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OUR AMERICAN BRETHREN IN ENGLAND.

"HAIL, Columbia!" Most truly we English Freemasons will re-echo from the bottom of our hearts, and especially as we welcome, fraternally and warmly, our worthy brethren from America.

We note with deep approbation the thoroughly English and friendly expressions of our good old Bro. Brackstone Baker, and we admire the eloquent and pertinent words of Bro. Consul General Waller. All such meetings seem to us redolent of the best feelings and truest principles of Freemasonry, and are replete with interest to ourselves, and not without teaching to the world at large. They speak full-voiced, and they witness in potent manner to the large-heartedness, universality, and sympathetic union of our great Masonic Fraternity. For Freemasonry, let us never forget, binds the far and the near, the two hemispheres in adamantine links of fraternal goodwill and affection. It annihilates the differences of climes and customs, races and religions, assuages the controversies of the present, and condones the struggles of the past. Before the softening influences and under the benign ægis of Freemasonry, the great contrasted classes and the most severed nations are brought together in enduring harmony and goodwill; and, without telling the oft-told tale, we can gratefully remember how the healing message and kindly witness of Freemasonry have soothed the horrors of external and intestine war, and proffered as with a ray of light from Heaven itself the composing qualities of mercy, humanity, and brotherly love.

American Freemasons always seem to have a special claim on, and lasting interest for us, in mother country. They are of us, and have sprung from us, lineally and Masonically; bone of our bone, and kith of our kith.

And as good old Baillie Nicol Jarvie once declared that "blood is thicker than water," so, whatever abiding concern we may experience or avow for Freemasonry in the different and distant portion of its ubiquitous existence, north, south, east and west, we do feel, as we must feel, an intense, a vivid, and a deeply engrossing sympathy, respect and affection for the American Craft. There are many reasons why just now American Freemasons should find from us all in England a hearty, a well deserved, and brotherly reception. They represent to us in themselves one of the most striking manifestations of Masonic life, energy, and union that the world has ever witnessed.

That great army of American Freemasons seems to portray with telling fidelity the graces, the charms, the power, the principles of Freemasonry proper. In America Freemasons have passed through trials and an ordeal of which we know nothing, happily, in England. They have outlived the virulence of a lying persecution, and have laughed down the attacks of unbridled fanaticism. They have become great from small beginnings, and have seen their Lodges multiply, and their Grand Lodges extend, in strict conformity to Masonic principles, by a close adherence to Masonic landmarks, and a uniform and effective assertion of all those leading and living moralities which are the only true tests of the reality, of the mission, and the true aim and end of Freemasonry.

The brethren whom we greet from America are all, as we well know, true Masons and good fellows, and many of us

can rejoice to think that we ourselves can count numberless warm friends and cheery brethren amid the stately cities and even the countless villages of America.

So our aspirations to-day are sincerely and fraternally for the onward, peaceful, and happy progress of the great American Masonic family, and for these good brethren and friends of ours now with us, may they find a hearty welcome and genuine sympathy from English hearts and hosts, and may they return home to their great country with renewed goodwill and affection for this old land, and with an increased belief in the warmth, tenacity, reality, and earnestness of English Freemasons and English Freemasonry.

THE PROGRESS OF MARK MASONRY.

IT needs only a glance at the results of the Annual Festival of the Benevolent Fund of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, held last week, at the Holborn Restaurant (and duly reported in the columns of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), to exemplify the manner in which the Mark Degree has increased in numbers and influence during recent years. The splendid gathering, which was attended by so many Festival Stewards from all parts of the country, and graced as it was by the presence of such a galaxy of ladies, far surpassed anything of its kind we have been accustomed to witness, even in the metropolis of Masonry—if indeed such an expression is admissible. But, apart from the grandeur of the scene which was presented at the Festival, we have the solid satisfaction underlying the whole that the Mark Degree has of late made rapid strides, comparably almost with the advance of Craft Masonry. Bro. Earl Amherst, whose popularity as the Provincial Grand Master of the Craft in Kent has become so proverbial, and whose position as a Past Grand Mark Master is by no means less a subject of congratulation amongst the members of that Degree, presided, supported on the one hand by the Deputy Grand Master the Marquis of Hertford, and on the other by Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., Grand Mark Master of Worcestershire. Arrayed on all sides were those whose purple collars and decorations denoted the "suit and service" they had rendered to the Degree, and the spectacle in the Venetian Saloon of the Holborn Restaurant on Wednesday evening last week was one not soon to be forgotten. There was something very appropriate—and more so as it was a satisfactory coincidence—in the remark of Bro. Godson, when he pointed out that when Earl Amherst, "in times gone by," presided at a Festival of the Boys' School, the total amount of subscriptions was larger than ever had been known before, and that on this occasion, when he had so kindly consented to preside over the Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund, the same story had to be repeated. The noble Earl, accepting the genial compliments that were paid to him upon his promotion from the House of Commons to a "more quiet and peaceful throne" in the Lords, referred to the time when Mark Masonry was "trying to make its way," and he remarked, with a flush of pardonable triumph, that, although his collar was old, he was "not ashamed of it now." Why, indeed, should he be? Since the time to which our worthy brother referred, the Mark Degree has made such advances as were never contemplated by its earliest adherents. From very small beginnings it has sprung to its present state of prosperity,

and this will be all the more readily gauged when it is considered that, whereas at the first Festival, held in the year 1870, the very modest sum of £100 was realised for the Benevolent Fund, last week the energetic Secretary, Bro. C. F. Matier, had the gratification of announcing, amidst enthusiastic applause, that the lists brought up by the Stewards amounted to the magnificent total of £2,260. That such an increase should have been accomplished in nineteen years speaks volumes for the activity and earnestness of those who have taken a prominent part in advocating the claims of the Mark Benevolent Fund; but at the same time it tells of the vast impetus the Mark Degree has received of recent years. There are many of us who can recollect the time when the Mark was recognised only as a "side" Degree, and a very subsidiary one indeed; but with the progress of time it seems to have established for itself a place and name in Freemasonry which entitle it to the highest regard and esteem. "By their fruits ye shall know them;" and if, as is ever the case in all branches of Masonic work, the result of last week's Festival may be taken as a criterion, then indeed the members of the Mark Degree may congratulate themselves upon the "progress they have made in the science," which has rendered them "more extensively useful to their fellow creatures." It is satisfactory to know that the Fund has been sufficient to meet all the demands upon it, with something to be laid by. We all acknowledge that in every association whose object is the diffusion of benevolent assistance it is absolutely necessary there should be a reserve fund, in order to provide against such an "occasional gust of ill-fortune" as that which the noble Earl suggested; and it is comforting to be assured the Mark Benevolent Fund is safe in this respect. Since the establishment of the Fund the sum of £1,730 has been expended, in various kinds of relief, and twenty-six children have reaped the benefits of the Educational Fund, at a cost of £680. This may not appear a very large result in the aggregate of eighteen years, but when it is considered that, like all other Institutions, this sprang from very small beginnings, it will be conceded that there is much room for gratification at the growth of an association which must now increase in volume as time goes on. At the last meeting of the Mark Grand Lodge it was unanimously agreed to give the sum of five pounds annually to each pupil for clothing, which will necessitate this year a further expenditure of one hundred pounds; and the result of the recent Festival will satisfy the brethren that no difficulty in that respect will be experienced by the Executive. Some of our readers who are not associated with the Mark Degree may be interested to know that the Fund is divided into three branches—Benevolent, Educational, and Annuity; and all contributions received are equally apportioned to these most deserving objects. The first-named branch, for relief and benevolence, is under the control of the General Board, and grants above certain amounts have to receive confirmation by Grand Lodge. In behalf of this fund there is invested a capital of thirteen hundred pounds. There is, as yet, no educational establishment permanently raised in connection with the Mark Degree, such as we are proud to possess in connection with the Craft; but, notwithstanding this, the Educational branch of the fund, which has an invested capital of nineteen hundred pounds, has done good service in the way of educating the children of Mark Master Masons, eligible for assistance, at grammar or other schools, in the vicinity of their parents' residences. This system has been found to work well up to the present time, and is much appreciated by those who have received its benefits. Eleven boys and nine girls are now being educated by annual grants from this Fund; and as we have already mentioned, by a vote of Grand Lodge in November last, each child will receive annually the sum of five pounds to procure necessary clothing. The advantage of such a provision will be practically understood and appreciated by all parents, and the new arrangement is another feature in the Mark Benevolent scheme which should commend it to the continued and increased support of the brethren everywhere. The Annuity Fund was established by Grand Lodge just eighteen months ago, when an amount of one thousand pounds was voted as a nucleus, and its object is to grant annuities of twenty pounds each to aged and decayed Mark Master Mason, and sixteen pounds to the widows of Mark Master Masons, after election by the subscribers, in the usual way. To provide for any cases that may arise in connection with this branch, there is now invested thirteen hundred pounds.

We are informed that numerous grants already made by the General Board and by Grand Lodge have in every case been highly appreciated, and have been of such material service to the recipients as to afford the best possible justification for the establishment of the Fund. It is hoped, however, that the extensions of the objects for which the Mark Benevolent Fund was originally constituted, and which have been rendered practicable by the kind support extended by members of the Order since its foundation, will provide an inducement to the old contributors to the Fund to continue their support, and to many others to render assistance who have hitherto withheld their aid. The response of the Stewards representing London and the Provinces—the results of which were given in detail in our columns last week—must have convinced the noble President, the Secretary, and all others interested in the Mark Degree, of the solid and substantial progress which has been made in that branch of Freemasonry; and, inasmuch as Freemasonry can breathe no other atmosphere but that of Charity, there need be little fear for the future success of the Mark Benevolent Fund. We are fully aware of the heavy calls that have been, and are likely to be, made upon the benevolent sympathies of members of our Order; but the solid and indisputable fact remains that wherever Freemasonry is, and whatever shape it may assume, there will be found an exemplification of those virtues and principles which are the bases and landmarks of our Fraternity, as a spring of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, ever welling up from the inexhaustible sources of the stream of universal beneficence. We sincerely congratulate the Executive of the Fund upon the very gratifying outcome of their Festival, and trust that as years go on they may "increase and multiply" in the power of doing good to our less fortunate fellows who stand in need of their assistance.

MORE NOBLE BUILDING.

An Oration delivered by Bro. William Grant Van Horne, at the Dedication of the New Hall of Story Lodge, No. 4, at Provo, Utah, 4th October 1886.

ALTHOUGH Masonry is a secret Brotherhood, there are ways in which it has always shown to the world something of its aims and purposes, not so much to disclose the good there is in the Fraternity, as that it has ever been a living force in the world's struggle for enlightenment, and by its work has laid bare its character.

We meet to-day as Masons to dedicate a hall to Masonic uses, and yet as a Fraternity we have taken no part in the handiwork of raising these walls. So great a contrast is there between this dedication of to day and those other days when Masons were builders for the whole world, that we may fitly pause to trace back, link by link, the chain which binds us, as Masons, to the Masons of the olden time who wrought the birth of their minds and the best fruit of their skilled hands into buildings whose beauty and grandeur have been the admiration of all times. Nor could we find an hour or occasion more fit for scanning their work, and, through it, seeking to prove them brethren indeed to us who work only in the speculative art. In this quest we can scarcely err, for by their fruits we know them, and they have left their sure mark upon the ages—their firm "Footprints on the sands of Time."

In every age and civilization, there have been two opposing forces,—one intelligent, creative, seeking to build up; the other ignorant, destructive, seeking only to ruin and tear down. The line of civilization is ever the resultant of these two forces. Our ancient Brethren—the master-builders—have left unfading record that they were ever in the forefront of human conflict—leaders in the race of human progress. Yea, more! In days of old, when printing was unknown and thought could not be scattered broadcast on the printed leaf, architecture was the art by which worthy thought wrote itself on stony tablets for the discerning eye to see.

It has been said that "Language is fossil poetry;" with equal truth it may be said that in former days architecture was character and thought, crystallized into stone. Not the transient character, the fleeting thought of the master who drew the plans; still less of the workmen who laid the courses of the stone—but the ruling character, the leading thought of the age in which the walls were reared.

By aid of the monuments our ancient brethren left, we can gaze backward through the misty aisles of intervening ages, and read as in a book "The thoughts, the passions, the desires" of those to whom we look as the forefathers of our own Masonry.

So far back in the dim day-break of history, that only the keen sight of recent learning has penetrated the veil of centuries which enwrapped that old-time civilisation, there dwelt at the delta of the Nile, a mighty nation, even then so ancient that it boasted a fabled origin from men who had peopled a vanished continent, and called themselves the children of the stars. This nation was skilled in the arts, proud of its antiquity and learning, victorious in warfare—ruling widely.

Alike from Papyrus rolls, telling of the mysteries of Isis and Osiris—from records cut in hardest granite, and from sarcophagi freighted with spice-embalmed dead, we learn that the ruling characteristic of Egyptian civilisation, was the desire for material permanence,—one might almost say material immortality,—and the leading thought was, that knowledge was the heritage of the chosen few, and should be kept a sealed book, unread and unthought of, by the many. The desire for material permanence crystallized into stone, and what has it left us? The mighty Pyramids; builded on sand and yet eternal; reared from a plain, and yet sky-piercing; on whose unyielding sides the centuries drop like summer rain and leave no trace! The thought that knowledge was for the few, hardened into stone, and what has it left us? That wondrous woman-face, which belying all the traditions of her sex, has set a seal upon her lips through all the ages! The mystic Sphinx, whose riddle all the seers have tried, but none have fully guessed.

We read in Holy Writ that a man-child was born of a race held in bondage by the Egyptians, at a time when Egypt's King, fearing the increasing numbers of the bond race, ordered that all their male children should be slain; that this child's parents made an ark, placed the child in it, and trusted the frail craft with its precious freight to the tender mercies of Father Nile. A royal princess of Egypt found the helpless babe, and, her woman's heart touched with pity, claimed him as her son, and had him reared in the sacred temples, and taught, until skilled in all the knowledge of the Egyptians. That babe, grown to manhood, became the leader and deliverer of his enslaved race, and spurning the thought of keeping them ignorant of so great a good, taught them all the knowledge of the one and only God,—the secret so safely kept by the Egyptian priests. The Hebrew people became thenceforth the chosen people—chosen of God because of their steadfastness to keep alive in the world, amid surrounding idolatry, the knowledge of the Great Architect who made the universe and holds the world as in the hollow of his hand.

After many wars, and much slipping from their devotion to this sacred knowledge, at last a time came when it was fitting for this people to build a temple to the God they knew and adored. Again the leading thought of their race and time—the oneness and glorious power of JEHOVAH—wrought itself into stone; and in Solomon's Temple, from which Masonry draws so many of its traditions, we see a building which had no forerunner and no follower, a wholly new and unique style, wrought with all manner of cunning work, in brass and gold—a fit temple to Him who has no fellow—no sharer in His glory or in His majesty.

The lucid air of Greece, the rock-bound isles of the Grecian Archipelago—the tossing waves of the blue Ægean, and the flaming skies which in that fair land heralded the dawn and bade the day farewell, conspired to awaken in the quick and lively mind of the Greek an overweening love for the beautiful in all its forms. With him the good and the beautiful were but the two sides of the shield, and were coupled as equal yoke-fellows in one phrase. Good, because beautiful—beautiful, because good. This ruling thought—love of the beautiful—embodied in stone, gave us the matchless Parthenon, a dream of perfect beauty, whose every line and measure has been the envy and despair of every builder since—the standard and gauge of perfect beauty and of perfect symmetry.

The ruling thought of Ancient Rome was the greatness and power of the Commonwealth, and we find it written in the mighty sewers, the stately aqueducts and public baths, the military roads which cut the corners of the then known world—in triumphal arches, the Coliseum and the Forum.

With the change from heathenism to Christianity, the

mind of Rome was diverted from the contemplation of the enduring power, and earth-encircling vastness of the Roman Commonwealth, and led to behold and ponder upon the everlasting power and grander majesty of the revealed Creator. Emerson has fitly told how this idea embodied itself in stone:

"The hand that rounded Peter's dome,
And grained the aisles of Sacred Rome,
Wrought in a sad sincerity,
Himself from God he could not free,
He builded better than he knew,
The conscious stone to beauty grew."

Yes! Grew to beauty, but to beauty so vast, that a myriad men might hide within the walls of that great temple and be scarce found.

From the earliest time the nature-loving Germans had adored the Creative Spirit and consecrated groves to his worship. When they changed natural for revealed religion and began to build temples, their minds were full of the thought that the One to whom they built was He from whom the living world drew life, and they wrought their love of nature into temples consecrate to Nature's God. From drooping branches of their holy beechen groves, they caught the fashion of the pointed arch; from moonlit glades and arching boughs of oak and elm they drew the graceful aisles and slender columns which adorn their work; they took the "starry pointing" pinnacle, from lonely form of fir or pine, and from the interlacing stems of flowers and reed and fern, from leaf and acorn, root and tender twig, they drew the countless forms of beauty and of grace, which make their work a joy for ever, and less a building than a growth in stone—all forms of nature blent to honour Nature's God.

When the art of printing was perfected, architecture lost its use as a mode of expressing character, and men no longer recorded their thoughts by the slow shaping of the senseless stone. The master mind no longer meant the master builder, and Masonry changed from an operative to a speculative art. But the work of the world's enlightenment has marched along with steady tread, and in this march the successors of the early Masons have ever kept the front. They have still sought to find and share with others the blessed light—the light of human liberty. They have builded governments rather than temples. One by one they have stricken off the fetters which bound man to his low estate; the galling fetters of priestly craft; the heavy chains of kingly tyranny; the cursed bonds of human slavery! The ruling thought of our age is the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man—a Fatherhood better worshipped by the building of pure and spotless character than by the grace of carven stone—a Brotherhood which, by its kindly touch, sends the warm thrill of human sympathy through every hand that trembles with the stress of pain or sorrow; the Brotherhood which keeps a helping hand for him who stumbles and is like to fall; a word of council and of hope for him who strives, but fears defeat; a charity which serves the father while it aids his sons; that links all human kind by sacred ties of brotherly affection.

In all these ways Masonry to-day is building as noble temples as our fathers built; more lasting than theirs, as the human soul outlasts the hardest stone; more acceptable to God, as a contrite spirit is dearer to him than a jewelled altar; more precious than theirs, as the welfare of a human life outstrips in worth the gleam of carven gems.

While our Institution continues to teach and practise the great virtues, "Relief for suffering, Truth in all things, and Charity to all mankind," it will in the best sense be still a Master builder, to whom the Masons of old can look with love and awe, and say: "Oh! Brother, your work is greater than mine, as your light is brighter, but we yet are brethren since we both have worked for, and under, the Great Architect, the Father of us all."

MORE ON THE PHILADELPHIA QUESTION.

BY BRO. JACOB NORTON.

TYPOGRAPHICAL errors are not uncommon, and though the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE is more free from such errors than some other papers I could mention, yet I noticed, in a letter by "A Student of Bro. Gould's

History," in its issue of 2nd July, that 1710 was substituted for 1730.

In my paper, printed 25th June, I applied the words "home rule" to Coxe's Deputation, meaning that if he had established a Prov. Grand Lodge that the Prov. Grand Lodge would have been as independent of the Mother Grand Lodge as Mr. Parnell's scheme of home rule for Ireland would be if he had his way; for Coxe's Patent ordained that after he served as Prov. Grand Master for two years, the Prov. Grand Lodge should elect his successor. Thus the Grand Master of England virtually renounced his right to appoint Coxe's successor. Unfortunately, the printer here made a mistake; instead of "renounced" he made it "announced." On the day I received the paper I corrected the error in the margin, and did the same to the copy at the Boston Masonic Temple. It seems to me that a man of ordinary experience would at once have seen that it was a typographical error, and might from the context have guessed what it was. To "A Student of Bro. Gould's History" the printer's blunder was a great puzzle. Having, however, explained it, I would like "A Student of Bro. Gould's History" to explain his whole tissue of puzzles. He says:—

"Coxe's Patent was then a limited Patent for two years. It was not certain that he would be re-elected, and it has occurred often to me that a popular election was then an unknown force and factor. Coxe practically never exercised (as Bro. Gould so well says) any authority under it; but let it lapse, and left it to the Brethren—following the words of the Patent, not even the Prov. Grand Lodge, be it noted—to elect his successor, he taking no part in it. Had he done so, Franklin must have known of it, and would have mentioned it when he first wrote to Henry Price."

This is the most singular style of reasoning that any Philadelphia Mother of American Masonry advocate has yet attempted. He says, if Franklin had known that Coxe took part in founding Philadelphia Masonry he would have informed Price thereof. It seems to me that if Franklin had known that Coxe was directly, or indirectly, connected with the origin of Masonry in Philadelphia that he would have made some mention thereof either in the Record, in the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, or to Henry Price. The fact that Franklin never mentioned Coxe's Masonry, even in 1739, when he noticed Coxe's death in his paper, proves that he never heard of his 1730 Deputation. Our Philadelphia advocate goes on to say:—

"The passage in the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, of 26th June 1732, seems to show that the Brethren knew of the Patent and acted under it. Franklin, later, seems to have been dissatisfied as regards the legality of the proceedings, about which some question may fairly arise, and to have wanted the sanction of some authority from home, to validate all that had been done."

The above quotation simply amounts to this—"I declare," saith the unknown Student of Bro. Gould's History, "without reason and against reason, that it seems to me that this, that, and t'other prove the possibility of the moon having been made of green cheese, and, therefore, the readers of my letter should believe in my inspiration." Seriously speaking, the passage in the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, of 26th June 1732, contains no hint "to show that the Brethren knew" anything either of Coxe's Patent or of the very existence of Daniel Coxe; there is not a particle of evidence that the Philadelphia Masons, from 1731 to 1749, acted under any authorised Patent whatever, nor can the "Unknown" furnish an iota of evidence or reason that Franklin first believed Coxe's Patent to be O.K., and that he later on became dissatisfied as regards the legality of the proceedings. It amused me to notice how he pats Bro. Gould on the shoulder with his condescending approbation—viz., "as Bro. Gould says so well," implying thereby that he and Bro. Gould are in perfect accord about Coxe's connection with Philadelphia Masonry in 1731, while, in reality, there are no two men wider apart on the question at issue than the "Student of Bro. Gould's History" and Bro. Gould himself.

There was, however, another puzzle to be solved—viz., Coxe's Patent authorised him to hold office until 24th June 1732. The Philadelphians, however, elected a Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master in 1731—that is just a year before Coxe's Provincial Grand Mastership expired; hence it was justly claimed that Philadelphia could not have derived its Masonry from Coxe's Patent. To the above question our "Unknown" replies:—

"I do not attach much importance to the minute book, letter B, as regards Allen and Pringle [the Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master] in 1731. All such books are often posted up later, not written at the time, and the mistake of a year or so often occurs; probably the minute should read June 1732."

Now, I admit that a mistake in the said book is possible. Here, however, the statement that Allen was Grand Master in 1731 was confirmed on another page of the same book by another scribe, who began a different method of ledgering, a year after the first Secretary wrote up his minutes to near the close of 1731. It is, therefore, stretching a little too far to suppose that two successive Secretaries would have written 1731 instead of 1732; besides which, if Allen had succeeded Coxe, he would have been styled in the record "Provincial Grand Master," and not "Grand Master."

I shall only add that our "Unknown" should have sent his letter to the *Keystone* at Philadelphia, whose Editor would not have allowed a word in opposition to it to appear in his paper. There the paper is one-sided upon the question at issue; but the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE is, unfortunately for Masonic dreamers, open and free for men of common sense to expose all kinds of nonsense, including the nonsense of Coxe's connection with Philadelphia Masonry in 1731.

Boston, U.S., 13th July 1887.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF ESSEX.

THE Annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex was held on Tuesday last, at Romford, under the banner of the Liberty of Havering Lodge, No. 1537, when there was a numerous attendance of brethren from all parts of the Province, and the meeting was altogether of a highly successful character. It appeared to be quite "an event" with the inhabitants of the quaint little town, for in honour of the visit of "ye mystic tie" they adorned the streets with bunting, and displayed considerable interest in the proceedings. The weather was brilliantly fine, and a refreshing breeze kept in lively motion the strings of flags that spanned the streets all the way from Bro. John Little's "Rising Sun"—the headquarters of the Liberty of Havering Lodge—into the heart of the town. As usual, the Great Eastern Railway Company issued return tickets at single fares, a concession that is always appreciated; and at two o'clock the Court House, which had been placed at the disposal of the Committee by the local magistrates, became the scene of unwonted activity and animation. The brethren clothed in a marquée erected for their convenience in rear of the building, and took up positions under their respective banners in the Lodge-room, the Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers soon afterwards entering, amidst the cordial applause of the assembly. The Provincial Grand Master, Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Brooke, was accompanied by his Deputy, Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, Bros. F. W. Imbert Terry S.G.W., A. C. Durrant J.G.W., Rev. Thos. Cochrane P.G.C. of England (who officiated as Prov. Grand Chaplain), Andrew Durrant G. Treasurer, Thos. J. Ralling P.G. Sd. Br. G. Secretary, J. Salmon G. Registrar, A. J. Dudgeon S.J.D., H. R. Heasman J.G.D., J. Grimes G. Supt. of Wks., A. Lucking G. Dir. Cers., J. Corble Assistant ditto, Joseph Clever, G. C. Sewell and S. H. Ellis G. Sd. Brs., T. W. Smith G. Org., A. Rattray Assistant G. Secretary, G. T. Bailey G. Pur., G. Riches Assistant ditto, T. S. Sarel G. Tyler, G. R. Dawson, J. K. F. Lightowers, R. J. Warren, A. G. Maskell, W. Metcalfe, and E. Durrant G. Stewards. Amongst the Visitors was Bro. F. Binckes P.G. Sword Br. (Secretary of the Royal Institution for Boys), and on the dais were a large number of Past Prov. Grand Officers, making altogether a goodly display of purple. As the Provincial Grand Master, attended by his Officers, entered the Lodge-room, Bro. Smith, Prov. G. Org., played appropriate music on the organ, and his Lordship was greeted with an unmistakably warm welcome. Prov. Grand Lodge was then opened in due form, and the Grand Master was saluted according to ancient custom, Bro. A. Lucking P.G.P. Eng., officiating as Director of Ceremonies. The minutes of the last Annual Provincial Grand Lodge, at Saffron Walden, and of the special meeting at Southend, having been read

and confirmed, letters of apology were put in from several brethren who were unable to attend. The roll of Lodges, twenty six in number, was then called over, and all, with the exception of the Joshua Nunn Lodge, No. 2154, were represented. The Provincial Grand Master enquired whether the absence of a representative of the Joshua Nunn Lodge was in consequence of the serious loss that Lodge had recently sustained—referring to the death of the founder, after whom the Lodge was named; but the Provincial Grand Secretary was unable to give any official explanation. The amount of contributions from the various Lodges, and the number of members in each for 1887, were announced, and it appeared that the total number of members in the Province was 1,173, showing an increase of 34 in the year. The contributions amounted to £852 3s, being an increase of £10 5s, and there was also a slight increase in the Charity Fund. On the motion of Bro. J. J. C. Turner, P.P.G.O., the Auditors' report was adopted, as also was the report of the Charity Committee. In respect of the latter, the Provincial Grand Secretary said a number of votes had been borrowed from the Province of Monmouth, in anticipation of an Election for the Girls' School; and although no election took place this year, Monmouth still held them responsible for those votes.

The Provincial Grand Master remarked that before any motion was made on the report of the Charity Committee, he should like to say a word about the question raised as to whether they were indebted to Monmouth for the votes in connection with the Girls' Election. Under the peculiar circumstances of the year, all the candidates were admitted without an election, and as those votes were borrowed for the specific purpose of supporting a particular candidate, it seemed absurd that they should be held responsible for votes which were not available for use. He had asked advice on this matter, and those who were informed on such subjects told him Monmouth had no claim upon them. Therefore he should suggest that it be an instruction to the Provincial Grand Secretary to refuse the application of the Monmouth Province for the votes they alleged were owing. Bro. A. J. Dixie J.W. 453 moved, and Bro. J. Corble P.M. and Sec. of the same Lodge seconded, that the claim for votes referred to be declared null and void; this was carried unanimously.

The Prov. Grand Sec. then read the report of the Calendar Publication, and said although the profit on the Calendar was not so great as it should be, yet they would be able to go through the year without calling upon the guarantors. The Calendar was not supported as it ought to be. The issue of the work involved considerable time and labour, and the brethren should support it better than they had done hitherto. The Deputy Prov. G.M. moved that the Calendar be continued for the next year. As one of the guarantors he was quite prepared to remain so. The Calendar was only just alive, but he hoped those brethren who had not taken it would do so, because they would find in it a vast amount of valuable information. The Essex Calendar would bear comparison with any in the kingdom. The motion was duly seconded and carried.

The Prov. Grand Master then addressed the brethren, observing that it was a very great pleasure to meet them again at their annual meeting. That was a pleasure he cordially and heartily looked forward to and most highly valued, because he knew he was so well supported in his Province that it was a source of great gratification to come amongst such active workers as he had around him that day, and as he had on several occasions before. It was satisfactory to find the Province was gradually increasing in numbers, and that the utmost harmony prevailed amongst the various Lodges. He then referred to the late Bro. Joshua Nunn, who, as they remembered, had done so much for Freemasonry, both in this Province and at Grand Lodge. He believed that Bro. Nunn was President of the Board of Benevolence for some time, and they knew he made great efforts for Freemasonry by starting the Lodge which was named after him. It was a matter of the deepest regret, he was sure, to the brethren of the Joshua Nunn Lodge that, so soon after it had been consecrated, the brother who had done so much for it, and had brought it to life, had been removed from their midst without having had the opportunity of presiding over it on any one occasion. However, at the same time, he believed they had an excellent Master in Bro. Vero W. Taylor, whom he regretted not to see present that day. He was sure Bro. Taylor would have some good explanation to offer why he was not there. They might also congratu-

late themselves upon the returns which the Prov. Grand Secretary had read to them. They knew that Essex was almost entirely an agricultural county, and agriculture was at present in a very depressed condition all over the kingdom. But Essex suffered especially, being so much subject to atmospheric influences, and the fact that it grew more wheat than any other county, and the price of corn being so low at the present time. Notwithstanding this, the financial position of the Prov. Grand Lodge was very satisfactory, and since last year they had added two new Lodges—the Joshua Nunn, to which he had alluded, and the Royal Victorian Jubilee Lodge, No. 2184, which he had the honour of consecrating. He looked back with the greatest possible pleasure upon the hospitable reception he met in that part of the Province (Tilbury). With respect to the consecration of new Lodges, he trusted the brethren of the two he had named would be careful not, in their eagerness and anxiety to increase their numbers, to admit any but those whom they had reason to believe would prove a credit to their Lodges and satisfactory to Freemasonry generally. With regard to the Charities, that was a subject of which they might be justly proud. As he had said before, they were not a very rich county, but, looking at the figures, he saw that Essex was well represented at the various Festivals. Their contributions to Charity during the last four years had averaged £951, and the total last year was £863. He knew it was owing to the exertions of those philanthropic members who had given up so much of their time to the work that this desirable and commendable result was achieved, and they ought to be very grateful to those brethren who had given themselves that trouble. His Lordship then alluded at some length to the Jubilee Commemoration Gathering at the Albert Hall, and said those who had the pleasure of attending would bear agreeable recollections of it to their latest hour. All present were delighted with the admirable manner in which the M.W.G.M. and others conducted the proceedings on that occasion. There was one matter of special pleasure to himself, and he was sure the brethren of the Province would agree with him and share in that pleasure when he reminded them of it. Amongst the Past Grand honours conferred upon many who had rendered good service to the Craft, the distinction of Past Grand Assistant D.C. was conferred upon their excellent and indefatigable Prov. Grand Secretary Bro. Ralling. He (the speaker) could personally testify to the excellent work that had been done in the Province by Bro. Ralling; he could not say how useful he had found that brother to himself as Prov. Grand Master; and all who had been brought into contact with him in any way could say how well he executed the duties of his office. In conclusion his Lordship said, Prov. Grand Lodge was much obliged to the members of the Liberty of Havering Lodge for the manner in which they had been received on this occasion. Of course it was an honour to any Lodge to receive Prov. Grand Lodge under its banner; at the same time it was an honour accompanied by considerable amount of trouble on the part of the members on behalf of Prov. Grand Lodge. He congratulated them upon the result so far, and hoped the remainder of the day would be spent in an equally satisfactory manner, and their whole proceedings might have pleasant recollections. He thanked them again for supporting him so kindly on this as on many previous occasions. His Lordship resumed his seat amidst loud applause.

Bro. F. W. Imbert Terry S.G.W., moved the re-election of Bro. Andrew Durrant as Prov. Grand Treas., remarking upon the good amount of service he had rendered to the Province during the last eight years. The motion was seconded by Bro. J. Grimes, Prov. G. Supt. of Works, and carried amidst acclamation.

The Provincial Grand Master then proceeded to invest his Officers for the year, and a somewhat amusing incident occurred. His Lordship had evidently taken it for granted that his Deputy had already been invested, for he called upon the newly-appointed S.G.W. first. Bro. Philbrick, amidst the laughter of the brethren, stood silently before the Grand Master, who speedily discovered the omission, and on investing him as Deputy, thanked Bro. Philbrick for the service he had rendered to the Province and his kindness to himself. Bro. Philbrick assured his Lordship it was with very great pleasure that he undertook the office of Deputy Prov. Grand Master again, and so long as he continued to hold his (the Prov. G.M.'s) confidence, and that of the brethren in the discharge of his duties, anything he could do for the good of the Province and the happiness

of the brethren would be to him a labour of love. The other Officers were then invested, as follows:—

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| Bro. Thomas Humphreys W.M. 1437 | ... | S.W. |
| G. H. Finch I.P.M. 2005 | ... | J.W. |
| Andrew Durrant P.M. 276 | ... | Treasurer |
| E. Shedd P.M. 276 | ... | Registrar |
| T. J. Ralling P.G.A.D.C. England | ... | Secretary |
| P.M. and Secretary 51 | ... | |
| G. R. Dawson I.P.M. 1000 | ... | S.D. |
| H. King W.M. 1280 | ... | J.D. |
| J. E. Horn W.M. 1457 | ... | Superintendent of Works |
| A. Lucking P.G.P. England P.M. and | ... | Director of Ceremonies |
| Secretary 1000 | ... | |
| W. M. Foxcroft W.M. 2063 | ... | Assistant Dir. of Cer. |
| J. R. J. Lightowlers I.P.M. 1817 | ... | Sword Bearer |
| C. C. Potter I.P.M. 1343 | ... | Standard Bearers |
| William Groom Treasurer 650 | ... | |
| T. W. Noble Organist 1543 | ... | Organist |
| R. H. Scott P.M. 1799 | ... | Assistant Secretary |
| J. Fuller W.M. 1312 | ... | Pursuivant |
| R. J. Warren P.M. 1437 | ... | Assistant Pursuivant |
| H. Finer W.M. 1799 | ... | Stewards |
| E. J. Acworth Treasurer 2077 | ... | |
| C. T. Lewis W.M. 2184 | ... | |
| Burroughes P.M. 1437 | ... | |
| Beeson P.M. 1437 | ... | Tyler |
| G. B. Gilbey J.D. 1437 | ... | |
| T. S. Sarel 276 | ... | |

On the motion of Bro. White, seconded by Bro. Salmon, it was resolved that Bro. G. H. Finch I.P.M. 2005, Prov. G.J.W., be elected a member of the Charity Committee, in the room of Bro. H. E. Dehane P.P.G.S.D., who retired by rotation. Testimony was borne to the highly valuable services rendered by Bro. Dehane to the Committee, and a hope was expressed that those services might be in some way retained, even though by the laws it was provided that the Committee must be represented by a Grand Officer for the year. Bro. Finch returned thanks for his appointment.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer proposed that the sum of ten guineas be given to the funds of each of the three Masonic Charities. Of this ten guineas would come from the Prov. Charity Fund, and twenty guineas from the Prov. Grand Lodge Fund. In reply to the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Durrant said the finances of the Province would allow of these grants. The motion was seconded by Bro. Clever Prov. Grand Standard Bearer; and Bro. F. A. White P.P.G.R. hoped Prov. Grand Lodge would allow of these sums being placed on the lists of the Stewards of the Liberty of Havering Lodge, under whose banner they had met. The resolution was carried unanimously.

On the motion of Bro. Turner, seconded by Bro. Clowes, it was resolved that five guineas be given to the United Railway Officers' and Servants' Benevolent Association, of which the Earl of Lathom was one of the trustees.

Bro. White proposed, and Bro. Manning seconded, that ten guineas be voted to the funds of the Royal Cottage Hospital, which is being erected in commemoration of the Jubilee year. This was also agreed to.

The Prov. Grand Treasurer asked for, and received, the sanction of Prov. Grand Lodge that fifteen guineas should be granted from the funds towards the expenses of the day.

A vote of thanks was, on the motion of Bro. John Corble, accorded to the Charity Committee for their services during the past year; and the vote was duly acknowledged by Bro. Frederick Wood.

The Prov. Grand Master trusted the announcement he had to make would be satisfactory, namely that it was proposed to hold the next Prov. Grand Lodge at Colchester. He looked back with very agreeable feelings to the last time he was there in connection with Freemasonry, when they did him the honour of supporting him when he was installed as their Prov. Grand Master. At the same time that reminiscence was tinged with sadness, inasmuch as His Royal Highness the Duke of Albany, who installed him, was no longer amongst them. He felt sure, however, they would agree with him that in going to Colchester they were taking a place which was of great importance in the county, and that it would be acceptable to all members of Prov. Grand Lodge.

Business being concluded, Prov. Grand Lodge was closed in due form with solemn prayer.

The banquet was held in the Corn Exchange, which was prettily decorated for the occasion with shields, trophies of flags, &c. and festooned curtains of white lace. Over the Chairman's seat was a draping of colours, red, white and blue, embroidered with white lace, surmounted by a fan of flags, with the Square and Compasses underneath, bearing the number of the Liberty of Havering Lodge. An

excellent and well-served repast was much enjoyed, the arrangements of the Committee being in every respect admirable.

In proposing the Queen and the Craft, the Prov. Grand Master said it would certainly be odd if, this year of all others, they did not receive the health of Her Majesty with the greatest enthusiasm. No one would gainsay that there never was a wiser Sovereign than Her Majesty, who had the honour of reigning for fifty years over one of the most powerful empires ever known in the world. They were all most pleased to have the opportunity of testifying their loyalty to the Throne as Freemasons. Speaking of the M.W. Grand Master, and repeating what he had said in Lodge as to the Albert Hall Gathering, he said the result of that meeting, adding more than £6,000 to the funds of the Masonic Charities must have been eminently satisfactory to H.R.H. as well as to all who listened to him. The next toast was that of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past. They had had the honour of receiving the Earl of Carnarvon in Essex, when he installed his (the speaker's) lamented predecessor. The Earl of Lathom had also been in the county, where he was much appreciated. His Lordship again referred to the honour conferred upon the Prov. Grand Secretary, and said no one could be more worthily selected for distinction than Bro. Ralling. Bro. the Rev. Thos. Cochrane P.G.C. responded, and spoke in felicitous terms of the number of Past Grand Officers who were present on the occasion when Romford had the honour of welcoming Prov. Grand Lodge.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, assuming the gavel, said by the emblem of authority entrusted to him they would know his rising meant that he was about to propose a toast which would be received with the utmost enthusiasm. It was the health of their esteemed Prov. Grand Master, Lord Brooke, and if the eloquence of a Demosthenes were at his command he could not say too much as to the appreciation in which his Lordship was held by the brethren over whom he so well presided. Lord Brooke had spoken in terms which they all appreciated of the manner in which the M.W.G.M. ruled over the destinies of the Craft in England; and he (the speaker) might say that every word the noble Lord had spoken respecting the Prince of Wales applied equally to himself in the Province of Essex. He watched over them with care, presided over them with judgment; said what he had to tell them with directness and precision, and was not afraid to give them advice which struck straight home to their hearts and minds. Lord Brooke thoroughly merited their confidence, which he was sure all the brethren accorded to him in no grudging or reserved manner. During his reign over the Province of Essex their numbers had increased and their Lodges multiplied, even in times of unexampled depression. They had not only held their own, but a little more, and their progress might be said to be thoroughly assured. If this result had not been attained by "leaps and bounds," it was none the less to be valued because it had been more steady, and gave assurance that the foundations so deeply and deliberately laid down would be abiding and permanent. They had not been unmindful of one great cardinal principle of their Order, for no Province with the same number of Lodges, the same number of brethren or material resources, had done more for Masonic Charity than Essex had done. They might indeed be proud that Essex had a record to show such as he had endeavoured to point out. He would not detain them longer, but must refer to the reception given to their Prov. Grand Master only last week, in the adjacent Province of Herts. Although there was nothing in the world warmer than an Essex welcome, yet they gave his Lordship a most hearty reception; and the Prov. Grand Master of Herts himself gave utterance to the sentiment that although his heart was in Herts, yet if he were severed from that Province he knew of nowhere he should like to go so well as Essex. It was gratifying to them to know that those whom they respected and esteemed were held in such high estimation elsewhere. They owed a debt of gratitude to the M.W.G.M. for having selected Lord Brooke to preside over that Province. Many present would remember the wet day they had at Colchester when he was installed, but they all felt brighter days were in store for them, and the promise had borne fruition. Long might his Lordship live to preside over a happy, contented, and prosperous Province, and enjoy, as he did now, the best wishes of every brother in it.

Lord Brooke, who was received with great cheering, said it was very difficult to return thanks in appropriate terms, so as to do justice to the way in which they had received the toast of his health on this occasion. He was sure he yielded to no man in true Masonic feeling of the deepest and fullest nature towards them all, but he was afraid he must yield in one thing to his Deputy, and that was the eloquence which he had so ably cultivated in the past, and which he was able, when occasion required, to pour forth upon them all. He felt entirely overwhelmed with the eloquence of which he had been the object on this occasion, and with the hearty reception which they had accorded him, as they always did when he had the pleasure of meeting them. He felt most fully the responsibility and importance of presiding over so distinguished a Province as that of Essex. He had heard it said by those outside their Province how much Essex was looked up to and esteemed by other Provinces in its immediate neighbourhood. When they came forward and supported him so loyally at the Festival of the Girls' School in London, it was an object of universal admiration and commendation amongst Freemasons. He had ventured that day in Grand Lodge to allude to the manner in which he thought they might conduct their Masonic business in the Province. It was not for him to dilate further upon matters of that description, but there was a small point, albeit an important one, for which he must plead their forgiveness for not having called their attention. That was, they ought to have given their hearty thanks to the magistrates and others who had so kindly afforded them the opportunity of holding their meeting in the Court House. He asked them to give instructions to the Prov. Grand Secretary to convey those thanks, and to record them on the minutes of Prov. Grand Lodge. He had said that day they had the honour during the past year of seeing two new Lodges added to the Province.

At one—the Joshua Nunn Lodge—he was unfortunately unable to attend, and this had since been overtaken by a serious misfortune. At the other—the Royal Victorian Jubilee Lodge—he was happy to be present, because there he had the heartiest reception in one of the most prosperous and promising places of naval industry in this neighbourhood. He could only say that as long as new Lodges were instituted with care and forethought it would be a great pleasure to him to see them increase in numbers. He felt he had not been amongst them so much as he could wish, and perhaps it had been his misfortune that he had been unable to take advantage of opportunities they had generously afforded him. He could only say, in answer to inquiries made of him to attend the various Lodges throughout the Province, it should be his endeavour to visit them all as soon as he possibly could. At the same time, it had given him the greatest possible pleasure to attend that meeting, and in the future he would do so very much more often than he had done hitherto. Their next Prov. Grand Lodge was to be held at Colchester, and it would be a great pleasure to him to visit that Province again, under the auspices of the excellent Lodges there. He should endeavour to do his duty, and, if he possibly could, induce the Prince Albert Victor to come also. Although H.R.H. was only a young member of the Craft, yet it would be a great pleasure to the Masonic body in the Province to see him there, treading in the footsteps of his father. Before sitting down he would propose the Prov. Grand Officers, and would associate with the toast the name of the Grand Registrar of England, their Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. F. A. Philbrick. He was well acquainted with Masonic history, and was always ready most kindly to give him (the speaker) and the brethren generally that advice he had so admirably given them that day. He thanked the Officers one and all for the hearty manner in which they on all occasions supported him, for he knew their duties were very onerous. It had given him great pleasure to re-appoint Bro. Philbrick that day as his Deputy, and hoped all the others who had been appointed would believe him when he said he wished them all success, and he recommended them to follow in the footsteps and example of those who had gone before them. The Deputy Prov. G. Master responded at some length, and in the course of his observations, spoke in congratulatory terms of the increase of Masonry in the Province. The Officers appointed to-day were fairly representative of the twenty-six Lodges in Essex, and they would be succeeded in time by those for whom at the present moment there was no place of office to offer. In making his selection the Prov. Grand Master had held the scales of justice with a perfectly steady and even hand. They all rejoiced to serve under him, for their one object was the great cause of Masonry, and its success in this Province. Speaking of the organisation of Charity in the Province, he said the average of their contributions was about £900 a year; therefore the three Institutions had each received about £300 per annum, supposing the total to be equally divided. That amount of contribution, coupled with the generous support of the Province, had enabled them to place on the roll of the Benevolent Institution no fewer than eight annuitants. That was most eloquent testimony to the advantages of unity, and the combination of the voting power of the Province. Unity amongst Masons made them a real power, and so long as they were united so would they continue to be a power of good. As it had been in the past so it should be in the future, their earnest endeavour to show their appreciation of the kindness of the brethren by proving they were true hearted Masons, and thoroughly attached to the Province to which they belonged. The Visitors were received with a "thorough Essex welcome," and Bro. F. Binckes, whose name was associated with the toast, said he had never met a more cordial reception anywhere than he had at the hands of the Provincial Grand Master and the brethren of Essex. He had known the Province under the auspices of many Grand Masters, looking over a period of from thirty to thirty-five years, and he was delighted to know that the Province had now attained the greatest prosperity it had ever enjoyed. The other Visitors present would join him in the hope that the success of the present was but an augury of much larger success in the future. If, as they all hoped, their Provincial Grand Master had health and strength for many years to preside over them, there was no reason to indulge in any apprehension that the Province of Essex would be in a position of any fear or doubt. As to the question of Charity, to which allusion had been made, he could only say on behalf of the Institution with which he was intimately connected, as well as of the others, that Essex had been doing a great work, and that it would not allow its traditions to be forgotten. He had listened with great pleasure to what Lord Brooke said with reference to the Anniversary Festival of the Girls' School, and he must say it had been on his mind to have the pleasure of enlisting his Lordship for the presidency, at no distant date, of the Festival of the Boys' School. The time might be a little distant, but when it did occur, as he was sure it would occur, it would increase his Lordship's popularity amongst those who sat around that table, and amongst the Masons of the future whose warmest sympathies would be enlisted in the cause of Charity. He confessed he felt himself already more than half an "Essex calf," and he never received a more hearty welcome than he did in this Province. No one could more admire the genial qualities of their Prov. Grand Master, or be more grateful for, and appreciative of, the sincere kindness with which Lord Brooke had ever received him. If there was any one cause he desired his name to be associated with more than another it was Masonic charity, which provided for the children left to them as a legacy, and the old of both sexes in the decline of life. Essex had been prominent in support of the great Institutions; it had not left them at the present moment; and he was sure it would do as well in the future as it had done in the past.

The Prov. Grand Master next gave the Worshipful Masters of Lodges in the Province, with which he coupled the name of the Prov. G.S.W. and W.M. of the Liberty of Haverig Lodge.

Bro. Humphreys Prov. G.S.W., in responding, said he felt greatly honoured by the warmth with which the toast had been received. On his own part and on behalf of the Past Masters and members of his

Lodge he gave Prov. Grand Lodge a hearty welcome amongst them. He was deeply sensible of the great honour done them by the holding of Prov. Grand Lodge under their banner during Jubilee year. They could not claim the antiquity or the experience of many of the flourishing Lodges in his Lordship's Province; but they really felt it a great honour, notwithstanding their youth, and precocity at 14 years of age, to have had the privilege of entertaining Prov. Grand Lodge. He hoped they had enjoyed the hospitality shown them, and he must say he had felt a pardonable pride in viewing such a grand gathering of Masons as they had around them. He thanked his Lordship for having conferred such distinction upon him that day and he looked upon it as an honour bestowed upon his Lodge rather than himself. He should ever be proud and anxious to maintain and promote the true interests of Freemasonry throughout the Province, and to merit their continued confidence. Under his Lordship's able, general and popular rule, they were one of the largest and most flourishing Provinces in the country, all working in perfect peace and harmony; and he knew of no Province in England in which he would rather live than in Essex. He concluded by expressing the hope that Prov. Grand Lodge might at some future time honour the Lodge by again meeting under its banner.

The list of toasts being ended, the Prov. Grand Master, accompanied by a majority of his Officers withdrew, his Lordship being loudly cheered as he was leaving the hall. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro Fred. H. Cozens, who was assisted by Bros. R. W. Heney and Hubbard.

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GOULD'S HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY;

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—In my sixth volume, at page 419, I printed a statement of the late C. W. Moore, of Boston, Massachusetts, which turns out to be incorrect. The statement in question I in no wise adopted as my own, but merely gave it as a citation from Moore, whose eminence in the Craft will, I think, amply justify—at all events in the opinion of American readers—my having quoted an extract from one of his most carefully prepared deliverances.

Yours fraternally,

R. F. GOULD.

"HOLIDAY HAUNTS."

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR,—Some time in 1885 I wrote you (and you were kind enough to insert my letter in your valuable paper) respecting pleasure tours in unfrequented places in South Wales, and I believe I was the means of procuring for several smoke-dried Londoners many pleasant and inexpensive summer jaunts out of the beaten tracks.

There are very many beautiful places which are little known, and I again make the offer to any one who might wish to enjoy thoroughly a fortnight's holiday to give them general information how to do so; the only expense they would be put to would be a stamped addressed envelope for reply. I am urged to write this letter to you in the hope that I may induce the many to open up a beautiful portion of country, with varied landscape and coast, with health-giving sea breezes and mountain air, where the hedges, lately covered with snow drops and summer blossoms, are now redolent for miles with wild roses and woodbine. Above all, my wish is to try to get pleasure seekers to spend their money in their own country, where just now it is so much wanted. Trusting you may be able to find space for this,

Believe me, yours sincerely,

HENRY BARHAM.

5 High-street, Haverfordwest,
25th July 1887.

A large number of American Knights Templars were entertained at luncheon on Monday, by the members of the Baldwin Preceptory of Bristol, who travelled to London for the purpose. The luncheon was given in the Venetian-room of the Holborn Restaurant, and was attended by all the American Knights Templars visiting England. Col. MacIver, who presided, was made an honorary Commander of the American Knights Templars, and was presented with a magnificent gold jewel of his rank. Bro. Charles Hayer, of Philadelphia, made the presentation.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Epidemic Diseases.—The alarming increase of English cholera and diarrhoea should be a warning to every one to subdue at once any irregularity tending toward disease. Holloway's Pills should now be in every household, to rectify all impure states of the blood, to remedy weakness, and to overcome impaired general health. Nothing can be simpler than the instructions for taking this corrective medicine, nothing more efficient than its cleansing powers, nothing more harmless than its vegetable ingredients. Holloway's is the best physic during the summer season, when decaying fruits and unwholesome vegetables are frequently demanding the bowels, and daily exposing thousands, through their negligence in permitting disordered action, to the dangers of diarrhoea, dysentery, and cholera.

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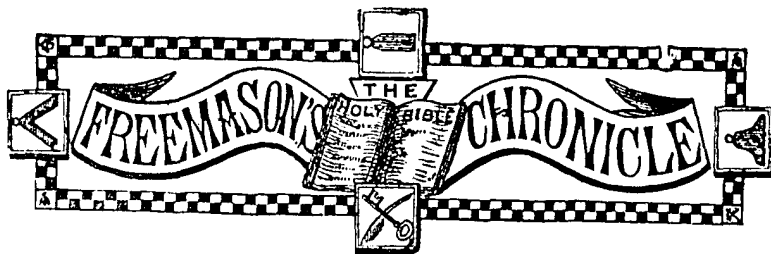
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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Masonic-hall, Tredegar, on Thursday, the 21st instant, under the banner of the St. George's Lodge, No. 1098. A large number of members of Provincial Grand Lodge attended, nine Lodges in the province being represented. The Right Worshipful Bro. Colonel Charles Lyne, Provincial Grand Master, presided, the Worshipful Bro. Captain S. George Homfray P.A.G.D.C., Deputy-Provincial Grand Master, was also in attendance, and presented the charity report. After reporting on the election to scholarships during the year, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master went on to say:

With great regret I have to announce that by the death of our lamented and generous supporter Bro. Crawshaw Bailey, 190 votes lapse from the Province. I attended the Boys' Festival on the 14th of June, at the Crystal Palace, together with our Provincial Grand Master, when the sum of £300 was announced as collected from the Province by the united exertions of Bro. William Watkins Prov. G.S.W., Provincial Steward, together with six other Stewards from the various Lodges. It is with extreme pleasure that I have to announce that the R.W. Bro. Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P., Provincial Grand Master of the Eastern Division of South Wales, has consented to preside at the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution Festival in February next, on behalf of the United Provinces, and it will require all our exertions to make that Festival a success. I have to request that you will appoint a Steward from the Province, and venture to hope that every Lodge will appoint one as well to represent them and work in conjunction with the Provincial Steward, so that every exertion may be made to collect the largest amount ever announced from this Province, and by this means make up the number of votes lost by Bro. Bailey's decease. At the Masonic Jubilee Gathering at the Albert Hall, on the 13th of June, it pleased the M.W.G.M. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to confer the past rank of Grand Standard Bearer upon Bro. William Pickford P.P.G.S.W., and Treasurer of the Province for over 30 years.

The report of the Provincial Grand Lodge Committee, held at Newport, on the 30th of June last, having been received, the Provincial Grand Master proceeded to make some very interesting presentations. A handsome jewel was presented to Bro. William Watkins, in recognition of his services as Steward on several occasions. A set of Grand Lodge clothing and jewel was presented to Bro. Pickford, on his advancement to the honourable position of Standard Bearer to the Grand Lodge of England. Bro. M'Mahon was presented with a handsome Past Provincial Grand Secretary's jewel, in recognition of his services as Secretary for seven years. The investment of Provincial Grand Lodge Officers was then proceeded with, the following appointments being made:—

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| Bro. William Davies | ... | ... | Senior Warden |
| M'Mahon... | ... | ... | Junior Warden |
| Rev. J. W. Osman | ... | ... | } Chaplains |
| Rev. D. Wilks... | ... | ... | |
| Davies | ... | ... | Registrar |
| A. Taylor | ... | ... | Secretary |
| Dix | ... | ... | Assist Secretary |
| Sheppard | ... | ... | Senior Deacon |
| Dr. Thomas | ... | ... | Junior Deacon |
| Dr. Pegler | ... | ... | Director of Ceremonies |
| Paynter | ... | ... | Assist. Dir. of Cers. |
| Powell | ... | ... | Supt. of Works |
| T. G. Jones | ... | ... | Sword Bearer |
| Halloway | ... | ... | Standard Bearer |
| J. J. Williams... | ... | ... | Pursuivant |
| Davies | ... | ... | Organist |
| W. B. Barnett | ... | ... | } Stewards |
| Champney Powell | ... | ... | |
| Richards | ... | ... | |
| Pettingall | ... | ... | } Tylers |
| T. L. Preece | ... | ... | |
| H. Fletcher | ... | ... | |

A sumptuous banquet was held in the evening, at the Castle Hotel, the Provincial Grand Master Col. Lyne again presiding. Amongst the visitors was Bro. James Terry P.G.S.B., Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

PROV. GRAND LODGE SURREY.

THE Right Worshipful Bro. General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., Provincial Grand Master, presided at the Annual Meeting of the members of this Province, at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on Wednesday last, the 27th inst. The brethren assembled at three o'clock in the afternoon, when General Brownrigg was supported by a large number of the Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers and members of the local Lodges, with a fair contingent of Visitors. After Provincial Grand Lodge had been formally opened, the minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge were read and confirmed. On the call of the roll of the Lodges, representatives responded for each of the thirty-two which now constitute the Province of Surrey. The report of the Finance and Audit Committee disclosed a very satisfactory state of affairs, a balance of nearly £200 being in the hands of the Treasurer. Some considerable alterations had been suggested in the By-Laws for the governance of Provincial Grand Lodge, and these alterations had been submitted to the Worshipful Masters and Past Masters for their consideration. To still further meet the views of the members of Grand Lodge, a meeting was held a fortnight since in order that these changes might be fully considered, and it is gratifying to be able to announce that there was a very fair attendance, testifying, as this undoubtedly does, to the interest taken by Surrey Masons in the conduct of their Masonic business. But few alterations were thought necessary by those who attended, and these having been made, the proposed new By-Laws were submitted for the approval of Grand Lodge, and were unanimously adopted. Bro. George Price was re-elected Provincial Grand Treasurer, with thanks for his past services, and he briefly returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him. The Provincial Grand Master announced that in consequence of the death of Bro. Charles Greenwood, he had thought fit to appoint Bro. Frederick West to the office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master; and, as this was the first opportunity he had of meeting him in that capacity, he now had pleasure in investing him into the office, with thanks for the services he had already rendered to the Province. The other Provincial Grand Officers were then invested, as follow:—

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| Bro. F. West | ... | ... | Deputy Master |
| C. Belton | ... | ... | S.W. |
| W. Webb | ... | ... | J.W. |
| Rev. Lord Victor Seymour | ... | ... | } Chaplains |
| Rev. F. Lennox Harvey | ... | ... | |
| Geo. Price | ... | ... | Treasurer |
| Charles Greenwood | ... | ... | Secretary |
| C. T. W. Rogers | ... | ... | Registrar |
| Thos. Moreton | ... | ... | } Senior Deacons |
| Alfred Saville Tomkins... | ... | ... | |
| W. H. Dunning Pearse... | ... | ... | } Junior Deacons |
| H. Bowles | ... | ... | |
| Zepheniah King | ... | ... | S. of Wks. |
| W. J. Nicholls | ... | ... | D.C. |
| J. H. Lavies | ... | ... | D.D.C. |
| J. Youlden | ... | ... | A.D.C. |
| H. Summers | ... | ... | Swd. Br. |
| H. E. Turner... | ... | ... | } Std. Brs |
| J. K. Pitt | ... | ... | |
| W. Stevenson Hoyte | ... | ... | Organist |
| A. F. Asher | ... | ... | Pursvt. |
| John Drewett... | ... | ... | Assist. Pursvt. |
| Herbert Potter | ... | ... | } Stewards |
| E. C. Greenwood | ... | ... | |
| W. P. Morrison | ... | ... | |
| H. A. Gibbes | ... | ... | |
| J. H. Hawkins | ... | ... | } Tyler |
| C. W. Holt... | ... | ... | |
| Robert Potter... | ... | ... | |

Amongst the general business, the sum of 50 guineas was voted to the funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, 10 guineas to the Benevolent Institution, 10 guineas to the Institution for Boys, and 10 guineas to the Restoration Fund of the Parish Church. The Prov. G. Master then alluded to the testimonial that was being promoted to perpetuate in suitable manner the memory of the late Prov. Deputy Grand Master Bro. Charles Greenwood, and in doing so he said that, under the special circumstances of the year, the calls upon Masons throughout the kingdom and in this Province had been more than ordinarily heavy, and it could be hardly looked upon as a matter for surprise that the response to this testimonial fund had not yet been so general as had been anticipated at the time it was conceived, and which it would no doubt be when time and circumstances permitted. However, he did not think the matter called for any absolute haste, and he considered it would be, perhaps, the wiser course to leave it to the end of the year, when the brethren would have had opportunities of meeting and fully considering what they could do, both individually and collectively, in the Province. Bro. Price, after again expressing his thanks for the honour conferred upon him of being re-elected as Prov. G. Treasurer, spoke in happy terms of his old friend and late colleague, Bro. Charles Greenwood, and said, with the permission of Provincial Grand Lodge, he would move that the sum of twenty guineas should be voted from their Funds towards the "Greenwood Testimonial Fund." This was seconded, and carried with acclamation. This having concluded the business, the Prov. Grand Master briefly addressed the brethren, and in the course of his observations referred to the difficulty that had been experienced in obtaining returns as to the number of members and contributions; this had exercised the minds of the Executive. He said a new set of forms had been prepared, and he was very anxious this matter should receive the attention of Masters and Secretaries of Lodges in the Province. By a strict adherence to the suggestions thrown out with those forms, the work of the Provincial Grand Lodge would be simplified and lightened, if the returns were promptly and correctly made. If this were so there would be much less difficulty in selecting as Prov. Grand Officers men who were worthy of office; moreover, it would save a considerable amount of trouble all round. He impressed on the Masters and Secretaries of Lodges it was his wish that copies of all summonses should be sent to him and to the Deputy Prov. Grand Master. It was a source of intense gratification that the Province supported him so thoroughly and loyally in all his undertakings, and he was pleased beyond measure at seeing so representative and so good an assembly as he had around him that day. He felt there was little more to be said, but it had been suggested a service should be held at the Parish Church on the occasion; and, contrary to the usual rule, he had given his consent—as this was the Jubilee year of Provincial Grand Lodge—that they should appear in Masonic costume at the church. However, he could not bring himself to agree to anything like a Masonic procession; therefore arrangements had been made for the brethren to clothe in the school-room which was closely

adjacent to the sacred edifice. The Prov. Grand Master concluded by saying that when he was appointed to his present position by the late Earl of Zetland, then Most Worshipful Grand Master, there were only nine Lodges in the Province of Surrey, but this number had since increased to thirty-two. With reference to the Grand Stewards, he wished it to be distinctly understood when a Grand Stewardship was offered to a brother it was tantamount to a desire that he should accept it. Many brethren had declined this, and if they continued to do so they must not find fault in the event of their not being promoted to more exalted rank. The brethren then repaired to the parish church, where evening service was celebrated, the musical portions of which were efficiently rendered by the parish choir of Croydon, which was augmented by a contingent of choir boys, headed by Bro. Stedman. The church service and anthems were exquisitely sung, and the rendering of the solos by Master Eddie Busby elicited unqualified praise and commendation. An eloquent sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. Herbert Turner, Rector of Sutton, Past Prov. Grand Chaplain, of which we append the full text:—

Honour all men. Love the Brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the King.—1 Peter ii. 17.

I feel specially pleased and grateful, brethren, because of the privilege thus accorded me of addressing you this afternoon as you are gathered together in such goodly numbers and goodly array, seeing that this year our annual meeting is held in the Parish of Croydon, where my own school work lay for 15 years; a parish from which we heartily welcome to-day our newly-obligated Deputy Grand Master, as one well qualified to fill that post of honour in succession to our deeply-respected and deeply-regretted Bro. Chas. Greenwood, who, since last we met, has received his summons to the Grand Lodge above—not made with hands, eternal in the heavens—where we know the G.A.O.T.U. will amply reward every true and faithful brother like him. Whilst further, to my delight, our service is held in the Parish Church, where I was myself ordained, this spacious and beautiful Temple of the Most High God, towards the completion of which any contributions that you can presently give will be thankfully received and faithfully applied by the Vicar and Churchwardens, who have so readily met our wishes to worship here to-day; and I may say that the Surrey Masons (with the assistance of others) would do well to commemorate the Royal Jubilee—which, by a happy coincidence, is also the Jubilee of our Prov. Grand Lodge—by helping to place the last pinnacle on the N.W. corner of the sacred edifice. Casting about for a useful theme on which to discourse in the short space allotted to your Chaplain on the occasion, I know not what better subject, or what more suitable one alike to our present times in general and our Masonic principles in particular, I could choose than that which is given you in these four pithy sentences of the great Apostle. For, as you see, they enjoin upon us (1) reverence towards all men, the honour of humanity, broad charity towards our fellow creatures, as such. *Honour all men.* (2) Reverence in a closer sphere, loving and tender regard towards all our fellow members of the Church of God. *Love the Brotherhood.* (3) Devout reverence—not abject slavish dread—but trusting child-like submission to, and dependence on, our Father which is in heaven; holy and reverend is His name. *Fear God.* And (4) reverence in its civil and political aspect, loyalty and obedience towards lawfully constituted authority, respect for the powers that be. *Honour the King.* Now, in dealing with these, I shall begin by saying that in the restless thought and hasty opinion of the present day, there does seem a decided and growing tendency towards irreverence and insubordination.

A gentle and patient disposition,
A tender and unselfish heart,

the prostration of the soul towards the God who gave it and who claims it; the self-restraining, law-abiding temper of loyal citizenship. All these (which St. Peter here insists upon) are too slow, too tame, too dependent for this impetuous and fast period of ours. It is a period of much progress, of surprising activity, of vast acquisition; but do you not agree with me when I say, seriously and sorrowfully, that, for all the outward display of enthusiastic loyalty that we have lately seen and shared in (out of which may God bring good fruit to the glory and stability of old England), this is not generally an age of unselfishness and humility, and not an age of reverence and obedience to authority? Every man for himself—there is rather too much of that cry just now. Be independent, we are told; and, in one sense, independence is good, but it stands now too often for self-assertion and self-will. I might illustrate what I mean in many ways did time allow—e.g., we find the traffic of our cities disturbed, and even our very peace menaced, by agitators and socialists, who openly declare their intention of setting law and order at defiance. We hear of noisy speakers, who create disturbances in town or country by collecting together, on pretence of some fancied grievance, a crowd of people more ignorant than themselves; or who, even if they have some real grievance, refuse to endeavour to get it remedied in lawful ways, but try to override the law and carry their point by the violence and dictation of a mob. Thus, again, in our very households we see young people and servants giving themselves strange airs, and children disobedient and wanting in respect towards their parents and others who may be set in authority over them; and many appear to have forgotten, or never really to have learned, what the Catechism teaches us to be part of our duty to our neighbour—viz., to love and honour father and mother, to submit to

all teachers and masters, and to order themselves lowly and reverently to all their betters; while, generally, there seems busy amongst all classes a spirit of discontent, a capacious and grumbling habit—so that it appears as if fault must be found with all rule and authority, and as a consequence there is a wide-spread sense of uneasiness and irritation, a desire for change, a longing to see and hear some new thing, and a disinclination for steady, persevering work, and the peaceful and firm fulfilment of daily duties to God and man. I pass from these general remarks, which may or may not commend themselves to you; and indeed I should be only too glad to know that your observation of the temper and manners of this age led you to a different conclusion—to look a bit closer into the four-fold division of my text. (1) Honour all men—how can that be followed out? you may well ask. For, unhappily, in the travels and turns of our life we come to know men whom we cannot respect without losing respect for ourselves. Well, clearly here, honour cannot be meant in its more limited sense, for that we are told to render only where it is due; but I take St. Peter's words to point to our fulfilment of the golden rule, infinitely precious to every true brother amongst us—"Do unto others as you would they should do unto you." And so, brethren, I should say that we are thus taught the avoidance of any habit of ill-natured talk or hasty judgment, one concerning another. We are taught how unchristian is that tone which shews itself in disdainful thoughts and contemptuous names of any, however mean and worthless they may seem. Remember always, God created man in his own image, and Christ died for all; and so try to discover the good in all, instead of showing up the evil; try to impute good motives instead of bad ones; in short—in all your conversations and all your dealings—if you would know what is meant by "honour all men," you must see if you are gaining that charity divine, which like its sister mercy blesses both him that gives and him that receives, and which

Loves not the faults of others to reveal,
But spreads the truth, which scandal would conceal;
Bears with a brother; hides the faults she sees,
Believes in all redeeming qualities;
Hopes for all merits (though as yet unknown),
Endures all faults, as though they were her own.

And then—Love the Brotherhood. This is a command which bears on a yet holier bond of reverence than that of our common humanity. Says St. John, "If God so loved us, we ought also to love one another." Says St. Paul: "While we have time, let us do good unto all men, and especially unto them that are of the household of faith." This is a topic on which every preacher, by the very vow of his ordination, is bound frequently to dwell; but at present, all that time will allow me to say is this:—In the Church, generally—as the one body, try not to be captious, but exhibit filial love; try not to lay stress on personal tastes and preferences, but let even minor matters be ruled by the great motives of love for the Church, and desire for the glory of Him who is the Church's one foundation. Love the Brotherhood; for truly the Church needs all your loyalty and support just now. And as to individual members, try to fulfil what the Son of Man said—"That his true disciples would be known by their love one for another;" and in particular as to all poor and distressed brethren—remember that as their need of help and kindness is greater, so is their claim; and your attitude towards them, and your treatment of them, the Lord Jesus takes as shewn unto himself. For good or ill (he tells us), inasmuch as you did it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye did it unto me. Our third command is—to fear God; not (as I said) with servile terror, regarding Him as a hard task master, extreme to mark what is done amiss, for love casteth out such fear as this, but St. Peter means the fear of holy joy and humble faith, and none can so rely on Him as those who leaning not on their own intellect and will, mingle reverence and obedience with their affection and trust. May this fear be always with us, ruling and colouring all that we do or say or think; making us humble in our lives, and devout in our worship. And, as Masons, let us be thankful that, in the face of bold atheism, blind unbelief, our ancient and noble Craft—now by allegory and symbol, now by clear enunciation of principles divine—continually teaches us so to honour God's Holy Name, and bow before His attributes and His Laws. As Masons let us remember that still in this age, which boasts itself as exceeding wise, that which is written in the volume of the Sacred Law for ever holds true, "The fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil, that is understanding." We reach the fourth of our cluster of precepts, which must (I am sure) address itself to us all with peculiar emphasis as we are holding our solemn assembly now in this great and glorious Jubilee year. Fear God. *Honour the King.* Certainly it is well for us, thus passing as it were through the temple of the Most High to the palace of the Queen, to be forcibly reminded of what, alas! so many now forget, that civil duties can never be rightly understood, nor rightly performed, if they are separated from religious duties. Christianity indeed is not concerned with forms of government and social rank, and Christian faith is independent of earthly states and human institutions. The Gospel is not an accompaniment of monarchies or republics, but a mighty power of God unto salvation; touching, converting, sanctifying the soul of man; quite irrespective of all outward surroundings. Therefore, Christians are bidden to recommend their religion to others, by good behaviour, by obedience to law, and respect for the powers that be, so that even of heathen laws and authorities St. Peter writes, "Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man, both to the king or supreme power, whatever it be, and its representatives, for the Lord's sake." Into the wide question of the grounds and nature of Christian loyalty I cannot enter now, but I could not forbear on such an occasion as this—in such a time of our national history—to remind you of your duty generally; a duty which may bring you now and then, as all duties do, some difficulty, and especially so in revolutionary and self-seeking times. One thing, however, dear brethren, we may be sure of, and we may be thankful for—that whatever changes may threaten us, and I seem to fancy myself some great changes are at

hand, and whatever difficult problems our dear old country may have to solve, no heartier upholders of reverence and discipline and obedience, no more loyal supporters of the throne, no more devout well-wishers for the safety, welfare, and honour of our Sovereign and her dominions, will anywhere be found than those who belong to our ancient Order, headed as it is by the Prince of Wales himself, and numbering in its ranks, besides our M.W.G.M., a son and a grandson also of our beloved Queen. Mindful then—now and always—of the grand leading principles of our Craft, which, age after age, have taught the brethren to fear God and work righteousness, and have set forth the power and beauty—yes, and the true liberty too—of reverence and loyalty and social order; let us, before we leave this Church, return our hearty thanks to the Great Architect of the Universe, who has made us subjects in this ancient and illustrious realm, where kings and queens plight their troth by solemn sanctioning to maintain the Christian faith in its purest form, and let us pray to Him that His mercies and blessings (temporal and eternal) may continue to be showered on our Sovereign's anointed head. And as of old the Roman people, when on a new Emperor's accession they would wish him well, used to select the examples of two of his best and greatest predecessors, and shout, with a nation's voice, "Mayest thou be more prosperous than Augustus, more virtuous than Trajan;" so, in ages to come, will English people on similar occasions have good cause to unite both such wishes in one, and cry to our future princes—Mayest thou be even more prosperous and more virtuous than Victoria. God save the Queen! God preserve the Craft!

The banquet was held in the evening, at the Greyhound Hotel, and proved a great success, but we regret that, owing to unusual pressure on our space, we are compelled to defer our report. The speeches were interspersed by some excellent songs, &c., by Bros. Fryer, De Lacey and Frost.

ROYAL ARCH.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

A QUARTERLY Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday, the 3rd day of August next, at six o'clock in the evening.

BUSINESS.

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

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

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

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 20th April to the 19th July 1887, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

| £ | s | d | £ | s | d |
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| Balance Grand Chap- | | | Disbursements during | | |
| ter - | 478 | 11 6 | the quarter - | 240 | 18 6 |
| „ Unappropriated | | | Balance - | 560 | 4 9 |
| Account - | 207 | 2 7 | „ Unappropriated | | |
| Subsequent Receipts- | 324 | 1 9 | Account - | 208 | 12 7 |
| | £1009 | 15 10 | | £1009 | 15 10 |

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

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

1st. From Comps. John Scrivener Palmer as Z., John Potts as H., Edward Prescott as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Cherwell Lodge, No. 599, Banbury, to be called the Cherwell Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Banbury, in the county of Oxford.

2nd. From Comps. William Watson as Z., John Purser Griffin as H., Thomas Watson as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Gundulph Lodge, No. 1050, Rochester, to be called the Gundulph Chapter, and to meet at the King's Head Hotel, Rochester, in the county of Kent.

3rd. From Comps. Thomas Mathews as Z., Edward William Shackell as H., Henry White as J., and ten others for a Chapter to be attached to the Bate Lodge, No. 960, Cardiff, to be called the Sir George Elliot Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Working Street, Cardiff, South Wales (Eastern Division).

4th. From Comps. William Long as Z., Thomas Barnes as H., Thomas James Scoones as J., and eight others for a Chapter to be attached to the Coleridge Lodge, No. 1750, Clevedon, to be called the Adair Chapter, and to meet at Regent House, Clevedon, in the county of Somerset.

5th. From Comps. the Rev. William Mortimer Heath, P.G.A. Soj., as Z., John Mowlem Burt as H., Henry James Mason as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the De Moulham Lodge, No. 1146, Swanage, to be called the De Moulham Chapter, and to meet at the Town Hall, Swanage, in the county of Dorset.

6th. From Comps. James Douglas Christie as Z., Francis William White as H., Thomas Edwin Cocker as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Star of Southern China Lodge, No. 2013, Canton, China, to be called the Jubilee Chapter, and to meet at Canton, China.

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

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received a memorial from the Companions of the Chapter of Concord, No. 124,

Durham, praying for a charter authorising them to wear a centenary jewel, in accordance with the resolution passed by the Supreme Grand Chapter on the 1st February 1882. This memorial being in form, and the Chapter having proved an uninterrupted existence of 100 years, the Committee recommend that the prayer thereof be granted.

The Committee have further received a memorial, with extract of minutes, on the removal of the Orpheus Chapter, No. 1706, from the Freemasons' Hall, to the Holborn Restaurant.

The Committee being satisfied of the reasonableness of the request, recommend that the removal of this Chapter be sanctioned.

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

President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

19th July 1887.

PROV. GRAND CHAPTER OF SURREY.

ON Wednesday Prov. Grand Chapter of Surrey met at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, prior to the assembling of Prov. Grand Lodge, and was attended by a large number of Companions, under the presidency of the Right Worshipful Companion General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., Grand Superintendent. The roll of the Chapters in the Province was called over, and all were represented. The report of the Finance and Audit Committee was submitted, and received, as being of a highly satisfactory character. Companion George Price was unanimously re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer, with thanks for his past services. The following were appointed as Prov. Grand Officers for the year:—

| | | | |
|-----------------|-----|-----|-------------------------|
| Comp. J. West | ... | ... | H. |
| C. H. Woodward | ... | ... | J. |
| George Price... | ... | ... | Treasurer |
| C. Greenwood | ... | ... | Scribe E. |
| Colonel Dundas | ... | ... | Scribe N. |
| C. T. W. Rogers | ... | ... | Registrar |
| T. Hooke | ... | ... | Principal Sojourner |
| E. H. Morrison | ... | ... | 1st Assistant Sojourner |
| J. D. Langton | ... | ... | 2nd Assistant Sojourner |
| Major Gordon | ... | ... | Sword Bearer |
| H. J. Lardner | ... | ... | Standard Bearer |
| George Payne | ... | ... | Director of Ceremonies |
| J. W. Morrison | ... | ... | Assistant D.C. |
| F. Cambridge | ... | ... | Organist |
| Robert Potter | ... | ... | Janitor |

Prov. Grand Chapter was then closed, and the Companions shortly afterwards assisted in the proceedings of Prov. Grand Lodge, which will be found fully reported elsewhere.

One of the features in connection with the summer banquet of the Domestic Lodge, No. 177, is the souvenir supplied by the photographic art, in the shape of "groups" of the party and the surroundings of the locale. This year the aid of Bros. H. and R. Stiles, the well-known photographers, of 8 High Street, Kensington, was again called in, and it must be admitted by all who were at the Kempton Park Jubilee picnic, on Tuesday last week, that the result is more satisfactory than ever. We have before us two views—one taken directly in front of the Grand Stand, and the other from the side. In each case the figures in the idyllic group are splendidly brought out, and there is no difficulty in recognising the many well-known forms and faces of those who are included in the pictures. We should like in the "front view" to have seen a little more top margin, for the sake of general effect; but, after all, the portraits are the most important part of the affair, and in this respect the photos are the best we have seen of this kind for many a long day. Much depends, of course, in efforts of this sort upon the grouping of the company, and here again Bros. Stiles show themselves perfect masters of their profession. The clock in the tower denotes the hour—seven o'clock—when one at least of the groups was taken, and this may account for the soft, mellow tone of the picture. It is hardly too much to anticipate that these groups will be eagerly sought after by members of the Lodge and their many friends who were present; at any rate, they only want to see these beautiful works of art to make them desirous of securing copies.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

SATURDAY, 30th JULY.

- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
 308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
 1462—Wharcliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
 1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent

MONDAY, 1st AUGUST.

- 37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
 61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
 113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston.
 133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
 164—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
 156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
 261—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple
 264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
 302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
 307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
 381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
 408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
 431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
 433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
 467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
 597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
 613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
 350—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
 928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield
 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
 1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
 1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
 1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
 1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
 1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
 1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax
 1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
 1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
 1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
 1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea
 1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
 1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
 1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
 1798—Zion, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
 1977—Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon.
 R.A. 100—Friendship, Crown and Cushion, Great Yarmouth
 R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
 R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax Road, Dewsbury
 M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
 M.M. 12—Minerva, Masonic Hall, Prince Street, Hull
 R.C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 2nd AUGUST.

- Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst).
 171—Amity, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 177—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)
 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 (Inst)
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1380—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1381—Kennington, The Horus, Kennington. (Instruction)
 1446—Mount Edgecumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst).
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
 1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst)
 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Bibra Restaurant, Cannon Street, E.C., at 7. (Inst).
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.3
 R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst).
 R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1612—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst).
 70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
 120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
 124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
 126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
 158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
 160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
 265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
 364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
 393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
 448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
 463—East Surrey of Concord, Kings' Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst).
 510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
 558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
 770—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
 804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
 847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
 897—Loyalty, Pleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
 948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
 960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
 974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley Street, Bradford
 986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston

- 995—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
 1002—Skiddaw, Lodge-Room, Market Place, Cockermouth
 1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
 1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
 1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Radcar
 1310—Harrow, King's Head, Harrow
 1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
 1322—Waveley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
 1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex
 1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6 (Instruction)
 1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
 1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
 1993—Wolsley, Masonic Hall, Town Hall Buildings, King Street, Manchester
 R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 R.A. 681—Scarsdale, Masonic Hall, Chesterfield
 R.A. 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
 R.A. 938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New Street Birmingham
 R.A. 1138—Devon, Masonic Hall, Devon Square, Newton Abbey
 M.M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 3rd AUGUST.

- Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, 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, Brough, at 8. (Inst)
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (In)
 538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.
 902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruc.)
 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.)
 1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Chamberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
 R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Inst.)
 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)

- 74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
 125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
 210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Hecmondwike
 274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
 277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
 290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
 326—Moirs, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
 327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
 363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth
 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
 387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
 406—Northern Courtesies, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
 417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
 580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
 645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Copper-street, Manchester
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton
 697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
 750—Friendship, Freemason's Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
 838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
 910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
 992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton
 1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction)
 1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent
 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Dorcy
 1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
 1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
 1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street
 1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
 1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan
 1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
 1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
 1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
 1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Staamore.
 1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
 1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slithwaite
 1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
 1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
 1736—St. John's, St. John's Rooms, King X Street, Halifax
 1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
 2042—Apollo, Masonic Hall, 22 Hope Street, Liverpool
 R.A. 126—Nativity, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
 R.A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
 R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds
 R.A. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
 M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness

THURSDAY, 4th AUGUST.

- 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)
 742—Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolsley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Staungate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
 1278—Burdett Courts, Swan Tavern, Betanul Green Road, E., 3. (Instruction)
 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
 1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Chamberwell, 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)
 1825—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
 1873—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
 1877—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)
 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
 1791—Creaton, Wheatheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
 M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
 123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
 215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 266—Napthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
 269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
 294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
 295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
 300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
 346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
 369—Firestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
 432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
 446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
 456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
 482—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
 509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
 637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
 792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby
 971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
 976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset
 1088—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland
 1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
 1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
 1384—Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes
 1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
 1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padstow, near Burnley
 1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
 1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
 1817—St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness
 1829—Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham
 2050—St. Trinians, Masonic Hall, Loch Parade, Douglas, Isle of Man
 R.A. 187—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
 R.A. 337—Confidence, Masonic Hall, Brownhill Vale, Upper Mill
 R.A. 496—Mount Edgecumbe, Masonic Rooms, St. Austell
 R.A. 581—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Ardwick, Openshaw, Man
 R.A. 587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
 R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
 M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 5th AUGUST.

Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.3
 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.)
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 785—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
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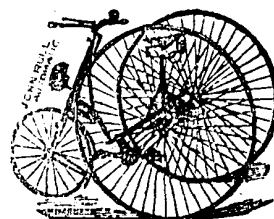
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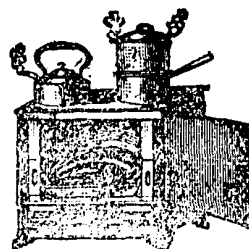


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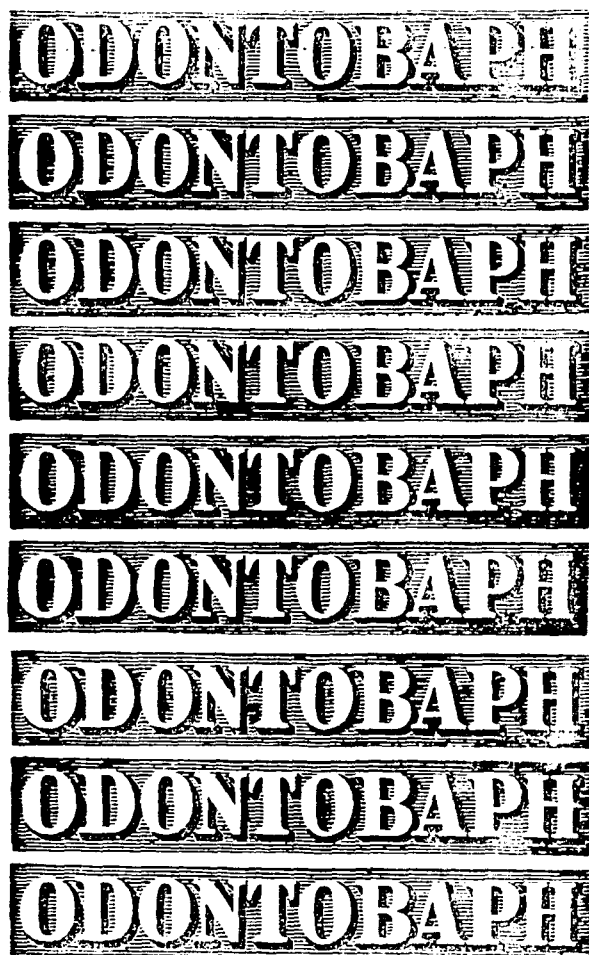
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