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THE 31ST CHAPTER OF BRO. GOULD'S  
HISTORY.

BY BRO. JACOB NORTON.

THE said Chapter is devoted to Freemasonry in the United States. It contains forty-six pages, and thirty-one of these pages are confined to the early histories of Masonry in Boston and Philadelphia. It is now well known that up to the close of 1869 it was believed that we had in Boston an original Grand Lodge record from the year 1733; that Henry Price was appointed by Viscount Montague, in 1733, Prov. G.M. of New England; that in 1734 his Deputation was extended over all America; and in 1734 he granted to Benjamin Franklin a charter for Philadelphia which the Boston record claims to have been "the beginning of Masonry there," and that he chartered a Lodge in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, in 1738, &c., &c.

In the beginning of 1870 I made known that the Massachusetts G.L. record of 1733 was not written before 1751; that it is as a whole more or less unreliable; that the evidence of Price's Deputation over New England in 1733 is more than doubtful; that his claimed Grand Mastership in 1734 over all North America was unfounded; and that he neither chartered a Lodge in Philadelphia in 1734, nor one in Portsmouth in 1736. In short, Price evidently had authority to organise a Lodge in Boston, which he did, and the said Lodge appeared on the English Lodge List in 1734 as No. 126.

Brother MacCalla, of Philadelphia, in 1874, began by reasoning thus: Whereas, said he, Daniel Coxe was appointed in 1730 by the English G.M. Prov. G.M. of New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, and whereas the newspapers in Philadelphia prove the existence of a Grand Lodge there in 1731, and later on. Therefore (says he) the said G.L. must have derived its authority from Daniel Coxe; hence Philadelphia must be the mother of American legitimate Masonry; or, as they call it, the Premier G.L. in America. While I have always been certain that the Philadelphia Masonry of 1731 derived its authority from no one—for there is not a particle of evidence that when Daniel Coxe died, in 1739, that anybody in America was aware that Coxe was a Mason. As I, in a great measure, instigated the controversies about the origins of Masonry in Massachusetts and Pennsylvania, I was naturally curious to find out what opinions Bro. Gould formed upon the said subjects. This being now understood, before I proceed to find fault I must premise that Bro. Gould has not only read a great deal, but his retentive memory enables him to store up a large supply of concise sayings or sentences, expressing true and wise ideas in a few words, and these he generally introduces as texts, as it were, when beginning to discuss intricate subjects. Thus, on page 424, Vol. VI., he says,

"It is not as difficult a task to plant new truths as to root out old errors."

Again,

"So long indeed as specious probabilities are placed on the same footing with well attested facts, so long will Masonic history be a misleading guide."

Still again,

"To those who love to ride at anchor, it may be a disquieting

reflection that no Statute of Limitations is recognised in our courts of literary jurisprudence."

As I heartily approved of the ideas conveyed in the above extracts, I began to think that Bro. Gould agreed with my opinions on the topics he was about to discuss, but the next quotation dispelled my illusion. He says:—

"The examination on which we are about to enter (relative to the American 'Masonic mother' question) will, I think, necessitate our following the example of Lord Keeper Bridgman, of whom it is related that if a case admitted of divers doubts—what the lawyers call points—he would never give all on one side, but either party should have something to go away with."

Now, it strikes me forcibly that however wise Lord Bridgman's maxim may be when a case of property is involved, when it is the interest of all parties concerned to have the question settled at once, that the same maxim is altogether inapplicable for the purpose of settling historic doubts. In disputes about property, where the evidences and doubts of the rival claimants balance each other, the only sensible way to settle the question is by compromise, but I am satisfied that when historic doubts balance each other, a compromise is simply impossible. In such a case I would prefer to confess that I did not know which was right; and as there is no need to hurry, and hurry is of no use, the only thing we must do is to wait till some further evidence turns up which may turn the scale one way or the other. Such seems to me the most prudent and proper way of dealing with historic questions when the evidences pro and con are equally divided.

In justice, however, to Bro. Gould's fairness, I must admit that whenever he undertakes to advocate some faulty theory he is never dogmatic. About the questions discussed in the 31st Chapter of his History, Bro. Gould frankly admits all the facts I have made known, and most of my inferences, too. But inferences, after all, are mere opinions, and entirely depend upon the standpoint from which they are taken. Briefly, then, Bro. Gould is at variance with my conclusions about Henry Price's Deputation of 1733. That question I shall discuss in a future paper. On the Philadelphia question there is no disagreement whatever between us; but it seems that Bro. Gould's humane feeling would not suffer him to dismiss the subject without offering some consolation for soothing the wounded feelings of our Philadelphian disappointed Brethren; and being deeply impressed with the wisdom and justice of Lord Bridgman's maxim, that each party should have "something to go away with," Brother Gould consoled the Philadelphians, as follows:—

"It is evident that the Brethren who had left the old world and brought to their new homes a knowledge of the Craft were as much within their rights in holding Lodges in Philadelphia, Portsmouth (New Hampshire), and elsewhere in America, as those who assembled in like manner in England and Scotland; and just as in the latter countries the members of such Lodges were accepted as petitioners for written constitutions without their legal status as Masons being demurred to, so we shall find that the Boston authorities raised no objection to the Masonic regularity of the Portsmouth Brethren, but granted their request for a Warrant in 1736. We have already seen that in 1734 the Prov. G.M. of New England was requested to confirm Dr Franklin and others in their privileges in Pennsylvania, thus completing the parallel."

Now, if the above will give comfort to my Philadelphian Brethren, they are welcome to it; but the fact that Franklin asked Price, in 1734, to confirm him in his privileges, proves conclusively that he did not deem his own

Grand Lodge more legal than the Lodge composed of "foreigners, rebels," &c., who were making Masons for a bowl of punch in Philadelphia in 1734.

There is still another question to which I must call attention, viz., is there any evidence that Benjamin Franklin was aware, in the month of April 1739, about Coxe's appointment in 1730 as Provincial Grand Master for any part of America? I asked Brother McCalla the question, whether there is any evidence that any man in America knew about Coxe's appointment while Coxe was alive? and he frankly answered in the negative. Some years ago I searched through Spark's Life of Franklin, but did not find the name of Daniel Coxe therein. Franklin's two letters to Henry Price, in 1734, do not indicate his knowledge of the existence of such a personage as Daniel Coxe, and Franklin's obituary notice of Coxe's demise furnishes no hint about Coxe's Masonry: thus the *Pennsylvania Gazette* of 26th April 1739 contains the following brief item, written by Franklin:—

"Yesterday morning died, at Trenton, the Hon. Daniel Coxe, Esq., one of the Justices of the Supreme Court of the Province of New Jersey."

Bro. Gould, however, maintains that Franklin could not have been ignorant, either in 1739, or even in 1734, about Coxe's Masonry. He reasons most curiously, as follows:—

"Yet (says Bro. Gould) if we put on one side the letters of 1734, and the newspaper entry of 1739, the remaining evidence affords good reason for supposing that Franklin was aware of Coxe's appointment in the former year [1734], and still strong ground for believing that it could not have been absent from his knowledge in the latter" [1739].

"The Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of England (continues Bro. Gould) were circulated far and wide, by the newspapers and in private letters, as well as by oral communication. But passing over the earlier date there is scarcely any room to doubt that in 1739 Franklin must have read, or at the very least have had his attention called to the positive statement in the Constitution of 1738, that Coxe was appointed Provincial Grand Master during the administration of the Duke of Norfolk."

Bro. Gould seems to be under an impression that in 1739 they had railroads and steamboats, and daily mails across the Atlantic, which supplied American newspaper editors with all the papers printed in London; hence he imagines that Franklin "must have read, or had his attention called to the statements in the Constitution of 1738 about Coxe's appointment in 1730." But with all due respect to Bro. Gould, I think that his ideas are altogether too far-fetched; for in the first place there is not the slightest evidence in existence that a Pennsylvania Mason ever wrote to an English Mason before 1749. While Bostonians did correspond with the English Masonic authorities in 1734, 1736, and 1743. But as our Bostonians (except in 1734) never corresponded with the Grand Lodge in London when they did not need a new Grand Master, I do not believe that the publication of the 1738 Constitution was known in Boston during the life-time of Daniel Coxe.

But there are other questions to be considered. 1st. I am assured that in those days more ships arrived from London to Boston than to Philadelphia. 2nd. That the arrival of London vessels even in Boston were few and far between. 3rd. That ships sailing between Boston and England, and *vice versa*, did not accomplish the voyage in less than seven months. 4th. That from Europe to Philadelphia takes about five hundred miles more sailing than to Boston, and that letters between London and Boston were scarcely ever answered before between seven and twelve months after they were written. Even as late as 1789, a letter from the Grand Secretary of Pennsylvania to the Grand Secretary of England was not answered before 1790, and the 1790 letter was not answered before 1791. The Lodge which Price constituted in Boston in 1733 was unknown in London before 1734. Tomlinson's Deputation, signed in London, 6th December 1736, did not reach Boston before 20th April 1737, and if the said document had been sent to Philadelphia it would not have reached there before the month of May. Oxnard's Deputation was signed in London, 23rd September 1743, its arrival in Boston was not announced before 6th March 1744. Price's letter was sent by Captain John Phillips to London, December 1754. On 6th August following Captain Phillips was in Boston, but Price's letter was unanswered; and Price's letter to the Grand Secretary of England, of October 1767, was not answered before 29th November 1768, and it probably did not reach Boston till three or more months later.

But another point requires explanation. We know that Coxe died 25th April 1739; we also know that the second Constitution was printed in 1738, but I do not know in which month of 1738 it was printed, nor the dates of the papers which contained the notice of Coxe's appointment by the Duke of Norfolk, in 1730. According to Preston, the Constitution was published in January 1738. If so, it must have been January 1739, or according to our N.S.; for I found at the end of the volume the date of 9th Nov. 1738; hence it might not have been ready for distribution before the end of January 1739, while, on the other hand, owing to the retarding current of the Gulf stream, it even now takes more time for a vessel to sail from Europe to America than it does the other way. Now, assuming that a vessel in fair weather could travel from London to Philadelphia in three months, the weather, however, between January and the 25th April is apt to be stormy and westerly, and even now it takes steam ships in those months several days more to reach America than it does in the summer months. Before, therefore, I can accept Bro. Gould's conclusion about Franklin's knowledge of Coxe's Grand Mastership of 1730, before 25th April 1739, I must be informed about the date of the paper which furnished the item of news about Daniel Coxe's Masonry; he must also show good evidence that the said newspaper was sent to Philadelphia, and that the ship which carried the said paper arrived at its destination before Coxe died. And, even then, unless Bro. Gould can prove that the said paper was addressed direct to Franklin, there are a thousand chances to one that Franklin never saw it and never heard about it while Coxe was alive.

I must, however, add that if I could believe that Bro. Gould's conciliatory efforts would be appreciated by our disappointed Philadelphian Brethren (who, until the appearance of Bro. Gould's last volume, were very sure that his verdict would be in favour of Philadelphia Masonic Mothership), I would never have been guilty of trying to disturb the expected equanimity by criticising Bro. Gould's well-intentioned soothing theories; but, alas, I am satisfied that nothing that Bro. Gould concedes to the Pennsylvania champions—not even the consoling theory that the Philadelphia Masonry of 1731 was as legal as the Masonry of York, Dublin, and Cork were—will ever satisfy them; and I am sure that the Philadelphians and Pennsylvanians will never forgive our historian for deciding the question at issue in accordance with the rules of evidence and common sense.

Boston, U.S., 10th June 1887.

## "MASONIC RECORDS" AND BROTHER JACOB NORTON.

BY BRO. JNO. LANE.

I HAD hoped that my communication of 7th May last, in these columns, would have ended this matter, but Bro. Norton, in his last article, has so greatly mistaken my meaning, and so glaringly misrepresented what I have said, that I must ask for a portion of your valuable space to make a short statement; for, notwithstanding my unwillingness to prolong a profitless controversy with Bro. Norton, in justice to myself I must correct the very grave error which he has committed in the early portion of his last contribution.

The head and front of my offence (if it be an offence) appears to be, in the opinion of Bro. Norton, that in my book I recorded the Lodge No. 79 as at "the Hoop in Water-street, in Philadelphia 1731," stating this on the evidence of the "Dublin List of 1735," (which I could not ignore), and adding, "warranted for America, but probably warrant never used." In the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE of 19th February 1887 I gave my reasons fully for the latter opinion, which has not been shaken by Bro. Norton's allegations, and I still claim, in relation to all the evidence that has been furnished, that the balance of probability is largely in favour of the view I propounded.

Bro. Norton, however, says that "somehow a rumour reached Boston that the only mistake in Bro. Lane's book was discovered by himself [I do not quite know whether to take Bro. Norton's words *au sérieux*, or not, when he thus writes about 'the only mistake,' for I make no claim, even approximately, to such a state of infallibility], and that the said mistake referred to something in the paragraph relating to Lodge No. 79," and then he goes on to allege

that I was doubly mistaken; inferring (I suppose) that he thinks what I considered a mistake was not a mistake at all, as he definitely says that what I "thought wrong was right, and *vice versa*." Now I do protest against such unfairness in controversy. If Bro. Norton's statements and arguments are only based upon "rumour," I cheerfully retire from the field, in his favour. I claim, however, to be judged *not by rumour* but by what I *have written*, which is open for any brother to read. If Bro. Norton will refer to the *Freemason* of 15th January last he will find my actual words, viz.: "In a work of such a character, with so many thousands of figures, one could scarcely hope for absolute freedom from inaccuracy, typographical or otherwise. I shall be obliged by your allowing me to point out to such of your readers as possess the work, that the date set opposite No. 79a on page 27 should have been in brackets, indicating that *such date* [1731] *does not appear in the Dublin List of 1735.*" My sole reason for writing this was to prevent, if possible, any erroneous impression being conveyed by the insertion in "Masonic Records" of the date 1731, *as if that date appeared in, and was copied from the Dublin List*, whereas that List gives no dates at all. I put "1731" in my book after very careful consideration, and I adhere to that date still, and may reasonably complain of Bro. Norton's want of fairness when he treats the above simple and natural statement, intended to guard against any possible misconception or misinterpretation, as indicative of a withdrawal of that date altogether, and of the substitution of 1732 in its place, *which I certainly never did*. Consequently, Bro. Norton's statements, that I seem "to have believed that both charters were issued in 1732," is not only erroneous, but unworthy of Bro. Norton's well-known skill as a controversialist. For, not only do I not believe, or even "seem to believe," anything of the kind, but I still unequivocally maintain my opinion, for the reasons given by me in the *FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE* of 19th of February last, that there was a Lodge (I do not say where it was located) having the number 79 in 1731 prior to the Lodge at Highgate of 1732.

I have neither the time nor inclination to go over again all the "side issues" that have been raised, but merely state that Bro. Norton does not appear to have grasped the point of my argument in reference to Nos. 42 and 67. I regret I did not state when No. 67 was removed from the Lists, but that does not affect my argument that the Lodge, like many others, had ceased to attend Grand Lodge for a great number of years, and that, consequently, under the Grand Lodge Law of 24th February 1735 it was liable to be, and subsequently was, erased. It certainly is far more reasonable to assume that these several Lodges were erased for violating a well-known and recognized Law, than for "rebellion" or some other "sin" about which we have absolutely no information whatever.

Finally, Bro. Norton says he "cannot see how the Grand Lodge at any time could have allowed entire newly-formed Lodges to take precedency of older Lodges by assuming the numbers of extinct Lodges. Such was indeed the practice among the Ancients, but (he adds) I do not believe that the Moderns have ever done so." Now, if Bro. Norton will kindly read the preface to "Masonic Records" (pp xviii, xix) he will discover several instances of this very thing. I can give here one only. An entirely new Lodge, at Wolverhampton, paid the usual £2 2s in 1768 for its Warrant, the number of which should have been 433, but influences operated to procure for it the number 77, which had then recently been vacated by a Gateshead Lodge, whereby this *New Lodge*, not warranted until 5th November 1768, thenceforth took the number and position of a Lodge of 8th March 1735.

Many similar cases (at least thirty) are recorded in the text of my Book, so that what Bro. Norton says he does not believe the Moderns have ever done, I have shown was nevertheless frequently done by them; and what he says "could not have been suffered by the Grand Lodge" was actually allowed and officially sanctioned.

Now, I think Bro. Norton will admit himself to be mistaken in reference to this subject also, and whilst I disclaim entirely any "air of superiority," I anticipate the time (may it not be far distant) when Bro. Norton will question the accuracy of his own opinions in relation to these and other disputed points, and be induced to look at and study these matters dispassionately, impartially, and with no other desire than that of eliciting the Truth, the whole Truth, and nothing but the Truth. So mote it be.

## OUR BLUFF AND HEARTY BROTHER.

(COMMUNICATED.)

THE "eccentricities of genius" assume so many varied forms that it is difficult at times to strike out the delineation of a "subject" without becoming prosaic. We are not in the slightest degree that way inclined when we think of the "Hail! fellow, well met" type of a Brother who is just now in our mind's eye, and whom we will liken to a modern and refined Harry Bluff. It may be that our friend did not, like the original of the song which sailors love to sing, quit the parental roof at an early age, and bid adieu to "his dear native land o'er the ocean to roam;" but he nevertheless displays so many of the excellent qualities attributed to the "true British sailor" that one is feign to draw a perhaps far-fetched comparison. It is hardly necessary to indicate the time or place of our introduction to this specimen of the fine old English ilk, in whom is so fully developed the axiom that a "contented mind is a continual feast." Forty summers, if one, have passed over his head, for the silver threads among the gold will tell their tale; and yet there remain, in an abundant measure, the buoyancy, the cheerfulness, the knack of making everybody happy who rubs shoulders with him, which are rare with those who have reached the meridian of life, and know what the struggle for existence means.

Well, it was an off-night, I was informed, as my friend and I sauntered into the City, to pay a visit to an ancient Lodge. Whew! wasn't it hot! The first days of June had gone out, and carried the last remaining dregs of an eight months' winter along with them, at which the eyes of expectant holiday-seekers glistened, and fond Mater-familias sorted out the almost forgotten summer dresses, to supersede the heavy costumes which had been rendered so long necessary. But summer had descended, with the suddenness of a thunder-clap, and the change had come so rapidly that we had no time to become acclimatised. The Brethren assembled in the reception-room, wiped their perspiring foreheads, and sought for consolation in Apollinaris and Chateau Lafitte. But it was of no use; the overpowering stuffiness of the atmosphere stifled all hilarity; and the Brethren were content to puff and blow like grampuses, and to wish that the work of the "emergency" meeting was over. But what has all this to do with "Harry Bluff?" Why, you will soon know, for his cheery voice in the vestibule has an electrical effect, and all know now that *bonhomme* will soon usurp the place of lassitude and limpness. And so it does. There is no unnecessary or ostentatious fuss about Harry Bluff; he skips jauntily into the apartment, and bids a hearty welcome to all around him. It is reported of a criminal, once upon a time, who perceiving the eagerness with which the spectators crowded round the scaffold, grimly advised them not to be in such a hurry, as there would be nothing done until he got there. The parallel is not made disrespectfully, but really it seemed to me as though the presence of our mutual friend were essential to the opening of business—the winding up of the evening's watch. After that all went "swimmingly," and the reason was not far to seek. Ubiquitously moving about, doing little matters of detail which required to be set straight, speedily the right men were put into the right places, our friend smilingly filling up any of the interstices, and quite happy in sustaining the rôle of the "general utility man." Long may the appellation stick to him, say I, for he rejoices in it; and few I know can sustain it with such perfect tact and suavity. I need not dwell upon the work done so excellently that night, nor even whisper that a "call-off" was rendered advisable—through the heat; but it was so. There are many excuses for drinking—

A friend, good wine, or being dry,  
Or lest you may be, by-and-bye—  
Or any other reason why.

Any how, the lemonade and ice surreptitiously provided by the genial subject of my sketch was like the refreshing draught so welcome to the traveller when he reaches an oasis, and we were all grateful for the act of kindly consideration, though it struck me that Harry Bluff's acquaintances of longer standing were by no means astonished at it.

Business duly despatched, we had the opportunity of more closely studying and appreciating the sterling qualities of the "jolly good fellow" to whom we had been introduced. Don't let it be understood Harry Bluff is a

Fourth Degree Mason. Not a bit of it. Give him an intricate problem to solve in connection with his Lodge, and the Master and Wardens with the Brethren all round are satisfied it will be done in the most correct and true fashion. Mention to him a case of deserving need, and there is no rest until he achieves accomplishment of that principle which is the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart. Let there be a "special occasion," when extraordinary exertions are needed, the Brethren fly off like a tangent to our friend, who is sure to put everything straight. I do not mean to say that some other Lodges are not possessed of an equally active and useful brother, who having passed through all the offices is not content with merely sporting his Past Master's collar and jewel, and settling down a mute and occasional spectator of Lodge business for the remainder of his days. No doubt, if we could find them, there are many such bright examples, but on this particular evening I discovered one who was pre-eminently a "general utility man," and my subsequent experience of him testifies that I was not far out. He is like the man of the song who "could never be still," that is to say, as long as there was any work to do; and at the banquet he shone no less conspicuously, as one to "keep the table in a roar." If conversation flagged, Harry Bluff would "step into the breach, dear friends," and supply the gap, just as readily as he would assume the Master's chair, if called upon, or officiate as Inner Guard. If there was one trait in him to be more commended than another it was his wholesome aversion to long-winded speeches after dinner, and this is a sentiment which will be applauded, I am sure, by a great majority of my readers. The intervals between the few and pithy responses to toasts were filled with musical selections of high order, and more especially on the part of one brother, who had only been passed that night; and so the time sped merrily along, everybody being on the most affable terms with his neighbour, and the company generally with their "noble selves." Is it to be wondered at that, when with hearty shake of the hand—none of your limp, damp two-fingered business, mind you, but true Masonic grip—you are invited to "come again," you do not stay to calculate probabilities, but respond "I will," with as much fervour as the most ardent swain would do at the hymeneal altar? And when the Session recommences, and the Brethren rally round their chiefs, of whom Harry Bluff is undoubtedly one, and a favourite—may I, in Gilpin phraseology, "be there to see."

Cynical readers may be inclined to shrug the shoulder and inquire, "Why all this dissertation on a single Masonic meeting, and an off-night, too?" Simply this—that often by the accident of such an introduction you are brought into contact with men worth knowing, and who, but for such an opportunity, might be, and very likely would have been, utter strangers to you through life. The gain is one not to be held lightly, for the pleasure of such a gathering is not merely transient; it leads you to inquire and learn of deeds that are highly prized among Masons—acts which exemplify the cardinal virtues of the Craft, Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. Since the little episode of which I write I have received much insight into the good wrought by our brother, quietly and unknown to the world in general, but the inference is that one hand little knows what the other hand has done. Harry Bluff, whose permission I do not ask to indite these lines, may awake, like Byron, and "blush to find it fame," but good deeds should be written in marble rather than in ink. With such men as these in our ranks there is no fear for the stability of our righteous cause, and although we cannot gild refined gold or add lustre to the name of Charity, it is to the class of active workers whom the subject of my sketch represents that we are vastly indebted for the proud position which Freemasonry has attained. The stumbling-blocks are those who can see no other interest than self, and whose parade of every little puny effort only provokes a smile of sympathy and pity. Harry Bluff is none of this. Ever free and open-handed, generous to a fault, serving his Lodge with a fidelity and enthusiasm which we rarely find amongst the "veterans," he is beloved and esteemed by all, and many a poor heart has been made to leap for joy by the actions which he himself innocently imagines have been done "on the quiet." Persevere in your good work, Brother "Harry," for though you may mingle bluntness with your urbanity, you are a man we cannot afford to disregard, much less lose; and long may we be spared to meet—

"A merrier man, within the limits of becoming mirth,  
I ne'er spent an hour's talk withal."

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## PHILADELPHIAN CLAIMS.

*To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Bro. C. McCalla, in his very able article in the Philadelphia *Keystone*, 11th June, seems to intimate that he has shifted his ground somewhat in his support of the Philadelphian primacy, and he has I am inclined to think perhaps found a safer basis for his whole contention.

The matter is still, however, greatly environed by doubt and difficulty, uncertainty and mystery, and the skein is so twisted that it is at present almost impossible to unravel. We still want more light, and until we find the minutes of the "Moderns," seen by Dr. Mease in 1811, or light happily upon Liber A, I fear the early history of Philadelphian Freemasonry must still remain very "debateable ground" indeed.

Franklin's words and Franklin's silence constitute very difficult "enigmata" on this vexed question to solve or clear away.

Coxe's two-years' Patent expired in 1732, and if the brethren in the three Provinces named in the Patent had then acted on its provisions legally and fully, they could have elected a Provincial Grand Master to each Province, and three Provincial Grand Lodges could have sprung from the original Patent to Coxe, and this probably was the idea of the home authorities, both in the "limitation" and clauses of the Patent.

But this they did not do. Franklin, who was apparently not a Freemason in 1730, but certainly was in 1734, in neither year alluded to Coxe, nor seems to be aware of the Patent of 1730 at all, unless indeed he considered a Patent for all North America to override a Patent for three Provinces only.

If the newspaper account be correct, an election of Allen took place in 1732, after the expiration of Coxe's Patent, but it is more than doubtful if, according to that original Patent (though the verbiage is somewhat obscure), the election in 1733, and hence the election in 1734, was legal. Franklin had some reason to doubt the validity of these proceedings, and to desire the sanction of home authority after his own election, and he seeks apparently for a confirmation from Henry Price—as Provincial Grand Master for all North America—of what he terms their privileges of "annual election," &c. Either then Franklin read the Patent as conferring after two years the right of annual election (which is more than doubtful), or he was referring to some other "privileges" in being on some other authority than that of Coxe's Patent. In Liber B of St. John's Lodge, in contradistinction to the declaration in the newspaper, is an allusion to Allen as Grand Master in 1731. A good many remarks occur here.

We must not scan too closely either the use of the words Grand Master or Grand Lodge, as they were very loosely used in those days. Neither should we expect Minutes ever to be very precise and detailed, or newspapers very accurate or specific.

The entry may have been "posted up" after, and the mistake of a year is very common in such entries. Personally I set little store by Bell's Letter, or the theory of a delegated authority by Coxe to Allen. It would seem almost logically clear and certain that only one of two explanations is correct; either that the entry in Liber B is not so correct as the paragraph in the newspaper of 1732, and that in 1732 the brethren proceeded to elect a Provincial Grand Master for Pennsylvania in accordance with the provisions of the then lapsed Patent. The only other alternative is that the entry in Liber B is correct, and that when Franklin talks of their privileges of annual election he alludes to what may be called "immemorial usage."

For it may be observed if these privileges rested only on colonial usage (call it immemorial if you like), Franklin might desire naturally some home sanction for what was merely of local usage.

On the other hand, he may have read "every other year" as every succeeding year (as some do), I think, erroneously; but as there were doubts doubtless then, as there are still, as to the exact meaning of the words, he asked for a confirmation of this then unusual procedure.

The truth is Franklin's words may be made to square with either proposition or view, and hence the intense difficulty of this "complex question."

Still, according to "evidence," though there is difficulty no doubt, the position of Philadelphia is so far unshaken, and the averment of its Masonic primacy still remains in *statu quo*.

Yours fraternally,

A STUDENT OF BRO. GOULD'S HISTORY.

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### SUMMER BANQUET OF THE LODGE OF PROSPERITY, No. 65.

THIS gathering, which is annually looked forward to with such agreeable anticipations, took place on Tuesday last, at Brighton, and was in every respect a very gratifying success. So much depends upon the weather for the enjoyment of out-door festivities, that the showers early in the morning gave rise to some slight apprehension as to how the day would turn out; but the result was only to temper the heat and to modulate the atmosphere to a refreshing degree. Perfect arrangements had been made by the W. Master, Bro. W. Walker, and his Officers, for the comfort and convenience of the party, of whom about 150 assembled at London Bridge Station soon after ten o'clock. Here a special train, with saloon carriages, was in waiting, and nothing could have exceeded the energy and urbanity displayed by the esteemed station superintendent, Bro. R. Pierpoint, P.M. 177, who not only despatched the train, but took every precaution to see that the enjoyment of the journey, both to and from the Queen of Watering Places, should be as pleasant as possible. The only call was at East Croydon, where the party was augmented by a few ladies and gentlemen, the contingent of friends including Bro. Charles Daniel P.M. and his family; and after the usual greetings the journey was resumed. Ever desirous of manifesting their interest in such affairs, the ladies had considerably packed hampers for the delectation of their fellow voyageurs *en route*, and thus dainty sandwiches were washed down by cool and delicious draughts of lemonade and claret, and followed by an abundance of luscious strawberries. Thus—the Brethren fortified with fragrant weeds and the ladies with that charm and grace which always lend so much to their conversational powers—the time passed merrily along, until the train arrived at its destination, after a run of little over an hour and a-half. Strolling leisurely on to the Pavilion, the scene of the day's festivities, some little time was spent in inspecting the arrangements; and these being all declared in satisfactory trim, the company dispersed, some to enjoy a breezy ramble along the promenade, some driving to well-known resorts in the locality, whilst a few embraced the opportunity for a dip in the sea, or a "yachting excursion," which is one of the staple sources of enjoyment at Brighton. The weather was all that could be desired for such an occasion, the sun shone brilliantly, with sufficient wind to keep the air cool, and to flutter the flags that were displayed in many directions, whilst the showers earlier in the day had served to lay the dust, so that there was no discomfort in that respect. The party re-assembled shortly before two o'clock, when they found that every preparation had been made for their entertainment; dinner being served in a style for which Messrs. Sayers and Marks have so long been renowned as caterers. A special feature in the banquet arrangements was the profusion of flowers, which were supplied mainly we understand through the exertions of Bro. Bentley Haynes, for the embellishment of the tables and the personal adornment of the ladies, who were by no means backward in availing themselves of this luxurious adjunct to the feast. Roses and blushes vied with each other for the palm of lustre and beauty, and need it be said which were the winners? The aspect of the interior of the Pavilion at "dinner time" was exceedingly gay and picturesque, the colours of the flowers and of the summer toilets of the ladies combining in a perfect bouquet of loveliness and animation. It is hardly necessary for us to point out that on occasions of this kind the speeches after dinner are "cut" as short as possible; for the very palpable reason that if they were not the speakers might waste their fragrance on the desert air. Bro. Walker set a very laudable example in this respect, which was followed by succeeding speakers, and thus the ladies were able to get back again to the lovely grounds of the Pavilion early in the afternoon, there to enjoy the many means of relaxation which had been provided by the "Jubilee" Committee. In proposing the Queen and the Craft, Bro. Walker referred in happy vein to the deep interest which Her Majesty always takes in the affairs of the Craft; and such allusion as was permissible in a non-Masonic gathering was also made to the way in which the M.W. Grand Master the Prince of Wales and the other Grand Officers perform their duties. The National Anthem was sung, with loyal enthusiasm, after which Bro. R. Dyson I.P.M. proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, observing that in him they had the embodiment of all the principles inculcated in Freemasonry. In all the positions he had figured in in the Lodge he had acquitted himself most creditably, and to the entire satisfaction of the Brethren, and his whole course exemplified that his heart was in the cause of Charity. Bro. Dyson then paid a deserved compliment to Bro. and Mrs. Walker, and the sister of the latter, Miss Smith, for their specially kind and active exertions in contributing to the happiness of the gathering; and concluded by wishing for the Master a prosperous year of office. The toast was received most cordially, and Bro. Walker, in the course of his response, thanked the Immediate Past Master for the compliments he had paid to himself and lady friends in connection with this pic-nic. They had not come down there to make long speeches, but to enjoy the society of their lady friends, of whom he was pleased to see so numerous a company. The utmost success seemed to have attended their efforts thus far, and much of that happiness must be attributed to the smiling presence of the ladies, whose health he would now propose. This was a day specially set apart by the members of the Prosperity Lodge for their enjoyment, and he thanked the Brethren who had with himself striven to bring about so satisfactory a result. The toast was acknowledged by Bros. Bond and Haller, and Bro. Downs suitably responded on behalf of the visitors. This ended the "official" part of the business, and the guests once more sought the cool and refreshing atmosphere of the gardens, which although so near the public highway are entirely secluded by trees. Here photographic groups were taken; we are told, very successfully, but of this we shall be able to speak more fully when a copy reaches our hands in due course. In the evening there was the usual dance, and there was nothing wanting to make up all the essentials of a good

ball, except, perhaps, the somewhat unaccountable backwardness of the gentlemen to disport themselves in the "mazy dance." However, everything passed off well, and especially the Prosperity quadrille, which was a special item in the programme. The journey home was varied with those amenities which ever tend to render a railway ride agreeable, and thanks were loudly expressed for the admirable arrangements made by Brother Pierpoint, and which conduced so largely to the success and enjoyment of the out-goings. Among those present we noticed the following:—Bro. W. Walker and Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Freeman and Miss Smith; Bro. L. Drew and Mrs. Drew, Bro. Smith, Bro. Dyer, Mrs. and the Misses Dyer; Bro. Barnes, Bro. Cornwall and Miss Cornwall, Bro. Leins and Mrs. Leins, Bro. F. C. Simmonds and Mrs. Simmonds, Bro. B. Cant, Bro. G. T. Brown and Mrs. Brown, Bro. G. Schadler, Bro. J. Rich, Mrs. and Miss Rich; Bro. C. E. Ferry and Miss Ferry, Bro. Bentley Haynes and party, Bro. J. Roberts and party, Bro. C. Daniel, Mrs. and Miss Daniel; Bro. W. W. Morgan and Miss H. Morgan, Bro. Marshall and Mrs. Marshall, Bro. Skinner and Miss Skinner, Bro. Perry and Miss Perry, Bro. Henderson, Mrs. and Miss Henderson; Bro. White and Mrs. White, Bro. and Mrs. Buggins, Bro. Akerman, Mrs. Akerman, and party; Bro. Bond, Mrs., Mr. and Miss Bond; Bro. Johnson and Mrs. Johnson, Bro., Mrs., and the Misses Coles; Bro. Rudd and Mrs. Rudd, Bro. E. C. Talbot and Mrs. Talbot, Bro. Wall, Mrs. and the Misses Wall, Bro. Wormsley and Mrs. Wormsley, Bro. R. H. Wallis, Bro. Bailey, Bro. J. C. Stone, Mrs. Stone and party; Bro. Sheffield and Mrs. Sheffield, Bro. Ruse and Mrs. Ruse, Bro. C. S. Pierce and Miss Pierce, Bro. Mattin, Mrs. and the Misses Mattin, Bro. C. C. Mitchell and Mrs. Mitchell, Bro. Herold and Mrs. Herold, Bro. Harris and Mrs. Harris, Bro. Hanson, Mrs. Hanson and party, Bro. George Haller and party, Bro. W. Edridge and Mrs. Edridge, Bro. R. F. Bourn, Mrs. Bourn, and party, Bro. G. F. Burge, Bro. Herbert and Mrs. Sprake, W. Lane, &c. &c.

### UNITED SERVICE LODGE, No. 1428.

ON Friday, the 8th inst., the brethren of this Lodge held a well-attended meeting at Freemasons' Hall, Landport, to instal Bro. J. Mitchell as W.M. for the ensuing year. The Lodge was opened by Bro. Pratt, W.M., and after the usual business Bro. J. Mason P.M. Dir. of Cers. presented Bro. J. Mitchell S.W. and W.M. elect to Bro. Pratt to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. The ceremony having been admirably carried out by the Installing Master, and the new W.M. duly saluted, he appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. J. Ruddy S.W., H. Allison J.W., G. F. Williams Treasurer, E. Milton Secretary, G. Young S.D., H. Stockall J.D., J. G. Mason P.M. Dir. of Cers., G. Syvester P.P.G.O. Org., J. S. Buchan I.G., J. Miles and C. Legry Stewards, Exell and Carter Tylers. Bro. Pratt then very ably delivered the charges, which concluded a most impressive ceremony. The W.M. presented Bro. Pratt with a valuable P.M.'s jewel, the gift of the United Service Lodge, in recognition of his services as Master during the past year. On the Lodge closing the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Maybour, with his accustomed care and success. Among the visitors were Bros. G. F. Lancaster P.M. P.G. Reg., H. E. Loader P.M. 487 P.G.S.D., S. Clarke P.M. P.G. Steward, Towns and P.M. 1903 P.P.G.S.D., Hill W.M. 309, Beattell W.M. 342, Bascombe W.M. 804, G. Hill W.M. 1388, Mitchell P.M. 20, Roe, Rev. A. Wainwright 1903, &c. The toast of the Queen and the Craft, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., and the M.W. the Earl of Carnarvon Pro G.M., the Earl of Lathom D.G.M., having been duly honoured, the R.W. Prov. G.M. W. B. Beach, M.P., the D.P.G.M. Bro. Le Feuvre, and the remainder of the Prov. G.L. Officers Present and Past was coupled with the name of Brother G. F. Lancaster P.G. Registrar. Bro. Lancaster, in responding, said that from the foundation of the United Service Lodge he had year by year attended the installation, and it gave him great pleasure to do so, for he always found that the ritual was conducted with great uniformity. He paid a high compliment to Bro. Pratt for the manner in which he had conducted the duties of the evening, and in concluding said he should take the opportunity of thanking the brethren of the United Service Lodge for the munificent gift they had lately made the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Benevolent Institution, of which he was the Hon. Secretary. A selection of music was played during dinner by a string band, under the direction of Mr. Beaboy, of Leonard-road, and some capital songs were rendered during the evening by Bros. Sylvester, Doyle, Lancaster, Ruddy, Saunders, Young, and Bascombe. Brother Palmer gave the recitation "Corporal O'Doodigan," which brought forth rounds of applause. Bro. Sylvester presided at the piano, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

### GEORGE PRICE LODGE, No. 2096.

A REGULAR Meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday, the 9th inst., at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, when there were present Bros. F. T. Redpath W.M., E. Samuel S.W., M. L. Levéy J.W., Rev. Lennox Harvey Chaplain, J. D. Langton P.M. P.G.J.W. Surrey Secretary, W. G. Goode S.D., F. Cambridge P.P.G. Org. Surrey J.D., E. C. Holdsworth D.C., F. W. Leaver Org., W. Lane Tyler; also Bros. H. M. Hobbs P.G.S.D. Surrey I.P.M., J. S. Fraser, Percival, Hoite, Aston, Guedalla, E. C. Leaver, Dr. Weison, and C. Holden. Visitors—Bro. J. Newton P.M. 174, C. Daniel P.M. 65, C. Everish P.M. 715, and E. Hobbs 453. The Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was then opened in the second degree, when Bro. Percival answered the usual questions and retired; the Lodge having been opened in the third degree, Bro. Percival was duly raised. On resuming in the first degree, the Secretary announced that the Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey would meet at Croydon, on the 27th inst., under the Banner of the East Surrey Lodge of Concord. The Lodge having been closed in due form, the Brethren adjourned to refreshment.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF KENT.

THE annual meeting was held at Dartford, on Wednesday, the 6th inst., under the presidency of of the R.W. the Earl Amherst Prov. Grand Master. The Lodge was held at the Bull Hotel, while in the streets floral decorations and triumphal arches added a rare and picturesque charm most gratifying to the eye. There was a magnificent arch in Hythe-street, having the arms of the Amherst family emblazoned on a crimson banner, and mottoes "A Kentish Welcome to our Grand Master;" "Loyalty, Charity, and Benevolence;" and "Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth." There was also a fine arch just outside the railway station with the motto "Dartford Greets Lord Amherst." The entertaining Lodge was the Emulation, No. 299, and here again the decorations were exceedingly pretty. The handsome Lodge banner was suspended over the Prov. Grand Master's chair, while flags, flowers, and pretty devices fluttered from the walls. The Prov. Grand Master was received by the Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers, and ushered to his seat on the dais, and after opening Grand Lodge he was saluted with the usual honours. Bro. James S. Eastes D.P.G.M., was also saluted. The minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge meeting having been confirmed, Bro. B. K. Thorpe P.M. 709, was unanimously re-elected Grand Treasurer. After the roll of Lodges had been called, various sums were voted to the Charity funds of Lodges in the Province, and then his Lordship appointed and invested the following Officers:—

Bro. Rev. Hayman Cummings, B.D., F.H.S., P.M. 1837 ... ..	...	Prov. G.S.W.
Henry Penfold, M.D. P.M. 1174... ..	...	Prov. G.J.W.
Rev. Thos. S. Curteis, M.A., P.M. 1414 ... ..	...	Prov. G.S. Chap.
Rev. C. E. Shirley Woolmer, M.A., P.M. 1209 ... ..	...	Prov. G.J. Chap.
B. K. Thorpe P.M. 709 P.G.S.B. Eng. ... ..	...	Prov. G. Treas.
Alfred Spencer P.M. 1063 P.G.S.B. Eng. ... ..	...	Prov. G. Sec.
Henry Harris Green P.M. 709 ... ..	...	Prov. G. Reg.
John Brock P.M. 299 ... ..	...	Prov. G.S. Deacons
Arnaud Wm. Duret P.M. 1223 ... ..	...	
Edward Moreckton P.M. 1678 ... ..	...	Prov. G.J. Deacons
George Frederick Carnell P.M. 1414 ... ..	...	
George Friend P.M. 1725 ... ..	...	Prov. G.S. of Wks.
George Barton P.M. 1915 ... ..	...	Prov. G.D.C.
Walter Downing P.M. 20 ... ..	...	Prov. G.D.D.C.
Henry Bond P.M. 1314... ..	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
Henry Chambers P.M. 1096 ... ..	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
Joseph Knott P.M. 1242 ... ..	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
William Carter P.M. 1446 ... ..	...	
Joseph Plant P.M. 31 (re-appointed) ... ..	...	Prov. G. Org.
Richard Pledge P.M. 1426 ... ..	...	Prov. G.A. Sec.
W. Greig W.M. 299 ... ..	...	Prov. G. Pursvt.
J. R. Behenna P.M. 1531 ... ..	...	Prov. G.A. Pursvt.
John Charles Biggs P.M. 77 ... ..	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
Frederick Wm. Underdown P.M. 133 ... ..	...	
Thos. S. Folly P.M. 784 ... ..	...	
William Wells Woodruff P.M. 1206 ... ..	...	
Clement Cutbert Walter P.M. 1208 ... ..	...	
George Kennedy P.M. 1536 ... ..	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
Eastley ... ..	...	

It was unanimously resolved, on the motion of the Prov. Grand Master, seconded by Bro. Wm. Russell P.M. 77 P.P.G.S.D.—

"That the sum of one thousand guineas be subscribed by the Lodges and Brethren of the Province for the purpose of purchasing a perpetual presentation to the Girls' School, no individual subscription to exceed one guinea; and, further, that the sum of fifty guineas be given from the funds of Provincial Grand Lodge to the above Fund, should it be necessary."

The Prov. G.M., D.P.G.M., Prov. G. Sec., and Prov. G. Treasurer were nominated trustees to the above fund, and the idea was enthusiastically received by all present. Lodge was now called off, and the brethren proceeded to the Parish Church, where the Prov. G.S. Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. T. S. Curteis, preached a short sermon from the 4th Chapter of Exodus, part of verse 21—"What mean these stones?" At the conclusion of the service a collection was made, which amounted to £11; this was divided between the Dartmouth National Schools and the Masonic Charities. On returning to Provincial Grand Lodge, votes of thanks were passed to the Rev. Watts, Rector of Dartford, for the use of the Church, and to Bro. Curteis for his sermon; and then the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in ancient form. The banquet was held at the new Conservative Hall, kindly lent for the occasion; it was splendidly served by Mrs. Bray, proprietress of the Bull Hotel, upwards of 200 brethren being present. The front of the gallery was

beautifully draped, and in it a stringed band, who played selections during dinner. In giving the toast of the Queen and the Craft, the Prov. Grand Master said that as loyal Englishmen and Masons, he did not think it more than necessary to bring it to their notice. The toast was drunk heartily, the brethren singing the National Anthem. The toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England, followed; His Royal Highness was so deservedly popular, and had done so much for the Craft, that it was impossible for any gathering of Masons to assemble without receiving his name with all the honour, love, and respect it was entitled to. He wished that every Mason in England could have been present at the recent magnificent gathering at the Albert Hall; they would have been moved at the loyalty and deep feeling shown by every one, not only to his Royal Highness, but to their beloved Sovereign also. There was a good array of Kentish Masons on that occasion, and he felt sure that not one in that room would do otherwise than drink the health of His Royal Highness most heartily. In speaking to the toast of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past, he said they always drank that toast with a great deal of pleasure and cordiality in the Province of Kent. There were four Grand Officers present, and he should ask the two Kentish brethren to respond, reserving an opportunity for the two London brethren to speak later on. His Royal Highness their Grand Master had, as most of them were aware, lately conferred past rank upon a number of good Masons, and he was glad to say that among that number were two Kentish Masons. He never was better pleased in his life than when he heard that Bros. Thorpe and Spencer were nominated for Grand honours, for he felt that it was no undeserved reward for good and valuable services. Bro. Spencer said as that was the first time he had to respond for such an important toast, he trusted they would excuse him if he did not do justice to it. He looked upon it as a very great honour to occupy such a position, but certainly did not look upon it as a reward for his poor services, or for any especial good that he had done, but as a desire on the part of the Grand Master to do honour through him to the Province of Kent. It was kind of them to say "No," but it was their own Grand Master who had placed him in the official office he held in the Province. And he could not help thinking that it was meant as an honour to the Province more than to himself, and especially as some deference to their beloved Prov. Grand Master. He felt that there was a reciprocity of feeling between him and the brethren of the Province, and trusted it might long continue. For those Grand Masons and eminent men with whom his name had been associated, Bros. Lords Carnarvon and Lathom, all he could say was that they, by their devotion to the best interests of Freemasonry, had won the warmest regard of every Mason under the English Constitution, and he knew that there was not a brother in the Province that did not have for them the warmest attachment and the most devoted loyalty. For himself, he heartily thanked them for their kind reception of the toast. Bro. Thorpe said their brother Secretary had responded so eloquently for the toast that it left him nothing to say. He was indebted to their kindness for the position he held, for if they had not elected him so many times to the office of Prov. Grand Treasurer His Royal Highness would most probably never have heard of him, and certainly not given him Past Grand rank. He could assure them that it was most gratifying, and he could not do more than express his heartfelt gratitude for their long continued confidence.

Bro. Cummings then rose to propose the toast of the R.W. the Earl Amherst Prov. Grand Master of the Province of Kent. After a hearty reception had been given on this being announced, Bro. Spencer said he could see there was no occasion for him to make a speech, or to say a single word in favour of their Prov. Grand Master; wherever they met their Prov. Grand Master in the Province they greeted him with a most hearty and truly Masonic greeting. Further, they were proud of having such a true nobleman to rule over them. Their Prov. Grand Master was one who by his genuine love for the Craft, and the bright example he showed in every moral and social virtue, had endeared himself to all, and wherever he was known he was loved, honoured, and respected. The Prov. Grand Master, after a few preliminary observations, said there was a good many people who did not care for the good opinions of their fellow creatures; he was not so cold-blooded, and did hope and trust that, as time went on, he should so con-

duct himself that their kind feelings and good wishes would ever continue the same as then, for it would be otherwise a hard thing for him ever to lose that love and respect which he believed they had for him, and which he could assure them was, and ever would be, so dear. During the past year he had consecrated two new Lodges, and would shortly have to consecrate another. All that he could do for the prosperity of the Province he would do, and he assured them of his cordial sympathy and desire for the welfare and happiness of the brethren.

The Prov. G. Master then proposed the V.W. Bro. James Smith Eastes D.P.G.M. He said it was a toast that was generally drunk with unmingled feeling of pleasure; on the present occasion he proposed it with mingled feelings of pleasure and regret; pleasure because it was a great satisfaction to him to know that he should still have the invaluable services of Bro. Eastes at his right hand in the Province; and regret at the heavy domestic affliction that had so recently befallen that good and excellent brother. He had received a most touching letter from Bro. Eastes in response to a letter of condolence sent him from their preliminary meeting at Canterbury, but on account of the presence of Bro. Eastes at Grand Lodge he (the P.G.M.) thought it best to treat it *sub silentio*, so as not to again open the wounds that time alone could heal. He trusted everyone, in drinking the toast, would ask the G.A.O.T.U. to grant Bro. Eastes health and strength to support him in his affliction, and that the cloud now over his life would soon pass away. The other toasts given were the Provincial Grand Officers Present and Past, the Masonic Charities, the Visitors, the Committee of the Emulation Lodge, and the Tyler's toast. The musical arrangements were under the control of Bro. J. Kift, the singers included the Misses Ada Beck and Marion Ellis, and Bros. T. W. Page, W. H. Webb, and J. Kift.

### THE BENEFICENCE OF MASONRY.

THE voice of this Institution comes to us through centuries, and generations join in the words which tell of its labours for the good of man. From "vanished years, deep toned, like some cathedral chant," the music swells into a mighty chorus of harmonious speech, touching the heart of the earnest listener with the story it bears in its rhythmic lines of brotherly love, relief, and truth. With such a trinity it must go on conquering and to conquer. Selfishness shall flee from its presence, prejudice vanish from its sight, evil disappear on its approach, and men, with reverent mien bend the head in admiration as it passes down the years. Noiseless as the march of thought, and strong as the Temple of Truth, it has found its way into every land where suffering abides, where want needs a haven or humanity a prayer. Its faithful disciples bearing its banner broad and bright, wave the symbol in the rays of the rising sun, and hold it aloft to be kissed by the soft light of the twinkling stars. Its benefactions know no slumber, and for their duties make "all seasons summer." To the great of earth it offers the joy and peace which with impartial hand it tenders to the humble and the poor. Of all who seek to serve at its tables and guard its altars it asks but one question, "Is he worthy and well qualified?" Were he king—without this qualification he could not enter. Were he peasant—with it as a sesame, the bolts fly back, the gates open to his approach, and all the hidden wealth which its temples hold is uncovered to his view.

Through war and pestilence and famine it holds its way, turning the sword of the soldier into the ploughshare of good deeds, the breath of the scourge into whispered words of fraternal comfort, and the cry of hunger into the prayer of gratitude. Its living subjects bear as a talisman against all evil the Compasses and the Square, made radiant by the effulgence of its greatest light. Its dead sleep with the emblem of innocence upon their breasts, that it may bear witness of their lives, which the evergreen, its close companion, tells us will be eternal.—*Grand Master Davidson, Georgia.*

Do good by stealth, and blush to find it fame.—*Pope.*

Suit the action to the word, the word to the action.

### CARNARVON LODGE, No. 804.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Waterloo-road, Havant, on the 5th instant, the alterations and extension of the building having been completed. As it was the Annual Festival there was a good muster of the members, over thirty being present, besides twenty visitors. The Lodge was opened at three o'clock, by the I.P.M. Bro. H. W. Smith-Parsons. The minutes being confirmed, and the ballot taken for a candidate, who was elected, the initiation of Mr. Best, who was unable to attend the last meeting, was proceeded with; after which the W.M., Bro. James J. Bascombe, took the gavel, and proceeded with the installation of his successor, Bro. John J. Hardy Bascombe. For the last fifteen years, with four exceptions, it has been the custom for the outgoing Master to instal his successor, and on this occasion it was ably performed; indeed, it can be said that the rendering of the ritual and the ceremonial could not have been surpassed. It met with general approbation from all present. The Board of Installed Masters being closed, the W.M. proceeded to invest his Officers, as follow:—Bros. A. A. Wood S.W., G. H. Tuck J.W., H. W. Smith-Parsons P.M. Sec., J. Collings P.M. D.C., E. S. Spriggs S.D., W. P. Bowler J.D., J. T. Slade I.G., J. Leader Org., J. Collins and J. M. Godfrey Stewards, W. Blackmore Tyler. The remainder of the ceremony was then completed, and a hearty vote of thanks accorded to the Installing Master. The Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where fifty-one sat down to an excellent repast, provided by Mr. Buller, of Osborne-road, Southsea, the W.M. presiding. The usual toasts were proposed and responded to, and several brethren contributed to the pleasures of the evening by well-rendered songs, accompanied on the pianoforte by Brother F. Wilton Past Provincial Grand Organist. Amongst the Visitors present were Bros. G. E. Lancaster Prov. Grand Registrar, W. E. Gilbert W.M. 257, W. A. Hill W.M. 309, W. Bowtell W.M. 342, J. S. Senior W.M., G. Darby P.M. 1703, G. S. Hill W.M., W. J. Borrow S.W. 1958, and several others.

A Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held at Freemasons' Hall on Saturday last, when there was a full attendance of the Governors, under the presidency of Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, J.P., C.C., Past Grand Treasurer. The business was of a purely formal character, a number of candidates being placed on the list for the October Election, and it was decided that fifteen should be then elected. A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart presided over the Quarterly General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, held at Freemasons' Hall on Monday last. There was a good attendance of the members of the Court. A list of fifty-four candidates was handed down on the recommendation of the General Committee, from which eleven boys shall be elected at the Quarterly General Court to be held in October next. Four out of five additional petitions were deferred for consideration. The proceedings concluded with the customary votes of thanks.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held their monthly meeting, at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday. Bro. James Brett P.G.P., was in the chair, and there were present Bros. John Bulmer, C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., J. E. Dawson, Charles Kempton, F. Adlard, Alex. Forsyth, Hugh Cotter, C. H. Driver, Joseph Freeman, J. Newton, C. H. Hill, Walter Martin, C. F. Hogard, S. Brooks, W. Bellechamber, Jabez Hogg P.G.D., E. M. Money, Thomas Cabitt P.G.P., and James Terry P.G.S.B. (Secretary). The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, the Secretary reported the death of four annuitants on the Male Fund, and that he had received a cheque for £1000 from Grand Lodge, being the amount voted in March last towards the requirements of the Institution. The Warden's report was read, and a vote of thanks passed to the House Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, for having granted permission to the School Band to attend at the Institution at Croydon on the occasion of the recent visit paid by the Festival Stewards. The report of the Finance Committee was read and adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. An application from the widow of a late annuitant, for half of her husband's annuity, was acceded to, and five petitions (two male and three widows') were considered and accepted, and the names ordered to be entered on the list of candidates for the election in May 1888. A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS  
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AND THE  
COLONIES AND DEPENDENCIES OF THE  
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By command of the R.W.P.G.M.,

THOS. J. RALLING,

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Colchester, 14th July 1887.

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The R.W. Bro. Gen. J. STUDHOLME BROWNRIGG, C.B.  
PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

NOTICE is hereby given that a PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE will be held at the "GREYHOUND" HOTEL, CROYDON, in the County of Surrey, on Wednesday, 27th day of July 1887, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

By command,

CHARLES GREENWOOD, P.P.G.R.

Prov. Grand Secretary.

N.B.—Morning Dress.

Albert Institute Chambers, Charles Street, Blackfriars Road, S.E.

27th June 1887.

P.S.—The Reception and Entertainment of the Provincial Grand Lodge has, by command of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, been placed under the direction of the East Surrey Lodge of Concord, No. 463, Croydon.

The dinner will take place at 6 o'clock punctually. For tickets apply to W. Bro. C. H. Woodward, P.M. P.P.G.W., 139 North End, Croydon, enclosing 7/6, which will not include Wine.

N.B.—Dinner will be provided for those only who have taken Tickets, and no Ticket will be issued after 23rd July.

The R.W.P.G. Master requests the attendance of the brethren at Divine Service, at the Parish Church, Croydon, at 4.30 p.m. A Sermon will be preached by the W. Bro. the Rev. Herbert Turner, Rector of Sutton, and Past Provincial Grand Chaplain. Brethren are to appear in Craft Masonic costume at Divine Service, and to clothe in the Girls' School room, adjoining the Church.

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ROYAL ARCH MASONS.

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Grand Superintendent.

NOTICE is hereby given that a Provincial Grand Chapter will be held at the GREYHOUND HOTEL, CROYDON, in the County of Surrey, on Wednesday, the 27th day of July 1887, at Two o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

By command,

CHARLES GREENWOOD, P.Z.

Prov. Grand Scribe E.

N.B.—Morning Dress.

Albert Institute Chambers, Charles Street, Blackfriars Road, S.E.

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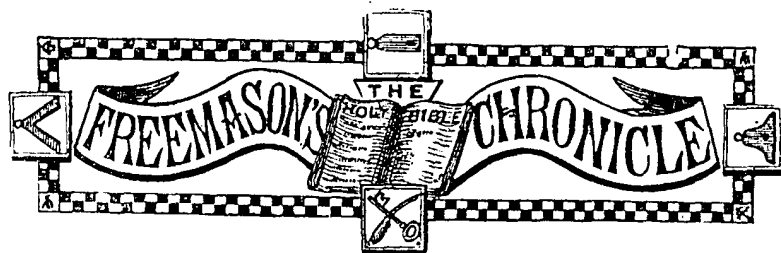
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## THE LATE BROTHER E. COPPEE MITCHELL,

PAST GRAND MASTER OF PENNSYLVANIA.

WE are enabled to lay before our readers the following admirable "In Memoriam" of Past Grand Master Mitchell, prepared by Brother the Hon. Michael Arnold, R.W. Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and read by him before the Grand Lodge at its recent Quarterly Communication. Bro. Mitchell was so universally respected, esteemed and loved throughout the jurisdiction, that this tribute to his memory will be appreciated and enjoyed by all of our readers.

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER AND BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE.—The Quarterly Communication of this Grand Lodge, held Wednesday, 1st December 1886, was opened in ample form. All the elected Officers were present, also a large number of the Brethren. The annual election was to be held. It was known that the Right Worshipful Grand Master had declined a re-election to the station he had graced and worthily filled. It was also known that he was suffering from an infirmity, which we hoped was but temporary, so that we could have the pleasure of his presence and the benefit of his counsel for many years to come. But, alas, our hopes were doomed to disappointment. After the close of that Communication, our Right Worshipful Grand Master, sick and infirm, exhausted by his labours, but lifted up by the fraternal expression of the good wishes of the Brethren, retired to his home, where he remained until he passed away from earth through death into eternal life. His last work was done in this Grand Lodge among his Masonic Brethren, where he so much loved to be. He was unable to be present at the Annual Communication on St. John's Day, but the pains of his sickness were somewhat allayed by the fraternal remembrances of the Brethren, in the form of a beautiful jewel, with resolutions of sympathy and expressions of hopes for his recovery, which were con-

veyed to him by the Grand Officers at the request of the Grand Lodge. They recalled to him memories of happy associations with the Brethren, and raised hopes of a continuance of those associations. He was cheered by them; joy and gratitude filled his heart, and his countenance expressed his feelings. One month afterwards he died, honoured and lamented, and now the Brethren mourn.

Edward Coppee Mitchell, LL.D., Right Worshipful Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, was born in the city of Savannah, in the State of Georgia, on the 24th day of July 1836, and he died in the city of Philadelphia on the 25th day of January 1887. He was the son of Dr. John James Mitchell, a prominent physician of Savannah, and the grandson of the Hon. David Brydie Mitchell, a native of Scotland, who came to this country and settling in Georgia, became a Justice of the Supreme Court and the Governor of that Commonwealth. His mother was a daughter of Dr. Edward Coppee, a worthy member of a family which has given to our country eminent soldiers, scholars, and men of letters. Both of Bro. Mitchell's parents died while he was young. In his sixteenth year he was brought to this city by his uncle, the Right Reverend William Bacon Stevens, the present Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Pennsylvania. After passing through the preparatory schools, his education was completed in the University of Pennsylvania, from which he graduated in the year 1855. He then began the study of the law, and was admitted to the bar of this county on 23rd October 1858. The studious bent of his mind led him to the investigation and mastery of the law of real estate, upon which the foundation of all law rests, and to a competent understanding of the principles of equity, which temper and ameliorate the rigour of the law; for as law is a rule of action, so equity is the mitigation of the rigour of the rule.

Bro. Mitchell had the usual experience of young lawyers, the patient waiting for practice, employing his time meanwhile by filling his mind with those rich stores of knowledge, which served him and his clients so well in after years. Industrious and systematic in his habits, he stored his learning in such orderly method that he could draw upon it with readiness and ease.

In October 1872, Bro. Mitchell was appointed a temporary lecturer in the Law School of the University of Pennsylvania, and in April 1873 he was elected Professor of the Law of Real Estate and Equity Jurisprudence. He was chosen Dean of the Law Department of the University. He immediately set to work to enlarge its sphere of action and increase its usefulness, and his success was such that the Law School of that University now ranks among the first in this country. His students were instructed by him, while they were entertained by the ease and gracefulness of his manners, so that the labours of study were made less difficult by the pleasure of receiving the knowledge imparted by him. On 20th July 1884 he was appointed a member of the Board of Public Charities of this State. As a member of the Committee on Lunacy of that Board, he gave valuable services and performed important duties in framing the rules and regulations for the licence and government of Institutions for the Insane.

In October 1884, he was chosen by the Judges of the Courts of Common Pleas of this county one of the Commissioners of Fairmount Park, in the place of Bro. Henry M. Phillips, a Past Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, who died on 28th August 1884. In that Board his knowledge of land title law made him a useful and valuable member.

Bro. Mitchell was made a Mason in Rising Star Lodge, No. 126, on the 27th day of April 1863. After service in several appointed places in the Lodge, he was elected Junior Warden, and performed duty in that station for the Masonic year commencing on St. John's Day 1870. His labours in that office were marked by that attention to duty and correctness in work, which characterised all his acts in Freemasonry. It is with pride that I reflect upon the fact that his first work was in initiating me into the mysteries of the Craft. His last work was in entering Brother the Right Reverend William Stevens Perry, Bishop of Iowa, in an emergent Grand Lodge, held on 4th February 1885. He served as Senior Warden of his Lodge in 1872, and as Worshipful Master in 1873.

His services in Grand Lodge were of a varied and most useful character. They began almost upon his entrance into Grand Lodge, and continued until a few weeks before he died. On St. John's Day 1873, R.W. Grand Master Alfred R. Potter appointed him Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, a place which he held for two years. His report for the year 1874 contains this wise statement of the nature of his duties, with a modest assertion of his great willingness to adhere to them.

"It has come down to us from those able and experienced Brethren who have occupied this responsible position in past years, as an unbending rule to govern this Committee, that it is no part of our duty to pass judgment upon matters either of legislation or administration, wherein we find our Brethren in other jurisdictions differ from our own laws and customs; that each Grand Lodge, being sovereign within the limits of its own jurisdiction, has the undoubted right to regulate its affairs according to its own judgment.

"To this traditional policy we have adhered; not only because it has been an established usage, and is entitled on that account to be respected; but also because, in the performance of our duty, we have found it a wise and safe policy for ourselves, totally inexperienced in this branch of Masonic duty, to avoid all appearance of sitting in the seat of judgment and passing sentence upon others, while we ourselves are so liable to fall into error."

This is a clear statement of what may be called international Masonic law.

Of this report, M.W. Brother Josiah H. Drummond, of Maine, a high authority in Freemasonry, says: "It is carefully prepared, and reflects much credit upon its author, in spite of his modest deprecation of criticism."

On St. John's Day 1876, Brother Mitchell was appointed a member of the Committee of Appeals, and served on that Committee as its Secretary for two years. He was also the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodges of Idaho and Georgia.

At the Quarterly Communication of this Grand Lodge, held on 4th December 1878, Brother Mitchell was elected Junior Grand Warden. After serving two years in that station, commencing on St. John's Day 1878, he was elected and served as Senior Grand Warden for the next two succeeding years, as Deputy Grand Master for the two years thereafter, and as Right Worshipful Grand Master for the Masonic years commencing on St. John's Day 1884 and 1885. His administration was wise and successful, harmony and good order prevailed, and peace and prosperity resulted therefrom. His manners were graceful and easy; he was approachable, kind, and considerate, and yet he was positive in his judgments and firm in enforcing them. He repressed errors by edicts, which, while they were disagreeable to pronounce, nevertheless had to be issued to prevent that disorder which wilful disobedience or culpable ignorance always causes.

Brother Mitchell was a member and Past High Priest of Oriental Holy Royal Arch Chapter, No. 183, of the State of Pennsylvania. He was also a member of Kadosh Commandery, No. 29, Knights Templar, but he never accepted the honours of official station there. Perhaps he found his time so much occupied that he could not give any of it to other societies, and acted upon the belief that a competent performance of duty in a few of them was much better than a negligent service in many.

When he sat in the chair of the Right Worshipful Grand Master, we thought he would in due course take his place among the keepers of the Landmarks of Freemasonry, until in years he would become a patriarch among us. But his duties and labours were so many and so exacting, and made such demands upon his strength, that they told upon his health. His vital organs became weakened; he became sick, languished, and died. Death set his mark upon our Brother, and made him a stone in that Spiritual Temple, that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

My Brethren, what a loss you have suffered, and how much do you feel it! The grief is universal; all share it. Our hopes have been disappointed; we mourn and submit.

This sketch of our Grand Master would be incomplete, at least to those who knew the intimate Masonic relations which existed between him and another lamented brother, George W. Wood, Grand Marshal of this Grand Lodge, who died 2nd January 1887, at the ripe age of seventy-nine years, without some reference to Brother Wood. In the open Grand Lodge, and in the minor details of government by the Grand Master, they were constantly together. The sentiments which existed between them were of the most affectionate regard and confidence; they were like the filial love of a son for his father on one side, and the paternal solicitude of a father for his son on the other.

Bro. Wood's death was made known to Brother Mitchell while he was upon his bed in his last sickness. It affected him very much. In three weeks thereafter Brother Mitchell died.

In his family relations Brother Mitchell was very happy. He married his cousin Eliza, daughter of Bishop Stevens, and left her and six children to mourn the loss of a fond husband and affectionate father.

Brother Mitchell was buried at South Laurel Hill Cemetery, on 28th January 1887. The Brethren of the Grand Lodge attended the funeral, and paid their last tribute of respect to him whose memory they will always cherish.

Right Worshipful Grand Master: I offer the following resolutions, and move that they be adopted.

*Resolved*, That the Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Masons of Pennsylvania have heard, with sincere regret, of the death of Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother Edward Coppee Mitchell, who was endeared to them by the most happy disposition and manners. He was amiable and kind, considerate and forbearing, but nevertheless firm in upholding the standards of Freemasonry and maintaining the Landmarks. The Brethren feel deeply the loss they have suffered, and in testimony of their affectionate regard for his memory, do further resolve that the furniture of the Grand Lodge and the jewels of the Grand Officers be draped in mourning for the space of six months.

*Resolved, also*, That these resolutions be entered on the minutes of Grand Lodge, and that a copy of them be sent to the family of Brother Mitchell.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted.—*Keystone*.

The Annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex will be holden at the Court House, Romford, on Tuesday, the 26th July, at two o'clock p.m., when the Right Hon. the Lord Brooke, Provincial Grand Master will preside. The Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened punctually at 2:15 o'clock. A banquet will take place at the Corn Exchange, Romford, at four o'clock, for which tickets (10s 6d each, including wine) may be obtained from Bro. H. K. Heasman. The Great Eastern Railway Company have kindly consented to issue return tickets, at single fares, to brethren attending this meeting, on production of summons.

AN ANCIENT MASONIC MONUMENT.—We print the following without comment: In the possession of the Italian government is a monument recently unearthed, upon which are engraved the square and compass, plumb, level and twenty-four inch gauge. It also bears an inscription in Latin, giving the name of the person to whom it was erected, together with the significant statement that he was a Master Mason. Experts have examined the stone, and find that it has remained in the earth many centuries. It is evidently older than the Italian language, or else Master Mason seems to have belonged to the Latin-speaking or highest class of society.—*Liberal Freemason*.

## THE THEATRES, &amp;c.

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**Globe.**—After two postponements, "The Doctor" was produced last Saturday, before a large, but certainly not an indulgent, audience. The task of adapting "La Doctoresse" was undertaken by Mr. F. C. Burnand, who has not made as much of his work as might have been expected. When, some time since, the French version was brought out at the Royalty, some genuine fun was the result, but Saturday's experience was anything but a happy one. Mr. Burnand has put into the piece some time-honoured jokes, but they missed fire, and the piece throughout fell flat. We do not desire it to be understood there is no good work in the piece; on the contrary, the author at times shines in all his glory; still the bright moments are obscured by the bad. On Saturday the first act dragged heavily, but the second and third went with more spirit. As is usually the case in this class of piece, the pruning knife must be in request, especially in the first act. Undoubtedly "The Doctor," as at present constituted, is a disappointment. The idea of Angelina Blossom, M.D., turning the house into waiting-rooms for her patients is certainly enough to induce her husband to seek for consolation elsewhere. Again, the dilemma that Alfred Blossom gets into at the Signora's apartments ought to cause infinite amusement. It was, however, not made the most of; the strong-minded wire dancer was not spirited enough; while, when poor Blossom is thought to be hurt, and his wife is called to his aid—a really fine situation fell terribly flat. The best work was shown in the last act, where Mrs. Blossom decides to give up her practice and strive to make her husband appreciate his home. In this scene Miss Fanny Enson was at her best. She was so graceful and winning that it could hardly be wondered Blossom decides to stay at home and keep his wife company. Moreover, this lady's earlier scenes were well conceived; while she looked the character all over. Once more Mr. W. S. Penley, as the husband, has a part he can elaborate. The whole weight of the piece really falls on his shoulders, and right manfully he goes about his task. His droll and inimitable style just suits the part, and it will not be his fault if success is not achieved. Miss M. A. Victor did not put enough life into the high-spirited Carlotta, but Mr. W. J. Hill made the most out of a ridiculous Butler, who offers to cure patients at a quarter the fee charged by the Doctor. At times it was impossible to understand Mr. H. Kemble's notion of a foreign Count. Miss Rose Dearing made a dashing lion tamer, while the Misses Vane Featherstone and Cissy Grahame were especially good in their respective rôles. Mr. A. G. Andrews and Miss Blanche Horlock also made the most of small parts. Mr. Burnand and Mr. Hawtrey were both called, but they received anything but a favourable reception.

**Princess's.**—Miss Grace Hawthorne started a "preliminary season" at this theatre on Thursday, choosing for the opening piece Messrs. Jefferson and L. R. Shewell's five-act drama, "Shadows of a Great City." This work is full of incident and excitement, but the idea is crude, and of the ordinary class of melo-dramas, suited better perhaps to outlying theatres rather than a West-end one. We are afraid it will not draw during the hot weather. To our thinking the piece does not work closely, while the saying of "a warm-hearted Irish Girl" should unquestionably be curtailed. Great care has been taken in placing the drama upon the stage, and it has been admirably cast. The following details supply the story, which is certainly not a new one:—Tom Cooper, a sailor with a kind heart, is in the way of a youthful spendthrift, whose uncle's fortune he (George Benson) is trying to secure. Between Benson and the fortune stands a poor woman's child—Helen Standish. Cooper sympathises with this woman and child, but Benson, with the help of a rognish Jew, fixes a robbery of diamonds on our hero, with the result that Tom is committed to prison. Along with him is sent a comical pickpocket, Jim Farren. Jim is offered release by the Jew if he will consent to steal and drown the child, whose mother is dying in another part of the prison. This Jim decides to do, and endeavours to persuade Cooper to escape with him. This they manage to do by a boat moored in the river, the warders in the meantime having been bribed. After a journey down the river, the escaped convicts land on some rocks, where Jim proposes to effect drowning of the child, but Cooper will not permit this. A struggle ensues; the child is thrown into the river, and Cooper jumps after it. Fifteen years are supposed to elapse, the child is grown up, and is living with Cooper and a true-hearted Irish woman. The girl does not know her past history. Her cousin Benson now turns up and demands the right of protecting her. Cooper is threatened with a return to prison. In the last act of course everything is cleared up, Cooper's innocence made apparent, while Jim Farren gives sufficient information to send Benson and the Jew to prison. As the hero, Mr. J. H. Barnes was manly and vigorous, but at others he was too heavy. Mr. Harry Parker made a capital Abe. Nathan, the Jew. Mr. W. L. Abridon was good as the villain, Benson. Mr. Harry Nicholls had numerous opportunities as Jim Farrer, and did not fail to make the most of them. His style perfectly suited the part, while his sense of humour was well to the fore. Mr. Bassett Roe was cool and collected as the detective. Miss Mary Rorke evinced intense feeling and pathos as Helen Standish, but Miss Lizzie Fletcher had scarcely power enough for Annie Standish. Miss Catherine Lewis caused much laughter as the kind-hearted Irish woman. Other parts were in good hands. At the conclusion the usual first-night calls were given, after which a special one brought before the curtain Miss Grace Hawthorne, who heartily thanked those present for the kind manner in which they had received her preliminary work. In regard to the future, Miss Hawthorne said that some disappointment had been expressed in reference to the postponement of "Theodora." She could only say that that piece had not been promised by her until the autumn; that it would be produced later on she assured all present.

**Prince of Wales's.**—On Monday afternoon was witnessed the production of a piece at this theatre described as an original play in three acts, the occasion being Mr. Bassett Roe's matinée. Of the play we can say but little in its favour; some ideas of the author, Mr. George Newton, are very far fetched. He has supplied a framework that contains sufficient material for at least two or three pieces. To give any account of the plots would fill too much space, so we must content ourselves with giving an outline of the principal one. Obed Snow, an ex-forged and convict, contrives to get in his power a foolish and inexperienced youth, James Seabrook, whose step-father, Winsdale, is wealthy. Snow, in want of money, persuades James to admit him during the night, and show him where the father's wealth has been hidden by his daughter. This is done, with the result that Cecil Blane, Winsdale's Secretary, is apprehended on suspicion of having committed theft. The following day Snow, disguised as a parson, calls, when he discovers he has persuaded his own son to assist in robbing Winsdale. This troubles his conscience, with the result that he contrives, the next night, to put the money back. He is, however, seen by Winsdale. This clears Blane, who is secretly married to Winsdale's daughter. Snow now promises to turn over a new leaf, and is allowed to depart. The above is only the main story, but how Winsdale is nearly persuaded into marrying a designing woman, and other matters of the same kind, we will not trouble our readers with. First as a kind of Alfred Jingle, and then as the hypocritical clergyman, Mr. Bassett Roe was seen to fair advantage. He was humorous when wanted, while at other times he displayed plenty of dash. It was a poor part, but the gentleman made the most of it. Mr. John Beauchamp, was good as Winsdale, and Mr. Wallace Erskine displayed unlooked for talent as James Seabrook, a most unnatural character. Mr. Lewis Waller was ill at ease as Cecil Blane; but Miss Florence West displayed plenty of power as his wife; Miss Edith Dene was a fair lover; but Miss Schubert as the designing Lucy Audrey was anything but good. A crowded house gave the usual call for the author, but the call was not responded to.

**Alhambra.**—Monday evening witnessed a change of programme here, when a new ballet, "Algeria," took the place of "The Seasons," while "Nadia" was transferred to the end of the entertainment. "Algeria" is the invention of Mons. Hansen, while the music has been composed by M. Jacobi. If the ovations it received from a well filled house on the first night of its production go for anything, this new ballet ought to have a long and successful run. As its name indicates the work is of Moorish character, and gives scope for diversity of colouring, both in scenery and costumes. Both Mr. H. Emden and Mr. L. Besche have shown great skill in their respective departments by their artistic grouping of colours. In fact a more brilliant display than is presented by the three tableaux, into which the piece is divided, can hardly be conceived. The story runs as follows: a young Algerian officer (Mdlle. Marie) having received orders to capture and slay a certain noted pirate, has a parting interview with his lady love (Mdlle. Adele Zallio); he informs her of the purpose of his intended expedition. This arrangement is discovered by the robber of the seas (Mdlle. Cormani), who at once makes off to warn his band of their approaching danger; at the same time he succeeds in carrying off the fair lady, with whom he also is desperately enamoured. Having conveyed her to his encampment by the sea, he endeavours to win her, by a variety of entertainments, and here, of course, several Moorish dances are given, one—a sword dance—being particularly effective, as was likewise an Arabian tent scene. The whole finishes with a grand dance, "En Masse," during which the pirates are surprised and scattered, by the officer previously mentioned and his gallant troops. The lady being left behind by the pirate captain, is rescued, and is seen reclining in the arm of her lover when the curtain falls. The three principal characters in the foregoing are played in splendid style by Mdlles. Zallio, Marie, and Cormani. The Mooresque dance by Mdlle. Aouda, a Creole, also calls for special notice; it is an elegant and skilful performance. As this theatre is now lighted almost entirely by electricity, and is well ventilated, it remains beautifully cool, despite the hot weather we are now experiencing. "Nadia" still retains its popularity, as was fully attested by the applause which it elicited. The variety entertainments are also good, and well worth witnessing.

Yet another opportunity will be offered London playgoers to witness the successful burlesque "Monte Christo, jun.," with the original caste. This will be on Saturday afternoon, the 23rd instant, when Mr. F. J. Potter, the genial acting manager of the Gaiety Theatre, will take his annual benefit. That Mr. Potter will have a crowded house we feel assured; his programme is both strong and interesting.

## JUBILEE GIFT TO THE MASONIC CHARITIES.

THE sum of £53 has been handed to the Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P. in aid of the Masonic Charities. This amount represents the total proceeds, without any deductions whatever, of a performance given at the Theatre Royal on 24th June, on which occasion, it may be remembered, a dispensation was granted for Brethren to appear in regalia. Bro. J. W. Boughton also marked the Jubilee by giving the gross receipts of an entertainment to the Royal Portsmouth Hospital, thus strengthening the local popularity which he enjoys on account of his personal liberality and enterprising management of the Theatre Royal. Bro. Boughton takes an active interest in Masonic affairs, and his generous acts on behalf of the Order and the Charitable Institutions connected with it will doubtless receive recognition from the Provincial authorities.—*Portsmouth Times.*

## 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, 16th JULY.

- 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)  
 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)  
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)  
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)  
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8  
 M.M. 251—Tenterton Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street  
 1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton  
 1494—Felix, Clarence Hotel, Teddington  
 1861—Claremont, Crown Hotel, Chertsey  
 2036—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton  
 R.A. 1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton  
 M.M.—Rose and Lily, Four Swans, Waltham Cross

## MONDAY, 18th JULY.

- 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)  
 648—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)  
 975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)  
 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)  
 1607—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 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.)  
 1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)  
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)  
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)  
 1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill  
 2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 2060—La France, 68 Regent Street, W.  
 77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend  
 236—York, Masonic Hall, York  
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon  
 331—Phoenix Public Room, Truro  
 359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton  
 382—Royal Union, Public Rooms, Uxbridge  
 424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead  
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham  
 934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield  
 1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport  
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland  
 1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury  
 1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover  
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1973—Saye and Sele, Masonic Hall, Belvedere, Kent  
 R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastrags  
 R.A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.  
 R.A. 248—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, Bolton Street, Brixham  
 R.A. 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Duffield  
 R.A. 954—St. Aubyn, Ebrington Masonic Hall, Granby Street, Devonport  
 R.A. 995—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston  
 K.T.—Edmund Plantagenet, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury  
 K.T.—Prince of Peace, Bull Hotel, Preston  
 K.T. 39—Fearnley, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury

## TUESDAY, 19th JULY.

- Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4  
 65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)  
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
 73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark  
 141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst.)  
 177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, 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)  
 857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 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)  
 1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)  
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)  
 1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge  
 1446—Mount Edgumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)  
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)  
 1640—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury  
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst)  
 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Bibra Restaurant, Cannon Street, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)  
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)  
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30  
 R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)  
 R.A. 890—Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street  
 R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
 213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich  
 418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley  
 452—Frederick of Unity, Freemasons' Hall, 105 High Street, Croydon  
 463—East Surrey of Concord, Kings' Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)  
 667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.  
 1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall  
 1052—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester  
 1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenthead, Cheshire  
 1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle  
 470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable

- 1473—Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction)  
 1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich  
 1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
 1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool  
 1726—Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor  
 1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton  
 1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley  
 R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath  
 R.A. 510—St. Martin's, Masonic Hall, Liskeard  
 R.A. 829—High Cross, Bull Inn, Dartford  
 R.A. 970—St. Anne's, Masonic Hall, East Looe, Cornwall  
 R.A. 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham  
 M.M.—York, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York  
 M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate  
 R.C. 54—Albion, Concert Hall, St. Leonards-on-Sea

## WEDNESDAY, 20th JULY.

- General Committee Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 4  
 Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6  
 3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
 30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst)  
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)  
 223—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (In)  
 538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)  
 619—Beadon, Greyhound, Dulwich  
 700—Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich  
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)  
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)  
 882—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.  
 865—Dalhousie, Town Hall, Hounslow  
 902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruc)  
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park  
 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.)  
 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.)  
 1631—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)  
 1731—Cholmeley, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill  
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)  
 R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Inst.)  
 R.A. 192—Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.  
 R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, 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)  
 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  
 325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford  
 342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Laudport  
 581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw  
 591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury  
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)  
 633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)  
 753—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire  
 795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead  
 816—Roid, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale  
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury  
 1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield  
 1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks  
 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkstall, Liverpool  
 1161—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester  
 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich  
 1301—Brighthouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighthouse  
 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  
 1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom  
 1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston on Thames  
 1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)  
 1988—Mawddack, St. Ann's Buildings, Barmouth, N. Wales  
 R.A. 76—Economy, Masonic Hall, Parchment Street, Winchester  
 R.A. 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields  
 R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike  
 R.A. 323—Charity, Florist Hotel, Stockport  
 R.A. 344—Beauty, Bull's Head, Radcliffe  
 R.A. 371—Nicholson, Freemasons' Hall, Eaglefield Street, Maryford  
 R.A. 539—Vernon, Dragon Hotel, High Street, Walsall  
 R.A. 580—Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk  
 R.A. 731—Truth, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby  
 R.A. 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth  
 R.A. 1323—Talbot, Mackworth Hotel, Swansea  
 R.A. 1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 R.A. 1375—Architect, Didsbury Hotel, Didsbury  
 M.M. 135—Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Clayport-street, Altwick

## THURSDAY, 21st JULY.

- House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4  
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)  
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)  
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)  
 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)  
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)  
 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)  
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)  
 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Staungate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)  
 1227—Upton, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.  
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Betanul Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)  
 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)  
 1321—Emblematic, Horns Tavern, Kennington  
 1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton  
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)  
 1553—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)  
 1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)  
 1623—West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)  
 1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)  
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)  
 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)

- 1791—Creton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
- 1960—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1963—Duke of Albany, Masonic Hall, Shaftesbury Park, Lavender Hill
- R.A. 63—St. Mary, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
- R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
- M.M. 7—Carnarvon, Café Royal, W.
- M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)
- 56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
- 98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
- 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
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- 1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
- 1320—Blackheath, Green Man, Blackheath
- 1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
- 1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Cred'lon, Devon
- 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1872—St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton
- R.A. 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
- R.A. 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- R.A. 283—Wisdom, Swan Inn, Haslingden
- R.A. 327—St. John's, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
- R.A. 339—Regularity, Crown Hotel, King Street, Penrith
- R.A. 546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Longton, Staffordshire
- R.A. 913—Pattison, Lord Ralga Tavern, Plumstead
- R.A. 1324—Okeover, Mar Hotel, Ripley, Derby
- M.M.—Canynges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol

**FRIDAY, 22nd JULY.**

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
- 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
  - 167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
  - 607—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Jamberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
  - 765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
  - 786—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
  - 790—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
  - 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
  - 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
  - 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
  - 1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
  - 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
  - 1366—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
  - 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
  - 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
  - 1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
  - R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
  - R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
  - R.A. 95—Eastern Star C. of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street
  - 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)
  - 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
  - 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
  - 1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
  - 2039—Londonderry, Y.M.C.A., John Street, Sunderland
  - General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
  - R.A. 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
  - R.A. 1096—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
  - M.M. 164—Southdown, Station Hotel, Haywards Heath, Sussex
  - K.T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

**SATURDAY, 23rd JULY.**

- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
- 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
- 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
- 1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
- 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
- 1541—Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
- 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
- 1679—Henry Mugeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
- 1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
- 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)
- Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
- 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
- 1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
- 1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
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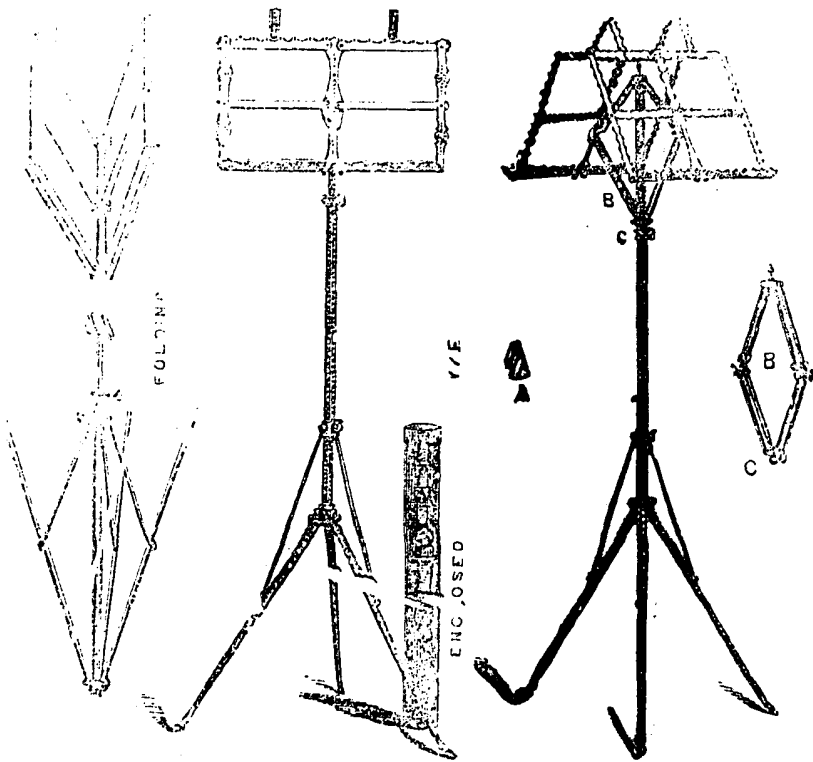
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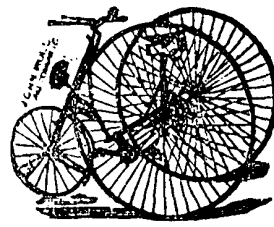
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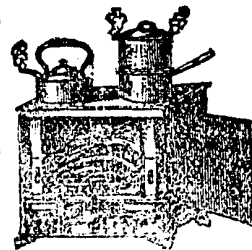
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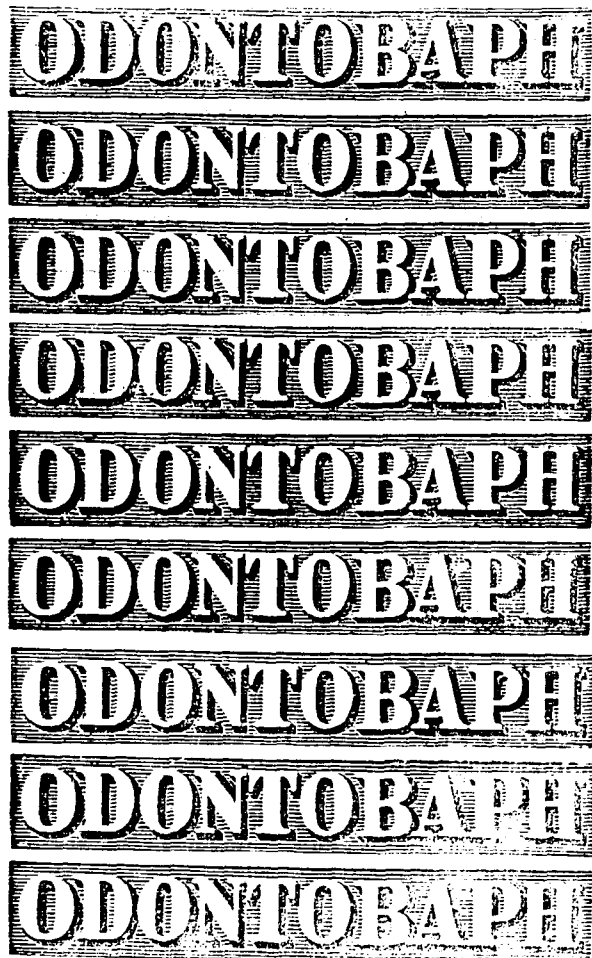
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