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THE JUBILEE COMMEMORATION.

MONDAY next will be essentially *the* Jubilee-Day, so far as Freemasonry is concerned. Ere these lines are read a great number of our brethren living in distant parts of the country will have packed up their portmanteaus and completed their arrangements for a rather more protracted stay in town than has been their wont, for the Commemoration Gathering and the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys form a "double event" such as has never hitherto been experienced in the Masonic annals. The latter occasion, we venture to opine, will attract almost, if not quite, as much attention as the splendid pageant to which we are all looking forward with such eagerness at the Royal Albert Hall; and, with the two important Festivals following each other on consecutive days, will unquestionably bring to the metropolis such an assemblage of the Masonic Fraternity as was never before witnessed in this or any other country, nor is it likely will be seen again within the present generation, if at all. From the four corners of the Empire, north, east, west, and south, will rally forth good men and true who rejoice to be ranged under the illustrious banner of Freemasonry, and who gratefully accept as their watchword and landmark "Loyalty to the Throne and Devotion to the Craft." That motto, though so frequently employed in our Lodges and Chapters—indeed whenever Masonic matters form the topic of conversation—does not diminish, but on the contrary gathers strength by oft-reiteration.

The deep rooted affection for the Sovereign of these realms and for the Constitution which has done so much to consolidate the peace, prosperity, and progress of the British Empire is too well known to need reference here. It is as firmly established in our hearts as the sun and stars are in the firmament of the Great Universe, and amidst all the shocks that may overtake the nations, or sap the foundations of governments, religious and political organisations, or any other of our institutions, the Ancient and Honourable Institution of Freemasonry will remain fixed and immovable, impregnable against the attacks of its foes, and the buffeting of the storms of partisanship that may beat fiercely upon it. Were it possible to assemble in one huge structure the whole of those who desired to witness the coming spectacle—only a shade paler in colour and grandeur than the momentous Jubilee procession itself, when our beloved Queen will proceed in State to the Thanksgiving Service at Westminster Abbey—the scene would be one that it is impossible to contemplate without feelings almost akin to awe. But this being impracticable, it was necessary to devise the next best plan that could be conceived, and we may look forward to Monday's gathering as the most representative, most brilliant and enthusiastic demonstration the world has ever gazed upon. Not only will the wearers of the blue and purple in our "tight little island" be there, but we hear of distinguished brethren who have not thought it too great a task to cross sea and ocean in order to participate in this vast and unprecedented homage to our Queen and Empress.

Recollections of the sublime scene witnessed in the same building twelve years ago, when our Most Worshipful Grand Master His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was installed into the exalted office he so worthily fills to this

day—and that he may long continue to do so is the fervent prayer of every Mason—are still vividly present in the minds of many who were then the privileged holders of tickets. The reception given to the Heir Apparent, and the splendid honours accorded to him amidst such an ebullition of loyalty and enthusiasm, can never be effaced from the memories of those who took part in the proceedings. Up to this day brethren are never tired of recapitulating the salient features of that "day of days," and proudly refer to it as a red-letter one in their experience. But when we come to consider the gigantic strides that English Freemasonry has made since the year 1875, and the enormous number of Lodges and Chapters—to say nothing of the other Masonic organisations—which have sprung into existence in the time that has elapsed, the great difficulty appeared to be—how to cope with the necessarily greater number of brethren who would be intensely anxious to be present at this glorious Commemoration. Obstacles that appeared to be almost insurmountable, however, disappeared one by one before the judicious administration of those who were entrusted with the carrying out of the arrangements; and so far as it was humanly possible we are assured that those preparations are likely to give general satisfaction. Of course it is futile to attempt to please everybody—you may as well try to compress the specific bulk of water; and there will be many hundreds of the brethren tingling with disappointment at their inability to participate in the proceedings of that day. We recollect the same kind of thing occurred on the former occasion to which reference has been made; it will be on a much larger scale this time. But we are bound to accept the inevitable, for you cannot "put into a quart pot more than it will hold."

We recollect some time ago standing amidst a great crowd in the corridor of St. Stephen's—an impatient throng, for a tithe of whom it was impossible to find accommodation in the Strangers' Gallery. It was a night when a great debate was "on," and red-hot politicians had travelled from remote regions of the country to hear the idol of the hour expatiate on some question that was then deemed a "burning one" in political circles. They had all come fortified with "orders" from their respective members, and with nervous twitching reluctantly deposited their papers in the glass basin which was held aloft by a sturdy custodian, and which, having been "well shaken," were taken out singly by a perfectly independent person—as at a raffle or a draw. Those lucky ones whose names were called out in stentorian tones marched off with a glance of defiant triumph at the rest in waiting, who were drawn up in the vestibule like the ranks of an awkward squad. But at last the irrevocable announcement came that the Gallery was full, and amidst low muttered expressions of chagrin and louder demonstrations of vexation, those who felt disinclined to wait an indefinite time for one of the favoured strangers to withdraw—when another order is picked out of the basin—they "wandered silently away," to vent their pent-up indignation in some other form of edification—or dissipation. We well remember one rough brawny Scot, who had journeyed all the way from the Land o' Cakes in full expectation of revelling in another dose of his Midlothian champion's eloquence; but he fared ill, like many others, and his rage could only find vent in such a tornado of Gallic as we fancy has been seldom heard within the sacred precincts of the Commons House of Parliament.

We relate this little episode, of which we were ourselves a witness, just to illustrate in some way the difficulties that had to be contended with in respect of next Monday's gathering at the Albert Hall. As soon as the "confidential" circular of the Pro Grand Master was issued a thrill of eager anticipation vibrated throughout the length and breadth of the English Masonic world. Nor was it until the second communication found its way more generally into the hands of the brethren that the project assumed anything like a definite shape. It was then announced that the holding capacity of the Albert Hall would admit of five tickets only being allotted to each of the two thousand and odd Lodges on the register of the United Grand Lodge of England, and these, as may be supposed, were coveted, like "Jews' eyes," by a vastly greater number than could secure them. The task remained with the Masters and Wardens of Lodges to apportion those tickets as best they could, with due regard to precedence and seniority; and we sincerely trust that in this endeavour they contrived not to ruffle the habitual serenity and harmony of their members. There is reason to suppose that many Lodges situated in far remote districts found it inconvenient to utilise the five tickets so allotted to them, taking into consideration the expense and loss of time so long a journey to London would involve. We are not in the secrets of the Grand Executive, but presume that all such tickets as have been thus "respectfully declined" have been diverted into other channels. At any rate, with the most careful and judicious arrangements on the part of the functionaries who will be appointed to show the brethren to their seats, and by packing the brethren as tightly together as it is in the power of man to endure, Albert Hall, on Monday, will be thronged "from floor to ceiling" by men who will shout ringing cheers of acclaim when the Address to Her Majesty is agreed to, and when the honours due to our Most Worshipful Master are called for. Such a parterre of purple and blue and gold and white, such a glittering of jewels and distinctions never yet was seen under one roof, and the one absorbing wish of each of the eight thousand fortunate ticket-holders is "May I be there to see."

We must not omit to look, however, at the practical side of this great demonstration, apart from its anticipated glories as a spectacle. There is a great and two-fold object in this bringing together of the pick and flower of the English Craft on a day which leaves its mark not only on Freemasonry as a body, but upon our national history. The great and primary end in view is to congratulate our beloved Queen Victoria upon the completion of the fiftieth year of her benign and illustrious reign, and that in itself is sufficient to warm the hearts of loyal Masons—and how many are not loyal?—into a brighter flame of loyal devotion towards the august Lady Patroness of the Craft. Other bodies of men, in the State, the Church, the Legislature, the professions and trades, and industries of every name, may celebrate the event in their own way, and with their sincere and hearty sentiments of loyalty and affection which sit so deeply in the breasts of the British nation. But amongst none will those emotions be more forcibly or genuinely displayed than by the representatives of English Freemasonry who will find themselves in the Albert Hall next Monday. With one voice, heart, and hand will the note of acclaim be sounded, "God Save the Queen;" and the chord will be taken up and re-echoed by the phalanx of Masons throughout the length and breadth of Her Majesty's vast domain who, though unable to be present in person, will be emphatically there "at heart." Every word of that congratulatory Address will be scanned as "Queen's Speech" has never yet been; every line will be devoured and made the pivot of thousands of echoing gratulations all over the kingdom during the forthcoming session of Labour, and long, long afterwards. The glad-some notes wafted from the mammoth hall at Kensington will be borne away to the brethren in the City and "greater London," many of whose Lodges will meet that evening to celebrate the occasion; it will flash along the telegraph to the more distant Provinces where those who could not attend the Festival will be consoling themselves with Jubilee celebrations of their own; in like manner it will fly across the Atlantic to America and Canada, beneath the seas to the Colonies and the Dependencies of the British Crown; and all that domain upon which the sun never sets will rise and join in the glorious psalm of "Long may she reign!" Never before has the inner soul

of Freemasonry been stirred in such a way as it will be then, and the strings will continue to beat in happy harmony for years to come. The spectacle itself, sublime as it will be, with our Most Worshipful the Grand Master surrounded on the dais by the most distinguished leaders of our profession, and faced by a dense mass of ardent loyal and enthusiastic brethren, will be but a transient one, after all. But who can fathom the collateral influences which such a gathering will exercise upon the Masonic world? It is impossible to do so, and therefore we will not attempt the hopeless task. But of this we may be certain, the Jubilee Commemoration will carry into the future of our Order the most beneficent and inspiring effects, and give a purifying and exhilarating stimulus to all our Masonic work.

But there is yet another aspect of the subject, and one which, from a practical point of view, will be regarded by brethren as of paramount importance, namely, the substantial addition to the funds of our Masonic Institutions which will be the outcome of this memorable gathering. There was some discussion at the outset as to whether one or two guineas should be charged as an admission fee, some urging that the higher amount would be the means of excluding those who could not afford the money; and ultimately the smaller figure was fixed, so as to bring the privilege within the reach of all. Under these circumstances, when we consider that upwards of eight thousand tickets have been issued at a guinea a-piece, we may safely reckon on each of our Charities being benefited to the tune of more than a couple of thousand pounds. Large as have been the contributions of the brethren towards the Institutions during the present year, this addition will be none the less welcome, and will enable the "heads of departments" to widen and extend their laudable designs. It is understood that Grand Lodge has announced its intention of paying the whole of the expenses connected with the Festival, so that the entire proceeds shall be handed over to the funds of the Institutions. The result, therefore, will be one to rejoice the hearts of all who are interested in the welfare of the Charities, and will mark the Jubilee year as one of the most unique and gratifying in the whole Masonic calendar. We sincerely trust that—as the weather plays an important part in all such displays—the day may be fine, so that the comfort of the brethren going to and returning from the hall may not be seriously interfered with. The day will be one "ever to be remembered," and we look forward to it with the most eager and pleasurable anticipations.

THE BOYS' FESTIVAL.

BEFORE our next issue the Eighty-Ninth Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will have come and gone, and we have little to add to what we have already said in respect of that gathering, which, though coming last upon our list of Annual Festivals, is nevertheless by no means the least important. The preparations for the banquet at the Crystal Palace on Tuesday next are all matured, and the only surprise we anticipate—an agreeable one, it must be admitted—is that the attendance will be greater than has been the case in past years, and that the resources of the culinary establishment at the Palace will be subjected to an unusual strain. It is well known that a very large contingent of the brethren of West Yorkshire will be present to support their popular and esteemed Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Thomas W. Tew; and we hear on the best authority that since the announcement was made that that distinguished Brother had consented to preside on the occasion, they have worked manfully with the view of swelling the amounts which the Stewards from that Riding will bring up. In his manifesto to the brethren of his Province a short time ago, Bro. Tew, speaking in patriotic vein of the Jubilee celebrations, expressed the hope that he should be accompanied to London by representatives of every one of the Lodges in West Yorkshire; and, if at that time the response was ready and unanimous, the realisation of the Provincial Grand Master's hope was doubly assured when it became known that he would preside at the Boys' Festival on the day following the Commemorative Gathering at the Albert Hall. West Yorkshire, as we are all aware, is most regular and generous in its support of the Masonic Charities, and this year the raising of an additional two

thousand pounds for the purchase of two Permanent Presentations to the Benevolent Institution has put their charitable principles rather severely to the test. Notwithstanding all this, the reputation of their chief and of the Province is concerned in the Festival of next Tuesday, and it is no matter for surprise that, with the tenacity of our hardy northern race, they should rally round the Chairman of the day with all their force, and backed by all the financial "ammunition" they can possibly command. Within the last week or two the number of Stewards has been increased by twenty or more, bringing up the total to two hundred and eighty; and with such a respectable list we are more than hopeful that the result will be equal to, if not in excess of, any preceding Festival, omitting perhaps that of four years ago, when an exceptional effort was made on behalf of the Preparatory School. That such may be the case is the desire of all who are interested in the Institution, and who are well aware that the next year will bring exceptionally heavy responsibilities; moreover, it is most advisable that the deficit recently spoken of by the Secretary, Bro. Binckes, should be reduced as much as possible. An interesting feature in connection with next Tuesday's proceedings was to have been the presentation to Bro. Binckes of a testimonial, which has been for some months in course of development, in recognition of the unwearied and indefatigable services he has rendered to the Institution during the lengthy period of twenty-nine years. Circumstances have intervened, however, which render it necessary to postpone that interesting event until Saturday, the 25th instant (this day fortnight), when the annual distribution of prizes and Stewards' visit to the Institution at Wood Green is fixed to take place. A record of those services could only be told in a compendious volume, and certainly could not be done justice to in the columns of a weekly journal; therefore we will not attempt even a shadowy outline of them. Whatever form the testimonial takes, we trust it may be a substantial recognition of the faithful stewardship of one who has done so much to build up the solidity and strength of that Institution, which has been the means of inestimable blessings to so many a deserving family. Far beyond the intrinsic value of the gift, however, will be the expression of that appreciation and esteem by which it has been prompted, and the "Well done, good and faithful servant," which will reverberate through the great hall at Wood Green on the 25th instant, will fall with grateful cadence on the ears of our esteemed and valued Secretary. The meeting of "Old Masonians," on Tuesday next, for the first time in the history of the Festivals, is a feature of congratulation, and it may be hoped that the "innovation" made this year, at the instigation of Bro. Binckes, and supported by the main body of the Stewards, will become a permanent feature of these Festivals. Quite recently the Most Worshipful Grand Master has signified his intention of conferring in Grand Lodge (in celebration of the Jubilee year) Past Grand rank upon a large number of brethren who have distinguished themselves in Masonic work, and this intimation has set the feelings of Craftsmen throughout the kingdom in a glow. *Jubilate* will be shouted all the louder in consequence. These honours will be shared by every Province, with a due proportion for London, so that the number to be "promoted" next week will be a formidable one. It will be accepted as universally satisfactory that, included in the "honourable mentions" are the Secretaries of our three Institutions, Bros. Fredk. Binckes, James Terry, and F. R. W. Hedges, all of whom are eminently deserving of this mark of Royal favour. Although we are not absolutely behind the scenes, we have heard it whispered that in cases where Past Grand rank is conferred upon individuals it is customary not to charge the regular fees of honour, but we have heard it stated amongst those who are already apprised of the coming event that they will scarcely consider themselves full purple flesh and blood until they have paid their fees of honour. As there are over a hundred Grand Officers who will have the dignity conferred upon them next week, suppose that, in the munificence of their generosity and ebullition of gratitude and goodwill, the equivalent of those fees were devoted to the establishment of a special fund for the benefit of the three Masonic Charities. It would only be an exemplification of the "conscience money" principle which so often cheers, as doubtless it surprises, Chancellors of the Exchequer, and would form the nucleus of a very substantial "Consolation Fund,"

like the John Hervey and others, by which unsuccessful candidates at the various elections might receive some little solace in their disappointments. This is but a suggestion, but seeing how similar benefits are provided by other Institutions, we see no reason why it should not be tried in our own, provided, of course, our assumption is correct, that the fortunate ones receiving honours are desirous of fully "qualifying" by payment of the regular and ordinary fees. In conclusion, we may again express the hope that the Stewards and Brethren who will congregate at the Crystal Palace on Tuesday next may spend a very pleasant time of it, and that Brother Binckes may be enabled to announce such a result as shall show that the interest of the brethren in the Boys' Institution, and their practical exertions in its behalf, have in no way diminished, in spite of all the demands that have been made upon them during this exceptional year.

Brethren, and more especially those who propose coming up from the Provinces, will be glad to be informed that special arrangements are being made for their comfort and accommodation, while remaining in town for the two great events of Monday and Tuesday next. We have often had occasion to refer to the elegance and completeness—and, by no means a slight feature of recommendation, economy—afforded at the Holborn Restaurant, which, being within gunshot of Freemasons' Hall, has been increasingly of late years made the resort of brethren attending Grand Lodge, and other important occasions, in the very heart of the Masonic centre. The Holborn Restaurant has for years been under the tongue of good report, not only for the luxurious refinement of its interior and the tact and ability with which it is managed, but where ordinary "creature comforts" can be obtained amidst palatial surroundings at merely ordinary tariff it is no wonder that visitors flock there in greater numbers every year, and carry away glowing impressions of the manner in which luxury and economy can be so judiciously combined in the great metropolis. We publish elsewhere the "menu" prepared for Monday next, and are informed that a very large number of Masons intend repairing thither on returning from the Commemoration Gathering at the Albert Hall. Similar remarks apply to Freemasons' Tavern, adjoining the Hall, where there will be a table d'hôte dinner at separate tables, in the Great Hall from half-past five until eight o'clock. There is scarcely any necessity to remind the brethren of the superior accommodation of which they have such frequent experience at Freemasons' Tavern, nor of the excellence of the *cuisine* invariably dispensed by those famous caterers Messrs. Spiers and Pond. On the maxim that "good wine needs no bush," there will be numbers of visitors only too eager to renew their acquaintanceship with the "old quarters," after their appetites have been whetted by a journey to and from Kensington.

We observe, too, that the management of the Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct, are laying themselves out for special receptions of visitors on the eventful day, and here again experience has taught many that the imposing corner pile, overlooking the ancient church of St. Sepulchre, and Newgate, affords every comfort and luxury, at a tariff which can be graduated according to the means and desires of its guests. One cannot put all his eggs into one basket, and, seeing the vast number of brethren who will flock into town for the big event, it is absurd to imagine they can all be accommodated at the same establishment. We especially recommend the three named, and assure our readers that, whatever their gastronomic tastes, they will be abundantly satisfied with the bills of fare which are to be set before them on that occasion. Visitors are shrewd enough to know for themselves the difference between taking their meals in a well-appointed, ventilated *salon*, with all the accessories of cleanliness, excellence of viands and "drinks," and agreeable society, and sitting in a stuffy chop-house, or so-called "restaurant," where, though the conditions are painfully the reverse, the waiter makes no reduction in his bill, which is as high as—or higher than—those of first-class hotels. In all probability a great majority of those who attend the Albert Hall Commemoration will remain over the next day, to witness the Festival of the Boys' School at the Crystal Palace, in which case they will know the very best and cheapest places to which they may repair before they start on their journey to Sydenham.

PROV. GRAND CHAPTER OF LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

THE Annual Convocation of Provincial Grand Chapter of Leicestershire and Rutland was held at the Bull's Head Hotel, Loughborough, on Tuesday, the 24th May, by the invitation of the Charnwood Chapter, No. 1007, M.E. Companion William Kelley, Grand Superintendent, presided, and was supported by

E. Comps. George Toller Prov. G.H., Wm. Vial as Prov. G.J., S. S. Partridge Prov. G.S.E., Joseph Young Prov. G.S.N., J. Tuckfield Prov. G. Treas., T. Halliday Prov. G.P.S., Edgar Taylor Prov. G. Std.Br., M. J. Walker Prov. G.D.C., W. S. Allen P.P.G.N., Rev. C. Henton Wood P.P.G.Reg., R. Dagleish P.P.G.P.S., A. P. Wood P.P.A.G.S., T. Coltman P.P.G.Treas., C. J. Wilkinson P.P.G.A.D.C., R. L. Gibson P.Z. 1007, C. Oliver J. 1007, J. H. Marshall S.E. 1007, C. Lowenstein P.S. 1007, T. Corcoran A.S. 1007, G. C. Oliver A.S. 1007, W. H. Goodwin 1130, and others. Amongst the visitors were E. Comps. T. E. Yeoman Z. 731 and Edgar Horne J. 731 P.P.G.Org. Derbyshire.

The Charnwood Chapter having been previously opened, the Grand Superintendent and his Officers entered the Chapter room and were received with the customary honours. The Provincial Grand Chapter was then opened in due form and the Rolls of Chapters and Provincial Grand Officers were called and duly answered, after which the minutes of the previous Annual Convocation were submitted and confirmed. Pursuant to Bye Law VI. of P.G. Chapter, Comp. W. J. Freer was installed as third Principal of the De Mowbray Chapter 1130. The report of the Audit Committee upon the Provincial Grand Treasurer's account, which showed a balance in hand of £21 4s 6d, was read, and upon motion duly made the Treasurer's account was passed, and a vote of thanks accorded to him for his services. The Provincial Grand Registrar's report was read, showing a slight falling off in the number of subscribing members in the Province. E. Comp. J. Tuckfield was re-elected Provincial Grand Treasurer. The Grand Superintendent then appointed and invested his Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—

Comp. S. S. Partridge P.Z. 279	...	2nd Principal
W. S. Allen P.Z. 779	...	3rd Principal
Rev. C. Henton Wood P.Z. 779	...	Scribe E.
W. Vial Z. 1007	...	Scribe N.
J. Tuckfield J. 779	...	Treasurer
W. A. Musson Z. 779	...	Registrar
C. J. Wilkinson P.Z. 1007	...	Principal Sojourner
W. J. Freer J. 1130	...	1st Assist. do.
C. Oliver J. 1007	...	2nd do.
Maj. J. G. F. Richardson J. 1560	...	Sword Bearer
J. D. Harris H. 279	...	Standard Bearer
M. J. Walker Z. 1130	...	Dir. of Cers.
J. H. Thompson J. 279	...	Assist. do.
J. H. Marshall Scribe E. 1007	...	Organist
T. Dunn 279	...	} Janitors
J. Tanser 279	...	

Comp. Partridge having given notice of motion to revise the Provincial Grand Chapter Bye-laws, and some other formal business having been disposed of, the Provincial Grand Chapter was duly closed. An excellent banquet was afterward served, at which the Grand Superintendent presided, and the proceedings passed off with the utmost harmony.

KNIGHT TEMPLARS

AND

THE APPENDANT ORDERS IN MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

IN a bulky and well arranged volume we have before us a comprehensive Report of the Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island during the last year. The semi-annual Conclave was held in the city of Providence, R.I., on 21st May 1886, when the R.E. Grand Commander, Sir George H. Burnham, was supported by a numerous body of Sir Knights, Past Grand Officers and Past Eminent Commanders. The Grand Commandery was formed in due array, and the Grand Asylum opened for the despatch of business. After uniting in devotions with E. Sir Rev. J. W. Dadman Grand Prelate, the records of the previous year's proceedings were approved, and the R.E. Grand Commander stated that he had appointed E. Sir Clinton D. Sewell and J. O. Earle to provide a collation, to be served at one o'clock. In opening his address the Grand Commander congratulated the Craftsmen upon being able to meet in the new and spacious building lately erected in that city. He then referred to the death, since their last Conclave, of E. Sir Gilbert Nurse, Grand Captain General 1834, Grand Generalissimo 1835, adding that he had appointed a Committee to prepare a minute referring to the life and services of that

distinguished frater. Having enumerated the inspections that had taken place during the year, he expressed the opinion that the Grand Wardens, being elective Officers of Grand Commandery and filling important stations, should be assigned to duty as inspecting Officers. Such assignments would lighten somewhat the duties of the Officers now designated by the Constitution for such service, and render the office of Grand Warden useful as well as ornamental. E. Sir Eben D. Bancroft, appointed Grand Standard Bearer, E. Sir Wm. H. H. Soule, appointed Grand Captain of the Guards, and E. Sir S. G. Stiness, appointed Grand Lecturer, being absent from the annual Conclave, had subsequently been installed by him. Amendments to the bye laws of several Commanderies had been approved, and dispensations had been granted to Sutton Commandery to hold a public installation of its Officers; to De Molay Commandery to fill a vacancy existing in the Board of Trustees of its permanent fund; to William Parkman Commandery to appear in Templar costume for the purpose of paying a fraternal visit to a neighbouring Commandery; to Holy Sepulchre Commandery to appear in Templar costume, but without banners or music, for the purpose of attending Divine Service on Easter Day; to Washington Commandery to transact business (including balloting) at a special conclave; to Bristol and Bethany Commanderies, shortening the time of balloting on certain petitions—insisting, however, in these cases that notice should be given of the proposed balloting, and that no ballot should be taken on any petition until a Committee had reported thereon. He added that he had received several requests for permission to receive, refer, and ballot upon petitions at the same conclave, but had in all cases declined to grant such requests. Having touched briefly on minor matters, including the appointment of representatives of the Grand Commandery, rituals, jurisdiction, &c., he intimated that the triennial session of Grand Encampment was close at hand, and the notes of preparation for that auspicious event were sounding on all sides. Suggestions of many radical changes in its laws were heard, and their representative had already been instructed as to some of these. The address having been referred to Committees, the R.E. Grand Commander retired from the Committee on Constitution and Digest, and appointed Sir Samuel Ames to fill the vacancy. The report of the bye-laws was accepted, and the recommendations adopted. The Committee appointed to prepare a memorial of their late venerable Companion, E. Sir Gilbert Nurse, presented the following brief abstract of his life, and of his services in the several degrees and orders in Freemasonry:—

"Our lamented Frater was born in Royalston, Mass., in 1798, and died in Pepperell, Mass., 6th November 1885. He was buried in Cambridge Cemetery 9th November, a detachment of Sir Knights from Boston Commandery accompanying his remains to their final resting-place. Brother Nurse was made a Mason in Fredonia Lodge, Northboro, Mass., in 1822. He was admitted to membership in Mount Lebanon Lodge, Boston, 28th October 1822. He was Senior Warden in 1826; W.M. in 1827, 1828, and 1844; Honorary member 31st October 1836. He had sustained a continuous membership in that Lodge for over sixty-three years, at the time of his decease. While residing in St. Louis he pursued his Masonic work so ardently that he was elected W.M. of Naphthali Lodge in 1839; in that, and in other positions filled by him, he rendered excellent service to the cause of Freemasonry in that section of the country. Comp. Nurse was exalted in St. Paul's Royal Arch Chapter, Boston, in 1824, and was elected High Priest in 1829-1830; he served as Secretary from 1832 to 1836. Eminent Sir Knight Nurse was created a Knight Templar in Boston Commandery Knights Templars, 1st September 1824, admitted to membership 19th November 1828, elected Eminent Commander October 1835, and honorary member 19th October 1836. Our Illustrious Brother had also received all the grades of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, including that of Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the 33rd and last degree. In the several Grand Bodies he had held the following offices:—In the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts he was Grand Lecturer in 1842, 1843; District Deputy Grand Master, 1843; in the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, Deputy Grand High Priest, 1848, 1849; in the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, that of Grand Recorder in 1842 and 1849; Grand Captain-General in 1834, and Grand Generalissimo in 1835. An excellent ritualist, an impartial and dignified presiding officer, tolerant of the opinions of others, yet firm in his own convictions of right, he made at once a desirable and venerable officer, one whose influence was only for good to our whole fraternity, nor has it yet lost its sweet aroma of love and fidelity to duty. For over half a century after his election to the office of Grand Generalissimo he lived, serene and happy 'in the reflections consequent on a well spent life,' and when the Angel of Death called him hence, he cheerfully departed this life, rich in the ripe years of a good old age, and dying 'in the hope of a glorious immortality.'"

The report was accepted and ordered to be entered on the records. Several matters of minor importance were disposed of, when the Sir Knights withdrew for refreshment. On their re-assembling for duty, in Commandery Hall, it was announced that Washington Commandery, Sir W. H. Cotton E.C., was in waiting and ready to exemplify the work of the Order of the Temple. The Commandery was forthwith admitted into the Grand Asylum, the several Officers repaired to the respective stations, and the exemplification was given in a painstaking and highly creditable manner. At the conclusion the Commandery retired, after which the Grand Commandery resumed business, and it was resolved "that the Grand Commandery does hereby express its appreciation of the impressive manner in which the Order of the Temple had been exemplified by the Washington Commandery, and also for the commendable examples of adherence to the text of the ritual." At this point R.E. Sir Nelson W. Aldrich P.G.C. entered the Grand Asylum, accompanied by Sir Knight John A. Logan, of Chevalier Bayard Commandery, of Chicago, both of whom were welcomed by the Grand Commander, who gave an opportunity for all the Sir Knights to greet the distinguished visitor from Illinois. One hundred and thirty representatives and seven other Sir Knights signed the register, one

of them being Sir Knight John A. Logan. The business being concluded, Grand Commandery was closed with the usual devotions.

The eighty-first Annual Conclave was held at Boston, Massachusetts, on 29th October, when the lines were formed in due array, the approach of the R.E. Grand Commander, and Grand Officers was announced, and the Grand Asylum was opened in ample form. There was a very large attendance, representatives of thirty-eight Commanderies answering when the roll was called by the Grand Recorder. The Grand Treasurer presented his annual report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance. The Trustees of the Grand Fund submitted a statement of the income received during the past fiscal year, which amounted to a total of dols. 730 42c. The Grand Fund now amounts to dols. 16,924 15c. Elaborate returns were made by the Grand Recorder as to number and position of the various Commanderies, which were accepted as of a most satisfactory and gratifying character. In the course of his annual address the Grand Commander congratulated the Sir Knights upon the growth of the Order which, with a membership approaching four hundred, representing a constituency of about 7,000 Knights, they met to review the past year. They could but feel that with this glorious, continuous and unsullied record, they had also inherited a responsibility great and constant. Reference was made to the death of E. Sir T. A. Doyle, Grand Captain General in 1863-4, and Grand Generalissimo in 1865. He was for seven years Grand Master of Masons in Rhode Island, and for a like term Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Rhode Island, filling both those stations with distinguished ability. All the Commanderies had been visited, and their affairs generally were ably administered; their growth, though moderate, was healthy, while the almost entire absence of complaint and grievances indicated that the Officers and members were well informed as to their duties. Their financial condition was sound, and though some of them had large funds, yet their strongest resources were in their memberships, which thus far had been found equal to any financial operation required. He was satisfied that the Order generally throughout the jurisdiction was in a highly prosperous condition, which so far as could be observed, was likely to continue and to improve. Several dispensations for parades, visits, &c., had been granted, and the Grand Commander spoke of such meetings as conducing to the benefit of the Order. Speaking of the twenty-third Triennial Conclave of Grand Encampment, held at St. Louis, in September, the Grand Commander observed that most of the propositions to amend the Constitution were defeated, but none were of vital importance, and most of them were more in the nature of change than improvement. It was wisely decided that Grand Encampment could not interfere in the difference existing between the Scottish Encampments in the Provinces and the Sovereign Grand Priory of Canada. The proposition to change the qualification for membership met with deserved defeat. The proposal to permanently locate the Grand Encampment at Washington was defeated by an emphatic vote, and that Illustrious Body still remained "on wheels," for the present at least. It was voted to hold the next Triennial at Washington, however, and it was sincerely to be hoped that its permanent location there or elsewhere would result. The Committee, after considerable deliberation, agreed upon the form of ritual for the Orders of Red Cross and Temple, and praise was accorded to them for their diligent labour in bringing about that desirable result. Two thousand dollars were appropriated from the treasury for the relief of the Charleston sufferers. A dispensation was issued for the establishment of a new Commandery to be located at Malvern, and to be called the Beaneant Commandery. An Asylum at Freemasons' Hall, Providence, in connection with the St. John's and Calvary Commanderies had been dedicated, and it was described as equal to any in the country in its architecture and appointments. The finances showed a considerable increase in the receipts during the year. The address was accepted and referred to respective Committees; and reports were afterwards presented on finance, foreign correspondence, followed by an eloquent address on the dedication of the Asylum. Officers were elected, and the installation service being concluded, the usual official proclamation was made by the E. Grand Senior Warden; and, the business of the Commanderies being concluded, the R.E. Grand Commander thanked the Sir Knights for their attendance and attention during the long and harmonious session.

CONSECRATION OF THE DOROTHY VERNON LODGE.

ON Thursday, the 26th May, there was a great gathering of Freemasons at the Baronial Hall, of Haddon, where, by the kind permission of His Grace the Duke of Rutland, K.G., the ceremony of consecrating the new Lodge for the Bakewell district was performed with full Masonic ritual in the oak-panelled Ball room so intimately associated with fair Dorothy Vernon. As the W.M. Elect remarked in the course of the proceedings, this room, which bears the arms of Manvers and Vernon for the first time united, is as nearly as possible three centuries old, and it was therefore peculiarly appropriate for a ceremony so ancient as the consecration of a Masonic Lodge, more especially one which has to bear the name of sweet Dorothy Vernon as its distinguishing title. The attendance of Masons from all parts of the Province, and from several adjoining Provinces, was extremely large, including about 100 P.M.'s and other advanced Masons, and a similar number of Craftsmen. The Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge mustered in full force, and having been marshalled by the P.G.D. of C., entered the Hall in procession, the Right Worshipful Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Derbyshire (Bro. H. C. Ormerod), P.J.G.W. England, taking the chief ceremony on behalf of the Marquis of Harington, Prov. G.M., who was unable to attend, and who wrote in the kindest manner to Bro. Cokayne expressing his regret at his unavoidable absence; Bro. Percy Wallis Prov. S.G.W. taking the S.W. chair, and

Bro. Vernon J. Greenhough Prov. J.G.W. that of the J.W. The Lodge having been fully opened the P.G. Secretary announced that the petition of Bro. Andreas E. Cokayne and others for the formation of the Lodge, which was endorsed by the Tyrian Lodge, Derby, had been granted by the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England, and the warrant for its constitution was duly read. At this time the scene was very striking; the sun was shining brightly into the charming old room, and the rich Masonic costumes worn by a great part of the long lines of brethren had a brilliant effect, to which the music of the Masonic chants and responses (Bro. S. S. Waddington P.G.O.) gave an additional power. The P.G. Chaplain (Bro. the Rev. Herbert Price, Normanton, Derby) was next called upon, and he delivered the following admirable oration:

Very Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—It would ill become me, a mere child in Masonry compared with the brethren of full stature I see around me, to prolong the interesting and pregnant ceremonies of to-day by any lengthened remarks of my own. We owe, however, a duty to the brethren whose zeal and love for the sacred principles of the Craft have been instrumental in bringing us together for this solemn, though gratifying consecration: *a duty it is of congratulation*, which I in your name Sir, and in the name of all the brethren assembled, and in the name of all the Lodges of this Province, now most heartily offer to the W.M. elect and to the Officers and members of this new Lodge upon its consecration. We congratulate them upon the peculiar honour which is always attached to the initial stage of a Lodge's history; the Lodge may have many masters, but only one first Master. We congratulate them upon the happy choice of this beautiful old historic Hall for the purpose of these ceremonies. Its antiquity, its architectural beauty, its rich historic associations, harmonize well with the age-long duration of Masonry, with the glorious temple of the King whence so much of Masonry is derived, and with the rich lore of tradition of which the Craft has been so fruitful. We congratulate them, too, upon the happy inspiration which gives to this Lodge the name of sweet "*Dorothy Vernon*." Was it that in the personal episodes, traditions connected with her story, there were things symbolic of Masonry that caused the founders of this Lodge to call it by her name? Is it fanciful when I pretend to see such symbols? In the episodes of her life there was secrecy, there was tenderness, there was loyalty, and there was the devotion of self sacrifice. Are not these virtues symbolic of Masonry? of the secrecy of our negotiations, and of our mystic signs? of the tenderness of that benevolence to which this Lodge is dedicated, and which we seek to extend to the whole brotherhood of man, of the loyalty which we ever seek to render to the G.A.O.T.U. in all our undertakings, and to our brethren, by which we seek to defend their honour, and promote their interest, and lastly symbolic of the devotion by which we individually set aside at the call of duty all thought of self and personal consideration in our devotion to the general weal? We can wish for no greater blessing to rest upon this Lodge than that these characteristics of the sweet lady whose name it is to bear shall adorn its members, and cement its common life. We wish it long prosperity; we desire that unbroken peace and harmony may reside within it; and that fraternal unity, which is the peculiar glory of the Brotherhood, may also be the inheritance of the Dorothy Vernon Lodge. How strikingly the Psalmist of Israel extols this Unity which we seek to preserve amongst us. "Behold," he says, "how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. It is like the precious ointment upon the head that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard; that went down to the skirts of his garments; as the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion." Ours is a true unity, which binds us together, not by artificial restraints, but by oneness of heart, by oneness of moral aim and benevolent purpose; that true concord which in the view of the Psalmist is a holy thing, a precious oil which, flowing down from the head, to the beard, and from the beard to the edge of the garment, sanctifies the whole body, and harmonizes man's whole nature; which is like the sweet morning dew that lights not only upon the lofty peaks of Masonry, but upon the lesser hills of the Craft, high and low, embracing all and refreshing all in its sweet influence. May that fraternal unity be our abiding possession! It is our fervent wish for this new Lodge. It is our earnest prayer for the whole Brotherhood.

The Anthem, "Hail! Universal Lord," was sung, and after a prayer of Consecration the D.P.G. Master proceeded with the usual and impressive ceremonies, the P.G. Chaplain reading the portions of Holy Writ selected for the different parts of the ceremonial. The very handsome set of silver consecrating vessels was lent by Lord Egerton of Tatton P.G.M. Cheshire, and by his lordship's special request they were brought over by Bro. W. Booth P.G.D. of C. for Cheshire. At the conclusion of the Consecration ceremonies Brother Andreas E. Cokayne P.M., P.P.G.S.P. (Cheshire), now of Bakewell, was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being most ably performed by Bro. W. H. Marsden P.P.S.G.W. The W.M. appointed as his Officers Bros. R. B. Orme S.W., C. H. Glossop J.W., Garner Secretary, James Harrison S.D., C. J. Millward J.D., W. S. Frost I.G. The W.M. was made a Freemason in 1861, and became the W.M. of his Lodge in 1868, and again in 1878. He has twice received Provincial honours, in the Royal Arch and Knight Templar degrees, and in Craft Masonry he is one of the founders of a Royal Arch Chapter, a Trustee of the Masonic Hall at Congleton, and a Past E.C. of a Knights Templar Preceptory in the Province of Cheshire, and also in the Province of Staffordshire and Warwickshire. He holds at present the rank of P.G.H. in Cheshire, the office of P.G. Superintendent being vacant owing to the resignation by illness of Lord de Tabley. The new Lodge has for its banner the arms of Vernon (by kind permission of the Duke of Rutland). The elegant banner used on this occasion was made and presented by Miss Cokayne, daughter of the W.M., and a very handsome cushion to support the volume of the Sacred Law was made and presented by the wives of the Senior and Junior

Wardens. The two other banners were the P.G. banner and the W.M.'s own banner, bearing his quartered arms. The ceremonial at Haddon Hall lasted from 1 p.m. to 3.45, and the brethren were photographed in full costume upon the Terrace, by the permission of the D.P.G.M., by Mr. Houseley, photographer, of Bakewell. We may add that especial interest was taken in the Consecration of the new Lodge, inasmuch as it is the 21st new Lodge in the Province of Derbyshire, and this occurring in the year of "Jubilee," Freemasonry attains its majority in the county. The Banquet was held at the Rutland Arms Hotel, Bakewell, at 4 p.m., Brother Cokayne in the chair, and the Senior and Junior Wardens in the vice chairs. The room was filled to its utmost capacity. Unfortunately Bro. Okeover was obliged to leave before dinner, owing to the exigencies of the train service. An admirable dinner was served by Host Greaves. The Worshipful Master, in giving the first toast, remarked that the example the Queen had set, as daughter, wife, mother, and Sovereign, had been such that not only the present generation, but generations yet unborn, would live to bless her name. The W.M. next proposed the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, speaking in high terms of His Royal Highness, and remarking that the Queen was the daughter, niece, mother, and grandmother of Freemasons. The next toast was that of the Prov. Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Officers of Grand Lodge Past and Present, which was duly honoured. The W.M. next gave the health of the Prov. G.M. of Derbyshire, the Marquis of Hartington, and remarked that they were in hopes Lord Hartington would have done them the honour of being present, and from the tenour of his answer he (Bro. Cokayne) was satisfied Lord Hartington would have come if possible, but his multifarious duties absolutely prevented him. He had great pleasure in proposing his health and was perfectly certain they would all rejoice to do honour to the toast. The toast having been received with full honours, Bro. Marsden proposed the health of the R.W. the Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Derbyshire, Bro. H. C. Okeover. It was a toast which came home to all their hearts. They had seen that fine specimen of a real English gentleman, one of the finest they had amongst them, taking the leading place that day and they knew his heart was with them, and his services were always at their command. When the date of that ceremony was originally fixed for a period some months back, Brother Okeover was in the Mediterranean and could not come here, so that it was fortunate the postponement secured his attendance, whilst it had also given them a day when the weather was such as they could congratulate themselves upon. Bro. Okeover amongst Derbyshire Masons was a man who was simply revered. The speaker passed on to remark that the attendance that day had quite taken Bro. Okeover by surprise at its magnitude, for there were about 100 Past Masters, and 200 Masons in all, which was a very large gathering, and far more than they had at all expected. They had now an experience of Bro. Okeover extending over 25 years, and they knew his heart was in the right place. They were all proud of him, they loved him, and if they had a wish for him it was that he might go a step higher. The toast was warmly received. Bro. Marsden again rose and referred to the forthcoming marriage of the Hon. Maud Okeover, and said that as the Masons had seldom an opportunity of showing esteem towards the D.P.G.M., it was proposed to seize the present occasion to compliment Bro. Okeover through his daughter, by presenting her with a diamond bracelet on her wedding. A small subscription from each Mason would be enough. It was subsequently announced that £10 5s 6d had been subscribed in the room, and the W.M. stated that any brethren desiring to subscribe could forward their donations to Bro. Naylor P.G.S., Derby. Bro. Orme proposed the Officers of the P.G.L. of Derbyshire, and remarked that whilst they could not all attend to the purple, they could all try for it, and the members of the Dorothy Vernon Lodge intended to do their best in that direction. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Percy Wallis Prov. S.G.W. Bro. Wallis in reply congratulated the W.M. upon the auspicious features of the consecration ceremony that day, and especially on the weather, for after the persistent gloom of the spring the W.M. must have made special arrangements with the clerk of the weather to secure so bright and genial a day. Every surrounding of the occasion of the Dorothy Vernon Lodge coming into the Masonic world had been auspicious, and it seemed she was a favoured child, like her prototype. He thanked Bro. Orme for his proposal of their health, and assured the brethren that the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge had taken great pleasure in coming to assist in the ceremony that day. It was not every year that they had to take part in such a ceremony, but they all felt, from Bro. Okeover downwards, that it had been a day well spent, one they enjoyed, and one which their successors might enjoy also. A Lodge had long been wanted in Bakewell, and he congratulated them that the corner stone had been laid for the development of Masonry in that district by the consecration of a Lodge bearing, as the P.G. Chaplain had so well said, "the sweet name of Dorothy Vernon."

Bro. Dr. Wilson P.P.G.J.W. (Cheshire), Town Clerk of Congleton, next proposed the health of the W.M. and success to the Dorothy Vernon Lodge. He remarked that Bro. Cokayne had been followed into Derbyshire that day by a dozen members of his old Lodge in Cheshire. It was often asked what character a man brings from his last place. Well, there was the answer. They were present that day, not only to testify to their appreciation of Bro. Cokayne, but to show their regret at losing him, although they congratulated Derbyshire Masons on having his services transferred to their county. For 25 years he had been showing them in Congleton that a tradesman may be every inch a gentleman, as every good tradesman is, or ought to be. He had not only been a good and honourable citizen, but he had given a remarkable stimulus to Masonry amongst them—a stimulus which they regretted to lose, but which they rejoiced his friends here would gain. It had happened often to him (the speaker) that if there was anything very good it was his evil destiny to have to send it away, but in this case it was the gain to those he saw about him, and he hoped they would

have Bro. Cokayne's services for twice 25 years, if it so pleased the Grand Architect of the Universe. He did deal in flattering expressions, and his speech was more than half one of regret, but their brother had left them for his own good, and he hoped it would prove so to him and his interesting family, and to them as Masons. With regard to Bakewell, he had interesting, and pathetic memories, and it was known to some of them that he had reason for being specially interested in that town, and therefore it was with additional pleasure he came there that day to assist in the ceremony. Nothing could have been happier than the idea of inaugurating this Lodge in the gallery at Haddon Hall, and to him it had been inexpressibly touching and pleasant to be there on such an occasion. After some further remarks the venerable speaker concluded by turning to the W.M., and invoking a blessing upon him in his new post, and expressing an earnest wish that he might do as much good to Masonry in Derbyshire as he had in Cheshire. The W.M. on rising to respond said it had been his lot during his Masonic career, of nearly a quarter of a century, to undertake some difficult duties, but on the present occasion he really felt more difficulty than he had ever felt before. His feelings were much mixed. He felt great gratification at the kindness shown to him amongst his friends and neighbours here in the county he loved so well, and where his ancestors had lived for 700 years. With regard to his position in Masonry, it must have been accident which placed him in the chair, as there was a brother sitting on his left who would have been more suitable to the post, as he could have exercised more influence. He, however, was not living in the town, but for which fact they would have had Bro. Marsden as W.M. instead of himself. As Bro. Marsden knew well, he would have most gladly and with all his heart have supported him, but it had been the wish of the brethren that the first Master should be a resident. With regard to the foundation of the Lodge, they had had the warrant in their possession a long time, and no one could be more awake to its importance than he was to that fact. He knew all the difficulties that were before them, but he would say that the hearty way in which the Lodge had been spoken of and especially the good feeling with which it had been endorsed that day, gave him the greatest hopes for the future. There was no doubt he could do but little for himself by his own Masonic zeal, but he had Wardens who were well known locally—who would carry influence, and although he was the Master in the chair he should feel that their local influence would far exceed anything he could do. Then there were the other Officers, who were brethren who would do all they could, and who were good men and true. It was not his province to trench on the toasts which would follow, but he did wish to thank them and express the satisfaction he felt in having such Officers to support him in this important undertaking. The good will of their brethren in the neighbourhood they would deeply value, and he hoped it would not be the last time by many they would have the pleasure of meeting brethren of the Province other than brethren of their own Lodge. He believed they were making a good beginning and although it was not in their power to command success, they would do their best to deserve it. As to the kind remarks of Bro. Wilson, it was dangerous ground, and he must not say too much to awaken those feelings of regret and love and affection for him and those connected with him. He thanked him for the great kindness with which he had proposed the toast, and the company for the manner in which they had received it. Bro. Glossop proposed The Visiting Brethren, and coupled the names of Bros. Marwood, Chadwick, and Blackshaw, of Congleton. Humorous and appropriate replies were given by each brother, and some excellent songs were sung by Bros. Wilson, the Hon. — Trollope, Blackshaw, and others. The remaining toasts were the "Installing Master," "The Wardens," "The Masonic Charities," "The Deacons and Assistant Officers," and "The Tyler's Toast." Each was appropriately honoured, and a pleasant evening thus came to a close, everything having passed off with signal success. The members of the new Lodge already include the following brethren, in addition to the Officers named:—Bro. Vernon J. Greenhough P.G.J.W., Bro. R. Greenhough, Bro. Jno. Wilson, L.L.D., P.G.J.W. Cheshire, Bro. Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope P.M. Past Grand Chaplain of England, Bro. T. A. Daniel P.M. 533, and Bro. W. H. Marsden P.M. P.P.G.S.W. Bro. Marsden takes a special interest in the Lodge, and several other Derby brethren have promised their valuable help in its new career. Much of the success of the opening day was due to the untiring exertions of Bro. Garner Secretary, whose genial aptitude for the work and great interest in Freemasonry were much appreciated. Letters of apology for unavoidable absence were received from Bro. Astley Terry (Colonel 60th Rifles, P.M. 533 P.P.G.S.B. Cheshire, and other brethren in that Province; also from Bro. E. J. Dodd P.P.G.O. Kent, S. Bennion P.M. 293 and 1575, and Colonel Gordon Warren P.P.G.S.W. Shropshire.

On the occasion of the banquet given by the Incorporated Law Society, in commemoration of Her Majesty's Jubilee, in the Central Hall of the Royal Courts of Justice, the corridors at the northern, or Carey Street End, were used as reception rooms for the principal guests. The various recesses and arches were filled and adorned with a number of tropical and other plants; but the beauty of the whole was greatly enhanced by a number of vari-coloured incandescent lamps, fitted by Bro. A. Grundy (Bailey and Grundy), of Paddington. The lady visitors were not chary in their praise of the effect produced. Bro. Grundy is now carrying out some considerable additions to the generating plant for H.M. Office of Works, at the same place.

Obituary.

BRO. HENRY GEORGE WARREN.

THE death of Bro. Henry George Warren, City Editor of the *Morning Post*, occurred on the morning of 28th May last, at his residence at East Dulwich, and although he had for some time past been in failing health, yet his end was sudden and unlooked-for. Bro. Warren was for many years a zealous worker in the Masonic cause, and may justly be regarded as the pioneer of Masonic literature, he having, in the face of many difficulties, continued the publication of the *Freemasons' Magazine* and *Masonic Mirror* for a long period. We append the following particulars of Bro. Warren's Masonic Record:—

Henry G. Warren, Initiated 13th January 1840, in the Robert Burns Lodge, No. 25; paid 4 years to December 1843; rejoined 7th January 1861, and paid to 1879. 16 years.

Joined, 26th February 1852, the Lodge of Regularity, No. 108-91, paid to December 1857; served as Grand Steward 1855-6; Steward of Boys' School 1855.

Joined, 22nd February 1853, the Prudent Brethren Lodge, No. 145, served office of Master in 1858, continued a member 16 years.

Joined the Phoenix Lodge, No. 202 (173), 12th March 1853; served office of Master same year; served Steward of the Girls' School 1854; continued a subscribing member 21 years.

Joined the Beadon Lodge, No. 902 in 1853, on its consecration.

Joined the Polish National, No. 778 (534), 27th January 1854.

Exalted to Polish National Chapter, No. 778 (534), 22nd January 1852; served Z. in 1857.

Joined the Berkhamsted Lodge, No. 742, 24th October 1856.

Joined Grand Stewards' Lodge, 16th January 1856, and served office of Master in 1860. Subscribed to this Lodge for 18 years.

Promoted, in 1870, the Establishment of the West Kent Lodge, No. 1297, of which he was made I.P.M. Subscribed for 14 years.

Bro. Warren was a member of the Mark degree, and was also a Royal Arch Mason.

BRO. R. H. C. UBSDELL.

WE regret to announce the death of this well-known Craftsman, which took place on Saturday, the 4th instant, at his residence, Brompton Road, Mile End, Portsmouth. The deceased, who was 74 years of age, formerly had an art gallery in Pembroke Road, where he had an extensive connection; he was for many years the hon. corresponding secretary of the Portsmouth Working Men's Conservative Association. He had represented the Ward of St. Thomas in the Town Council, and was a Past Master of the Portsmouth Lodge, No. 487. He had suffered for some time from a cancer of the tongue, but was only confined to his house for three weeks prior to his decease. As a portrait painter Bro. Ubsdell enjoyed a considerable reputation.

THE THEATRES, &c.

Savoy.—Notwithstanding the hard things that have been written and said about Messrs. Gilbert and Sullivan's latest production, "Ruddigore," it has managed to survive, and may now be pronounced one of the successes of the season. That this success is deserved we feel assured, for, although Mr. Gilbert's part of the opera is certainly one of the weakest efforts we have seen from his pen, Sir A. Sullivan's music deserves to be placed amongst this gentleman's best attempts. It is of high order throughout, delightfully tuneful and exhilarating. As is always the case at the Savoy, the opera is staged and cast with the greatest care. Mr. George Grossmith has one of the best parts in the opera, and for Robia Oakapple his amusing style is thoroughly suited. Mr. Darward Lely and Mr. Rutland Barrington are both well fitted; they work hard to achieve success. Miss Geraldine Ullmar is fascinating as the simple Rose Maybud; she sings with exceptionally good taste and judgment. Miss Jessie Bond (Mad Margaret), Miss Rosina Brandram (Dame Hannah), Mr. Richard Temple (Sir Roderick Murgatroyd), and Mr. Rudolph Lewis (Old Adam Goodheart), are all seen to advantage. The choruses are well trained, the dresses and scenery pretty, and the orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Francois Cellier, is perfect.

Grand.—"Her Trustee," the piece Miss Helen Barry has been playing in during the past week, was originally produced, with fair amount of success, at a Vaudeville matinee. Mr. James J. Blood is the author, and the piece is described as a new drama in four acts. The ideas and situations are familiar, while the dialogue is very commonplace. Nevertheless, there are interesting situations, which have proved attractive. The piece deals with an early and imprudent marriage, and the subsequent unhappiness arising therefrom; the rascality of Catherine Marston's trustee, a murderer, who would like to marry the lady, and who threatens to accuse her of the crime if she does not throw over a certain Captain Flavell. In the end, however, the villainy is discovered, while Catherine is made happy with the Captain. It will be seen the piece does not contain any-

thing of an original character, but the material no doubt serves its purpose. The part of Catherine is one that requires more careful treatment than Miss Barry bestows on it. This lady is here too melancholy, and when emotion is required she does not seem capable of exhibiting it. Nevertheless the lady is earnest, and at times manages to realize the meaning of the author. She is supported by Mr. James Fernandez, who gives a capital character sketch of the vagabond husband. Mr. John Beauchamp carefully presents the rascally trustee, but Mr. Forbes Dawson is stagey and unfeeling as Captain Flavell. Mr. Eric Lewis acts well as Ferdinand Liddle, but Mr. Raymond Capp makes an unsuccessful attempt to be funny as Sam Greenaway. Miss Gertrude Tempest earns the sympathy of her audience, as Mary Goodwin; while the Misses Annie Osborne and Alice Inman make the most of their parts. Mrs. Bickerstaffe's talent is wasted on the silly part of an old lady, and Mr. Trant Fischer is but a sorry doctor. Next Monday, Mr. E. S. Willard, with some of the Haymarket company, commence a six nights' engagement. Sir Charles Young's "Jim the Penman" will be the attraction.

Lyceum.—Whilst we heartily congratulate Mr. Calmour on the brilliant success achieved by "The Amber Heart," which he calls, not a play, but an "original poetical Fancy in three acts," we yet owe him a grudge. The work is full of tender and beautiful thought, the sweet pathos of some old world Saga. We are in the land where dwelt the Seven Ravens and the Snow Queen, but, alas! the stage demands its work shall be done with certain laws and conventions, and Mr. Calmour, in defying these, has missed the complete triumph so well within his grasp. The story lies in the land of Saga; Ellaline, the lovely heroine, is shielded from all human passions and sorrows by a talisman, an amber heart, she wears. She is guarded in her orphan state by a wise old friend, Coranto, an ex-jester. She is loved by Silvio, a poet and troubadour; and she, wondering what this strange passion of love can be, throws her talisman into the lake, and immediately comes under the spell of the passion. Silvio, when his affection is returned, soon tires of the lady, and she in heartache and despair will seek for her lost happiness under the waters with her lost talisman. Silvio is much distressed, but as he loved rather for his art's sake than for his own, and as Ellaline's fate will supply matter for immortal verse, to touch the hearts of lovers through all time, he evidently thinks things after all are for the best. Happily Coranto recovers the talisman, and restores it to his adopted child. All her woe suddenly fades as if it were a memory of a dream, and the curtain descends on the dramatis personae in exactly the same condition we found them when it rose. If Mr. Calmour had but made his poet rouse himself from his æsthetic egotism to honest, manly remorse and passion; throw his love to the fishes, and swear to guard Ellaline, and keep her talisman as a sacred trust, we should have had a delightful conclusion to this graceful poem; or, if he would not have us too happy, then let Ellaline die, and forgive her wrongs; but this march of the kings of Brentford, up the hill and down again, is scarcely fair treatment. However, so exquisitely was the Ellaline embodied by Miss Ellen Terry; all the grace, the tenderness, the sweet girlish innocence, so ideally perfect; the careless gaiety of the opening scenes, the sweet lovingness of her awaking passion, and the pathetic despair of her hour of abandonment; all was rendered with the sweet fascination she shares with no other actress. Mr. Willard, as Coranto, added a quite new portraiture to his many striking creations. In the scene where he upbraids the false lover, he rose to highest dignity of tragic passion; whilst in his intercourse with Ellaline there was a delightful tenderness and protecting love. Mr. Beerbohm Tree, as Silvio, was handsome, picturesque, and high bred; he looked the poet to perfection, but it was strange he should steep his hero in the depths of monotonous melancholy; making this objectionable youth the more insufferable. So very volatile a poet need not have formed himself on Mr. Grossmith, in "Patience." Mr. Komble gave a bright little comic sketch of a sentimental and elderly baronet; Mr. Tyars a very robust and emphatic friend of the family. Miss Cissy Grahame was rather overweighted as an intriguante, and the rest of the cast filled their places satisfactorily. The piece was admirably staged. With some alterations in the last act, the play may well, at some future time, make its appearance for a continued run, and we shall look forward to its re-appearance with many pleasant anticipations.

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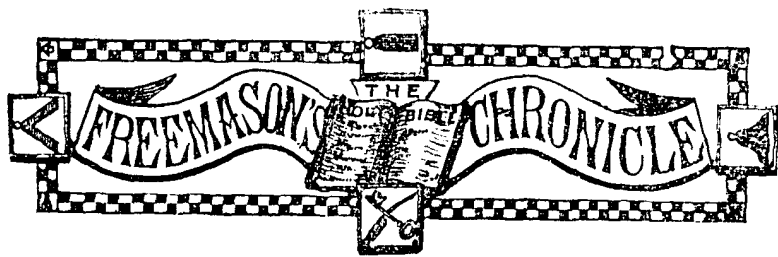
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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MIDDLESEX.

THERE was a very large attendance of members and visitors at the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex, held at the King's Head, Harrow, on Saturday, the 4th inst. The Provincial Grand Master Colonel Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.S.W. presided, supported by Brothers Raymond H. Thrupp D.P.G.M., K. R. Montgomery P.G.S.W., J. Ferguson P.G.J.W., Rev. Spencer Buller P.G. Chaplain, Rev. J. Baker P.G. Chaplain, F. B. Archer P.G. Treasurer, J. F. H. Woodward P.G. Secretary, and about 120 Provincial Grand Officers and Brethren, including:—

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Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in form, and the usual formalities gone through, the reports of the Audit and Charity Committee were received and adopted.

The brethren next proceeded to the election of Provincial Grand Treasurer, Bro. J. Hepburn being proposed by Bro. Tickle and seconded by Bro. F. B. Archer, the outgoing P.G. Treasurer. Bro. H. Lovegrove P.P.G. Superintendent of Works, was proposed by Brother W. A. Scurrah, and seconded by Bro. Axford, the result of the poll being largely in favour of Bro. Hepburn, who was declared duly elected. Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp was re-appointed D.P.G.M. for the ensuing year, and the following Provincial Grand Officers were invested:—

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J. F. H. Woodward 1691	Secretary
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Dr. T. Gurney 1309	} Junior Deacons
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W. Iron 1579	Superintendent of Works
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The Provincial Grand Master paid a high compliment to Bro. Woodward on his re-appointment as Provincial Grand Secretary, expressing his personal obligations to him for again undertaking the arduous work, and saying that since Bro. Woodward had occupied the position he had, by indefatigable energy perfected the organisation of the Province, which now reflected the highest possible credit on his exertions. Bro. Scurrah, on behalf of the Henry Levander Lodge, presented a Standard, to complete the regalia of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and this was accepted with heartiest thanks by the Prov. G.M. On the motion of the Prov. G.M., seconded by Bro. Scurrah, it was unanimously resolved that the sum of fifteen guineas be voted to each of the Masonic Institutions. Bros. Briggs, Pearce and Scurrah were elected members of the Audit Committee. The Prov. G.M. nominated Bros. Maple, Etherington and Sweetland for the Charity Committee, and Bros. Scurrah, Lee and Tickle were also elected. The Prov. Grand Master, in his address, congratulated the members upon the fact that the Province was now working in a systematic manner. In consequence of the increase of the strength of the Province the amount of work and the difficulties which the Prov. Grand Secretary had to contend with had grown vastly, and he impressed upon W.M.'s the importance of seeing their Secretaries' and Treasurers' duties are properly carried out. If this were done, the work of the Prov. Grand Secretary would be comparatively easy. He asked them to assist the Executive in rendering the work of the Province far lighter than it had been hitherto. Bro. Tickle then referred to the Buss Testimonial, in appreciation of the services that brother had rendered and the esteem with which he is regarded, and remarked that the sum of £50 had been raised. Having consulted the feelings of Brother Buss, the money was devoted to making him a Vice-President of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The sum therefore of 50 guineas was invested in his name and called "The Buss Vice-President Fund." The votes would be in his possession while he lived, and when he passed away they would revert to the Prov. G. Lodge, and would be in the hands of the Prov. G.M. Bro. Buss was also presented with an address, illuminated on vellum, and those who visited the house of that brother to make the presentation could testify to the delight with which it was received. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Archer for his services as Provincial Grand Treasurer, and this having been duly acknowledged Grand Lodge was closed in due form. The brethren subsequently walked in procession to the parish church, where a special service was held, and an eloquent

sermon preached by Bro. the Rev. J. Baker, Provincial Grand Chaplain.

The banquet was held at the King's Head Hotel, a sumptuous repast being admirably served by Mr. C. Tomkins, the genial host. After the Loyal toasts, which were enthusiastically honoured, that of the Grand Officers was given, the Provincial G. Master associating with it the name of the D.P.G.M., Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp. In acknowledging the honour Bro. Thrupp alluded to the coming Commemoration meeting at the Albert Hall, which he believed would be conducted in the eminently satisfactory manner that characterised the installation of the Prince of Wales. He had the honour of being a Steward on that occasion, and it would never be effaced from his memory. He hoped the brethren would attend in large numbers, and show that it was not only the Grand Officers, but the Craft generally, who wished to prove their devotion to their Queen and attachment to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master. He then proposed the toast in honour of the R.W. Bro. Colonel Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Provincial Grand Master, referring to the regret experienced last year when Sir Francis was prevented by illness from attending Provincial Grand Lodge, and the pleasure they all felt at his being with them once again. The Provincial Grand Master, in responding, said the hearty manner in which Bro. Thrupp had proposed his health was far more than he could have expected, and far more than he could adequately return thanks for. They were all aware that he had a love for Freemasonry, and that he was anxious to do his duty to the Province. He would always carry out his duties as far as lay in his power, and hoped for a few years to come to continue amongst them, and see the Province flourish. He did not think that since he had presided over them he had seen a more genial number of members, and he hoped to meet them again during the next twelve months. It was his anxious wish to visit them as often as he could, and he would do his best to accept as many invitations as possible. His best wishes were with the brethren in the Province, and when he was away he could assure them they were not forgotten. He thanked them for the kind manner in which they had received his health, and he only wished they might often again meet happily in the future. In proposing the Visitors he said there would have been a larger attendance of Grand Officers, as several invitations were sent, but they were unfortunately engaged elsewhere. They, however, had with them a number of other brethren, including Bro. Wynn, whom they were pleased to see, and Brother Charles Greenwood, who would no doubt endorse the remarks he had made respecting the Secretaries of Lodges. Bro. Charles Greenwood, Prov. Grand Secretary Surrey, thanked the brethren most heartily for the manner in which they had received the toast; he could only say he had accepted with avidity the invitation to be present. Although it was difficult for him to visit Lodges not in his own Province, he thought he might get a wrinkle from the manner in which the business was conducted, which would be of service to him in the Province of Surrey. He had learned one thing from the proceedings, and that was the immense amount of good that might be done from the enthusiasm of a body of Masons. He sincerely thanked them for the great pleasure it had afforded him to visit the sister Province. In responding for the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Members of the Harrow Lodge, proposed by Bro. Hepburn, Bro. Etherington, Prov. G.J.D., assured the Provincial Grand Master that what he had done in the past was but an earnest of what he would do in the future to promote the welfare of the Harrow Lodge. He took the present opportunity of expressing his deep thanks to the Provincial Grand Master for the honour he had that day conferred upon him, which he valued as much for the prestige given to his Lodge as for the distinction bestowed upon himself. The Harrow Lodge had passed through many difficulties; but every cloud has a silver lining, and he could now see a renewed period of prosperity approaching. He was pleased to hear the Provincial Grand Master was satisfied with the arrangements made for his reception, and hoped that at no distant date they might have the honour of again receiving Provincial Grand Lodge under its banner. During the evening a choice selection of music was rendered, under the direction of Bro. John Read Prov. Grand Organist, assisted by Bros. W. Sexton, G. T. Carter, Stanley Smith, and G. S. Graham P.P.G. Organist.

OLD ENGLAND LODGE, No. 1790.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday evening, 2nd instant, at the Masonic Hall, Thornton Heath, when there was a very respectable muster of the members and visitors to do honour to the occasion. Bro. Wm. Henry Ransom W.M. presided, supported by Bros. Chas. Tarry S.W., F. T. Ridpath J.W., W. Foulsham Treasurer, Hugh M. Hobbs Secretary, F. Kilvington S.D., E. Samuel J.D., G. S. Horsnail Steward, R. G. Fleming I.G., P.M.'s J. Sargeant, F. C. Baler, F. C. Pascall, C. Daniell 65, and many other brethren. The Visitors included Bros. Fred. West Dep. Prov. Grand Master of Surrey, W. Pile P.M. 1892 S.B. Surrey, J. Nicholson 1820, J. P. Sturt P.M. 463, J. C. Fox P.M. 297, E. Mitchell P.M. 720, W. Garnell P.M. 720, W. Goode 1604, B. Wilson 2084, W. Barr I.G. 850, E. Taylor 1567, W. W. Lee 1897, W. Staley J.W. 1597, F. Hamplin Org. 1635, T. G. Cuthbert W.S. 1815, J. S. Fraser P.M. 174, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, &c. Lodge was opened in the customary manner, and after the confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting, a very satisfactory report was presented by the Audit Committee, and adopted. Bro. Hugh Marcus Hobbs, P.G.S.D. Surrey, who had officiated as Secretary of the Lodge during the past year, was then presented as the Worshipful Master-elect, and in regular form he assented to the responsibilities of that office. The installation ceremony was efficiently carried out by the outgoing W.M. Bro. Ransom, and on the re-admission of the brethren the newly-installed Master was saluted with full Masonic honours, and then proceeded to invest his Officers, as follow:—Bros. W. H. Ransom I.P.M., F. T. Ridpath S.W., J. Kilvington J.W., W. Foulsham P.M. Treasurer, G. S. Horsnail Secretary, E. Samuel S.D., R. G. Fleming J.D., S. Clarke I.G., P. Budd Dir. of Cers., C. Tarry Steward, W. Lane Tyler. During the routine work a letter was read from Bro. James Terry, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, who officiated as Consecrating Officer at the time the Lodge was brought into birth, regretting that he was prevented by another important engagement from being present on the occasion. Heartly good wishes were expressed by the numerous visitors, and Bro. Foulsham, as the senior member of the Lodge, and the oldest Mason in the room, took the opportunity of extending to them a most cordial welcome. He congratulated the Worshipful Master, and the members generally, upon the progress and sound condition of the Lodge, which he hoped would continue during the present Mastership. It was announced during the evening that the Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey would be held on 28th July. The brethren subsequently partook of a banquet, served in admirable style by Bro. Tarry, whose arrangements elicited unanimous expressions of approval.

The loyal toasts having been duly honoured, the W.M. proposed the Grand Officers, with which he associated the name of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. F. West, who they all knew performed his duties with the utmost credit to himself and satisfaction to the Province. Bro. West, acknowledging the cordial way in which the toast had been received, said it was a novel experience for him to have his name coupled with the Grand Officers; usually he was asked to respond for the Province to which he belonged. He was certain that the Grand Officers had many important duties to discharge, and he hoped they might have the assistance of some of their number at the consecration of the Chapter in the formation of which their Worshipful Master had taken such a deep interest. The Grand Officers regarded with pleasure any meeting where the Masonic ritual was properly worked and the principles practised. That was done whenever Bro. Hobbs was connected with the work, for although he was a comparatively young Mason, he possessed more than ordinary capacities, and also had the facility of presiding over the Lodge and fostering the true feeling of Brotherly Love. Bro. Ransom, in proposing the Worshipful Master, said it afforded him considerable pleasure to do so, for he had been associated with Bro. Hobbs and had worked with him in the interests of the Old England Lodge for many years. The brethren would unite with him in cordially wishing for him a happy and prosperous year of office. They possessed in their new Master a gentleman and a good Mason, who was at all times ready to assist a brother in any work in connection with this or any other Lodge. It was also proverbial that he was ever foremost in any movement that had Charity as its object. His work in the Craft was too well known to need further comment, and they all recollected he had discharged the duties of Secretary in a manner that was beyond praise. The toast was received with unbounded enthusiasm, and in reference the Worshipful Master said that to a nervous man his position presented some difficulty, but it was with the utmost pleasure he found himself W.M. of his mother Lodge. It mattered not how many Lodges one belonged to, there was always a peculiar feeling of regard and attachment for one's mother Lodge, where the light of Masonry was first seen. Up to the present he had received nothing but kindness and consideration from every member of the Lodge, and he was especially pleased at this opportunity of noticing this interesting fact. He could not say, as was usually the case with the occupants of the chair, that he had filled nearly every office in the Lodge, for the only post he had held was that of Secretary. It was a most unexpected pleasure, a short time ago, to find there was a likelihood of his occupying his present position. He then heard that Bro. Tarry had found his business engagements so heavy that it was impossible for him to go on, and it was very much to his credit that he had decided to stand aside until he was able to give time to the duties. Bro. Tarry was a young man, and if in time he came to them and expressed his desire to work in office, they would only be too pleased to see him in the chair, when he would no doubt carry out the duties in the same satisfactory manner he had the other offices he had held. On more than one occasion when Bro. Tarry was S.D. he was highly complimented on the way in which he had performed his duties. Bro. Ridpath would have been in the chair, but was the W.M. of another Lodge. He would endeavour to carry out the duties to the best of his ability, but was afraid that as their I.P.M. he had plenty of work he should not have any candidates; he was glad, how-

ever, to hear their Secretary propose a gentlemen for initiation who was well known. He again thanked the brethren for the kind manner in which they had received him. In proposing the Visitors, the W.M. said they were delighted to see so many present, and on behalf of the Lodge he extended to them the most hearty welcome. It was a good thing to visit other Lodges, and had learned many things by those visits. It was carrying out one of the principles of the Order—"Brotherly Love," and the more they visited the more they were prepared to carry out that principle. Bro. J. Streeter, in reply, referred to the able manner in which the installation ceremony had been performed by the outgoing Master. Bro. Ranson was a young Mason, and the difficulties he must have gone through in acquiring the necessary knowledge to perform that ceremony were considerable, and to render it in such perfect style reflected great credit upon him. He concluded by paying a tribute of respect to one of the founders, Bro. Foulsham P.M., Treasurer. So long as the Lodge was guided by such men, so long would it continue to occupy a prominent position in the Craft. Bro. Pile P.G.S.B. Surrey also responded. Bro. W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, in responding to the toast given on behalf of the Masonic Charities, thanked the W.M. for the opportunity he had afforded him of responding to the toast, and said the duty that devolved upon him was one of an essentially pleasant nature, inasmuch as that the progress that had to be recorded respecting the Masonic Institutions was most cheering and refreshing. The year began with the Benevolent Institution Festival, when the result surpassed even the most sanguine anticipations of every member of the Craft who, from past experience, had been educated to expect a substantial aggregate. To show the appreciation in which the Institutions are held, he need only refer to the unanimity that prevailed in Grand Lodge on the preceding evening when the magnificent sum of £5,000 was voted as a Jubilee Offering from the United Grand Lodge to the three Charities—or £2,000 to each. Since the announcement of the result of his Festival Bro. Terry had been still further assured of the deep interest taken by the Craft in the "Old People's" Institution, West Yorkshire having organised a movement for raising £2,100 for the purchase of two Permanent Presentations to the Benevolent Institution, and this goodly example had been followed by the Province of Shropshire, which had undertaken to raise the sum of £1,050, with a similarly charitable object in view. The Girls' School Festival, which took place last month, produced a very satisfactory response, and that in spite of the misgivings which exercised the minds of many members of the Craft that, in consequence of so many reserving themselves for the Centenary year, the result would hardly come up to the standard. However, it had done so, and the outcome of the Festival was by no means unsatisfactory. The Boys' Festival had to come, and the prospects, though not as yet too rosy, still presented many features of encouragement. The brethren of the Old England Lodge were so intimately bound up, in his mind, with the Province of Surrey, that he often found it difficult to disassociate them, although he was aware they were not practically an integral part of that Province. The zeal displayed by the brethren of Surrey as a Province was to be admired and emulated by all true Masons. When the popular Prov. Grand Master of Surrey, Bro. General Stadhorne Brownrigg, took the chair at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, every member of the Craft was satisfied beyond measure with the result achieved. General Brownrigg undertook—some said too early in the day—a second chairmanship, but the way in which he was supported by the brethren of Surrey, and the Craft at large, fully justified the action he had taken. Doubtless he would complete the triumvirate, and they might expect that at an early date he would offer his influence and valuable services on behalf of the Boys' School. He (the speaker) regretted that he could not see his way clear to enlist the services of a Steward from the Old England Lodge at the coming Festival of the Boys' Institution, which was the last on the annual list; but he did not forget that last year their Worshipful Master attended as a Steward at the Festival, and took up the magnificent sum of £270. Following as this did the stout efforts made by the Province to support their gallant chief, who presided at the Girls' Festival last year, it denoted a meritorious work. On behalf of the Executive of the Boys' School he took upon himself to thank Bro. Hobbs for what he had done in the past, and he felt assured the brethren in their corporate capacity would give their heartiest support to the third of the Festivals, which was to be held at the Crystal Palace on Tuesday, the 14th instant. The W.M., in proposing the Immediate Worshipful Master referred to his characteristics as perseverance, industry, and love of duty. There was no brother that took a greater interest in the Craft or devoted more time and energy to it than Bro. Ranson did. He had devoted attention to the Charities, having represented them as Steward for the last Benevolent Festival, when he took up £63. He had introduced into their Lodge the rule of rendering the charge to the Initiate, and the tracing board lecture in the Third Degree. He was also the first W.M. of the Old England Lodge who had installed his successor, with the exception of Bro. Foulsham. He had not over estimated his ability, but had distinguished himself by his admirable rendering of the installation ceremony. Bro. Ranson left the chair with the esteem and regard of all, and he the speaker had great pleasure in presenting him with the P.M.'s jewel which had been voted by the Lodge. It was the earnest wish of all the members that Bro. Ranson would long be spared to wear it, and to assist the W.M. in carrying out the work of their Lodge. Bro. W. H. Ranson I.P.M. scarcely knew how adequately to respond to the toast that had been so kindly proposed by the W.M.; he was afraid he hardly deserved all the praise bestowed upon him. They all knew how hard he had worked in Masonry, and that he had spent a good deal of time in it. He could remember that when Bro. Foulsham came to him and asked him to take the office of I.G., he told him he must work if he accepted the collar. He could safely say he had done so, for he started to work from that moment, and had been in office for the last six years. He

had been a Mason seven years, and he felt a gratification that he had done as much as he had. He was proud to be standing between two men like the W.M. and the Treasurer, and he hoped to be connected with such Masons for many years. He thanked them heartily for the handsome jewel; he should be proud to wear it as a token of the regard felt for him by those he saw around him. The other toasts were the Past Masters and the Officers, after which the Tyler closed the list. During the evening there was some excellent singing, under the direction of Bro. Kilvington.

EGYPTIAN LODGE, No. 27.

An emergency meeting was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, on 26th ultimo. Among those present were Bros. Dickie W.M., Todd S.W., F. Izant J.W., Poole Treas., Hall Secretary, J. Scarth I.G.: P.M.'s H. Jacobs, C. Cuthbertson, W. H. Tibbis, J. Green, T. J. Maidwell; also Bros. R. Pascoe, R. Smith, F. Hoskins, and others. The business before the Lodge was the initiation of Mr. Frank Bull, who is about to leave England for a few months. The ballot being unanimous, this gentleman was initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M., who performed the ceremony in a very business like manner. Lodge having been closed, the brethren spent a pleasant hour or two, all wishing Bro. Frank Bull a pleasant trip, and a safe return to England when he should so desire it.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys met, under the presidency of Brother Edgar Bowyer P.G.Std.Br., at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday, 4th instant. After the usual preliminary business, the House Committee as nominated were elected. There was a contest for the Audit Committee, although Bro. W. A. Scurrah's name had been withdrawn. Bros. Belton, Verry, Webb and Parkhouse were appointed scrutineers, and the result announced later on was as follows:—Bros. T. Cubitt P.G.P., G. P. Gillard, H. S. Goodall, T. Griffiths, C. F. Hogard, W. Maple, S. Richardson, C. E. Soppet, and H. Young. Eight petitions were considered, of which seven were accepted, and the names directed to be placed on the list for the October Election. Three applications made on behalf of ex-pupils of the School for grants towards outfit were favourably entertained, and the proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

On Wednesday last the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall, when the chair was occupied by Bro. Edgar Bowyer, Treasurer and Patron, P.G. Standard Bearer. After the confirmation of the minutes, the Secretary (Bro. J. Terry) announced the death of a widow annuitant. The list of the House Committee, the Warden's report for the past month, and the lists of the successful candidates at the recent election were read. Brothers Tattershall, W. J. Murlis, C. F. Hogard, S. Brooks, and C. F. Matier, were elected as the Finance Committee for the ensuing year, and Bros. R. W. Stuart, J. A. Farnfield, C. J. Perceval, T. Cubitt, and Edgar Bowyer, were re-elected as the House Committee. The arrangements for the Summer Entertainment to the old people at Croydon were left in the hands of the House Committee. A vote of thanks to the chairman closed the business.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Berks and Bucks will assemble on Monday, the 27th inst., at the Albert Hall, Sheet Street, Windsor, under the presidency of Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., Prov. Grand Master. The proceedings will commence at one o'clock, and amongst the business an Address to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen will be adopted. Several brethren will be invested with the Charity jewel. The banquet will take place at the Town Hall, at two o'clock. The railway companies have agreed to issue—on production of the summons—return tickets at single fares, from various stations in the Province, and also from Paddington and Waterloo.

The Fifteen Sections were worked at the Fitzroy Lodge of Instruction, No. 569, held at the Armoury House, Finsbury, E.C., on Wednesday last, when Brother James Boulton, P.M. 28 and 1056, presided.

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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, 11th JUNE

- 176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
 188—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, Hockney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1446—Mount Edgecumbe, 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, Acra 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
 1637—Unity, Harrow
 2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
 R.A. 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden
 R.C. 43—Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Pavilion, Brighton

MONDAY, 13th JUNE.

- Grand Jubilee Celebration, Royal Albert Hall
 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)
 975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
 1305—St. Marylebone, Criterion, W.
 1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at (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 7.30 (Inst.)
 1671—Leopold, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
 1685—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)
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's-court Hotel, West Kensington
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham
 2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 58—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
 M.M. 104—Macdonald, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, E.C.
 M.M. 239—Royal Naval, 84 Red Lion Square, W.C.
 K.T. 140—Studholme, Masonic Hall, Golden-square
 40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
 75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
 104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
 151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
 210—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
 249—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
 292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
 297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
 481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 589—Druids of Love and Liberty, Masonic Hall, Redruth
 665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
 797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
 893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
 949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
 1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
 1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
 1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
 1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
 1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
 1611—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
 1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
 1691—Quadratic, Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court
 1968—Fidelity and Sincerity, Wellington, Somerset
 R.A. 156—Harmony, Hayshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
 R.A. 377—Hope and Charity, Masonic Hall, 123 Mill Street, Kidderminster
 M.M. 171—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
 K.T. 5—Jerusalem, Queens Hotel, Manchester
 K.T. 52—Richard de Vernon, Dudley Arms Hotel, Dudley
 K.T. 56—Hugh de Papens, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn

TUESDAY, 14th JUNE.

- Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
 56—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bluffs, Hove, 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)
 167—St. John, Jack Straw's Castle, Hampstead
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Cumberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 188—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, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 831—Ranelagh, Criterion, W.
 860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)
 861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
 1269—Starhope, Thicket Hotel, Anorsey
 1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1381—Kennington, The Boars, Kenning on. (Instruction)
 1446—Mount Edgecumbe, Three Stars, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 1472—Heuler, Three Crowns, North Woodwich. (Instruction)
 1540—Chancer, 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, Bitter Restaurant, Cannon Street, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
 2127—Drury Lane, Grand Sabon, Drury Lane Theatre, W.C.
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
 R.A. 704—London, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
 R.C. 71—Evard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

- 93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
 131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
 181—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Street, Boston
 406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle (Instruct.)
 463—East Surrey of Concord, Kings' Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
 473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield
 501—Belvedere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
 603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Checkheaton
 626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
 696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Walsleybury
 726—Saffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
 829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sileup
 903—G. Sport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
 1230—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Stukeey, Greenhill Street, Warrington
 1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
 1465—Oakenden, Talbot Hotel, Saxon, Sussex
 1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
 1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
 1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
 2099—Ethelbert, Masonic Rooms, Beech Street, Herne Bay, Kent
 R.A. 43—Fortitude, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
 R.A. 70—St. John's, Hayshe Masonic Temple, Prince's Street, Plymouth
 R.A. 161—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester
 R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover Street, Keighley
 R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds
 R.A. 324—Reason, Wellington Inn, Caroline Street, Stylbridge
 R.A. 540—Stuart, Bedford
 R.A. 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
 M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy Street, Exeter
 M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
 R.C.—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 15th JUNE.

- 31—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 —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)
 229—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)
 962—Whittington, Red Lion, Popplin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
 965—Dalhousie, Town Hall, Hounslow
 992—Burgoyne, Goose and Grudiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruction)
 1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Cubitt Town
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.
 1586—Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood
 1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30 (In)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1731—Chalmers, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill
 1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Chamberwell 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 Grudiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
 R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 R.C.—St. Andrew, Cafe Royal, Regent Street, W
 R.C. 11—Bard of Avon, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square
 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
 121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
 178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan
 200—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
 246—Royal Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cheltenham
 325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, 141ington-square, Salford
 342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Eastbert
 581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
 633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 753—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
 795—St. John, Ray Merd Hotel, Maidenhead
 816—Roid, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tambridge Wells
 962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Worthington
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
 1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
 1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
 1161—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
 1301—Brighthouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
 1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
 1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe
 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull
 1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
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 R.A. 847—Forescue, Masonic Hall, High Street, Boston
 R.A. 1357—Chorlton, Masonic Hall, High Lane, Chorlton-cum-Mardy

THURSDAY, 16th JUNE.

- 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 57—Vitruvian, White Hart, Catherston-street, London, at 8 (Instruction)
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chiswick, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
 211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 205 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Tower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 870—Southwark, Sir James Wolsley, Warburton St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
 901—City of London, Jamaica Club-house, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
 1156—Southern Star, Phoenix, Star-gate, Walthamstow-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
 1227—Upton, Three Stars Hotel, Ayr, E.
 1278—Wanderers, Swan and Grudiron, 141ington-square, Salford, E. (Instruction)
 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, 141ington-square, Salford, E. (Instruction)
 1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, 141ington-square, Salford, E. (Instruction)
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, 141ington-square, Salford, E. (Inst)
 1533—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)

- 1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1802—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
 1812—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
 1814—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1822—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
 1825—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
 1873—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
 1877—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)
 1881—Londesborough, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1791—Chilton, Wheatshaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 63—St. Mary, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
 R.A. 733—Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
 M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)
 56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
 98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
 100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
 343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
 367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
 523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
 600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
 1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
 1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
 1320—Blackheath, Green Man, Blackheath
 1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
 1532—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
 1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northampton
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
 1872—St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton
 1892—Wallington, Public Hall, Carsbalton
 R.A. 38—Cyrus, Council Chambers, North Street, Chichester
 R.A. 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester
 R.A. 1145—Equality, Red Lion, Accrington
 R.A. 1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, Herts
 M.M.—Canyuges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
 M.M. 17—Portsmouth, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
 K.T.—William de la More, Masonic Rooms, St. Helens, Liverpool

FRIDAY, 17th JUNE.

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
 6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
 187—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)
 788—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
 790—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)
 975—Rose of Denmark, Greyhound, Richmond
 1154—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1842—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A.—Panmure U. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
 R.A. 92—Moira, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
 R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Improvement)
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
 K.T. 6—St. George's, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 271—Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton
 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 516—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
 541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
 993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
 1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 1844—Alma Mater, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Penkilton
 1993—Wolesey, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester. (Instruction)
 2005—Brooke, Forest Hotel, Chingford
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at
 R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
 R.A. 52—Royal George, Norfolk Hotel, Norwich
 R.A. 403—Hertford, Shire Hall, Hertford
 R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
 R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
 M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.C.—White Rose of York, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

SATURDAY, 18th JUNE.

- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
 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)
 1824—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
 1841—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
 M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 M.M. 357—Chiswick, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge
 1194—Villiers, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
 1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton
 1494—Felix, Clarence Hotel, Taldington
 1861—Claremont, Crown Hotel, Hersey
 1897—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow
 2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
 R.A. 1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton
 M.M. 205—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow

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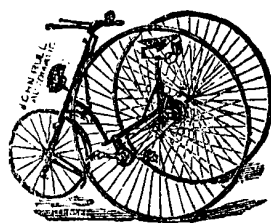
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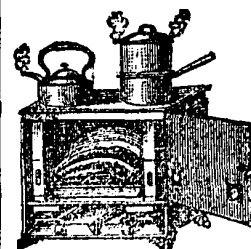
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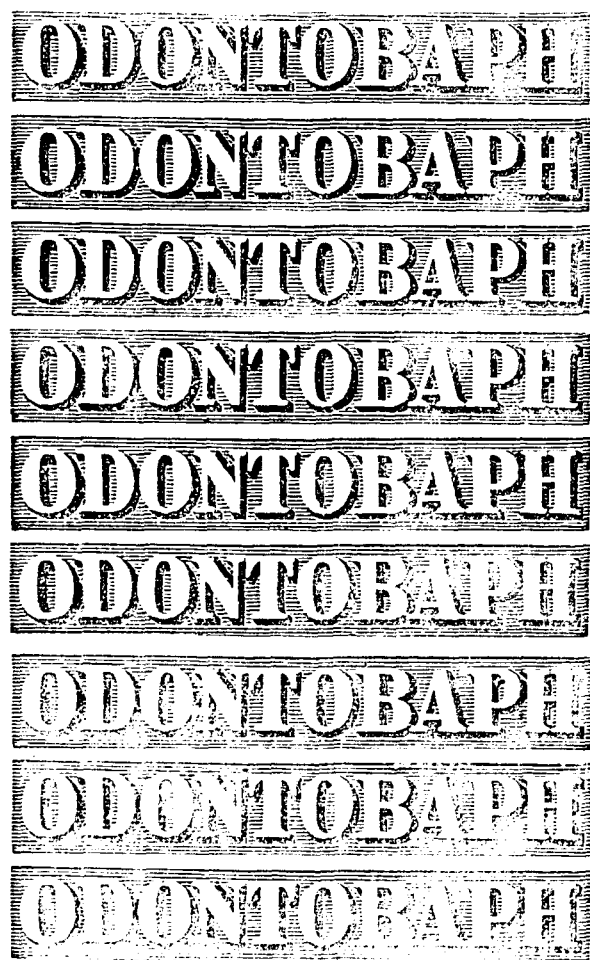
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