master Mason :—

The Committee have admonished the Chapter to be more observant of the Law in the future, and have ordered the candidate in question to be re-obligated.

The Committee have further to report the receipt of the two following communications, viz. :—

1st. An Edict of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Quebec—dated 16th January 1886, severing fraternal intercourse between its Chapters and their members, and those of this Grand Chapter, in consequence of the continued existence within the territory exclusively claimed by the former, of the two English Chapters, Nos. 374 and 440, which have been working in Montreal long previously to the formation of their Chapter.

2nd. An Edict to the same purport from the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State of Louisiana—dated 1st March 1886, to continue in force so long as the two Chapters in Montreal shall remain under the Grand Chapter of England.

These communications have been briefly acknowledged by the Grand Scribe E., and as the Grand Chapter of England does not exchange Representatives with Grand Chapters of the Royal Arch degree on the continent of America, these Bodies differing from that of England in their forms and qualifications, the Committee do not recommend that further notice be taken of these communications.

(Signed) ROBERT GREY P.A.G. Soj.
President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
21st April 1886.

Election of the Committee of General Purposes for the ensuing twelve months.

Appeal of Companion Joseph Dawson P.Z. No. 832, Rangoon, and Past District Grand H., against a ruling of the Grand Superintendent in the District Grand Chapter of Burma, at Rangoon, on the 10th December 1885, declaring an amendment carried.

POLISH NATIONAL CHAPTER, No. 534.

THE installation Convocation was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on Thursday, 22nd ult. Comps. Palmer Z., Dr. Corrie Jackson H., and Dr. Jagielski J. The first business was the examination and passing the accounts by the Audit Committee; these were found to be very satisfactory. Afterwards came the ballot for the Officers for the ensuing year. Companion Dr. Corrie Jackson was unanimously chosen M.E.Z., Comp. Jagielski H., and J. Bieling J. These various Officers were then installed in a most able manner by Comp. Palmer. After this followed the ballot for Brother Schwartz, of the Ebury and Marylebone Lodges, proposed by Comp. Chaplain. This proved to be unanimous in his favour, and he was exalted to the supreme degree by the newly installed M.E.Z. The ceremony being completed, and various communications brought forward by Companion Paas S.E. having been received, the Chapter was closed until October next.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF NORTHERN CHINA.

A REGULAR Communication was held at the Masonic Hall, Shanghai, on Thursday, 7th January 1886, when there were present the following District Grand Officers :—Bros. J. I. Miller Deputy Master (in the chair), C. Thorne Past Master, Thomas W. Kingsmill Past S.W. Acting D.D.G.M., L. Moore Past S.W. Acting District S.G.W., E. P. Lalcaca J.W., Rev. F. R. Smith Chaplain, A. Johnsford Registrar, J. M. Cory President Board of General Purposes, R. D. Starkey Secretary, G. A. Allcot Acting S.D., W. H. Anderson Acting J.D., J. Morris Superintendent of Works, O. Middleton Director of Ceremonies, J. Findlay Assistant Director of Ceremonies, G. R. Wingrove Sword Bearer, G. B. Fentum Organist, A. M. A. Evans Standard Bearer, A. P. Macgregor Pursuivant, R. W. Astill Assistant Pursuivant, G. M. Hart Steward, S. R. Gale Acting Tyler. Visitors—Bros. C. W. Dallas District Grand Master Japan, E. Ebrahim 501 E.C., F. L. Marshall and F. M. Gratton 570 E.C.; A. Gillanders, J. Baird, D. O'Rourke, and J. M. Macfarlane 1027 E.C.; J. G. Thirkell, E. Sanstedt, L. F. Gowing and E. J. O. Rowland 428 S.C.; M. H. Cook, C. Brown and G. Howard Ancient Landmark Lodge, Mass. Const.; G. Martin 1 E.C., &c. The District Grand Lodge was opened in form at 9.15 p.m., and after the Circular convening the meeting had been read, the minutes of the

last regular Communication, which had been printed and circulated, were confirmed. Bro. Cory read the Report of the District Board of General Purposes, which was adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes of the present Communication. The District Grand Secretary, in the absence, through indisposition, of the District Grand Treasurer, explained that the Treasurer's report showed that the receipts during the year had amounted to tls.381.83, against which there had been an expenditure of tls.201.53, leaving a balance of tls.180.30. In addition to this balance, after writing off ten per cent. for depreciation, there were assets, represented by the old regalia, amounting to tls.264.60, making a total of tls.444.90. There was the unpaid bill for the new regalia of £60 2s, but the new regalia would of course, come into the assets. Bro. Thorne Past District Grand Master complimented the District Grand Lodge on its improved financial position, and proposed that the Treasurer's report be adopted. The District Grand Master in the chair, in seconding the motion, explained that the accounts would be audited and annexed to the printed minutes of the present Communication. The accounts were then formally adopted. The ballot for the election of Treasurer was then taken, and resulted in the re-election of Bro. Short. Bros. R. W. Astill, A. P. Macgregor, and J. Findlay were elected members of the District Board of General Purposes. The following brethren were invested District Grand Officers for the ensuing year, viz. :—

Bro. John Myrie Cory	-	-	S.W.
Alfred Johnsford	-	-	J.W.
William Henry Short	-	-	Treasurer
John Morris	-	-	Registrar
Rev. Frederick Robert Smith	-	-	Chaplain
Osborne Middleton	-	-	Pres. Board Gen. Purposes
Reginald Digby Starkey	-	-	Secretary
Reuben Aaron Gabbay	-	-	Assistant Secretary
George Albert Allcot	-	-	S.D.
The W.M. Union Lodge 1051, Tientsin	-	-	J.D.
John Findlay	-	-	Superintendent of Works
George Richard Wingrove	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
Algernon Mountford Adams Evans	-	-	Assistant Director of Cer.
Alexander Pendarves Macgregor	-	-	Sword Bearer
Thomas Frederick Hough	-	-	Standard Bearer
James MacMorran	-	-	Assistant Standard Bearer
George Benjamin Fentum	-	-	Organist
Robert William Astill	-	-	Pursuivant
George Mercer Hart	-	-	Assistant Pursuivant
Frederick Montague Gratton	-	-	} Stewards
James Baird	-	-	
John West	-	-	
Joseph James Poynter	-	-	} Tyler
The S.W. Union Lodge 1951, Tientsin	-	-	
Charles Merritt	-	-	

The District Grand Master in the chair congratulated the brethren on the harmonious working of the different Lodges in the District since the Communication in September last. The Worshipful Masters of the local Lodges had been installed and their Officers invested, and he wished them all a prosperous year. From the Union Lodge no returns had been received, though especially applied for, and their non-arrival had placed him in an awkward position, being unable to name its Officers for appointments in the District Grand Lodge. He reverted to the very satisfactory report from the Treasurer, and spoke of the progress made in the Masonic School scheme, stating that the school would now soon be an accomplished fact. Bro. Thorne explained that the Treasurer had not yet paid the tls.100 voted for the Masonic School. He formally proposed that the Treasurer be empowered to make the payment, and the motion having been seconded by Bro. Kingsmill was unanimously passed. Bro. Kingsmill mentioned that it was a great improvement to see, for the first time, the brethren arranged under their respective banners, and he hoped this plan would be followed in future. The District Grand Secretary read a letter received from the Grand Secretary, pointing out that the wishes of the Northern Lodge of China, No. 570 E.C., in connection with the appointment of a successor to Brother Thorne, had not been communicated to him, but the District Grand Secretary showed by the press copy of his letter of the 4th February 1885 that this had been done, and stated he had replied to the Grand Secretary accordingly. The Grand Secretary also wrote that the votes held by the District Grand Lodge for appointments to the Masonic Schools at home were in the hands of Bro. S. Rawson, but that no election was coming on just then. The District Grand Secretary read a circular received from the Grand Lodge giving instructions as to the requirements

to be attended to in forwarding petitions for New Lodges. After receipt of several copies of "Proceedings" had been acknowledged, the District Grand Lodge was closed in form, and the brethren separated in peace, harmony, and brotherly love.

FESTIVAL OF UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE annual Festival of the Grand Lodge of England was celebrated on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, London. The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Lathom Deputy Grand Master presided, and was supported by the following Grand Officers:—Lord Kensington P.G.W. as Deputy Grand Master, Hugh D. Sandeman P.D.G.M. Bengal as Past Grand Master, the Earl of Milltown P.S.G.W. as S.W., Colonel Sackville West J.W., Rev. R. N. Sanderson Chaplain, F. A. Philbrick. Q.C., Registrar, T. Fenn President Board of General Purposes, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Secretary, E. E. Wendt, D.C.L., Secretary for German Correspondence, J. Watson S.D., T. H. Goldney J.D., Horace Jones Superintendent of Works, Sir Albert Woods Director of Ceremonies, Charles Hammerton Sword Bearer, Butler Wilkins Standard Bearer, G. P. Brockbank Standard Bearer, E. M. Lott, Mus. Doc., Organist, Henry Garrod Pursuivant, and A. Lucking Asst. Pursuivant. So much of the minutes of the last Communication of Grand Lodge as related to the election of Grand Master and Grand Treasurer having been confirmed, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was proclaimed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The acting Grand Master having announced that the Earl of Carnarvon had been re-appointed to the office of Pro Grand Master and himself to that of Deputy Grand Master, the two appointments were formally received by Grand Lodge. The other Grand Officers, of whom we give a list on page 279, were then appointed.

Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren repaired to the Freemasons' Tavern, where banquet was served by Messrs. Spiers and Pond, under the supervision of Bro. Madell. At the conclusion of the banquet, the customary toasts were honoured, Bro. James Hayho fulfilling the duties of Toastmaster. After full honour had been done her Majesty the Queen, the Chairman rose to propose the health of His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, and other members of the Royal Family. The toast had been frequently given. The Prince of Wales was a true Mason. Unfortunately, he was unable to be present that day, but Lord Lathom was happy to think there was a probability that in a short space of time they would see the Grand Master perform a most interesting ceremony—that of installing His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught as Provincial Grand Master of Sussex. Additional interest would be felt on the occasion, as the Duke of Connaught also bore the title of Duke of Sussex. It was often extremely difficult for the Grand Master to choose those who ought to rule over the different Provinces, but he thought the Grand Master's choice, hitherto, had fallen without exception in the right place. He had never heard a word spoken against his appointments. He could assure the brethren that His Royal Highness not only took a deep interest in Masonry, but that the work of Masonry took up, as the Grand Secretary would tell them, a great deal of his time. He asked them to drink to his health, and that of the Princess of Wales, whom they all loved so much, and who, he was perfectly certain every one present would be glad to hear, was restored to health. The Earl of Lathom, in proposing the Sister Grand Lodges, said they were extremely fortunate that evening in having representatives from three—Nova Scotia, Canada, and New York. There was no doubt that, much as Masonry had increased in this country, it had been ably backed and followed up by those who, though not actually living in it, were related to it. The way that Masonry had increased throughout the world in the last few years had been something extraordinary. He wished that a census could be taken of Freemasons. Comparing the present with twenty-five years ago, if that could be done, he had very little doubt that the number of Freemasons in the world would prove to have very nearly doubled. Bro. Major-General Laurie, G.M. of Nova Scotia, rose; this was not the first occasion on which he had had the honour of receiving an invitation to the Grand Festival; nor the first occasion he had had the gratification of

attending and enjoying the hospitality of Grand Lodge, but the greater gratification to him and those supporting him was, that it was not in their personal character, but as representatives of the bodies to which respectively they belonged. The noble Earl had spoken of the spread of Masonry throughout the world; he believed that Masonry, as they specially understood it, was mainly confined to the Anglo-Saxon race, and more especially the English-speaking portion of that race. In a few days they would see a large advent of colonists to their shores, whom they would welcome as they always welcomed visitors. They would find that these visitors were very much like Englishmen in appearance, and that their great desire was to be taken for Englishmen; and if they could examine their hearts, their feelings, and not simply study their outside appearance, they would find they were in their hearts as thorough Englishmen as any one sitting at that board. He must now say a word in connection with the Masons of the United States. It was his pleasure, eleven years ago, to be present at a great assembly held in the city of New York, at the dedication of a Masonic Temple, when there was a procession of 35,000 Masons. It was not, however, to that he wished to allude. In the course of the banquet the name of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was mentioned, and it was received by the whole assembly upstanding and with shouts. He mentioned this to show that though allegiance was changed, the sentiment of brotherhood remained, and proved the truth of the saying, that "blood is thicker than water." If the brethren of the old country and those of the colonies stood together, it was a federation which could stand against the world. Brother Hugh D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal, in proposing the health of the Pro Grand Master said he would like to enter into a panegyric as to the excellence of the Earl of Carnarvon, but as he had not the ability to do so he would refrain. It was a satisfaction to every brother present to see that a portrait of the Earl of Carnarvon was now in Grand Lodge; the Pro Grand Master had exerted himself very much in the cause of Masonry. The Earl of Carnarvon was now absent recruiting his health, which had suffered in the service of the Crown at a time when that service was greatly needed. As a true Mason, when his services were needed, he at once consented to take office, and if necessary to surrender his health or his life for the benefit of his country. For these as well as for other reasons his name would always be venerated by Masons. Brother Lord Kensington proposed the Deputy Grand Master and Chairman. There were many present who could speak with more authority as regarded the Earl of Lathom and his work in Masonry than he (Lord Kensington), but as one who had known him intimately from the time they were at school together, he could speak of him in the highest terms. He knew the good work he had done, and that no time or trouble was spared by him when his presence was requisite. That morning he had come up from his home in North Lancashire to be present with the brethren, and about fifteen months ago he underwent a still more trying journey to instal him (Lord Kensington), in Pembrokeshire, as Master of his Province. Lord Lathom had done right good work for Masonry, and was one of the pillars of the Order. The Earl of Lathom in replying said that was not the first time by a good many that the brethren had welcomed him in the same hearty manner, and he thanked them from the very bottom of his heart. What little he had done for Masonry had been done from a thorough conviction of its usefulness. It was now, he was sorry to say, thirty years since he was initiated by Brother Pickard, and he looked back to that time again and again, and thanked the day when he became a Mason. He became a Mason because he had heard enough to think there was a great deal in it, and when he entered it he found what he had thought was a reality. For some years he did not take an active part, but owing to circumstances in the Province to which he had the honour to belong—West Lancashire—he was induced to bestir himself. Since that time he had been promoted to a very high position in Masonry, and it filled his heart with deep thankfulness when he thought that year after year he was thanked by the brethren for what little he had done. His duties were not onerous or heavy; but he could say honestly and conscientiously that when he was called upon to perform them, he always endeavoured to do so. He did not know there was a more heart-stirring thing in the world than to think

that in the great body of Freemasons, not only in this country, but throughout the world, there was a body of men united together by one great bond, and for the same objects—Charity and Loyalty. Charity was and ought to be universal among Masons, and Loyalty was, and ought to be, universal, whatever country they might be in. If he had not found that those two great principles of the Order had been thoroughly carried out, and thoroughly pushed, he for one would not have taken the active part in Masonry he had. But these principles were actively pushed, they were thought of, and he believed they were thoroughly in the heart of every Mason. Let them act up to them, and so long as they did so he was sure that their great Order of Freemasonry would last as a great and moving spirit in the world. He could dilate much more on the principles of Masonry, and on the principles of Loyalty and Charity, but he would content himself by merely thanking the brethren for their kindness, and assuring them that the trouble of a few hours' travelling was amply repaid by the cordial reception they had given him. In speaking to the toast of the R.W. the Provincial and District Grand Masters, the Chairman said he was happy to say he knew personally nearly the whole of the former, and had had the honour of installing a goodly number of them. He only hoped he might not have to install many more, for he thought that those who now held office were the best who could hold that position. The work of the Provincial Grand Masters was a great one, for they kept together the whole body in one united mass. He was happy to think that in past years the Prov. Grand Masters had done their duty thoroughly and well. The District Grand Masters were a different body, but they had the same duties to perform. He was not acquainted with them so well as with the Provincial Grand Masters, but he believed, from what he had heard and seen, that they did their work thoroughly. They had among them that evening the District Grand Master of Victoria, Sir William Clark, and he was happy to welcome him as representing that very great—he was going to say, unit, but a very great portion of the Empire. Bro. Clark was here, though not specially in connection with the Exhibition which was about to be opened, but still as one who had taken a leading part in the colony of Victoria, and he wished the brethren to give Sir William Clark a welcome, not only as a Mason, but as one from the other side of the sea, who had come among his English brethren. Sir Wm. Clark, in reply, said he was delighted with the welcome he had received from English Masons. He thought there were other brethren present who could have done more justice to the toast than he. In the first place he was not a speaker, and in the second place he had a very bad cold, which interfered with his throat; and as there were others present who could respond he should be pleased if the Chairman would call upon them. He must, however, say that the people of Victoria were as true Masons as the people of England. The Earl of Lathom, in proposing the Grand Wardens and the other Grand Officers, Present and Past, said he was glad to have to propose that toast for one special reason. He had had the honour of performing that day a duty which he believed had never fallen to the lot of any Mason, that of investing the Lord Chancellor of Great Britain as Grand Warden of England. The Lord Chancellor bade him make his excuses to the brethren for his absence from the banquet. His lordship came a long distance to Grand Lodge, and had a long distance to go back. The Junior Grand Warden, Lord Charles Beresford, was also unable to stop. Having a bad cold, he had strict orders from his doctor not to stop out. The Prince of Wales had made an excellent choice of Grand Officers for this year. He (Lord Lathom) was delighted to welcome a fellow countyman in the person of Bro. Samuel Pope, Q.C. The duties of a Grand Officer, as a rule, were not very arduous, but the offices were rewards for what the brethren had previously done, and ought to be looked on in that light. Whether it was the collar of a Warden, or the collar of a Pursuivant it was a badge a man ought to honour as much as the Victoria Cross; for it showed the man had done his duty in Masonry. If a man wished to be a good Mason, and to obtain advancement, let him do his duty to the Charities; he certainly did not do his duty as a Mason if he neglected them. The toast of the Masonic Charities was entrusted to the Rev. W. Mortimer Heath. He knew that a desire for the welfare of these Charities existed in the heart of every

brother present, and the great practical outcome of their principles they were able to show to the world. The Chairman had spoken about Charity, and in a great measure had taken it in its wider sense. He (the speaker) was privileged to propose it in its narrow, but not less important sense, in the shape of the great Institutions which were at once the honour of the Craft and the admiration of the outer world. Those who had watched the progress made of late years by the Institutions—the vast sums of money which had been collected, the large body of Stewards who had gathered those sums of money, would think they had seen Masonry in its practical view, and he had no doubt this had tended to place Masons in a high position among those who were not of them, but who stood outside. It was not his province to speak as to those Charities in the presence of the working members of them, the Secretaries, and who could speak much better of them than he; but whether it was among the metropolitan brethren or among the provincial brethren, he could only say there was only one desire,—to support them and to keep them up to the utmost state of efficiency. He belonged to a small Province, but he was happy to say that even the little Province of Dorset had not been without its efforts in the way of Charity. He was proud to say that what other Provinces and what the Metropolis had done in the past, would be done in the future. Brother Frederick Binckes replied. On an exceptional occasion such as the Grand Festival, which was peculiarly a festive occasion, it would not be becoming in him to make anything in the shape of a practical appeal for support for any one or all of the Masonic Institutions. They who were associated in the great work of practical Charity, either as the official representatives or those who bore distinguished positions as members of the Committees, or in other capacities, were only too delighted to know that on an important occasion like this space was found on the toast list not only to mention, but to give the best wishes of all the good Masons assembled together for the success of their various Charitable Institutions. He could not for one single moment attempt to forget or ignore the admirable words rendered by the popular nobleman who presided that evening,—than whom no one had more enlisted for himself the sympathies of the Craft at large; and who would always continue to merit those sympathies by the genial kindness of his presidency wherever they met him. The noble lord told the brethren words which he had repeated over and over again,—that Loyalty and Charity were the two watchwords of the Masonic Order. Might those two watchwords never be forgotten, never be ignored by every individual brother who arrogated to himself the position of being a good, honest, conscientious, loyal Freemason! From that dais at no distant date he ventured to say, that while avoiding anything in the shape of political allusion there could be no doubt on his mind—he could not understand there could be any doubt existing in the mind of any rightly and well constituted Freemason—that he must be loyal to the sovereign of his native country, and if he was loyal to the sovereign of his native country, he would also be loyal in his support of the Masonic Institutions. He did not ask them to believe he was indulging in exaggerated language; he meant what he said on that occasion; if they ignored their loyalty their Charities would suffer. Might their loyalty know no diminution, and their Charity increase in the estimation of every one. In responding for the Grand Stewards, Brother Day, President of the Board, said it gave him great pleasure to return thanks for the kind way in which the toast had been proposed. Their year of office had been a pleasant one. They had endeavoured to perform their duty, and he hoped their work had been done to the satisfaction of Grand Lodge. The brethren then repaired to the Temple, where the customary concert was given. The musical arrangements of the evening were under the direction of Brother Edwin M. Lott, Mus. Doc., Past Grand Organist, who was assisted by a strong body of artistes.

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R.A. 533—Warren, Freemasons' Hall, Congleton, Cheshire
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness

THURSDAY, 6th MAY.

10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
231—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolesey, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
1155—Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-road
1158—Southern Star, Phoenix, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 9 (Inst.)
1195—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1278—Rurpelt Courts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., S. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon
1361—United Service, Greyhound, Richmond
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1445—Prince Leopold, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.
1523—St. Mary Magdalene, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1539—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8 (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1625—Frelagar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (Inst.)
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)
1724—Kaisir-i-Hind, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1765—Trinity College, 61 Weymouth Street
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1791—Creton, Wheatshaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate

R.A. 9—Moriah, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 174—Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese Tavern, Crutched Friars
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)

R.A. 1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Herlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
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
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
360—Pomfret, Abington Street, Northampton
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset

1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
1088—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Eiland
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
1379—Marquess of Ripon, Masonic Hall, Darlington
1384—Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes
1473—Footle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barstley
1520—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1591—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomeryshire
1639—Wating-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
1770—Vale of White Horse, Savings Bank, Farington
1807—Loyal Wye, Buiith, Breconshire
1829—Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham
2050—St. Trinians, Masonic Hall, Loch Parade, Douglas, Isle of Man

R.A. 187—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
R.A. 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
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R.A. 587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
R.A. 1393—Haxner, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 10—Cheltenham and Keystone, Masonic Hall, Cheltenham
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 7th MAY.

Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 9.30.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Kennington, at 7.30. (Instruction)
706—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
831—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
833—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1159—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 9. (In)

1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1612—E. Carnarvon, Ludbrooke Hall, Nottin'g Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1739—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Picnic, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley

R.A. —Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwa
R.A. 3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, Moor-gate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7. (In)
K.T. 131—Blondel, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.

44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Lough
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughdon, at 7.30 (Inst)
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Littlefield.
574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Broom
839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester

1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Green, Lanch
1393—Hamor, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1528—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hoxam.
1561—Morecombe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecombe, Lancashire.
1648—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-road, Bedford.
1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth
1725—Douglas, College Gateway, Maidstone
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
R.A. 271—Lennox, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 359—Peace, Freemasons' Hall, Abdon Terrace, Southampton
K.T.—Loyal Volunteers, Queens Arms Hotel, George-street, Ashton-under-Ly

SATURDAY, 8th MAY.

173—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
195—Perey, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Stangate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
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1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
2029—King Solomon, St. Red Lion Square, W.C.
S. C. —Improvement Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
M.M. 234—Brixton, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street E.C.

1990—Hampshire Lodge of Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, Landport, Portsmouth
2069—Prudence Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
R.A. 1423—Era, The Albany, Twickenham

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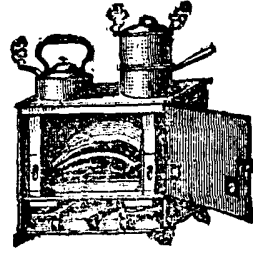
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