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THE APPROACHING BOYS' FESTIVAL.

WE are now in a position to make the announcement which we have been looking forward to bring before our readers for a considerable time past, namely, that Bro. Binckes has at last secured the services of an eminent and highly popular brother to preside over the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which is fixed to be held at the Crystal Palace on Tuesday, the 14th of the present month. Although the intimation comes rather late, the delay is more than compensated for by the gratifying character of the intelligence just imparted to us, and the friends of the Boys' School will unite most heartily in congratulating Bro. Binckes and the Board of Management upon having succeeded in enlisting the services of so distinguished a Craftsman for President of the approaching Festival as the Right Worshipful Bro. Thomas William Tew, J.P., Past Grand Deacon of England, and Provincial Grand Master for the West Riding of Yorkshire. The fact that Brother Tew has consented to perform this service speaks volumes for the energy and spirit which he throws into all his Masonic working. It is well known to our readers that the Province over which Brother Tew so ably presides is at the present time—and has been for several months past—engaged in raising a sum of money for two Jubilee Presentations to the Widows' Fund in connection with the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. It will be recollected that at the annual Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire, held in April, at Huddersfield, it was resolved that the sum of two thousand guineas be raised by subscription, to purchase the right of two Permanent Presentations to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Annuity Fund for Widows, to be named "the West Yorkshire Queen Victoria Jubilee Presentations;" in addition to which they have decided to contribute the sum of at least three guineas from each Lodge to the funds of the Imperial Institute of the United Kingdom, the Colonies and India. Such being the case, and the sources of generosity and benevolence having been drawn upon so largely, and in such a variety of ways, it might be open to fear that the result of the coming Boys' Festival would in some degree suffer thereby. We are glad to be assured otherwise, and to anticipate that the Festival will be a success from every point of view. If there be any one thing more than another conducive to that desirable result it is the noble and courageous conduct of Bro. Tew, in the face of so many contingencies, coming forward and throwing the great weight of his own influence, and that of the extensive Province over which he rules, into the balance in aid of the Boys' Institution. In spite of all the laudable exertions that are being made by the brethren of West Yorkshire in the cause of Benevolence we believe they will rally round their chief with the sturdy tenacity which is characteristic of our northern race, and that the Stewards from West Yorkshire will testify, in the most substantial manner, not only the love and admiration which they recently expressed towards their chief, but also their unabated interest in the welfare of the Boys' School. There are so many movements and "schemes" just now before the public that even the most opulent and large-hearted has need to look carefully before he gratifies too lavishly his desires and ere he loosens his purse-strings too widely. Undoubtedly the auspicious event of the Jubilee

has called into being a very large number of projects, most of them of a laudable description, but all calling for the expenditure of money; and it is not to be thought for a moment that the few, however desirous of doing so, can contribute to even a tithe of them. The Freemasons of England have been foremost in giving tangible and lasting form to their sentiments of Loyalty to the Throne and Devotion to the Craft, as the munificent contributions at the Festivals already held, and the additional good the two other Institutions—the Benevolent and the Girls'—have been able to accomplish, abundantly testify. But for all this the eminently deserving character of the Boys' School, and the peculiarly needy circumstances in which it is placed,—from a financial point of view,—render it absolutely necessary that some extraordinary effort should be made to strengthen the hands of the Executive in their efforts to maintain the establishment in full efficiency. It has ever been our pride and boast that, amongst all the Institutions that are so nobly upheld by the Craft, the School at Wood Green bears very favourable comparison; indeed, never so far as we can remember has the slightest aspersion been cast upon the way in which the interior economy of that great and useful enterprise is administered. It is unnecessary to remind our readers of the enormous advantages that have been conferred upon the youthful orphans of deceased Masons who, through the considerate forethought and liberality of those who are able to afford it, have gone forth into the world fully equipped for the struggles and the "stern realities" of life. But for those benefits who can tell what might have been the condition of the hundreds of young men now holding comfortable and prosperous positions in commercial and social life, and who are absolutely indebted for those blessings to the training imparted to them in the curriculum of the School at Wood Green? We need only refer, as an exemplification of this gratifying fact, to the meeting of "Old Masonians" in London, of which we gave a mere outline in our columns last week. Of course, that assemblage was only a representative one, seeing that numbers of the "Old Boys" who have passed through the School are scattered far and wide in this and other countries. But, taking the gathering of last week as a fair sample of the "men of the future" who are turned out of our Institution, there is reason for intense gratification at the results that have hitherto been achieved, and a strong incentive also to still further strengthen the foundations and underpin the buttresses of that fabric from which have flown untold blessings upon families who, bereft of the breadwinner, are now receiving the collateral advantages of the support accorded the Charities in their more palmy days. The young men we saw clustered, like a "happy family," around Bro. Binckes, their "father" and benefactor, were a splendid example of the fruits of a sound and efficient training—of an education based upon the soundest moral principles, and of discipline which though firm, has been tempered by a judicious admixture of manly recreation. No one could look upon that cheerful group without seeing in their bright countenances and well-developed frames all the benefits, present and permanent, which those sturdy young gentlemen are now enjoying. And it must be recollected that our Schools are filled by hundreds more who will succeed, we hope, to like prosperity and social status; and who will in years to come return and mingle with the "Old Masonians" of their day

in testifying to the advantages they derived from the association of their parents with the Masonic Order. Ours was necessarily a brief visit to the réunion at Anderton's, last week, but it was quite sufficient to warrant us in saying that the results apparent were of the most refreshing and satisfying description. We may here be permitted to rectify an omission in our report of the proceedings, the name of Bro. Thomas Cubitt having been inadvertently overlooked. Bro. Cubitt, as the brethren are well aware, has ever taken the warmest interest in the welfare of the Boys' School, as well as the other Institutions of the Craft, so that we need scarcely add our omission of his name was by no means intentional.

Reverting, however, to the immediate object of this article, we earnestly appeal to the brethren generally to rally around the Executive of the Institution at the Festival which is now so close upon us. There are some, probably, who may be standing aloof, thinking they will be able to do better in the future, or actuated by some other such notion. This is unquestionably a "year of years," in which every available pressure will be put upon the benevolent instincts of the British nation, not only amongst Masons, but upon all sorts and conditions of men. So far as we are immediately concerned, however, we believe that every man amongst us who can afford the most trifling sum will most cheerfully render it to the great and glorious cause of Masonic Charity, nor will he permit even the enormous amounts already announced in connection with the other Festivals, or the anticipated proceeds of the great Jubilee Gathering at the Albert Hall, and through the special efforts of private Lodges, to deter him from casting his mite into the coffers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which, as we have already pointed out, is so eminently deserving and so urgently in need of increased funds. Each and all will yearn, during this eventful year, to pay some tribute to the cause which has so imperative a claim upon our consideration and support, and thus to constitute one of the Band of Brothers who have united to make the Jubilee year of Victoria's reign one to be proudly remembered in the annals of the Masonic Craft. It is scarcely to be expected that so much money can be raised next year for charitable purposes as we rejoice to be able to record now, for the circumstances and the times will have undergone a change. On this ground, also, we most sincerely entreat the brethren to do their level best to show they are by no means insensible to the claims of this Institution, which has done such a world of good already during the Eighty-nine years of its existence, and which is destined, by the continued support of the Brotherhood, to carry inestimable blessings into myriads of homes in the future. Words would almost fail to convey to the brethren the herculean exertions that have been put forth by Brother Binckes during the last quarter of a century—nor is it necessary, for are they not engraven on the tablet of the memory of every true Freemason? Of him it may be said, he has never wearied of well doing, and although the physical overstrain has been almost enough to "break the camel's back"—to use a homely phrase—yet he has kept on unwearingly, swerving neither to the right hand nor to the left, but always having a single eye to the welfare of the Institution of which he may be truly styled the mainstay and prop. Let the brethren recognise this life-long devotion to the cause of Charity by cordially holding up his arms during the few days which have yet to elapse before the Festival at the Crystal Palace, and let Brother Binckes then be able to announce with grateful satisfaction that, in spite of his being the third of the Annual Festivals, and notwithstanding the tremendous strain that has been placed upon the pockets of the generous and benevolent, the result is on the whole satisfactory, and in proportionate excess, when compared with those of the other Institutions. We shall listen with impatient hope for that shout of acclamation which shall greet an announcement of the kind, for it will be an indication that the brethren throughout our land have nobly done their duty.

The installation of Bro. Hugh Marcus Hobbs, as Worshipful Master of the Old England Lodge, No. 1790, took place on Thursday evening, at the Masonic Hall, Thornton Heath. Our report is unavoidably left over until next week.

REVIEWS.

All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, Belvidere Works, Hermes Hill, Pentonville, London, N.

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Masonic Musical Service for the Three Degrees of Craft Masonry and Installation Ceremony. Words selected by Bro. N. R. Fitzpatrick, P.M. Director of Ceremonies; music composed by Bro. M. E. Doorly, Organist. London: Spencer and Co., 23A Great Queen Street, W.C.

WE have often had occasion to remark upon the value of music as an accessory to the proper and efficient rendering of the Masonic ritual, and any advance made in the direction of improving our choral services or making them more general amongst Lodges is heartily to be welcomed. It needs no effort on our part to draw for the comparison of our readers the difference between a Lodge in which no note of vocal or instrumental harmony is heard, and that in which the beautiful ritual of the Craft is rendered doubly impressive and sublime by the introduction, in their appropriate periods, of the soft cadences of the voluntary, the devotional hymn, and the soul-inspiring anthem. In each and all of the ceremonies the same remarks apply. How dull and uninteresting to the novice where even the organ is silent compared with the impressive melodies that fall upon his ears during the initiation rite in a well-appointed Lodge, where the most striking points are embellished by the softening and subduing influences of the voices of the brethren uniting in solemn accord, led by a judicious accompanist. The tone and colour of the whole ceremonial are changed as though from darkness to light; and the solemn esprit—if such an expression be permissible—in the minds of the brethren is deepened and cultivated in a manner which gives appropriateness to the whole of the surroundings. More especially is this the case in the second and third degrees, and in the installation ceremony, where passages occur, as our readers are well aware, when music plays a still more important part. We thus welcome with satisfaction the addition to our Masonic music which has just been submitted to the Craft by Bros. Fitzpatrick and Doorly, and opine that it will speedily find a place in many Lodges where the brethren have "music in their souls," and desire to see our sublime rites efficiently carried on. The work is well printed and got up, in quarto size, and is dedicated to Wor. Master Colonel John Elliott, C.B., and the members of the Albion Lodge, No. 196 E.C. The opening hymn, "Hail, Eternal, by whose aid," is set to simple yet effective metre in B flat, and this is followed by a few bars of subdued harmony during admission, the words being "Seek and ye shall find," &c. The anthem is "Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is, brethren, to dwell together in unity!" and after the Ob. is an appropriate stanza, "Ye shall not swear by My name falsely; neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God." At the re-union the words "And God said 'Let there be Light,' and there was light." Then come the interludes during the processions, and during the test is sung "Blessed is he that considereth the poor and needy; the Lord shall deliver him in time of trouble." Suitable interludes are also played during the retiring and re-admission of the candidate; and the closing hymn, "Now the evening shadows closing," is in a chord which could be easily acquired by brethren with any vocal ability whatever, and forms a bright and devotional termination of the ceremony. In the second degree the admission of the candidate is accompanied by the refrain "Happy is the man that findeth wisdom," and in the subsequent stage by the hymn "The Lord Himself is thy keeper." When conducted to the P. the brethren sing "Except the Lord build the house their labour is but lost that built it;" and after the Ob. "Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips that they speak no guile." During the investiture the accompanying words are "The heav'ns declare the glory of God, and the firmament sheweth His handiwork;" the closing portions of the ceremony being interspersed by appropriate selections. At admission to the third degree, after the opening prayer, is sung "What man is he that liveth and shall not see death? Shall he deliver his soul from the land of the grave?" and after the Ob. "Offer unto God thanksgiving, and pay thy vows unto the Most High." The "Dead March" is introduced, and during the investiture is sung "Withhold not good from them to whom it is due when it is in the power of thine hand to do it." In the installation service two selections only are given in this work, viz., after the Ob. "Thou shalt make prayer unto Him, and He shall hear thee, and thou shalt pay thy vows," followed by the installation ode, commencing "When heaven's Great Architect divine." It will be gathered from this brief outline that the words selected are most appropriate throughout the whole of the ceremonies, whilst the music, without being difficult, is full of harmonious melody and effect. The music is bound in a neat cover of purple cloth with gilt title, and seeing that the price is only a modest half-a-crown, there is little doubt that this useful addition to our Masonic music will find its way to the appreciation of a wide circle of those for whose use and assistance it is designed.

With unfeigned sorrow our readers will have heard of the decease of Mrs Eastes, wife of Bro. J. S. Eastes, the popular and highly esteemed Deputy Provincial G. Master of Kent, which event occurred a few days since. All who know the excellent qualities displayed by Bro. Eastes, in private, public and Masonic life—and those qualities are known and appreciated far beyond the confines of his own immediate Province—will deeply sympathise with him in his heavy affliction, and we sincerely tender to him our condolence, well knowing the kindly sympathy he ever extends to others in time of trouble and bereavement.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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THE JUBILEE JEWEL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—We have already been officially informed that a commemorative jewel is to be issued, which all Masons who are subscribing members of some English Lodge on 20th June 1887 will be entitled to wear. May I suggest that all Masons who have forwarded their guineas and applied for tickets for the Festival at the Albert Hall on 13th June should be entitled to add a special bar or clasp to this jewel. The concession would be a small one, and the memento would thereby be rendered additionally interesting.

I remain, Dear Sir, yours fraternally,

W. SILVER HALL P.M.

Prov. G. Assist. Secretary Derbyshire.

30th May 1887.

THE "DEVIL" AMONG THE TYLERS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—What a stir and botheration your correspondents have kicked up amongst the noble army of Tylers, to be sure! Why cannot the scribblers for the Press leave those immaculate and dignified gentlemen alone? I do not mean to say that his Satanic Majesty has actually got amongst them, as he is said to have done amongst the proverbial "tailors," but really it would seem that the imp of the printing-office who rejoices in the nickname of "devil" is almost as mischievous and capable of kicking up a dust. Why, bless you, a bomb-shell could not have played more havoc amongst them than that awful word "idiosyncrasy." You might as well call an infuriated woman a "parallelogram" at once. I overheard a couple of these worthy men the other day discussing the question, evidently from what they had heard of the matter—not read. And never was offended dignity better exemplified by a theatrical "Jeames," whose rights and privileges had been infringed upon, than by these poor men who had been shot at in your columns by anonymous writers. Each one thought himself the target that had been aimed at, and both were deeply wounded. As they sipped their whisky hot in the bar parlour of a tavern, not a hundred miles from Great Queen Street—where I presume they had been on official business, or probably to enter a protest in Grand Lodge against the calumnies showered upon them under the guise of "idiosyncrasies"—I could overhear snatches of conversation somewhat after this fashion. Mind you, I am not going to commit any such folly as to even indicate who the speakers were, but this is something after the style of the dialogue.

"Well," ventured the first, "I haven't seen the letters myself, but from what So-and-so tells me, the writers are down on us all round."

"Let 'em!" rejoined the other, "I don't much mind it, for I don't believe Masons read the papers much, only for their own Lodge reports, when their names are mentioned." Here he winked slyly, as much as to say, "I know."

"But," continued the first, "what right have they to find fault with us, when there are so many other people and things they could pitch into with far more reason and justice?"

"Well, after all what do they say?"

"Say! They actually accuse us in print—in black and white, mark you!—of being guilty of 'idiosyncrasies.' I don't exactly know the meaning of the word. Anyhow, if they can't say any good of us, why can't they leave us alone? I heard our W.M. the other night, at the banquet, recite the lines:—

'Be to our faults a little blind,
And to our virtues often kind,'

And that's what I call true Masonry, not picking holes in other people's coats and calling 'em hard names. If that man who writes in the name of 'AN OLD TYLER' means me—if I really thought he did—when he talks of 'dancing round with a box' and that sort of stuff—I'd go direct to my W.M., who is a lawyer, and demand the name of the writer, so as to have him up for libel. That I would!"

"Hear, hear, and quite right, too," quoth the other. "And you'd get it, too; no mistake about that."

"One thing I can say," continued the first, waxing warm, "I never smoked a briar pipe in a banqueting-room, as So-and-So tells me some one of us is accused of doing; and that's another libel. I never saw such a thing done in my life, did you?"

"Certainly not," was the emphatic reply, "any respectable Tyler would scorn the action. If he tyles a Lodge where he can't get a decent cigar, without having to find his own 'baccy, more fool he to hold the situation. That's what I say."

"Right you are," observed the other, who was evidently the elder of the two, and the more loquacious. "And what if he do hint to the candidates that, as they must have aprons and calendars, and so on, they can get 'em as cheap, or perhaps cheaper, through us, than they could at the shops. What of that, I should like to know? I don't see any trading on Freemasonry in that. If it is, why not shut up all the shops that sell such goods?"

"Well," interposed the quiet one, "I suppose they must have

something or other to fill up their blessed papers with, and what does it matter to us so long as we do our duty all right, and get paid for it? I shall certainly borrow the paper and see for myself what these penny-a-liners have to say."

A loud guffaw from the other, followed by the remark, "That's just the name for 'em," betokened his entire acquiescence, and the glasses were replenished. The conversation, however, took a more methodical turn, in the particular business in which they were respectively engaged; but, before separating, with "just one more," Mr. Tyler sen., who seemed to have taken the matter more to heart than had his *confère*, expressed his determination to "fish out" who the fellow was that dared to charge the Tylers with having "idiosyncrasies," and that if he did succeed he would hold him up to scorn and ridicule as a slanderer, and no Mason.

At which they shook hands and parted, and one apparently resolved to take upon himself a mission for relieving himself particularly, and the great body of Tylers generally, from a palpable and unjust accusation, the whole string of which was summed up in the word "idiosyncrasy," the meaning of which he admittedly did not understand, and the other not caring a rap for all the papers or all the writers in the universe, so long as he stuck to his post and got paid for it.

Here the matter ended, and it is at the suggestion of a friend who was with me, and who hinted that the "devil" (of a printing office) had been playing the deuce with the poor Tylers that I jotted down the above conversation, so far as memory serves, thinking the episode rather too good to waste its fragrance on the redolent atmosphere of a public house parlour.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Fraternally yours,

QUIZ.

THE ALBERT HALL FESTIVAL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I regret to observe a wide-spread and increasing apprehension among the Provincial brethren in various parts of the country that the approaching ceremony at the Albert Hall will be of the baldest, briefest, and most perfunctory character; and this apprehension is naturally coupled with a sense of disappointment in the minds of those who have remitted their guineas and applied for tickets in the expectation that the ceremony would be one of a more imposing and impressive character than anything that has been witnessed since the installation of H.R.H. our Grand Master.

To us Provincials, to many of whom the cost of the ticket bears but a small proportion to the total expense of the trip and the inconvenience of one or two days' absence from business, such a disappointment of our expectations would be additionally severe; and it is much to be hoped that those who are engaged in elaborating the programme of that day's proceedings will take an early opportunity of dispelling these—as I hope and trust—unfounded apprehensions.

It would also be a convenience to those of us who wish to return the same night if some intimation were given as to the probable hour when the proceedings will be concluded.

I remain, Dear Sir, fraternally yours,

PROVINCIAL.

THEFT OF MASONIC REGALIA.

JOHN BROWN, 20, private in the Royal Irish Rifles, stationed at the New Barracks, Gosport, was charged on remand with stealing a Master Mason's apron and jewel in case, Royal Arch jewel and case, American timepiece, and cardigan jacket, value £8 2s 6d, the property of Lance-Corporal Carmack, on Tuesday; also with stealing a pair of boots and a towel, value 10s 6d, belonging to P.C. Gorman, and a flannel vest and soldier's cap, value 6s 6d, the property of Lance-Corporal Day. The articles in the first case were left in the barrack-room, on a shelf, by the prosecutor, who on his return from the Review on Southsea Common missed them, and gave information to the Police. P.S. Wyatt the same afternoon went to Portsmouth Police-station, and received prisoner in custody from P.S. Arnold, of the Portsmouth Police, by whom prisoner had been detained on suspicion, having been found in the act of dealing with the missing articles. In reply to the charge prisoner admitted the theft. He now declined to say anything in extenuation, and an officer from his regiment said prisoner bore a very bad character. The Bench sent him to gaol for six months with hard labour; the other charges were withdrawn.

Our suburban brethren may be glad to hear that a Lodge of Instruction will be held at "Heathfield," Streatham, on every Thursday, at 8.30, under the sanction of the Ebury Lodge, No. 1348. The first meeting was held on Thursday, when the Preceptor, Bro. J. Warren P.M., rehearsed the ceremony of the first degree. Bro. Barnes was elected W.M. for next meeting, to rehearse the ceremony of the second degree.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Though it is impossible, in this climate of changing temperature, to prevent ill-health altogether, yet its form and frequency may be much mitigated by the early adoption of remedial measures. When hoarseness, cough, thick breathing, and the attendant slight fever indicate irritation of the throat or chest, Holloway's Ointment should be rubbed upon these parts without delay, and his Pills (taken in appropriate doses, to promote its curative action. No catarrhs or sore throats can resist these remedies. Printed directions envelope every package of Holloway's Medicaments, which are suited to all ages and conditions, and to every ordinary disease to which humanity is liable.

GRAND MARK LODGE.

ON Tuesday evening the Half-yearly Communication of Grand Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown was held, at the Holborn Restaurant, under the presidency of Lord Egerton of Tatton, Deputy Grand Master. The Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett officiated as S.W., and Lord Saltoun as J.W., Bros. W. W. Beach, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight, P.G.M., W. Kelly, Provincial Grand Master Leicestershire, as D.G.M., and a numerous assembly of Provincial Grand Masters and Officers. Grand Lodge having been formally opened, the Deputy Grand Master was saluted, when the minutes of the last half-yearly Communication were read and confirmed. The acting Grand Master called the attention of the brethren to a communication from the M.W. Grand Mark Master, in which His Royal Highness proposed to confer Past Grand rank on some distinguished brethren, and he moved that the proposition be accepted by Grand Mark Lodge. This, on being seconded by Bro. the Rev. Dr. Smyth G.C., was carried unanimously. The acting Grand Master then intimated that he had received a communication from the Earl of Kintore, stating that, in consequence of his brother's sudden death, he had been obliged to go abroad, and regretting that he was unable to be present. The next business was to do that which he was sure the brethren would cordially agree to, as every body of loyal Englishmen had already done, to vote a congratulatory address to Her Majesty the Queen, on attaining the fiftieth year of her reign. No body of men in England or in the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown were more loyal than Masons or Mark Masons. In Freemasonry they had a living illustration of the extent of Her Majesty's sway, not only in these islands, but in all the habitable portions of the globe where the English language was spoken. With the utmost cordiality they congratulated Queen Victoria upon the Jubilee of her reign, and thanked the Grand Overseer of the Universe for having preserved her so many years to reign over a happy and prosperous people. Might she be spared for many years yet to come to exercise her wise and benign rule. He then read the address, and proposed that it be engrossed and illuminated, and presented to Her Majesty, he trusted by His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful the Grand Mark Master. The motion was seconded by Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., amidst applause. The Report of the General Board was then presented, taken as read, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

We append the full text:—

During the six months ending 31st March last, there have been issued:—Mark certificates 566; total number registered 22,793. Warrants for new Lodges 10, viz.:—

- No. 370 Jamestown, St. Helena.
- „ 371 Waranga, Murchison, Victoria.
- „ 372 De la Pole, Seaton, Devon.
- „ 373 Ilkeston, Ilkeston, Derbyshire.
- „ 374 St. Chad, Leeds.
- „ 375 Jubilee, Ulverston.
- „ 376 Herschel, Slough.
- „ 377 Brentwood, Brentwood.
- „ 378 Invicta, Ashford.
- „ 379 St. Martin's, Liskeard.

Royal Ark Mariner Certificates 149; total number registered 2225. Warrants for new Lodges, viz.:—Trent, attached to Fleming, No. 265; Fearnley, attached to Fearnley, No. 58; Sussex, attached to Royal Sussex, No. 75; Northumberland and Berwick-upon-Tweed, attached to Northumberland and Berwick-upon-Tweed (T.I.); Wiltshire Anchor, attached to Wiltshire Keystone, No. 178.

The following re-appointments as Prov. Grand Masters have been made for a further term of three years:—R.W. Bros. Jack Sutcliffe, Lincolnshire; R. I. Finemore, Natal; Hon. William Badgley, Quebec; C. L. Mason, West Yorkshire; Wm. Kelly, Leicestershire, &c.

The Board recommend to Grand Lodge, that, as a token of personal affection and respect for His Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master, the sum of one hundred and fifty guineas be voted from the General Fund of Grand Lodge to the Masonic section of the "Imperial Institute of the United Kingdom, the Colonies, and India," being the National Memorial of the Jubilee of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, originated by the Grand Master, and approved by Her Majesty.

They further recommend that every Mark Master Mason who is a subscribing member of a Mark Lodge on the 20th June next, shall be permitted to wear on the hanger of the jewel of the Degree a Jubilee badge in gold or gilt, and enamel, sealed patterns of which may be seen at the office.

A Memorial has been received from the St. Ethelbert Lodge, No. 243, Hereford, praying to be attached to the Province of Gloucestershire, and the R.W. Provincial Grand Master having signified his

consent, the Board submitted the Memorial to the M.W. Grand Master for his approval.

It having been reported to the Board that the Provincial Grand Secretary of Nottinghamshire had irregularly granted a dispensation to a brother of the St. Alban's Lodge, No. 344, and to a brother of the Fleming Lodge, No. 265, to fill the chairs of these Lodges, the said brethren not being qualified as Worshipful Masters of Craft Lodges, and such dispensations being the sole prerogative of the M.W. Grand Master—(see Article 99, Book of Constitutions, ed. 1886)—on careful consideration, the Board resolved that the M.W. Grand Master should be respectfully requested to direct the issue of regular dispensations, on payment of the usual fee of 21s, and that the Prov. Grand Secretary be fined the sum of one guinea.

The Board, having considered the case of Bro. Charles F. Johnson, who, by inadvertence, occupied the chair of Peveril Lodge, No. 323, for eleven months, recommend the Grand Lodge to confirm him in the rank and privileges of Past Master on payment of a fine of one guinea.

The Board having been informed that Bro. Arthur H. Marsh had been installed in the chair of Howe Lodge, No. 21, on the 2nd July, 1885, and that he had not served the full period of twelve months, his successor having been installed on the 20th May 1886, recommend him to Grand Lodge for confirmation in the rank and privileges of Past Master on payment of a fine of two guineas.

The Board record with the deepest regret the death of Ill. Bro. Albert Gallatin Goodall, 33°, New York. Bro. Goodall had acted for many years as General Representative of this Grand Lodge in the United States of America, and from the time of his acceptance of that appointment had been in every way mindful of its interests.

The General Grand Chapter of the United States of America, acting in support of the unconstitutional pretensions of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, have withdrawn their recognition of this Grand Lodge. It is satisfactory to find that a minority of 65 against 99 refused to concur in this attack on ancient landmarks. Should, however, this action of the General Grand Chapter be found to involve any practical injury to English Mark Masters in the United States, which it is earnestly hoped may not be the case, this Grand Lodge will be reluctantly compelled to give them its support in working the Mark Degree.

It having come to the knowledge of the Board that a testimonial is about to be presented to R.W. Bro. Binckes, on the part of a numerous body of his friends, the Board recommend that, in recognition of his services to this Degree during 29 years, 26 of which as Grand Secretary, an honorarium of £50 be voted to the R.W. Brother from the General Fund of Grand Lodge.

The Nineteenth Anniversary Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund will be held at the Holborn Restaurant on the 20th July, and the M.W. Bro. the Earl Amherst has most kindly consented to preside. In the Jubilee year of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, the Board cannot entertain any misgiving as to the result of the labours of the Board of Stewards, who will on that occasion support the noble brother who will occupy the chair.

Walter Ernest Quinn, being the only candidate, has been placed on the Educational Fund without proceeding to the formal election, which, in the ordinary course, would have taken place on the 7th of April last.

The election of annuitants, in the usual course, would have taken place on 5th May, but as there was only one approved candidate—Bro. Alexander Mole, 69 years of age, for 14 years a subscribing member of Nos. 8 and 173—the Board have placed him on the Annuity Fund without proceeding to the formal election.

The Board acknowledge with thanks the gift to the library of two volumes by Bro. George Cooper P.G.D., and receipt of copies of the Proceedings of Grand Chapters of Washington, Illinois, Maryland, Colorado, Arkansas, Michigan, Nebraska, Missouri, Scotland, and the General Grand Chapter U.S.A.

The Board have ordered the investment of £700 on behalf of the Annuity Fund, and £200 on behalf of the Benevolent Fund, making the total invested funds as follow:—

	£	s	d
General Fund -	2400	0	0
Benevolent Fund -	1500	0	0
Educational Fund -	1900	0	0
Annuity Fund -	2000	0	0

The Board have relieved the following cases:—

Bro. T. P., No. 5	-	-	-	10	0	0
A. M., Nos. 8 and 173	-	-	-	12	0	0
T. W. A., No. 176	-	-	-	15	0	0
Mrs. C. A. J.	-	-	-	15	0	0
E. M. G.	-	-	-	10	0	0

(Signed) G. R. PORTAL, Past G.M.M.M.

President.

Appended are the accounts of the Grand Treasurer for the half-year ending 31st March 1887:—

DR.	GENERAL FUND.	£	s	d
To Half-year's Receipts	-	1009	0	11
Interest on Investments	-	58	0	0
Bonds realised	-	500	0	0
		1567	0	11

CR.	GENERAL FUND.	£	s	d
By Overdrawn, 30th September 1886	-	371	9	11
Expenditure	-	727	19	6
Balance	-	467	11	6
		1567	0	11

DR.		BENEVOLENT FUND.	
Balance 30th September 1886	-	842	7 1
To Receipts	-	426	10 0
Interest on Investments	-	20	15 8
Transferred from "Dewar Fund"	-	115	8 9
		1405	1 6

CR.		BENEVOLENT FUND.	
By Grants in Relief	-	90	0 0
Secretary's Salary	-	20	0 0
Investment	-	207	0 0
Transferred to Annuity Fund	-	699	8 0
Transferred to Educational Fund	-	250	13 1
Balance	-	138	0 5
		1405	1 6

DR.		EDUCATION FUND.	
To Interest on Investments	-	35	0 10
Transferred from Benevolent Fund	-	250	13 1
Overdrawn	-	9	4 1
		294	18 0

CR.		EDUCATION FUND.	
By Overdrawn, 30th September 1886	-	100	9 9
Education Fees	-	94	8 3
Grants for Clothing	-	100	0 0
		294	18 0

DR.		ANNUITY FUND.	
To Balance 30th September 1886	-	17	14 10
Interests on Investments	-	36	19 6
Transferred from Benevolent Fund	-	699	8 0
		754	2 4

CR.		ANNUITY FUND.	
By Investment	-	707	0 0
Balance	-	47	2 4
		754	2 4

Audited and approved, this 4th day of May 1887.

(Signed) CHARLES EDWARD SOPPETT P.G. Std.
Auditor.

On the motion of Bro. A. Williams, seconded by Brother the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg P.G.C., it was resolved that the sum of one hundred and fifty guineas be voted from the General Fund of Mark Grand Lodge to the Masonic Section of the Imperial Institute. Regret was expressed that as from Mark Masons the amount could not be made larger. It was next resolved that the sum of £50 be voted to R.W. Brother Frederick Binckes, Grand Secretary, as an honorarium for distinguished services during the past twenty-nine years. In moving this Bro. Alfred Williams expressed the hope that the gift would be accepted by Bro. Binckes as sincerely from the hearts of the brethren. They could safely give that amount from their funds, and, irrespective of the money value, it was hoped that the vote would cheer him through life, and show him that it was some mark of gratitude for what he had done for Mark Masonry. The motion was seconded by Bro. F. Davison P.G.D., and supported by Bro. W. Kelly P.G.M.M. Leicestershire, who testified to the great services Brother Binckes had rendered to Mark Masonry. Bro. Beach could not allow the opportunity to pass without endorsing what had been already said. It was well known to all present how valuable were the services which Bro. Binckes had rendered in the early days of their Grand Lodge, when Mark Masonry was not so prosperous as at present. Although during that time English Mark Grand Lodge had increased to vast dimensions, yet Bro. Binckes's exertions had not relaxed, and he thought it was but right to give him some small recognition of those services after so long a time. The motion was then put and carried with enthusiasm. Bro. Frederick Binckes briefly acknowledged the compliment thus paid him. Had it not been that his presence was necessary in Grand Lodge he should have asked permission to leave the Lodge while this vote, personal to himself, was being moved, and he hoped Grand Lodge would not think him wanting in delicacy because he had remained. He could only express his sincere appreciation of the manner in which the vote had been dictated and received. He was happy to find that his efforts during 29 years had not been unsuccessful in promoting the interest of Mark Grand Lodge. On the motion of Bro. A. Williams, Bros. Charles F. Johnson 323 and Arthur H. Marsh 21 were confirmed in the rank and privileges of Past Master. Bro. Binckes explained that several cases of this kind

had occurred. The brethren did not commit the error wilfully, but unfortunately they infringed on the Constitutions, which provided that a Master must occupy the chair 12 months before he was entitled to the rank of P.M. The Board, therefore, treated each case on its merits, and in one of the present cases had inflicted a fine of one guinea, and in the other a fine of two guineas. The acting Grand Master said he had received a letter from Bro. the Rev. Canon Portal, regretting his inability to be present, through illness. Bro. W. J. Hughan P.G.W., as Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, objected to the paragraph in the report relating to the General Grand Chapter of the United States, which concluded thus:—"Should, however, this action of the General Grand Chapter be found to involve any practical injury to English Mark Masters in the United States, which it is earnestly hoped may not be the case, this Grand Lodge will be reluctantly compelled to give them its support in working the Mark Degree." If those words meant anything they meant a threat to issue warrants for the working of Mark Masonry in the United States, and if adopted they would widen, instead of heal, the breach which existed between the American brethren and the Mark Masons of this country. A lengthened discussion ensued, and ultimately the matter was referred back to the Committee. With that omission the report was adopted. Attention having been called to the fact that papers canvassing for the last five brethren on the list of candidates for election to the General Board had been distributed at the door of Grand Lodge, the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg said the practice had been strongly condemned by Earl Carnarvon in the Craft Grand Lodge. The acting Grand Master hoped the document would be treated as waste paper. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was then declared M.W. G.M.M.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Beach then assumed the chair, and announced that His Royal Highness had appointed Lord Egerton of Tatton Pro Grand Master, and his Lordship was duly obligated and installed. The Marquis of Hertford was obligated, invested and installed as Deputy Grand Master, and these brethren having been saluted, it was announced that the Prince of Wales had appointed Prince Albert Victor Senior Grand Warden. Subjoined is a list of the other Grand Mark Officers for the year:—

Bro. H. C. Okeover	-	-	Junior Warden
R. E. Baynes	-	-	M.O.
Colonel W. E. Michell	-	-	S.O.
George King Patten	-	-	J.O.
Rev. J. N. Palmer	-	-	} Chaplains
Rev. W. Valentine	-	-	
J. L. Mather	-	-	Treasurer
Frank Richardson	-	-	Registrar
Rev. Canon Portal	-	-	Pres. General Board
F. Binckes	-	-	Secretary
G. W. Pierrepont Harris	-	-	} Senior Deacons
R. Newhouse	-	-	
A. Hilemus Moyes	-	-	} Junior Deacons
G. E. Lake	-	-	
John Barker	-	-	Inspector of Works
Robert Berridge	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
James Terry	-	-	} Assistant Dirs. of Cere.
John Wood	-	-	
Edgar Bowyer	-	-	Sword Bearer
C. F. Hogard	-	-	} Standard Bearers
E. Baldwin	-	-	
E. J. Crow, Mus. Doc.	-	-	Organist
C. F. Matier	-	-	Assistant Secretary
H. C. Jepps	-	-	Inner Guard
E. J. Mills	-	-	Assistant Inner Guard

The Grand Stewards for the year are Bros. P. L. Simmonds, St. Mark's Lodge, No. 1, Henry Von Joel 8. H. S. Goodall, John Cates Collier, F. T. Bennett, J. D. Brkin, Middlesex and Surrey; J. S. Wilson Northumberland and Durham, W. L. Ball Leicestershire, W. C. Harley Son h Wales, R. B. Cater Somerset, D. Cross Devonshire, W. Lake Cornwall, J. L. C. Hunter Little Monmouthshire, and J. P. Lewen East Anglia. The brethren nominated by the Grand Master to serve on the General Board were Bros. Canon Portal President, A. Williams, F. Davison, G. C. Driver, J. Moon and T. Cabitt. The brethren elected by Grand Lodge were the Rev. H. Cummings, J. E. Dawson, A. F. Godson, M.P., C. F. Hogard, and R. L. Loveland. Several letters of regret at inability to attend were read, and Grand Lodge was closed in the usual form. In the evening the brethren assembled at a splendid banquet, served in the Venetian Salon of the Holborn Restaurant, when Bro. Hamp fully sustained the prestige he as so long enjoyed for catering on such important occasions. The

Loyal toasts were done ample justice to, and that of the Pro Grand Master, Lord Egerton of Tatton, was proposed by Bro. Kelly Prov. Grand Master of Leicester. In responding, Lord Egerton said he could not lay claim to so large an acquaintance with Masonry in the south of England as in the north; but he felt it a great honour to be in London, and to be placed in the proud position of Pro Grand M.M.M. In that position he should endeavour to do his duty in the same way as he had endeavoured to do it in the north of England. He trusted he would be able to promote the interests of Mark Masonry in the Grand Lodge as he had in the northern Province. Mark Masonry had a great future before it; it was increasing rapidly, and its principles were becoming better supported every year. It was fortunate in having the influence of the Prince of Wales, who never connected himself with anything which he did not think was for the general good of the country. In his name they had a guarantee that all the objects of Masonry, and of Mark Masonry in particular, were worthy of support and acceptance by the great body of Masons, and deserved the respect and support of their fellow-countrymen who were not Masons. They could show by their work that they tried to promote good fellowship, brotherly love, and benevolence to every one, and those principles were not confined to any country or to any set of men. Masons endeavoured, by their demeanour in Lodge and out of Lodge, to make their principles flourish, and having those principles himself he felt it an honour to be connected with such a body as the Mark Masons. As long as he was connected with it, and especially in his present capacity as Pro Grand Master for the Prince of Wales, he should with the assistance of the brethren promote the interests of Mark Masonry. The other toasts were the Past Grand Masters, proposed by Bro. Major Woodall; the Grand Officers Present and Past, proposed by the Chairman and acknowledged by Brother Baynes of Oxford; success to the Mark Benevolent Fund given by the Rev. C. W. S. Stanhope, and responded to by Bro. C. F. Matier; the Visitors by Bro. Binckes, and acknowledged by Bro. P. Stirling, of Kippendavie, Deputy P.G.M. of W. Perthshire, one of the Stewards of the Grand Lodge of Scotland; the Grand Stewards, replied to by Bro. Jas. Terry, who stated this was the first time in Grand Mark Lodge there had been an organised Body of Grand Stewards. During the evening selections of choice music were rendered by Bros. Beckett, Freyer, Egbert Roberts, Henry R. Rose, and W. A. Frost, under the direction of Bro. Henry R. Rose.

A graceful, and we venture to submit, a practical, suggestion has been made by Brother Binckes, the esteemed Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to the effect that invitations should be given to fifty "Old Masonians" to attend the Festival at the Crystal Palace on the 14th instant. The expenses in connection with this invitation could be defrayed by the Stewards, and we are happy to be able to state that a majority of the Stewards to whom the matter has been mentioned cordially endorse the proposal. There is no reason why the number of invitations should be strictly limited to fifty, provided the funds can be thus raised; and the result, we are sure, would be hailed with eager satisfaction by the "Old Boys" who have so prospered under the fostering care of Bro. Binckes. More especially would this be so as a by no means unimportant or uninteresting feature of the Festival will be the presentation which it is intended to make to their tried friend on that occasion. We sincerely trust the suggestion may be acted upon in the most liberal manner that the supporters of the Institution can desire.

THE RESPONSIBILITY OF OFFICERS.

OFFICE in the Craft is unlike office in any other organization under the sun. In State and Church, in societies, civil, religious and beneficial, it is true that the office-holder is always a personage of importance, but there is that in Masonic office which distinguishes it from, and lifts it above, all others. There is a dignity about it, an authority, a responsibility, a power, which render it incomparable with any lower or lesser station. Whether you take the Mastership of a Lodge, or the Grand Mastership of the Grand Lodge, the office is unique. A pure democracy in

its essential character and features, the Masonic Fraternity is presided over by a practically absolute sovereign, whose will is restrained only by the Landmarks and Constitutions of the Craft. He must see to it that the ancient usages and customs be preserved in all their integrity. Here arises the highest responsibility of Masonic office. It is a trust. It is not for personal aggrandizement, but for the welfare of the Brotherhood. It is not a compliment, but a sacred charge. It is something that is not to be sought, nor to be refused. The idea of electioneering for Masonic office is abhorrent to its very nature. It is a gift, not a purchase, a moral and intellectual treasure, not merchandize. The better any Brother called to fill a supreme Masonic station appreciates all this, the better officer he becomes, and the more the Fraternity prospers under his rule.

Freemasonry has no low aims, but all of its principles tend to exalt the higher nature in its initiates, and render it dominant. It distinctly recognises the Creator of our bodies and spirits as the Grand Architect of the Universe, and it teaches every supreme officer in the Craft, be he Worshipful Master or Grand Master, that he is a subordinate architect—a disciple of the Supreme Architect, and himself supreme in his special sphere. He is a ruler and a judge entrusted with power and authority which liken him, in some measure at least, to the Father of us all, and it is this sense of fatherhood over the Brotherhood which should pervade the mind, control the will, and dignify the action of every ruler in Freemasonry. His responsibility is as absolute as his authority.

This responsibility is manifold, being co-ordinate with duty. A Master of a Lodge, primarily, is responsible for good work. He should be the "first among his equals," superior to all of his officers in ability, and able, willing, and anxious to surpass all of his predecessors. The Masonic Officer who is "slothful in business," slovenly in work, ambitious only to end his year of official life, and receive a jewel—for doing nothing, such an Officer deserves to have a perpetual seat on the floor. He is a figure-head, a shadow, a delusion and a snare. But the Master who is worthy of the name, and the honours which accompany it, becomes master of the work, master of himself, and Master of the Lodge. He obtains the true work; he renders it with effect—not as an automaton, or a sort of Pretty Poll, but as a man and a Mason who knows what he is about, who is anxious to make a due impression, and determined that the reputation of Freemasonry shall be untarnished while he is responsible for it as a presiding Officer.

The Master is responsible for the punctual and regular attendance of himself and officers at the meetings of his Lodge. He is an example, and they are examples. If he or they neglect their duties, very many other brethren will likewise do so, and the Lodge will become a shadow. And it is always his duty to actively promote harmony and Brotherly Love. He is the representative of no class, but of the entire membership. He is the visible cement that unites them together. Without the spirit of Fraternity the Craft is nothing—if we are not brothers, we are strangers and enemies. One of the highest duties of a Master of a Lodge is to see that this spirit of fraternity is maintained within the limits of his jurisdiction in its purity, simplicity, and integrity. It is the very bond of peace and all perfectness. Without it there is no Freemasonry.

One thing is certain—in the Lodge, as in the profane world, men will not stately meet together unless they are interested in what occurs. It is a primary duty, therefore, for a Master to make the proceedings of his Lodge interesting. The humdrum way some Masters have of doing business, the lame and laggard manner in which they tarry over everything they do, is enough to drive any brother from the Lodge. Life and briskness are indispensable in this age of movement. If we were all Methuselahs, expecting to live a thousand years, the Master might open his Lodge an hour late, occupy five minutes in putting a motion, halt in the work at pleasure until he could recall what he ought to say, and behave generally like a man of leisure, with no responsibility to "act in the living present." But this world at the present time is a busy one, life is short, and "be as expeditious as possible" is advice which the Master ought to take as well as give.

The Masonic officer who realises all of his responsibilities, what a jewel he is! Let Masonry make more such jewels, ever esteeming them highly, rewarding them with due appreciation, and honouring their memories when they are translated to the Lodge above.—*Keystone.*

CONSECRATION OF THE UNITED SERVICE LODGE, No. 37 (S.A.C.)

THERE was celebrated in the Masonic Hall, Flinders-street, on Thursday night, 14th April, one of the most important ceremonies in Freemasonry which have been conducted since the inauguration of the Grand Lodge of South Australia, on 17th April 1884. That celebration was the consecration of the United Service Lodge, No. 37 (S.A.C.), and the installation as W.M. of Brigadier-General Bro. J. F. Owen R.A., commandant of our military forces. There are in England two kinds of Military Lodges—one which admits military men of all ranks, and another which limits its membership to officers in the service. The South Australian Institution follows on the lines of the latter. Partly in consequence of that some opposition was shown, as the view was taken that the Lodge would distinctly be a class Lodge, and that a general attendance at its meetings as at other Lodges, would be virtually impossible. Whilst, however, a man who is not a military officer cannot enter the Lodge as a member, other Masonic brothers of every country and every profession can attend as visitors. The purpose of the Lodge is to bring together the people directly interested in the control of the defence forces of the colony and to promote goodfellowship between them, for the benefit of the service, and, of course, for the benefit of Freemasonry and themselves as well. In choosing the Officers it was carefully arranged that both the Militia and Volunteers should be represented, and throughout the positions are alternately filled by Militia and Volunteer Officers. Great preparations were made for the consecration, and the gathering in the Masonic Hall on Thursday night was the most brilliant which has ever been held here. The congregation included several prominent public men, amongst them several members of Parliament. Nearly all the Lodges were represented. Bro. G. C. Knight G.D.C. had charge of the consecration ceremonies, with Bro. J. G. Jenkins, M.P., as Deputy, assisted by Bro. J. Le M. F. Roberts, and the working was admirable. At the proper time the W.M. Designate (Brigadier-General Bro. J. F. Owen, R.A., 31°) was presented and installed in due form, and subsequently he invested his Officers, as follow: Major A. L. Harrold S.W., Captain F. Bassé J.W., Lieut. G. E. C. Stephens Treasurer, Major B. Solomon Secretary, Captain O. Schomburgk S.D., Lieutenant S. Hübbe J.D., Lieutenant J. C. Hawker Inner Guard, Major I. A. Plummer D.C., Lieutenants Bickford, Genders, and Gee Stewards, Lieutenant Philip Samson Immediate P.M. The Lodge having closed, the brethren were entertained by the newly installed W.M. (Bro. Brigadier-General Owen) in the supper-room. The W.M. proposed the Queen and the Craft, making special reference to the attainment of Her Majesty's Jubilee and the jubilee of the settlement of our colony. Masons should especially remember that Her Majesty had given her first-born son, the greatest Prince on the earth, to be the Grand Master of the Craft in England. The W.M. proposed the Grand Lodge of South Australia and the M.W. the G.M. Bro. the Hon. S. J. Way, Chief Justice. He felt he was perfectly unable to do justice to such a doubly important toast. As a comparative new comer hither nothing astonished a stranger more than the marvellous progress made by the whelp of the old lion in South Australia. What a marvellous progress had been that of this colony, founded only fifty years ago! The Grand Lodge of South Australia was a marvellous success. The proposer had referred to the prosperity of Masonry in South Australia. It was encouraging and refreshing, after the recent rains which had so gladdened all hearts, to hear anything of hope and gratulation in respect to any Australian Institution. On behalf of the Grand Lodge of South Australia and of the Colony it might be affirmed that the great cause of Masonic union had met with greater success in South Australia than in any other of the Australian Colonies. He proposed with great heartiness the toast of The Worshipful Master, Brigadier-General Bro. J. F. Owen, 31°. He had enjoyed the privilege of General Owen's acquaintance ever since he arrived in the colony. His fame had preceded him. They knew him as one who had taken a distinguished part in the victory which retrieved the British arms in South Africa. General Owen had not been two days in South Australia before he (the speaker) found that he was an enthusiastic Mason, anxious to have an opportunity of uniting with the South Australian Constitution. Not merely was he an attached and zealous Mason, but a diligent Masonic student. He was perhaps the only South Australian Mason who was advanced to the mysteries of the thirty-first degree. The W.M. responded, and proposed the Consecrating and Installing Officer, Bro. H. E. Downer, M.P., R.W.D.G.M., whose Masonic services he highly praised. His working of the ritual was a lesson to every Mason. The Grand Master responded in the absence of Bro. Downer, for whom he professed the greatest admiration and esteem. He took the opportunity of stating that the question of the best way in which the Jubilee of Her Majesty could be celebrated would come before the Grand Lodge in the course of a few days. V.W. Bro. Canon F. S. Poole proposed The Army, Navy, and Volunteers. They were three strands of one rope, embracing and strengthening each other, and throughout the rope there was a thin red line of loyalty to God, loyalty to their country, and loyalty to their Queen. Brigadier-General Owen, in responding, said he wished he could speak in a manner sufficiently praiseworthy of the forces under his command in South Australia. He was glad to be able to say that in the late encampment they had gone into camp laughing and singing, notwithstanding the weather. What better proof could they have of the gallant men composing the forces? As Commandant that was the first occasion on which he had had a chance of proving the physique and conduct of the men under such circumstances, and he was sure nothing could be more gratifying to an Imperial Officer than the conduct of the men. Like Mark Tapley they determined to be jolly under the circumstances. Notwithstanding the dirt, darkness, and rain, they were as jolly as sand boys. This was the sort of stuff required for the work; would to God they had a little more of it. It was for the colony to back up the forces a little, and insist that more money should be

spent on the defence force. The stuff was there, but how was it to be fed without money? Who knew how soon they would require the services of their defence force? The Most Worshipful Master had mentioned a certain Admiral Alasbegoff, who had visited these shores, a determined and skilled Russian Admiral. In the year 1879 it was by the merest chance and the greatest fluke in the world that half the cities of Australia were not pillaged and in flames. Arrangements were most skilfully made by which the Russian fleet could have descended, first on Melbourne and then on Sydney, unprotected as they then were, and done as it liked. When war was not declared however, the Admiral could do nothing. But for that fluke he could have done as he liked. The same thing might happen again. We should look to our defences, and make our forces as powerful as possible, for when the storm cloud broke it was too late to put up the shelter.

A YEAR OF LIFE-BOAT WORK.

THE Royal National Life-boat Institution has recently published its annual report, from which we learn that the important work of the Society was actively carried on during the past year, and that through its instrumentality hundreds of lives were saved from a watery grave on our rocky shores. In the year as many as 20 new Life-boats were placed on the coast, all of which were furnished with the latest improvements, and reports of a very gratifying description have been made indicating that the coxswains and crews consider them far superior to the boats they superseded. The Committee are most anxious to adapt the boats to local requirements, and to meet as far as possible the wishes of the men who man them, both as regards design and equipment, so that perfect confidence may be ensured. Between the 1st of January and 31st of December new stations were established at Southsea, Worthington, Dornock, Firth and Fethard, and new Life-boats were despatched to Aberdovey, Blyth, Bude, Ilfracombe, Lytham, Maryport, Newquay (Cardiganshire), Porthoustock, Portmadoc, St. Ives (Cornwall), Sheringham, Southport, Troon, Withorne, Greystones, and Howth. Within the same period the Duncannon Station was abolished, and one of the Pakefield boats was transferred to Lowestoft. At the end of 1886 the Institution's fleet comprised 293 Life-boats, by the aid of which 601 lives and 33 vessels were saved during the year. Rewards were also given by the Committee for the rescue of 160 persons from drowning by means of shore-boats, making a total of 761 lives saved in twelve months, and a grand total of 32,671 persons saved through the instrumentality of the Society since its establishment. No stronger appeal for the support of the National Life-boat Institution could well be put before the country than the publication of such a splendid record. During the year the Life-boats were launched on service 286 times, and about 800 times for inspection and exercise. Three of the launches on service were unfortunately attended by fatal consequences, viz. at Whitehaven, Southport, and St. Anne's, the sad details of which wrung the hearts of the whole country, and produced an outburst of liberal sympathy for the widows and orphans which has rarely been equalled. Thirteen silver medals, 32 binocular glasses, 35 votes of thanks on vellum, and £6,630 4s 11d, in cash, including grants to the widows and orphans of Life-boat men drowned on duty, were awarded by the Committee in 1886 for saving life, and a further sum of £5,285 15s 3d, was paid to the coxswains and crews for exercising the boats. The total expenditure for the year amounted to £17,066 2s 2d, while only £43,044 13s 4d was received in subscriptions, donations, and dividends. The demand for the beautiful aneroids which are supplied by the Institution, at one-third the retail price, to fishermen and small coasters, although not quite so great as in the previous year, was considerable, and there is no doubt that the use of these valuable instruments has tended in no small measure to diminish the loss of life on the coast. The important aid given by the Local Committees and their Honorary Officials, the Coxswains and Crews, the Press, the Coast-guard, the Customs and others, is thankfully acknowledged, and the Report closes with an earnest appeal for help, which is more particularly needed at the present time owing to the decision of the Committee to remove from the coast, with as little delay as possible, all self-righting Life-boats which will not pass far more severe tests than were formerly considered necessary, and which are not provided with such of the latest improvements as they deem to be of the greatest importance. The cost of this work will be very great, but the Committee are confident that in carrying it out they will not only meet with the full approval of the British Public, but will be supplied with the funds they so urgently solicit and require for the purpose.

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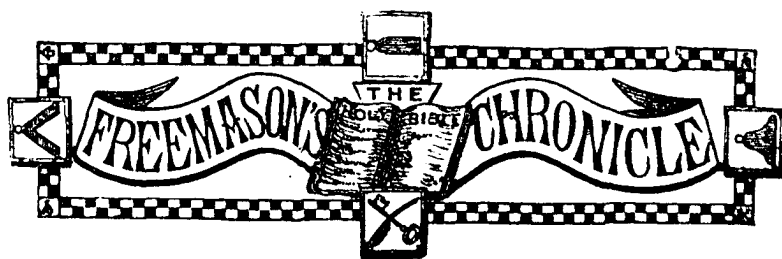
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QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE June Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, when, in the unavoidable absence of the Most Worshipful Grand Master His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the chair was occupied by Brother W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Provincial Grand Master for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight; Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. G.M. Middlesex as I.P.G.M. Bro. the Rev. J. R. Simpson P.G. Chaplain filled the Senior Warden's chair, Bro. R. Cunliffe officiated as Junior Warden; amongst the numerous other brethren present were:—

Bros. General J. S. Brownrigg, C.B., Provincial Grand Master Surrey, Colonel Le Gendre Starkie Provincial Grand Master East Lancashire, Hugh D. Sandeman P.D.G.M. Bengal, Colonel Aubrey Saunders P.D.G.M. Madras, W. Kelly P.P.G.W. Leicestershire and Rutland, Sir John B. Monckton and Marquis of Hertford P.G.W.'s, Rev. T. Cartwright Smyth Grand Chaplain, Revs. T. Cochrane, R. P. Bent, J. S. Brownrigg, W. K. B. Bedford, C. W. Spencer Stanhope, R. N. Sanderson, J. E. Cox P.G.C.'s; R. Eve G. Treasurer, H. B. Marshall and D. P. Cama Past Grand Treasurers, T. Fenn President Board of General Purposes, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, Robert Grey President Board of Benevolence, E. E. Wendt, D.C.L., G.S. German Correspondence, G. Cooper S.G.D., F. S. Kayvett, V. P. Freeman J.G.D.'s, W. J. Hughan, Brackstone Baker, James Glaisner, Peter de L. Long, Baron de Ferrières, Sir Bruce Seton, Dr. Ralph Gooding, J. A. Rucker, F. Davison, Major J. S. Peirce, R. W. Stewart, Colonel H. S. Burney, E. Letchworth, J. M. Case, J. E. Le Feuvre, C. W. C. Hutton, H. J. P. Damas, H. Maud-ley, R. W. Wheeler, C. A. Murton, W. E. Gambleton, W. A. F. Powell, J. M. Wike, E. J. Barron, R. Costa P.G.D.'s; Sir Albert Woods G.D.C., R. C. Glover Past Deputy G.D.C., J. S. Mather A.G.D.C., R. Turtle Pigott and Magnus Ohren P.A.G.D.C.'s; H. T. Wood, Colonel C. Harding, Major A. B. Cook, C. C. Dumas, J. Lewis Thomas P.A.G.D.C.'s; W. M. Bywater Grand Sword Bearer, W. R. Woodman and W. Roebuck P.G. Sword Bearers, George Beech Grand Standard Bearer, Edgar Bowyer and Butler Wilkins Past Grand Standard Bearers, W. H. Perryman Grand Pursuivant, James Brett, H. Garrod, T. Cabitt, A. Lucking, C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P.'s; W. Hopekirk A.G.P., H. Sadler Grand Tyler, &c. &c.

The minutes of the March Quarterly Communication, and of the Grand Festival of the 27th April, were read and confirmed, after which Bro. Thomas Fenn was unanimously re-appointed and invested President of the Board of General Purposes for the ensuing year. Reference was made to the death of Bro. Sir Horace Jones, Superintendent of Works, the City Architect, the acting Grand Master paying a tribute of respectful regret to one who had done good suit and service to the Craft, and whose loss was most sincerely to be deplored. Bro. Jones had been suddenly removed from their ranks, and the esteem in which he was held, not only by the Masonic Fraternity but by the citizens generally of London, was amply testified at his funeral, which took place on the preceding Friday, at Norwood Cemetery. It was absolutely necessary that the office of Grand Superintendent of Works should be filled up, for it was a position which called for the replacement of the loss as soon as possible. Bro. Colonel R. W. Edis was appointed and invested as Grand Superintendent of Works, in succession to the late Bro. Sir Horace Jones, the announcement being received with applause. It is unnecessary for us to enlarge upon the career of our deceased Brother, whose work in the Craft is duly recorded in the "Masonic Portraits" published at the office of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. The Most Worshipful Grand Master had been pleased to signify his approval of the appointment of Bro. Alfred A. Pendlebury, of the Grand Secretary's office, as Assistant Grand Secretary, and that brother was invested, amidst the most cordial acclamations of all present. Brother John Smith was appointed a Grand Lodge Auditor. The Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter was submitted, and the recommendations (printed in our last issue) were all confirmed. The total amount of the grants was £875. A special report was presented

from the R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Devonshire, the Viscount Ebrington, under Article 93 of the Book of Constitutions, transmitting a memorial from the Lodge Sincerity, No. 189, East Stonehouse, for the expulsion from the Order of a Brother of the said Lodge, he having been convicted of felony, and sentenced to five years' penal servitude. Article 93 reads thus:—"The Provincial Grand Master has no power to erase a Lodge or expel a Mason; when, therefore, the case is of so flagrant a nature as, in his judgment, to require the erasure of a Lodge, or the expulsion of a Brother, he shall make a special report to the Grand Lodge, with his opinion thereon." This was done in the present instance, and the facts of the case were stated, so that the whole question hinged upon the Article quoted. The matter created a considerable amount of discussion, and Bro. F. Binckes, on rising to object to the proposal, pointed out in a very forcible speech how great would be the hardship attaching to the man, in addition to his present punishment, through his having been expelled from the Craft. We heartily agree with Bro. Binckes in this matter, and are of opinion that Grand Lodge in its corporate capacity could scarcely realise what it was undertaking. If the case of every member of the Craft who commits himself is to be dragged before the Grand Lodge, and the time of that supreme tribunal wasted in the discussion of personal details, the problem is—where is it all going to end? Are we to expel rigidly every member of our Order who in an unfortunate moment transgresses the law? The Brother referred to is practically and morally ostracised; at any rate it is painfully obvious that he cannot enter a Lodge for the next five years. But when he has expiated the offence for which he has been committed to "durance vile," even if he then desired to enter a Lodge, we opine he would have sufficient sense of decency left to curb such a wish. But, taking the question generally, it may be asked, "Where is the line to be drawn?" and what the extent of the crime to justify the expulsion of a member? There was evidently a strong feeling on this point on Wednesday night, and the motion was thrice submitted to Grand Lodge before it was carried. The question undoubtedly requires very careful consideration, and although we have not a word to advance in extenuation of this Brother's conduct, nevertheless by this action we fear a precedent is being set up which may involve no little difficulty in the future. The report of the Board of General Purposes, of which we gave the full text in our columns last week, was presented by the President, Bro. Thomas Fenn, and adopted. The chief items of interest in it included the preparation of a catalogue of the Library of Grand Lodge, and that, in order to accommodate brethren who may desire to make use of the library during the evening, it was proposed that it remain open on Mondays and Thursdays until 10 o'clock p.m., and on other days by arrangement. The proposition that Bro. Henry Sadler, Grand Tyler, be appointed sub-librarian, under the Grand Secretary, in addition to his other duties, with an addition to his salary of £20 a year, was unanimously endorsed. As a matter of fact it was considered that the increased emolument was a very small one, and had it been more substantial the general opinion was that Grand Lodge would have readily accorded it. The next recommendation in the report was equally popular, namely, that in consideration of the very large increase in the Craft and Royal Arch of late years, and consequently in the duties of Grand Secretary, the salary of Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke be raised from £800 to £1,000 per annum. This proposal was accompanied by a just tribute of recognition and appreciation of the efficient manner in which the duties of Grand Secretary are discharged; and Bro. Sir John Monckton, in supporting the recommendation of the Board, called attention to the vast increase in the number of Lodges, and in the numerical strength of the Craft since the salary was originally fixed at its present rate, and pointed out how heavy and laborious the duties now were, in comparison with what they were when Bro. Colonel Shadwell Clerke first entered office. He deemed it unnecessary to support the proposal for the increase by any lengthened remarks; and the recommendation of the Board was at once assented to *nem con.* The appeal from Bombay, described in our report last week, was dismissed. Another matter of importance to the Craft was then brought on for consideration, in connection with the suggested Special Jubilee Offering of the Grand Lodge to the Masonic Institutions. Bro. Joseph Clever P.M. 171, Greenwich, had given notice

of a motion that the sum of one thousand pounds should be paid from the Fund of General Purposes to each of the three Masonic Charities, but this was withdrawn in order to allow of full consideration being given to a second resolution, by Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G. Deacon, that the amount to be given should be Two Thousand Pounds—double that suggested by Bro. Clever. It was ruled out of order to transpose the two motions on the paper, and thus the first was withdrawn in order that Bro. Raynham Stewart's might be brought forward. There was some little show of opposition, but of so insignificant a character that it was scarcely worth notice. Bro. J. Lewis Thomas moved, as an amendment, that the sum granted to each of the Institutions be one thousand pounds only, and this was seconded by Bro. Scurrah; but on being put to the vote it was supported by only half a-dozen brethren. Bro. Stewart's motion was then put, and carried by an overwhelming majority, amidst prolonged applause. Another commendable resolution, emanating from Bro. Raynham Stewart, met with the approbation of Grand Lodge, viz. that the sum of £70 be given from the Fund of General Purposes, and placed in the hands of the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons, to supply the inmates of the Institution at Croydon with coals during the winter season. This good news will be very welcome to, and duly appreciated by, the "Old Folks" at the Home at Croydon. Later in the evening the result of the scrutiny of votes in connection with the election of members to serve on the Board of General Purposes was announced, as follows:—

EDWARD TERRY	.	.	.	.	Lodge	29
AUGUSTUS TAYLOR DAY	.	.	.	.		58
HENRY SUTHERLAND, M.D.	.	.	.	.		99
CHARLES BELTON	.	.	.	.		165
FREDERICK TROTMAN BENNETT	.	.	.	.		211
JAMES TERRY	.	.	.	.		228
NUSSERWANJEE DOSSABHOY FRACIS	.	.	.	.		255
ROBERT GEORGE CLUTTON	.	.	.	.		631
THOMAS HASTINGS MILLER	.	.	.	.		907
HENRY PRITCHARD	.	.	.	.		1415
TOM DREW BEAR	.	.	.	.		1584
HENRY DICKEY	.	.	.	.		1744
FREDERICK ERNEST POCKOCK, M.D.	.	.	.	.		1891
HOWARD HENRY ROOM	.	.	.	.		2090

It was announced by the Grand Secretary that the M.W.G.M. had nominated Bros. J. A. Rucker (Chairman), H. D. Sandeman, and Brackstone Baker on the Colonial Board. The following other brethren were declared elected on that Board:—

JAMES BRETT	.	.	.	.	.	177
THOMAS HENRY GARDINER	.	.	.	.	.	657
THOMAS JAMES REEVES	.	.	.	.	.	1118
THOMAS CHARLES WALLS	.	.	.	.	.	1381
REGINALD ST. A. ROUMIEU	.	.	.	.	.	1537
ALBERT ESCOTT	.	.	.	.	.	1593
LIEUT.-COL. GEORGE HALDANE (Vice-Chairman)	.	.	.	.	.	1615

The Grand Secretary announced that the M.W.G.M. had nominated as members of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Dr. Jabez Hogg, and F. Davison. The following brethren were nominated by the Committee of Masters:—

ALFRED HENRY TATTERSHALL	.	.	.	.	.	140
CHARLES GEORGE DILLEY	.	.	.	.	.	147
JOHN EDWARD DAWSON	.	.	.	.	.	404
HUGH COTTER	.	.	.	.	.	554
Major ALFRED DURRANT	.	.	.	.	.	569
CHARLES ALEXANDER COTTEBRUNE	.	.	.	.	.	733
JAPHETH TICKLE	.	.	.	.	.	1196
RICHARD KIMPTON	.	.	.	.	.	1287
ALBERT FISH	.	.	.	.	.	1366
WILLIAM JOHN MURLIS	.	.	.	.	.	1524

There were no other nominations, and the brethren named were declared to have been duly elected.

The annual supper of the Chiswick Lodge of Instruction will be held on Wednesday next, the 8th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, when a testimonial will be presented to Bro. E. Ayling, in recognition of the valuable services he has rendered to the Lodge.

Brother John Sampson, of York, has just published, in leaflet form, a Jubilee song, by Sir Charles Dodsworth, entitled "England." The words are in patriotic strain, and are to be sung to the tune of the National Anthem.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

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ROYAL ALFRED LODGE, No. 780.

A REGULAR meeting of the members of this Lodge was held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Friday, 27th ult. under the presidency of Bro. B. E. Blasby I.P.M., the acting Worshipful Master. To mark their sorrowful appreciation of the loss the Lodge had sustained by the death of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Charles Maton, the brethren appeared in Masonic mourning. Loöge having been opened in form, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, after which an advance was made to the second, when Brother T. A. Holland was passed, the work being admirably carried out by the acting Worshipful Master. In the course of the proceedings Bro. Blasby referred in tones of respectful regard to the late Bro. Charles Maton, who at the time of his decease, a few weeks since, was W.M. of the Royal Alfred Lodge. Some ten or twelve years ago Bro. Maton came into the district of Kew, and started in business as a builder. Naturally, being in the same "line," he (the speaker) and Brother Maton soon became acquainted with each other, and he had always found their late brother a most straightforward and honourable man in the mode in which he carried on his business transactions. He introduced his friend into Freemasonry, and in that sphere he took an active part, always assisting in the work of the Lodge in every way he possibly could. He filled the various offices, and worked up to the chair, but unfortunately, as was well known to most of the brethren, he was overtaken by a serious and trying illness, which culminated in his death. The loss thus sustained by the Lodge it was impossible to over-estimate, and in testimony of the esteem in which he was held several of his Masonic friends paid the last tribute of sorrowful respect by following his body to the grave. The brethren would have seen an obituary notice of the deceased, and an account of the funeral, in a recent issue of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. It was resolved that a letter of condolence be forwarded to the son of their deceased Worshipful Master, expressive of the esteem and regard in which he was at all times held by the members of the Royal Alfred Lodge, and of their deep regret at the irreparable loss they had one and all sustained by his removal from amongst them whilst filling the most important office in the Lodge. Amongst the routine work was a proposition, that will be fully considered later on, to change the days of meeting of the Lodge, which have been found to clash with other important engagements of the members. The five tickets for admission to the Masonic Jubilee Meeting at the Albert Hall, on the 13th inst., were allotted, and after disposing of some minor business Lodge was closed in harmony. After labour the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, when the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a very agreeable evening was enjoyed. It may be interesting to note that Bro. Blasby has twice ably filled the chair of the Royal Alfred Lodge, and that in his capacity as Immediate Past Master he has had to fulfil the duties, during the greater part of the time, of each of his two successors in office. Bro. Costelow came to the chair, but was prevented from attending after the first meeting, and the illness and death of Bro. Maton called his able services once more into requisition, so that he will remain in harness to the end of that brother's year. It is only due to say that the working of the Lodge is most ably and assiduously aided by its indefatigable Secretary, Bro. W. Hilton P.M., whose exertions tend to render the duties of the acting Worshipful Master and his Officers less onerous than they would otherwise be. The arrangements made by Bro. Brill, the respected proprietor of the Star and Garter, for the comfort and enjoyment of his guests were all that could be desired, and reflected the utmost credit upon the resources of this old and well known coaching house at Kew Bridge. Before closing our report, we may say that Bro. Brill has made full arrangements for the summer season, and we have little doubt that the many Lodges who have made this famous hostelry their trysting-place in the past will again take advantage of the superior accommodation that is ever to be found provided here. The Worshipful Master was supported by Bros. C. Coombs S.W., W. Rowe J.W., W. Eydmann Treasurer; P.M.'s W. Hilton (Secretary), Littlewood, and Beckett, and many other members. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. G. Gardner I.P.M. 2020, Edwards P.M. 1662, G. S. Graham P.M. P. Prov. G. Organist Middlesex.

GEORGE PRICE LODGE, No. 2096.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge took place at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on Thursday, the 26th May. There were present Bros. Hobbs P.G.S.D. Surrey W.M., Langton P.G.J.W. Surrey I.P.M., Ridpath S.W., Samuel J.W., Fraser Secretary, Levèy S.D., Goode J.D., Leaver Organist, Cambridge P.P.G. Organist Surrey I.G., Lane Tyler; also Bros. West D.P.G.M. Surrey, Price P.G. Treasurer Surrey, Guedalla, J. C. Leaver, Rev. E. D. L. Harvey, E. C. Leaver, Percival, Wilson, Fraser, Holdsworth, Matthey, and Holden. Visitors—Bros. W. Foulsham P.P.G J.W. Northumberland, R. Clay Sudlow P.P.G.S.D. Kent, W. Pile P.G.S.B. Surrey, W. H. Ranson W.M. 1790, G. H. Moore W.M. 2054, G. T. Marshall P.M. 69, H. Massey P.M. 619 and 1928, F. J. Wray P.M. 1257, Maitland H. Dicker P.M. 1470, F. C. Atkinson P.M. 1282, C. E. Penny S.D. 1188, G. H. Bishop S.D. 1965, T. F. Downes 1635, G. K. Pugh 1625, F. Carter 14, C. F. Pass S.W. 1540, W. Stevenson Hoyte J.W. 1706, C. White 1790, J. Elkam 1668, Gordon Smith J.W. 14, A. Lester 1309, and E. J. Bell 1369. Lodge having been opened, the Secretary read the dispensation from the R.W. Prov. Grand Master Surrey, authorising the Lodge to meet on this, instead of the previous day, after which the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Percival was passed to the second degree. Bro. Ridpath, the W.M. elect, was then presented

and duly installed into the chair of K.S. by the W.M. The following brethren were appointed and invested as the Officers for the following year, viz., Bros. Samuel S.W., Levèy J.W., J. C. Leaver Treasurer, Langton Secretary, Harvey Chaplain, Goode S.D., Cambridge J.D., Holdsworth Steward, F. W. Leaver Organist, W. Lane Tyler. Bro. Hoyte J.W. of the Orpheus Lodge, No. 1706, was proposed as a joining member. The resolution, of which notice had been given at the last meeting, to alter the days of meeting from the fourth Wednesday to the second Saturday, and the installation meeting from May to June, was unanimously carried. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet table, when the Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. A P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. Hobbs, the I.P.M., for his services during the past year. In responding for the Prov. Grand Officers of Surrey, Bro. West, the D.P.G.M., complimented the Lodge on what it had done for the Masonic Charities, having been instrumental in collecting, within the space of twelve months, a sum of nearly eight hundred pounds. An excellent programme of music had been prepared by Bro. Cambridge, which was ably rendered by Bros. Atkinson, Lester and Bell.

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JOPPA CHAPTER, No. 188.

BY dispensation of Supreme Grand Chapter a meeting was held on Thursday (instead of Monday), at the Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C., the reason for the change being the consequence of Bank Holiday. Companion L. Lazarus M.E.Z. took the chair at half-past five. The Chapter was opened in due form by the First Principal, who was assisted by the following:—Comps. J. W. Downsap 2nd Principal, L. M. Meyers 3rd Principal, J. Lazarus P.Z. Treasurer, J. M. Emanuel P.Z. S.E. Later on the following Companions were present:—S. Jacobs S.N., Liebmann P.S., W. Littaur P.Z., H. P. Isaac P.Z., H. Saqui, I. Botibol, A. Botibol, W. S. Lyon, J. S. Lyon, S. Jewell, J. B. de Mesquita, Joseph Davis, Jacques Wynman, and several others. Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The election of Principals took place, and resulted as follows:—Comp. J. W. Downsap M.E.Z., L. M. Meyers H., H. P. Isaac J., M. S. Emanuel P.Z. S.E., J. Lazarus P.Z. Treasurer, Liebmann Principal Sojourner, Henry Davis 1st A.S., W. S. Lyon 2nd A.S. The following Companions were elected as Auditors, and to serve on the Board of General Purposes:—S. Jewell, Jos. Davis, and S. Lyon. It was proposed by Comp. L. M. Meyers, and seconded by Comp. J. S. Lyon, that a sum be voted for a jewel to the M.E.Z., for the excellent manner in which he had again fulfilled the duties of the chair as M.E.Z. of the Joppa Chapter. This was unanimously agreed to. The labours of the evening being ended, the Chapter was closed, until the last Monday in November, and the Companions retired to the banqueting-room, where an excellent repast was provided. Later on the regular toasts were given and replied to.

WILLIAM PRESTON CHAPTER, No. 766.

A CONVOCATION of this Chapter was held on Thursday, 26th May, at the Cannon Street Hotel, Comps. J. C. Radford M.E.Z., T. Wilkinson J., H. Garrod P.Z. and Treasurer, W. Worrell P.Z. and S.E., Le Grand S.N., W. Jaques P.S., C. L. Kenney First A.S., G. Bugler Second A.S., Dr. Kempster P.Z.; and the following Visitors:—E. Kelmar P.Z. 742, H. Thompson P.Z. 619, J. Morgan 342, Heath 91, Cooper 1416. The minutes of the last Convocation having been read and confirmed, Comp. Worrell read two dispensations, granted on his application by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. A communication had been made to the Grand S.E. setting forth a difficulty which had arisen on account of an inability to follow the regular Order in filling the three Principals' chairs, and His Royal Highness, by granting the dispensations, had relieved them, so that the business might be proceeded with. A copy of these dispensations was ordered to be entered on the minutes. This being the usual period for the installation and appointment of Officers, the First Principal's chair was assumed by Comp. H. Garrod P.Z., who did the duty of installing Comp. T. Wilkinson as M.E.Z., Comp. Alfred Le Grand as H., and Comp. George Bugler as J. The whole of these ceremonies were most ably performed, and Comp. Garrod received the warmest congratulations on the way in which they had been discharged. The other Officers appointed were Comps. H. Garrod Treasurer, W. Worrell S.E., W. Jaques S.N., C. L. Kenney P.S., L. G. Reinhardt Janitor. The M.E.Z. received hearty congratulations from every Companion present upon the elevated position at which he had arrived; all wishing him the greatest amount of success during his year of office; for this he returned thanks. The M.E.Z. said that his first duty was a very pleasing one, as it was to present Comp. Radford P.Z. with the jewel, which had been voted to him by the Companions of the William Preston Chapter as an acknowledgment of the services he had rendered while occupying the chair of First Principal during his year of office, and he trusted that he might be blessed with health for many years to wear it. The jewel, which was a very beautiful one, bore the following inscription:—

"Presented by the William Preston Chapter, to Companion J. C. RADFORD P.Z., as a token of esteem and affection, and for his excellent working in the chair for the years 1886 and 1887."

Comp. Radford thanked the Companions most sincerely for their splendid gift, but at the same time he must say that he had not given such attention as he should have liked to the duties of his office, but he promised his successor to render him all the assistance that was in his power. Comp. Dr. Kempson P.Z. rose and said that he had great pleasure in informing the Companions

that their esteemed Companion Hiscox P.Z. had been appointed Grand Registrar for Cambridgeshire, and he felt sure that the Chapter would congratulate him upon that appointment; he accordingly moved, "That the William Preston Chapter congratulates Comp. Hiscox upon his appointment as Grand Registrar of Cambridgeshire. The motion was carried unanimously, and Companion Hiscox, who was present, returned thanks. The report of the Audit Committee was presented, showing that the finances of the Chapter were in a very satisfactory condition. The Chapter was then closed, and the Companions adjourned to the banqueting room, where a bounteous repast was provided; it embraced some of the choicest viands of the season. On the withdrawal of the cloth, grace was sung by the professional singers. The M.E.Z. said the first toast on his list was that of the Queen, the Patroness of Royal Arch Masonry. As the mother of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, she was entitled to the highest honours. Drank with cordiality, followed by the National Anthem, the solo parts being sung by Mdme. Worrell. The M.E.Z. said that the next toast he had to propose was the health of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales the G.Z. Whilst under his superintendence the ruling was most effectual, and he felt sure that all would go well. The toast was enthusiastically responded to, followed by a song, "Sing, sweet bird," by Miss Maude Cameron. The next toast was the Earl of Carnarvon, and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past. Song—"Angus Macdonald," by Madame Lansdell Sims, sang in a style which elicited hearty applause. Comp. Radford P.Z. called upon the Companions to drink the health of Comp. Wilkinson M.E.Z. of the William Preston Chapter, whom it had given him great pleasure that night to see installed into the chair of First Principal. He had known him for many years, he had followed him in the different offices in the Lodge, and had now done so in the Chapter, and would in a short time be equal to any service which might be required of him. He asked the Companions to join with him in drinking his health. The request was most cordially responded to. Madame Worrell sang "Sweet spirit, hear my prayer," from "Lurline," and her execution of this beautiful air received the most enthusiastic applause; a rapturous encore followed, which Madame Worrell complied with. The M.E.Z., in returning thanks for the proposition of his health said, I thank you very much for the cordial way in which you have drunk the health of the First Principal in the chair, and I can assure you that I will endeavour in every way in my power, and to the best of my ability during my year of office, to discharge the duties in such a way as not to leave room for you to find fault with me. Afterwards I will do everything that I can to promote the interests of the Chapter. The M.E.Z. said the next toast he had to propose was that of the Visitors, who always received a hearty welcome at every meeting of their Chapter; he was sorry there were not more present that evening. He then enumerated them; their names will be seen above. The toast was well received. Comp. H. Thompson, upon being called upon to reply, said he had come there that night as the representative of a well-known and esteemed Companion (Comp. W. W. Morgan). Not having visited the Chapter before, he almost expected to find himself amongst a body of strangers, if indeed he could ever find himself a stranger amongst Freemasons; at the same time, he was little prepared to meet such old associates, as during his youth in the Order he met in the person of their esteemed Treasurer Comp. Garrod, their installing Principal of that evening, who was a Past Master of the Lodge in which he was initiated, nearly thirty years ago. The way in which he had performed the ceremony of installing the three Principals had given him the greatest pleasure, and as proficiency in conferring those rites was only acquired by a few he thought the Companions of the William Preston Chapter had reason to be proud of being associated with him. As to their worthy S.E., Comp. Worrell, they were many years ago almost "boys together" in Freemasonry, as frequenters of Lodges of Instruction; no doubt it was there that Comp. Worrell gained the instruction which formed the foundation of his future career, and fitted him for those important duties in which he was destined afterwards to take part. He (Comp. Thompson) was glad to find that the labours of Comp. Garrod had been recognised by the Grand Lodge for the exemplary way in which he had acted for a number of years, and that the Grand Master had conferred upon him honours he so well deserved. Other visitors briefly acknowledged the toast. The M.E.Z., in giving the health of the Installing Principal and Treasurer, said that the way in which he had gone through the ceremonies of installation that evening was second to none, while as their Treasurer he always took good care of their funds. The toast was most cordially responded to. Comp. Garrod, in reply, said he returned thanks to their M.E.Z. for the manner in which he had proposed his health, and for the cordial and hearty response the Companions had given it. It was a pleasing duty to instal their M.E.Z. into the chair, and he had endeavoured to discharge it to the best of his ability. As to the financial state of the Chapter, it was in a flourishing condition, for they had a much larger balance than last year, and they would be enabled at no very distant period to make themselves Life Governors of all the Charities; up to the present they had done little for them. He was glad to see Comp. Thompson, whom he had met in Freemasonry thirty years ago; he was a worthy Companion, and so he thought all would say. Some other toasts were given, and the entire evening was spent in the true spirit of Freemasonry. The pleasures of the meeting were enhanced by the vocal talents of Madame Worrell, Miss Maude Cameron, Madame Lansdell Sims, and Comp. Thomas Nettleship; Bro. James Burn presided at the pianoforte.

The weekly meetings of the Royal Savoy Mark Lodge of Instruction (Fridays, at the Moorgate) have been adjourned until the middle of September next.

MARK MASONRY.

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WILTSHIRE KEYSTONE LODGE, No. 178.

THE regular quarterly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Devizes, on Wednesday, the 25th ultimo. The W.M.M. Bro. F. S. Hancock occupied the chair, and there were present as Visitors—Bros. C. F. Matier P.G.W., R. B. Bryant Prov. Grand Standard Bearer, and G. Allen S.W. 139. The routine having been gone through, and three candidates balloted for and approved, the W.M. reported that the Wiltshire Anchor Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners in connection with this Lodge had been duly consecrated that afternoon, and that in consequence they had the pleasure of welcoming among them some distinguished visitors who had come to Devizes for the purpose of such consecration. He then asked Bro. Matier if he would favour him by taking the chair to perform the ceremony of advancement. Bro. Matier having assented, Bros. the Rev. Walter Humphreys, Fred. Sloper and W. F. Gaby (the candidate previously balloted for), were most ably advanced by him to the degree of M.M.M. Bro. Hancock W.M. having resumed the chair, proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Matier. Bro. Nott P.M. seconded, and it was carried by acclamation. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to supper, at the Bear Hotel.

ROYAL ARK MARINERS.

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CONSECRATION OF WILTSHIRE ANCHOR LODGE, 178.

ON Wednesday, 25th ultimo, this new Lodge was consecrated, at the Masonic Hall, Devizes, the ceremony being performed in the most impressive manner by Bro. C. F. Matier P.G.W. Mark, assisted by Bros. R. B. Bryant P.G. Mark Standard Bearer and Allen P.W.C.N. The Officers named in the warrant were Bros. W. Nott P.M.M. 178 and P.G. Steward as N., John Chandler P.M.M. 178 as J., and Bro. Henry I. Ward P.M. 178 as S. Thirteen candidates were duly elevated to the degree by Bro. Bryant. Bro. Nott was subsequently installed in the chair of N. by Bro. Matier, and he afterwards appointed and invested the following Officers of the Lodge:—Bros. John Chandler J., H. I. Ward S., H. Howes S.D., J. A. Randall J.D., F. S. Hancock D.C., T. C. Hopkins Organist, H. J. Johnson G., James Pocock Std., C. R. Barnes W. The W.C.N. proposed and the S.W. seconded a vote of thanks to Bros. Matier and Bryant for coming amongst them that day, and for the excellent manner in which the whole of the ceremonies had been performed by them. This was carried by acclamation, and duly acknowledged by those brethren. After a similar vote of thanks to Bro. Allen, the Lodge was closed.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Lyceum.—The greatest men and actors must have their limitations, and though certain henchmen and partizans are prepared to swear their loudest that everything done by their chief is "wisest, discreetest, best," the enthusiasm has sometimes the mechanical sonority of a claque. If Mr. Irving announced he was about to play Falstaff or Marc Antony, there are those who would gush with anticipated rapture. However, we can easily imagine how Mr. Irving would smile sardonically at the sham enthusiasm. In the parts in which he is excellent Mr. Irving may be said to be supremely so; with him there is no mediocrity. His mind either grasps and at once absorbs the character he would represent, or, despite his will, resents an impossible task, and we have a failure, the more frank from the very honesty and earnestness of the actor. Delightful it was on Saturday to welcome back to the Lyceum stage the Louis XI. Mr. Irving conjures for us from the pages of Sir Walter Scott. If something of the historical king is forgotten, the statesman underlying the tyrant, masked by the resentless foe of aristocratic privileges, it may be urged we do not go to the play to study history, and it would perhaps be hypercritical to ask why so many years be added to the age of the king, seeing that Louis died at 65. At the Lyceum he might be a nonagenarian. His portrayal of the feebleness of age has wonderful reality; but is it not apt to weaken our contempt for the king's character, this pity for the pathos of old age? Formerly Mr. Irving showed little indication of this in his earlier scenes, and a certain sense of incongruity was the result when, with the fifth act, so great a change of aspect and bearing was exhibited by the stricken king, who seemed to have grown old suddenly. We cannot but believe the elaboration of the death is a mistake, though in art it is wonderfully realistic; indeed we may call it a physiological study, agonising to witness even by those who have recently stood by an actual death scene. The paralysis of the lips, struggling to utter the words that can never be spoken, has an awful pathos. The house trembled in silence at the dread realisation of the death scene. As regards the other characters Mr. Alexander makes a spirited and handsome Nemours, while Miss Emery was once more a tender and graceful Marie. Mr. Wenman rather suggests a veterinary surgeon of the period than the scholarly physician Coitier. Mr. Harbury's Philip de Commines is innocent of the wicked villainies the original was given to. One does not wonder the king's temper suffers in such society. A word of praise is due to Messrs. Harvey, Tyars, Mead, Archer, and Mrs. Chippendale for the ability displayed in their respective parts.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

SATURDAY, 4th JUNE.

- General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 178—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
 R.A. 173—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
 Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex, King's Head Hotel, Harrow, at 3 p.m.
 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
 304—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
 463—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
 1223—Amherst, Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverhead, near Sevenoaks
 1362—Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Redhill
 1468—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
 1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
 1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham
 1929—Mozart, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon
 2148—Walsingham, Masonic Hall, Walsingham, Kent

MONDAY, 6th JUNE.

- 22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 1975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
 1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
 1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.3 (Inst.)
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, S. (Inst)
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 2098—Harlesden, National School, Harlesden
 R.A. 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
 37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
 113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston.
 119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, Collogo-st., Whitehaven
 133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
 156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
 236—York, Masonic Hall, York
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
 251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple
 302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
 307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hobdon Bridge
 381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
 395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
 431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
 478—Churchill, Masonic Hall, Oxford
 482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
 597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
 622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dowsbury
 850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
 928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield
 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
 1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
 1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster
 1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
 1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
 1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
 1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
 1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax
 1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
 1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea
 1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
 1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
 1798—Zion, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
 1977—Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon.
 R.A. 106—Sun, Royal Beacon Hotel, Exmouth
 R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
 R.A. 557—Valletort, Masonic Hall, Callington, Cornwall
 R.A. 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
 M.M. 2—Phoenix, 110 High Street, Portsmouth
 M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
 R.C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 7th JUNE.

- Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
 171—Amity, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 198—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Steney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 860—Dunhouse, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
 861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
 1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)

- 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1380—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 9. (Instruction)
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
 1383—Friends in Council, 33 Golden-square
 1446—Mount Edgcombe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
 1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst)
 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Bibra Restaurant, Cannon Street, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.3
 R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1612—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst).
 70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
 120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
 124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elver, Durham
 126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
 158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
 364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
 393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
 448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
 463—East Surrey of Concord, Kings' Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.15. (Inst.)
 510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
 558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
 779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
 794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
 804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
 847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
 948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
 960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
 974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley Street, Bradford
 995—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
 1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market Place, Cockermouth
 1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
 1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
 1214—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar
 1322—Waveley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
 1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6 (Instruction)
 1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
 1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
 1993—Wolsey, Masonic Hall, Town Hall Buildings, King Street, Manchester
 R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 R.A. 903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, Gosport
 R.A. 1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
 M.M. 11—Joppa, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
 M.M. 115—Bedford, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 M.M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 8th JUNE.

- Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, a. 3
 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roma Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 13—Waterloo, Union Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
 30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst)
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (In)
 538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
 902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruc)
 1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
 1521—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
 1586—Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood
 1691—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30 (In)
 1610—Northern Bar, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 1629—United, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst)
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 720—Banmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
 R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1524—Duke of Connaught, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet Street
 R.A. 1900—Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel, Holborn
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 R.C. 1—Grand Metropolitan, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
 51—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham Street, Rochdale
 125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hyde, Kent
 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
 146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
 191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket Street, Bury, Lancashire
 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
 225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
 274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Middlesbrough
 281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
 288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
 290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 353—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth
 387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
 433—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
 567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
 666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmouth
 708—Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
 750—Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Railway-street, Clockheaton
 758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford
 854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, St. Augustine, (Instruction)
 1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
 1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth
 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
 1248—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
 1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 110 North Hill Street, Foxeth Park, Liverpool
 1398—Balwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
 1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
 1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Street, Utham
 1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
 1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham

1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
 1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes
 1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
 1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
 1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
 1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
 2006—Tilbury, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex
 2046—Robinson, Masonic Room, Maidstone, Kent
 R.A. 77—Hermes, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
 R.A. 86—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Prescott
 R.A. 251—Loyalty and Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Barnstaple
 R.A. 320—Integrity, Junction Inn, Mottram
 R.A. 350—Meribah, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
 R.A. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
 R.A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 703—Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool
 R.A. 709—Invicta, Bank Street Hall, Ashford
 R.A. 1973—Saye and Sele, Masonic Rooms, Belvedere, Kent
 M.M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick

THURSDAY, 9th JUNE.

27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 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)
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 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
 1216—Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
 1278—Burdett Courts, Swan Tavern, Betnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
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 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
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 1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
 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—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
 1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8 (Inst.)
 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1791—Creton, Wheatshaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst.)
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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 477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
 546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline Street, Loughton, Staff.
 732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham
 784—Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Park Street, Deal
 786—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 846—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
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 1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington
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FRIDAY, 10th JUNE.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
 134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
 167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
 768—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1156—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
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 R.A. 6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, King Street, St. James's
 R.A. 10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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 64—Fortitude, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
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 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at
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 R.A. 406—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 11th JUNE

176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1446—Mount Edgumbe, Bridge House Hotel, Battersea
 1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
 1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
 1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
 1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
 1837—Unity, Harrow
 2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
 R.A. 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
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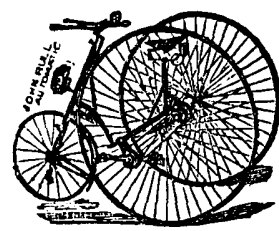
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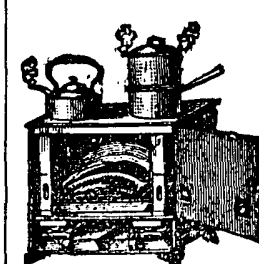
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