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## MASONIC CHARITIES OUTSIDE THE THREE INSTITUTIONS.

### I. THE MARK BENEVOLENT FUND.

IN commencing a series of articles under the above heading we are actuated by a desire to place on record as complete a summary as is possible of what is actually being done by those associated with the Masonic Order in the discharge of that all-important principle of Freemasonry—the practice of Benevolence. It will also be our endeavour to show what is accomplished in various parts of the country, and by comparing different results to arouse a desire for activity in those quarters which are now behindhand, and a spirit of emulation among those already working in the good cause. To those who have passed a few years of activity among our Masonic Lodges, or who have had special opportunities of judging of the numerous and widespread organisations of the Order, it may not be necessary to say much to prove that the Charity of the Brotherhood does little more than commence with the support accorded to the three great Institutions of the Craft; but there are others who know little of the working of Freemasonry outside their own particular Lodge or district, and others again—particularly those who have not sought admission to the Order, or who are not eligible to become members—who do not even know of the existence of any Masonic Charity Funds outside those of Grand Lodge, the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons. To these latter we may at once say there is hardly a district in England but has a particular Fund or Committee of Benevolence, working in the name of Freemasonry, with the hope and desire of alleviating the distress which seems inseparable from the human race, and which is as prevalent within the Order as outside it. We believe no attempt has yet been made to gather particulars of these outside Charities into a collected form, and in now undertaking the task we are alive to the fact that it is useless to even hope our record will be a complete one; it would be impossible to arrive at anything like a true return without inquiring into the inner working of every private Lodge in the Kingdom, for however elaborate a list of public funds might be, it must not be forgotten that a large number of Lodges and Chapters have Benevolent or other Funds of their own, especially established and devoted to the cause of Charity, and from many of which grants are made from time to time throughout the year, which are only known to the members of the Lodge or Chapter concerned, and which could never be even estimated for a general summary. Besides this there is hardly a Lodge but at some time or the other is called upon to spend a portion of its funds in the ex-

ercise of benevolence, and in justice this ought to be included in our summary, but for reasons already given it is quite impossible to enumerate the various amounts, or even give an estimate of what they come to in the course of a year. It must therefore be understood that the particulars we supply under this heading refer only to such Funds as may be described as being of a public character; contributions to the three great Institutions of the Craft, as well as individual or private Lodge benevolence being in no way included in our returns.

In giving the premier place and starting our summary with the Mark Benevolent Fund a few words of explanation seem to be necessary. We are aware the work accomplished by this Fund may be regarded as somewhat insignificant when compared with what is going on in various districts of England to which we shall refer later on, but the Mark Benevolent Fund is essentially a cosmopolitan one—its benefits being open to all Mark Master Masons under the English Constitution, as well as to their widows and orphans. If it is not doing as much under its three branches as a National Fund might be expected to accomplish, viewed in comparison with what is going on in some of the larger Provinces, it must be remembered the Mark Fund is of modern foundation, its earliest records only going back to the year 1869, when its first Festival was held, and its objects were of even more limited extent than at present.

The Mark Benevolent Fund is divided into three branches:—the Benevolent, the Educational, and the Annuity, and all contributions received are equally apportioned between the three sections.

The Benevolent Branch, for relief and benevolence, is under the control of the General Board, who have discretion in regard to the disposal of all amounts under £20; sums above that requiring confirmation by Grand Lodge. After deducting a share of the expenses of the Fund, &c., and paying the various grants which have been authorised from time to time, there remained a balance on this branch of the Fund at 31st March last of £2,238 19s 3d, of which amount £2,000 was invested.

The Educational Branch has for its object the education and clothing of the children of Mark Master Masons eligible for assistance, at grammar or other schools in the vicinity of the parents' or guardians' residences. At the present time thirteen boys and thirteen girls are being educated by annual grants from this Fund, and by a vote of Grand Mark Lodge on 30th November 1886 each child receives annually a sum of £5 to procure necessary clothing, so that, taking into consideration the various amounts which are being paid for tuition, the total annual outlay in this section is about £400. After paying all outgoings up to the end of March last, there remained a balance on the Education Fund of £2,334 2s 7d, of which sum £2,200 was invested. We have already said the number of pupils receiving the benefits of this Fund

is now twenty-six, while the actual sum expended during the half year ending March last for Education Fees amounted to £125 3s 5d, but as this amount was expended on behalf of twenty-four pupils—the number then on the Fund—the average cost per child may be set down at £10 8s 7d per year, which, with the £5 allowance for clothing brings the cost per child up to £15 8s 7d per annum, an outlay which, in the opinion of some, does as much good as the total expended on a child at either the Girls' or the Boys' Institutions. But perhaps this is hardly the place to discuss the merits or demerits of the respective systems which are adopted by the different Charities.

The Annuity Fund was established by vote of Grand Mark Lodge on the 1st December 1885, when the amount of £1,000 was voted as a nucleus. Its object is to grant Annuities of £20 each to aged and decayed Mark Master Masons, and £16 each to the Widows of Mark Masters, after election by the subscribers. At the present time there are four Annuitants on the Fund—all males—the payments to whom amount to £80 per annum. At the close of the last half year's accounts the balance on this Branch amounted to £2,805 1s 8d, of which £2,700 was invested.

We may, then, summarise the work of the Mark Benevolent Fund as follows: one-third of the receipts are set aside for the relief of urgent cases of necessity; one-third goes to an Education Fund; and the remaining one-third to an Annuity Fund. There are at the present time twenty-six children reaping the benefits of the Education Fund, at an annual outlay of some £400; and four aged Mark Masters each enjoying an Annuity of £20 a year. Add to this that there is a balance in hand of £7,378 3s 6d (of which £6,900 is invested) and we have the result of a Fund which has only been in existence since 1869, but which, it must be conceded, has done, is doing, and gives ample promise of accomplishing in the future an immense amount of good. As a proof of the rise and increasing popularity of this "Outside Charity," we give the following particulars of the nineteen Annual Festivals which have been held in connection with the Fund:

Year.	Chairman.	No. of Stewards.	Amount realised.
1869	Rev. G. R. Portal, M.A.	6	£ 97 2 8
1870	The Earl Percy, M.P.	6	53 4 10
1871	J. C. Parkinson	12	85 8 0
1872	Col. Sir Francis Burdett	13	117 0 0
1873	Col. J. Whitwell	13	141 15 0
1874	Sir Edmund Lechmere, Bart.	13	91 19 0
1875	W. R. Callender, M.P.	18	176 11 6
1876	Lieut. Gen. J. S. Brownrigg, C.B.	13	96 15 0
1877	The Earl of Donoughmore	18	221 9 0
1878	Lord Skelmersdale	26	371 4 0
1879	Lord Arthur Hill	31	537 8 0
1880	Lieut.-Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart.	30	550 9 6
1881	Lord Henniker	22	346 17 0
1882	Earl of Kintore	34	553 11 6
1883	Sir Pryse Pryse, Bart.	37	710 12 0
1884	Major J. Woodall Woodall, J.P.	48	832 19 0
1885	Lord Egerton of Tatton	87	1721 16 6
1886	Augustus Frederick Godson, M.A., M.P.	113	1534 10 6
1887	Earl Amherst	157	2207 4 9

While it will be seen from the above figures that the growth of this Charity has been gradual, it must also be apparent that the last three years show a wonderful increase on any of their predecessors, while evidence is not wanted to prove that this exceptional increase will not only be maintained in the future, but will continue to swell as year by year the celebrations come round. For the Twentieth Annual Festival of the Fund, which will be celebrated on the 25th inst., there are already enrolled the names of one hundred and sixty-three Stewards, the chairman for the year being the Most Honourable the Marquess of Hertford, Deputy Grand Mark Master Mason and Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire. The Festival will take place at the Freemasons' Tavern, London, and, as usual, ladies and brethren

will dine at the same tables. It is hoped that the appeal which will then be made to members of the Order will be as heartily responded to as have been those of former years, and that the net result will be equal to anything yet accomplished, so that the funds of this "Outside Charity" may be so far increased as to allow of its work being continued in the future as successfully as it has been done in the past. We may add that since its foundation in 1869 the sum of nearly £2,400 has been distributed in furthering the objects of the Fund. Thirty-six children have already reaped the advantages of the Educational Branch—at a total cost of £1,195 3s 5d—while, as we have already shown, the present outlay under this head is nearly or quite £400 per annum. Further than this, the Annuity Branch of the Fund is pledged to the payment of £80 a year in the form of Annuities, all of which amounts have to be met from the amounts voluntarily subscribed by the members of the Order year by year in connection with the Anniversary Festivals of the Fund.

Having thus reviewed the rise, progress and present position of the Mark Benevolent Fund, a few words may be said in regards to its internal management, and the mode in which its benefits are distributed. The Benevolent Branch is available for the immediate relief of cases of distress, and is distributed by the General Board, subject in certain cases to the confirmation of Grand Lodge. The Educational Branch is available for children of both sexes, and its benefits are decided by election—by means of voting papers issued by the Board—whenever the number of applicants is in excess of the number of vacancies. The days of election are the first Thursdays in April and October of each year, but as up to the present time it has been found possible to relieve every candidate put forward, it has not yet been necessary to hold an election. No applicant is considered eligible unless the father has been a subscribing member to some Mark Lodge under the English Constitution for a period of not less than two years. The age for admission ranges from eight to thirteen, and the benefits cease on a child reaching the age of sixteen years. Among the conditions which have to be observed in order that the grants may be continued is one that calls for a Quarterly Report of the progress, conduct and health of each child assisted, such report to be submitted to the General Board. The Annuity Branch is available for aged and decayed Mark Masons and their Widows, the benefits being determined by election, on the first Thursday in May of each year, provided there are more applicants than can be relieved, but in this Branch, as in the Educational, it has not yet been found necessary to have an election. Candidates for the Male Fund must not be less than sixty years of age, and for the Widows' Fund not less than fifty-five years. In the former case the Brother must have been a registered Mark Master Mason for ten years, and a subscribing member to a Lodge for at least five consecutive years of that period, unless he be so afflicted as to permanently incapacitate him from earning a livelihood, in which case concessions in regard to age, &c., are allowed. No brother having an income of £40 per annum, or who is in a position to provide for himself, is eligible, and if any annuitant shall at any time become possessed of an income of £40 per annum, independently of his Annuity, the General Board has the power to reduce or suspend the Annuity, according to the circumstances of the case; while any one who shall incur his annuity, anticipate the payment thereof, or by improper conduct render himself unworthy to be continued on the Fund may be deprived thereof. On the death of a male annuitant his widow becomes entitled, upon making application and being approved by the Board, to one-half of her husband's annuity for a period of three years, so as to give her an opportunity of applying for election to the

Widows' Fund, but she may be placed thereon without election provided the Board is satisfied her case is eligible and deserving. Much the same rules apply in the case of Widows as those to which we have just referred. The limit of income from other sources is in their case fixed at £30 per annum, and upon an annuitant marrying her annuity at once ceases. In both cases the annuities are payable quarterly in advance, provision being made for the attendance of the recipient at the Office of the Grand Lodge, or the forwarding of a certificate by those who are unable to personally apply, every care being taken that the sums granted shall reach those for whom they are intended as speedily, and with as little trouble to the recipients as is possible.

Such are the brief details of a Fund which we have put at the head of the Masonic Charities outside the three Institutions. We consider it a record of which Mark Master Masons have every reason to be proud, and considering it is the outcome of but nineteen years' working, and that too among a limited section of the English Brotherhood, it speaks volumes for the enthusiasm of those who have supported it. We trust the Fund will continue its career of prosperity, and that it may always be possible for those who have the conduct of its affairs to do as they have hitherto done,—relieve every case regularly brought forward without entailing either the expense or anxiety of a contested election. If it is found possible to do this the members of the Mark Degree will have at least one important matter to congratulate themselves upon, while those whose circumstances in life may necessitate their making an appeal will have occasion to bless the subscribers and the men who, less than twenty years back, conceived and firmly established the Mark Benevolent Fund.

### MASONRY'S WORK.

*Extracts from an Oration by Rev. I. F. Slidham, at the Dedication of the Masonic Hall in New Britain, Connecticut, 17th March 1887.*

**E**VENTS teach lessons. The Operative Masonry of three thousand years ago had marked characteristics. There was uniform conscientiousness of work. For the temples of their gods they wrought like gods; their work was eternal for eternal beings. Even in their roads, bridges and aqueducts, there were no shams, and on their temples no meretricious ornaments. Architecture has been called frozen music, and much admiration has been expended by travellers on the ivy-mantled towers and castles of the old world. Architecture now is hypocrisy in stone. As man builds only for man who looks only on the outward appearance he veneers, building only for the present. But not so when builders were priests, and building was a religion. Go to the still existing monuments of ancient Operative Masonry; and from the Pyramids of Egypt to the last stone on Westminster Abbey; and every structure, in part and in whole, is conscientious and enduring. The foundations are sure and the corner-stones are tried. The very mortar has hardened into a creed of Masonic honesty. They tied the stones together in every monumental pile by a bond which meant eternal unity. The test of the square, the plumb and the level reveals the care, the patience and the security of their work. Masonic thought and feeling have ever aspired. The pinnacles of pagodas in the Orient, the utmost point of the cross that surmounts and sanctifies old Saint Paul in London, bear witness to this. As you enter Westminster Abbey the very breath seems to be taken from you upward, with the ascending heights of column, arch and roof. Mountain peaks that seem to prop the skies are loftier than the towers and spires of man's buildings; but while God's power is seen in the one, man's praise is seen in the other, and God loves that most which loves Him most. The work of the past was characterised by honesty, by exalted feelings and fraternal unions. \* \* \* \* \*

Freemasonry has a mission. It were stupid to suppose otherwise. That which has withstood the vicissitudes of

time—has overcome persecutions—that which stands at the head of secular beneficent societies; which has erected magnificent temples at great cost, for its dwelling places—which has enrolled in its membership, and has commanded the deference and respect of a multitude of men of highest mental culture, and highest religious character, must of necessity have a mission, worthy of, and proportionate to, the time, and brains, and money which it annually expends. The history of Masoury is the history of its accomplishments, and those accomplishments are the history of its character. I glory in that history. I am proud of the friends it has gathered to its side. I am more proud of it for the enemies it has made. Masonry does not consist in signals and pass-words, in ritualism and regalia; these outward things are but incidental. It has a broader and deeper significance. It is not a political Order; its members are of every political shade of thinking, and the Order exists under every variety of civil constitution. Strictly speaking, it is in no sense a secret society. I trust that my statement of this fact may comfort many persons to whom this has been a sort of hideous nightmare, and I also trust that this public statement will not lay me liable to the horrible wrath of those terrible men called Masons, but whom you know, ladies and gentlemen, as your husbands and brothers and friends. Now that I have made this statement, though I be drawn and quartered, shot out of a cannon, blown up with dynamite, burnt in coke, simmered in an inquisition frying pan, and allowed no monument to record my many and truthful virtues, as these Masons are said to be doing all the time, I stick to my statement, and I bid you look into the innocent faces of these husbands, present and prospective, of yours, and fearlessly tell me if you think it possible that such men as these could harbour in their childlike and transparent bosoms anything so fraught with disaster to the confidence reposed in them. Nay, a thousand times, nay. Should you lay your hand upon the heart of any of these "child-like and bland" brethren (the married ones, of course, I mean) you would find, as a travelling phrenologist solemnly said, after examining my head with great care, "Nothing there." Its times and places of meeting, its members, its acts and purposes, are known to all intelligent people. Its principles and purposes cannot fail to be known, for they have been proclaimed by press and pulpit, sounded from the housetops and emblazoned along the streets. Its history has been written and given to the world, and its deeds of charity recognised by all generous men. In fact, Masonry is in the full blaze of publicity.

I have said that this is not a political institution; nor is it a religious institution, strictly. It is not a church, it has no theological system, and yet it is practically religious. For while, in no sense, does it claim to be a substitute for the church, it has ever stood the advocate and defender of the principles of Him whose name and nature is light. In a word, its object, ends and aims are open to the public. Those who uphold and perpetuate this Order, as you repeat their names by the thousands, will not be pronounced by their fellow citizens as lacking either in sense or honesty.

Americans are full of rush; they allow themselves little recreation; they are noted for looking sharply to the main chance; and nowhere under the sun will any Order go to pieces faster than in America, if there be no valid reason for its existence, proportioned to the time, labour and cost necessary to its maintenance. Mummery, affectations of value, secrets, are vulgarly supposed to be the real factors in our history; but the average American is a constitutional kicker; no one will resent more warmly than he an imposition; and no one is more prone than he to smash all about him, when he is made the subject of folly. This Order has never made any secret of its principles or of its practices. There is no hiding in a corner. Its temples are in the principal streets of the cities and villages of the world. Along every by-way of the world you will meet men in all employments, and in all professions, who will, as proudly as ever the old Roman boasted of his citizenship, avow themselves one of this great Fraternity. It has no place for the man who is ashamed of it. King or subject, lord or serf, rich or poor, all must knock alike, all must enter alike, all must stand on the level floor of universal equality.

We meet upon the level here, though from every station come, The rich man from his mansion, the poor man from his home; The one must leave his wealth and state outside the Mason's door, The other finds his true respect upon the checkered floor.



We take the wand of the magician to-day to touch your spirits and awaken them, to look with new eyes upon this great palace, the vast and wondrous Alhambra, which rises in such splendid proportions and pierces the heavens with its spires. Every stone which has entered into the structure has been tried by the level and the square, and found worthy. The carvings which cover it from foundation to spire, as light and as airy as the winter's frost on the window pane, was wrought by skilful fingers of expert workmen, from the designs traced on the trestleboard of the great Architect of the Universe, to whom be the glory of it all.

"Hail! royal art! in humble zeal  
The Mason greets the gladdening sway;  
'Tis thine to teach the heart to feel,  
And thine to bid his hand obey.  
'Twas wisdom fashioned, 'twas strength thy temple raised,  
And beauty o'er the fabric blazed."

The stones of the temple are, belief in God; the immortality of the soul; loyalty to government; patience; temperance; justice; the brotherhood of man. In wisdom, strength and beauty it has risen, a poem in jewels, frozen music. The materials of the structure are not of wood and hay and stubble, nor even of gold and silver, perishable things, but of immortal mind. Whether coeval with the creation, as some enthusiastic brethren would have us believe, or whether it originated at the building of King Solomon's temple, as our traditions indicate; or, as some students of its antiquity affirm, had its rise from the societies of Operative Masons and Cathedral Guilds, makes but little difference to us. Friend and foe are compelled to concede—and the memory of man runneth not to the contrary—that its genesis is lost in the mists of antiquity, but its beauty is not affected by its age; like the angels in the sepulchre of Christ, they were as young men—its youth is perennial.

If my wand has not failed me, I bid you see yet more—see the white-winged spirits who have gone from this temple over the earth, dropping blessings with every beat of their burnished pinions upon the homes and hearts of the world. Their names are Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. They call us from study and from labour to listen for the sigh of some heavy heart, to go where the orphan weeps, or where any calamity of soul or body is wearing away the life. From this grand base of fraternity we have moved outward in all directions, as the astronomer from the diameter of the earth's orbit goes forth with a measuring line among the stars. The clasped hands are a symbol of the fact of Masonry.

We are so constituted that we cannot live without fraternity. Man is social. His life is a longing for fellowship. There is, now and then, a man who spends his time hunting for the "rapture on a lonely shore," but ordinarily we sigh for kindred friends, envying no hermit his barren and lonely cell. In the sunshine of faithful, loving hearts—in the assurance of love and esteem, the best traits of men are developed, and the purest enjoyments known. Take away pleasant companionships, and life is very barren. Who of us, who knows what heart-hunger is—and who does not know it?—but has learned to value the blessings of love? To those who walk a wearisome path in loneliness, who return from the day's battle hearing no welcome, who endure pain and sickness without the support of affectionate attentions—into such cheerless lives comes the flash of the silver wings, and the thrill gives strength and courage to the despondent life. The temple, the home of the angels, has strength. There is a moral support which is given by numbers. Once in a long time you may find a man strong enough to stand alone, but in the struggle against ignoble ideals, and ignoble men; in the effort to promote the welfare of communities; in the conflict to establish the equality of rights; in the grand endeavour to further humaneness of feeling and thought and action, we need the force of numbers.

But the mission of the angels is not yet told. The grandest distinction of this institution is not in the vast and growing numbers, scattered throughout all lands, nor in its splendid list of the names of men who are honoured in every walk of life; not in the coffers of heaped-up wealth; not in its beautiful and instructive rituals; but in its practical fellowship and practical benevolence. The good it does, the sorrow it relieves, the widow it befriends, the orphan it educates—this is its glory—the glory of sustained, systematic relief. That it has done a great work is true, and none the less true because silent. Great

forces are generally silent. The light which opens the sleeping rosebuds into bloom is the mightiest of all forces, it works the most marvellous transformations without a jar, without a sound; and when, as Everett says, "the everlasting gates of the morning are thrown wide open and the lord of day, arrayed in glories too serene for the gaze of man, begins his course," kissing the waves of grand old ocean and pressing its lips to the clinging dew-drop, tinting the flowers with delicate and beautiful colours, and with its gladdening rays filling the world with a flood of light and life, its footsteps have no echo. The building of Solomon's temple represents in beautiful symbolism the work of our Order. In silence the structure rose. No sound of workman's hammer was heard therefrom. In the caverns underneath the city the workmen wrought out the skilful designs of the Master. And to day, in those same caverns, can be seen the chippings on the floor and the smoke-stains the workmen's torches left upon the walls. The multitude that thronged the city in those golden days saw the structure rise in glorious beauty, but they knew not the marvellous cunning of him whose designs were daily drawn upon the trestleboard, nor did they see the work of those whose skill wrought out the Master's designs and shaped each stone for its place. The multitudes saw only the results. The processes were hidden from their eyes. All true work, however much it may be wrought far from the sight and applause of men, will have its revelation, and by so much its vindication. The life which stands forth conspicuous among men, commanding their attention, compelling their regard, as what men of common mould little think of, unseen forces which shaped its career. The various Masonic organisations are annually expending vast sums of money for charitable purposes, without noise, without the sound of trumpets or the waving of banners. The real beauty of Masonic charity is its *silence*. To be fraternal is to be benevolent. True relief is only to be found in brotherliness. Its works will not grieve, but sooth and calm, and the depth of divine, as well as human love, will best be found in silence. For, after all, God is the discovery of silence. No magnificent rhetoric has held Him to the soul's gaze. He is not so near to the finest spirits in the shriek of the wild tempest as in the sighing of the zephyr—He is farther away from the sensitive soul in the bursting artillery of the storm than in the dying music of a falling leaf.

The third element in the mission of Masonry is found in the fact that it presents to our minds the character of perfect manhood—that it holds up before its disciples an ideal man—true to God, true to his country, true to his neighbour, true to himself; and endeavours so to portray the beauty and consistency of such a walk and life, that we may be led to imitate it, and fashion ours in accordance therewith. Masons gather all this into one word—*truth*. Veiled in allegory, sparkling in symbol—as well as by plain precept—it attracts the attention and reaches the hearts of those who have crossed its threshold. It is always saying, as Wolsey to Cromwell, "Be just and fear not; let all the ends thou aim'st at be thy country's, thy God's, and truth's." Wrong and error die; true principles are eternal.

Truth crashed to earth will rise again,  
The eternal years of God are her's;  
But error wounded writhes in pain,  
And dies amid her worshippers.

Like the diamond, Masonry has gathered truth, the light, down deep in its heart, and rays it out from every one of its hundred facets. The present Pope of Rome published a bull against us not long ago. He calls us the "City of Satan." He says: "The plan of secret societies is no longer a mystery. It is a struggle against the church, and the various Popes have properly excommunicated Freemasons." He, the Pope, says, "The dangerous doctrines are, that men have all the same rights, and are perfectly equal in condition—that no one has a right to command others; that it is tyranny to keep men subject to any other authority than that which emanates from themselves; that the origin of all rights is in the people or in the state, which is ruled according to the new principles of liberty; that there is no reason why one religion ought to be preferred to another—that all are to be held in the same esteem." To all of which the genial Bob Burdette says: "Well, now, that may be very dangerous over in Europe, but it sounds all right over here. We believe that this United States government is founded on these very Masonic principles. If that is all the Pope has to say

against the 'Free and Accepted Masons,' then we, an impartial outsider, neither a Pope nor a Mason, shout 'Long live the goat!' and back him against the bull, to win every time. Back him head first, too, as that's the way the goat backs most effectively. And, by the way, in Ireland, which we believe is a Catholic country, and outside of Ireland certain Irishmen, whom we believe to be Catholics, are bravely fighting with their mouths, and laying down their lives, in their minds, for these very same principles of liberty, equality and the reign of the common people. 'The horns of the goat seem to be exalted.'

The mission of Masonry has this further: that all true inspiration, all sustained and effective effort, must be founded on the Bible. Sad emblems of mortality warn him, by all records of the past, to be true. Along the path of his life Masonry sends her winged spirits, her ministering angels to walk with him; at his death-bed to fold their wings and stand; to wipe the death damp from his brow, and whisper of the glorious land beyond, of everlasting mountains, of flower-besprent vales, of perennial fountains, of eternal fraternity, of infinite benevolence, of perfect truth.

That mission has not ended. As it goes along with the man to his grave, so will it go along with humanity until it shall close its career. To you, my brethren, it is given, in part, to complete this mission. Often let us ponder what we Masons vowed to do, when prepared at our altars:

"We assumed the solemn vow:  
Foot and knee, breast, hand and cheek,  
Let them oft our duties speak."

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### FRIENDLY BROTHERS' LODGE, No. 609.

IN the Masonic Hall, Arthur Square, Belfast, on the 25th ult., the members and their friends were entertained to dinner by Bro. Wm. Kerr W.M. There was a very large attendance. After the dinner, which was served in excellent style, the Chairman proposed the Queen and the Craft, which was heartily received, the assembly singing "God Save the Queen." The Three Grand Masters was proposed and duly honoured, and "God Bless the Prince of Wales" was heartily sung. The Chairman next proposed the Provincial Grand Lodge of Antrim. Bro. T. Nesbitt, in responding, said he was glad to be able to report that the various officers were discharging their duties efficiently. He knew that for a long time past a great amount of labour and perseverance had been exercised by the Provincial Grand Master and the Officers in strengthening the Institution and removing from it everything that did not tend to promote its welfare. The Masonic Province of Antrim was a large one, and recently Grand Lodge Instructors had been appointed to inspect the various Lodges, and their reports were very encouraging. As they had all seen in the newspapers, a Masonic Hall at Glenarm was dedicated on Saturday. The brethren there had not sufficient accommodation, and they built this hall. All the members of the Institution would be glad to hear that it was free of debt. He held that the places in which Freemasons met ought to be their own, and the Glenarm brethren had set a good example which might be followed even in the metropolitan Masonic district of Belfast. He trusted before long that that hall would belong to the Lodges which met in it. The Masonic body was progressing satisfactorily, not merely in point of numbers, but in point of organisation and discipline, philanthropy and charity. He congratulated Bro. Kerr on the position he occupied as W.M. of that Lodge, for in No. 609 were some of the best Masons in Belfast. The Chairman said they had now come to the most pleasing part of the programme, and that for which they were chiefly met. That Lodge had a right to feel proud of Bro. William Brown. He was well known and exceedingly popular among the Masonic brethren of Belfast, and had the members of that Lodge gone outside of it to the members of other Lodges for subscriptions they could have covered Bro. Brown with gold watches. He would ask the Secretary to read the address. Bro. Frame then read the address. The presentation consisted of a splendid gold watch. Mrs. Brown was also presented with gold bracelets. Bro. Brown, who was very heartily received, having read his reply, said his heart was too full to permit him to speak at any length. He was greatly obliged to the Brethren for their kindness, and he had especially to thank the Committee who had conceived and carried out that presentation. He had associated with them for many years in the past, and he felt that time had been usefully spent. Their moments together had been very pleasant, and they had the satisfaction of knowing that they had helped on the good work of charity. He tendered his warmest thanks to the ladies for their presence, for without them the meetings would not be so enjoyable as they were. Their meetings partook of the social character, and as they had heard already, Masonry was prospering. Great nations had disappeared, but Masonry continued and grew stronger than ever in the 19th Century. That was a proof that there was good in their Institution, and that it commended itself to this as well as to past ages. He was sure that that Lodge would continue to prosper. The Chairman proposed Our Poor and Distressed Brethren, which was well received. Bro. Hutton responded. He said it required no eloquence to commend

the Masonic Charities to the members of 609. They were always ready to respond in a tangible way when called upon; and if they looked at the report of the Widows' Fund they would find that Lodge third on the list. There was no time at which they should be so willing to help their poor and distressed brethren than on an occasion like that when they were enjoying themselves, and they would shortly have an opportunity of contributing to that purpose. The poor they always had with them, and it was the glory of Charity that it extended the right hand of fellowship to those who needed sympathy and support. There were two Charities connected with Belfast Masonry, which were well sustained. Their Order was progressing, and he hoped it would continue to do so. Bro. Hugh Doey also responded. He said it was not necessary for him to say anything to that Lodge about their duty to charities. They were there as guests of Bro. Kerr, and there was no way they could show their respect for him better than by subscribing liberally to the charities. A few days ago, at a charity dinner for the English Masonic Girls' School, the sum of £50,500 was raised. He trusted that the members would continue to support the charities as they had done in the past. Bro. Kennedy also addressed the meeting. During the evening an interesting programme was performed by the following:—Miss Bell, the Misses Kerr, Miss Brown, Mr. William Irvine, Bro. R. T. Mahood, Mr. Scott, and Bro. W. Curran. Miss Moore acted as accompanist to the satisfaction of all.

### PRINCE OF WALES LODGE, No. 154.

ON Thursday evening, 21st ult., the brethren met in their club-room, 75 Upper Arther Street, Belfast, for the purpose of making a very handsome and valuable presentation to Bro. John Grey, P.M. of that Lodge, on the occasion of his departure from Belfast. Bro. Grey has for a number of years held the position of resident Secretary for the Scottish Widows' Fund in this town, and now leaves to occupy a similar post in Bristol, and the members of his Lodge, on learning of his intended change of residence, were determined to embrace the opportunity of presenting him with a suitable souvenir of their fraternal esteem and appreciation. The Worshipful Master (Bro. John Martin) occupied the chair, and, having feelingly and appropriately introduced the subject, called upon the secretary to read the address, which was handsomely illuminated, Masonic devices being introduced into the border. The W.M. then presented Bro. Grey with a very handsome sterling silver dinner and dessert service, contained in cases bearing suitable inscriptions, and the recipient having read his reply, the Chairman called upon the brethren present to toast the health of the guest of the evening, Bro. John Grey, P.M. of Lodge 154. He referred in highly eulogistic terms to the manner in which Bro. Grey had always discharged his Masonic duties, and to the deep interest he had evinced in the wealth and prosperity of Lodge 154, and concluded by wishing him and his family every prosperity in the country to which by the exigencies of commercial requirements they have been transferred. The toast having been duly honoured, Bro. Grey responded in a very touching and eloquent speech, in which he expressed his sincere regret at being obliged to separate from the members of his mother Lodge, in which he had spent so many happy hours, and from those pleasurable Masonic associations which, wherever he might go, would always remain fresh in his memory. The toast of the Past Masters of Lodge 154 was next given and duly honoured, and was responded to by Bro. W. J. Johnston, J.P., the senior member of the Lodge, and the proceedings shortly afterwards terminated.

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### NORTH BRITISH RAILWAY LODGE, No. 597.

THE above Lodge held a special meeting on Friday, 29th ult., the Right Worshipful Master Bro. D. G. Drysdale in the chair, supported by his office bearers. The Lodge was opened in the first degree, passed to F.C., and raised to the sublime of M.M., when Bros. Sligh and Leckie were raised to that degree. The Lodge was then advanced to that of Mark Master, when the following brethren of St. Margaret's, No. 548, South Queensferry, were advanced to that degree with the object of enabling them to work the Mark in connection with 548:—Bros. Falconer R.W.M., Robb S.W., Bovan, J. G. Robb, McGregor, McAllum, McDonald, Lynch, Russell and Cumming. The ceremony was conducted by Bro. Drysdale R.W.M. 597 in his usual impressive style, ably assisted by Bro. Syme S., after which the R.W.M. and S.W. of 548 received honorary affiliation. The R.W.M. of 597 in congratulating the brethren on receiving the degree of Mark Master, at the same time expressed his thanks on behalf of Lodge 597 for the very kind manner in which they were entertained by the members of Lodge 548 whilst recently on their annual excursion, and hoped that the links formed that night would still make the two Lodges more closely united. Bro. Falconer, in replying for himself and Bro. Robb, thanked the Lodge for the honour conferred on them, and in a few well-chosen remarks wished Lodge 597 every success. The Lodge was then closed in due and ancient form.

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## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF KENT.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 27th ult., at Sittingbourne, under the presidency of the R.W. Bro. Earl Amberst P.G.M., who was assisted by Bro. James Smith Eastes D.P.G.M., and a number of brethren representing the whole of the Lodges in the Province. The Lodge was held at the Crescent-street School Rooms, under the banner of the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 1273. The minutes of the previous Provincial Grand Lodge Meetings held at Dartford and Maidstone, the latter for the purpose of conferring Jubilee Grand Honours, were confirmed. The Treasurer's accounts were taken as read. The esteemed Prov. Grand Treas., Bro. B. K. Thorpe P.M. 709, P.G. Stand. Br. England, was re-elected with acclamation, and that brother returned thanks. The following brethren were then appointed Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year:

Bro. W. J. Harris P.M. 1273	-	-	Senior Warden
S. W. Shaw P.M. 1965	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. C. E. S. Woolmer, M.A., P.M. 1209	}	}	Chaplains
Rev. W. H. Bond, M.A., P.M. 1273			
B. K. Thorpe P.M. 701 P.G. St. B. Eng.	}	}	Treasurer
A. Spencer P.M. 1063 P.G. Sword			
Bearer England (re-appointed)	}	}	Secretary
John Burton P.M. 874			
Thomas D. Hayes P.M. 913	}	}	Registrar
F. W. Underdown P.M. 133			
C. C. Walter P.M. 1208	}	}	Senior Deacons
W. W. Woodruff P.M. 1206			
John S. Anscomb P.M. 503	}	}	Junior Deacons
J. C. Biggs P.M. 77			
John F. Solly P.M. 784	}	}	Superintendent of Works
William Elliott P.M. 1854			
George Kennedy P.M. 1536	}	}	Director of Ceremonies
Thomas W. Wallis P.M. 483			
E. B. Moody W.M. 1967	}	}	Deputy Director of Cers.
William Tice P.M. 31			
William Jude P.M. 1063	}	}	Asst. Director of Cers.
Edward Ayre P.M. 2099			
John S. G. Ranger P.M. 184	}	}	Sword Bearer
H. Wootton P.M. 127			
W. J. Smith P.M. 199	}	}	Standard Bearers
Lewis B. Biggs P.M. 1050			
W. H. Marcolyn P.M. 1209	}	}	Organist
F. Wood P.M. 1973			
Daniel Grinstead P.M. 1692	}	}	Assistant Secretary

Thirty pounds was voted to each of three distressed applicants, two members of the Province, and one member's widow. Twenty-one pounds was voted to each of the following Lodges, Nos. 1965, 1967, 1973, for the Boys' School, Girls' School, and Benevolent Institution, and £21 each for Nos. 1464, 1531, 1536, 1678, 1692, and 1725, for the Girls' School; 250 guineas was voted to the list of the P.G.M., who represented the Province at the late Girls' School Festival, when the Lodges of the Province subscribed 1000 guineas to purchase a Perpetual Presentation to that School, which, added to the P.G.M.'s list, made up a grand total of £1323.

A motion, moved by the Prov. Grand Treasurer, that in future the Prov. Grand Secretary should find two sureties in the sum of £250 each, was carried with two dissentients.

The Lodge was then adjourned, and the brethren proceeded to St. Michael's Church, kindly lent for the occasion by the rector, where the Rev. H. Venn, M.A., the Prov. Grand Chaplain preached an eloquent sermon.

On re-assembling, Provincial Grand Lodge passed votes of thanks to the Rev. H. Venn and the managers of the Schools for their kindness in placing the church and schools at the service of the brethren; also to the authorities for the use of the Town Hall for the banquet, after which Provincial Grand Lodge was closed.

## PROV. GRAND LODGE OF MIDDLESEX.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Saturday, the 7th instant, at the Memorial Hall, Stanmore, under the presidency of Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master. The roll of Lodges in the Province having been called over, the majority were found to be represented. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, and reports of the Audit and Charity Committees received and adopted, the Provincial Grand Master said they were all very satisfied with the manner in which the duties of Treasurer had been carried out

during the past year by Bro. J. F. Hepburn, and also with the state of the financial affairs of Provincial Grand Lodge. He was about to propose for election to that office a brother whom he was sure would perform the duties quite as satisfactorily as his predecessor had done. He believed Bro. Spratling was well known to the brethren present, and he had much pleasure in proposing him for election as Provincial Grand Treasurer. The proposition having been seconded by Bro. Hepburn, was carried unanimously. Col. Burdett, in re-appointing Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp as his Deputy, paid a high tribute of praise to that brother, who had not only relieved him of great responsibility, but was enthusiastically beloved by all in the Province. The Officers for the year were appointed and invested, as follow:—

Bro. Colonel Blunt	...	...	Senior Warden
T. C. Walls	...	...	Junior Warden
Rev. Dr. Lindsay	...	...	Chaplains
Rev. Evan Jones	...	...	
— Spratling	...	...	Treasurer
W. Sweetland	...	...	Registrar
F. J. H. Woodward	...	...	Secretary
W. Maple	...	...	Senior Deacons
H. F. Ring	...	...	
G. Gregory	...	...	Junior Deacons
R. Roy	...	...	
C. J. Shoppee	...	...	Superintendent of Works
G. S. Elliott	...	...	Director of Ceremonies
T. H. Nott	...	...	Deputy Director of Cers.
E. W. Warner	...	...	Asst. Director of Cers.
F. J. Perks	...	...	Sword Bearer
W. C. Williams	...	...	Standard Bearers
W. Seward jun.	...	...	
Ed. Dalzell	...	...	Organist
W. H. Lee	...	...	Assistant Secretary
W. Beavis	...	...	Pursuivant
F. Chandler	...	...	Assistant Pursuivant
Edmund Yates 771	...	...	Stewards
Dr. J. W. Oswald 1415	...	...	
Alfred Lingard 1691	...	...	
Dr. H. W. Seager 2183	...	...	
E. Monson jun. 1194	...	...	Tyler
C. S. Buck 1702	...	...	
J. Gilbert	...	...	

The Provincial Grand Master, in investing Bro. T. C. Walls as Grand Junior Warden, said that brother had already served the office of Prov. G.S.B., but he had worked so hard in the Province for several years past that he could do no other than reward his excellent services by promoting him to a higher office. He should not regard this as a precedent for the future, but it afforded him great pleasure to invest Bro. Walls as Prov. G.J.W., and was confident the appointment would meet with the approbation of the brethren. On the motion of the Provincial Grand Master, £15 15s was voted to each of the Masonic Institutions. The Wardens and Bro. W. Maple were elected members of the Audit Committee, and Bros. J. Tickle, W. A. Scurrah, and W. H. Lee re-elected to the Charity Committee. A vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Hepburn for his services as Prov. G. Treasurer during the past year. The Secretaries of Lodges in the Province were urged by the Prov. Grand Master to send in returns of their respective Lodges as complete as possible to Bro. Henry Lovegrove, and thus assist in the compilation of the next issue of the Provincial Calendar, compiled by that brother. The Prov. Grand Secretary having announced the receipt of several letters and telegrams from brethren, expressing regret for non-attendance, and other routine business having been transacted, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed. The brethren then went in procession to the parish church, where a short service was held and an excellent sermon preached by Bro. Rev. John Lindsay, D.D., Prov. G. Chap., who took for his text 1 St. Peter, chap. ii., verse 17: "Honour all men, love the brotherhood, fear God, honour the King." A collection was made for the Parochial Schools, which resulted in a total of £6 1s 2d. The brethren subsequently partook of an excellent repast at the Abercorn Hotel, when the usual toasts were afterwards honoured.

On Friday, the 6th instant, Bro. Alderman Savory entertained the children of the Royal Masonic School for Girls, together with members of the staff, at his country seat, Buckhurst Park, Ascot.

By command of the Provincial Grand Master, the annual Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of the Province of Cumberland and Westmoreland will be held at Maryport, on Wednesday, the 18th instant.



## HUMBER INSTALLED MASTERS' LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

ON Thursday, 5th instant, over one hundred brethren assembled (by kind permission) at the Masonic Hall, Osborne Street, Hull, for the purpose of hearing a lecture, delivered under the auspices of the Humber Installed Masters' Lodge of Instruction, of which Bro. M. C. Peck G. St. B. England P.P.G.S.W. P.G. Secretary is the Worshipful Master, and Bro. W. Tesseyman P.M. P.G. Supt. Works the Secretary. The greatest interest had been shown in the subject announced, viz., "Sketches of British Freemasonry: a Retrospect of Five Centuries," inasmuch as the lecture was to be delivered by the eminent Masonic historian—Brother Wm. J. Hughan P.G.S.D. of England, P.G.S.W. of Egypt, P.P.G.S.W. of Cornwall. Amongst the brethren present were:—Bros. D. J. O'Donoghue P.G.J.W., Walter Reynolds P.G. Treasurer, T. Oates P.G. Assistant Secretary; G. L. Shackles, Hy. Tozoes (Mayor of Hull), M. Haberland, A. King, Geo. Wilson, Robert Hodgson, John Walton P.P.G.D.'s; W. D. Keyworth P.P.G.S. of Works, Wm. Gillett P.P.G.St.B., C. S. Lane P.P.G.D. Durham, Wm. Hunt P.P.G.D.C. Devon, Winter P.P.G.St.B. Norfolk, John Clark W.M. 57, R. R. Hawley W.M. 250, J. Chappell W.M. 1605, H. Watson W.M. 1040, M. M. Westerby P.M. 294, James Sugden P.M. 1379, W. Watson P.M. 2069, and many others. Bro. M. C. Peck said:—Worshipful Master, Past Masters, Officers, and Brethren,—In connection with the Humber Installed Masters' Lodge of Instruction, over which I have the honour to preside, a series of lectures have been given by eminent members of the Craft, to the very great benefit and instruction of our Hull brethren, and, as we have been favoured with the consent of the most famous of all Masonic authors to deliver an address, we deemed it would be a wise course to announce a public night, open to all brethren who would honour us with their company, and, accordingly, the W.M. of the parent Lodge having kindly and most readily given his permission, the present meeting of the Installed Masters' Lodge is held in the open Lodge of the institution whence it originated. Those few words will explain how it is that we are assembled. We are met to-night, W. sirs and brethren, to welcome our distinguished Brother W. J. Hughan, Past Grand Senior Deacon of England, whose Masonic lore and unceasing labours in the cause of the Craft are well known wherever Masonry extends, and will be gratefully remembered so long as Masonry shall flourish, for its literature can never die! He was one of the first, if not the very first, to divest the history of the Order from the dust by which it had been covered for centuries, and by painful research and scholarly industry to explode many foolish and improbable notions as to its antiquity and pretensions; and thus place the literature of the Craft upon an equally respectable and reasonable footing with other subjects of archaeological inquiry. These labours have been continued, many and important works have issued from his ready pen, and multifarious are the magazine and newspaper articles by which he has added to our stores of knowledge, and proved himself a *doyen* amongst Masonic authors. Bro. Hughan commenced by testifying to the pleasure he felt in visiting Hull, and seeing Bro. Peck and other brethren, with whom he had corresponded for many years past, and seeing again his very old friend Brother Hunt, by whose example and life he was first induced to think of becoming a Freemason. He then proceeded to refer to the steps by which he had arrived to his present conclusions respecting the history of Masonry. Its history commenced within the 14th century. There were various legends of the Craft relating to earlier periods, but they were simply legends, and too much importance has been attached to them. There were Masonic assemblies at York, which probably included working Masons and gentlemen or speculative Masons. He instanced Elias Ashmole and others as persons of this class in the seventeenth century. He referred to the old Charges, and to the Rolls preserved in the British Museum and elsewhere, proving the existence of Freemasonry in the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries. Several examples of these interesting rolls were displayed by Bro. Hughan. These early records proved that then Freemasonry was of a Christian character, and the meetings commenced by an invocation of the Holy Trinity. Religious and loyal men only could be Masons. Records of Scottish Lodges from A.D. 1599 were noticed. The oldest Scottish charges were clearly derived from England. The secrets, signs, and words were explained, and their descent traced. It was proved that so long since as 1670 Masons' marks were selected and used by speculative brethren. The Masons' word was the subject of legal litigation in Scotland in 1714. The terms *cowan* and *eavesdropper* were explained. It was not until 1717 that the Premier Grand Lodge was formed, and from that time the "Three Degrees" in Masonry has been known; the Royal Arch was instituted at a later date. There were several Grand Lodges between 1717 and 1813, when the United Grand Lodge was inaugurated. The United Grand Lodge of England put the religious aspect of Freemasonry on the broad basis of requiring from every one admitted to the Order an acknowledgment of his belief in God. Hebrews were, therefore, as free to Masonry as Christians, and there were very many zealous and able Masons among the Israelites. Many Mahomedans, Hindoos, and Parsees had also become Freemasons. The influence of Freemasonry, under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of England, was felt wherever British people and power were known, and it was a beneficent influence promotive of the peace and prosperity and the brotherhood of mankind. Its influence in India was as beneficial as it was great. Many other cognate subjects were referred to, and after speaking about an hour Brother Hughan concluded his most able and interesting lecture, and was warmly applauded on resuming his chair. A discussion ensued in which several brethren took part, including Bros. Peck, Shackles, Sugden, and Tesseyman. A vote of thanks to the lecturer was moved by Brother Hunt, seconded by Brother Shackles, and adopted by acclamation. Thanks were also voted, on the motion of Brother Cohen, seconded by Brother McLeavy, to the Humber Installed Masters' Lodge of Instruction for arranging for the visit of Brother Hughan.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday last. Bro. Wm. Roebuck P.G.S.B., Vice-Patron and Trustee, occupied the chair, and there were present Bros. Henry W. Hunt, Stephen Richardson, James Stevens, John Glass, John L. Mather P.A.G.D.C., Alfred Williams, Robert Berridge S.G.D., C. H. Webb, Geo. Mickley, Geo. Everett, W. H. Saunders, H. Sutherland, David D. Mercer, A. E. Gladwell, W. Paas, H. Veun, James Moon, Joyce Murray, Andrew R. Motion, H. J. Strong, J. Rayner, Alfred J. Dixie, C. Weeden, H. Homewood, George Gardner, and F. Binckes P.G.S.B. Secretary. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, and those of the House Committee read for information, the Committee took into consideration the various petitions, to the number of 17, which were laid before them, the result being the acceptance of them all, and the names of the candidates were ordered to be placed on the list for the election in October next. The number of vacancies for October was declared at 20, to be increased to 22 if the Quarterly Court should so decide, and the list of candidates at 77. Sundry notices of motion for the Quarterly General Court, on the 27th inst., having been handed in, the proceedings terminated with the usual vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding. The following is the notice of motion given by Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., P.G.D. Patron, on behalf of the House Committee, namely:

That, having regard to the charges recently made against the management of this Institution, without recognising in the least that such charges are in any degree well founded, this Court is of opinion that in the interests of the Institution it is desirable that an impartial investigation into its discipline and administration be forthwith undertaken, and that the Grand Registrar of the Order (V.W. Bro. F. Philbrick, Q.C., Vice-Patron and Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Essex) be invited to associate with himself such members of the Craft, being, at least, Life Governors of the Institution, as he may think proper for the purpose of such inquiry. The result to be submitted as a report to a subsequent Quarterly General Court.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held its monthly meeting at the Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday. Bro. J. A. Farnfield P.A.G.D.C., Treas. of the Institution, presided, and there were present Bros. H. Maudslay P.G.D., A. H. Tattershall, James Brett P.G.P., W. B. Daniell, Hugh Cotter, William Smith, Joseph Freeman, Samuel Brooks, C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., W. H. Perryman G.P., C. J. Perceval, Thos. Cubitt P.G.P., Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D., Dr. Jabez Hogg P.G.D., John Bulmer, Alex. Forsyth, M.D., Major A. Durrant, Charles G. Hill, J. Dixon, C. F. Hogard, Geo. Mickley M.B., Harry Cox, W. J. Murlis, and James Terry P.G.S.B. Secretary. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read the Secretary reported the death of two male and one widow annuitant. The Warden's report for the past month having been read, a vote of thanks was passed unanimously to the House Committee of the Boys' School for permitting the band of that Institution to attend at Croydon on the occasion of the recent Stewards' visit. The report of the Finance Committee was read, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. An application from the widow of a late annuitant for half her husband's annuity having been granted, two petitions (one male and one widow) were considered, and the names ordered to be entered on the lists of candidates for May next. A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings.

We remind our readers that the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge and Chapter of Surrey will be held on Wednesday next. Further particulars will be found elsewhere.

A complimentary Benefit Matinée has been tendered Mr. W. W. Kelly, of the Princess's Theatre; it will take place on Thursday, 9th August. The programme will be exceptionally strong and consist of miscellaneous items of London successes. Numerous popular artistes have already volunteered their services.

Bro. Rob Morris has been appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Council of England and Wales, resident in Kentucky.

The Masonic Home at Louisville, Kentucky, is to have a Garfield memorial window.

FUNERALS properly carried out and personally attended, in London and Country, by Bro. G. A. HUTTON, 17 Newcastle Street, Strand, W.C. Monuments erected. Valuations made.

## SURREY.

Prov. G. Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that a PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE will be held at the Public Hall, Carshalton, in the County of Surrey, on Wednesday, the 18th day of July 1888, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

By Command,

CHARLES GREENWOOD, P.P.G.R.

Prov. Grand Secretary.

N.B.—Morning Dress.

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

P.S.—The reception and entertainment of the Provincial Grand Lodge has, by command of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, been placed under the direction of the Wallington Lodge, No. 1892, Carshalton.

The dinner will take place at 6 o'clock punctually. For tickets apply to the W. Bro. William Pile P.M. P.P.G. Standard Bearer, "Westcroft," Carshalton, Surrey, enclosing 5s, which will not include wine.

N.B.—Dinner will be provided for those only who have taken tickets, and no ticket will be issued after 16th July.

The R.W.P.G. Master requests the attendance of the brethren at Divine Service, at the Parish Church, Carshalton, at 4.30 p.m. A Sermon will be preached by the W. Bro. the Rev. Lord Victor Seymour, M.A., P.G. Chaplain, Rector of Carshalton.

Down Trains from London Bridge 12.50 and 2 o'clock p.m., arriving at Carshalton 1.26 p.m. and 2.30 p.m.

Victoria 1.5 p.m. arriving at Carshalton 1.31 p.m.

Up Trains from Carshalton to London Bridge 9.2 p.m. and 10.34 p.m., arriving at 9.40 and 11.15 p.m.

" " " Victoria 9.14 p.m., arriving 9.50 p.m.

## PROVINCE OF SURREY.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER

OF

## ROYAL ARCH MASONS.

The M.E. Comp. Gen. J. STUDHOLME BROWNRIGG, C.B.

Grand Superintendent.

NOTICE is hereby given that a Provincial Grand Chapter will be held at the Public Hall, Carshalton, in the County of Surrey, on Wednesday, the 18th day of July 1888, at Two o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

By Command,

CHARLES GREENWOOD, P.Z.

Prov. Grand Scribe E.

N.B.—Morning Dress.

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

Dinner at 6 o'clock punctually. For tickets apply to Comp. W. Pile P.Z., "Westcroft," Carshalton, enclosing 5s, which will not include wine.

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The Grand Superintendent requests the attendance of the Companions at Divine Service at the Parish Church, Carshalton, at 4.30 p.m.

Down Train from London Bridge, 12.50; arriving at Carshalton, 1.26.

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PROVINCIAL  
GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS  
OF  
MIDDLESEX AND SURREY.

The R.W. Bro. Col. Sir FRANCIS BURDETT, Bart., Prov. G. Master.

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS of the Province of Middlesex and Surrey will be held at the Greyhound, Hotel, Richmond, on Saturday, the 21st July 1888, when all the Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers, together with the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters and Acting Wardens of Lodges in the Province, are summoned to attend, and all Mark Master Masons are invited to be present.

The Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened at 4.30 o'clock.

Brethren to appear in full Masonic Costume of the Mark Degree, and Provincial Grand Officers in the clothing of their respective ranks.

By command of the R.W. P.G.M.M.,

WM. G. BRIGHTEN P.M. P.P.G.S.W., &c.

Provincial Grand Mark Secretary.

108 Fenchurch Street, E.C.  
2nd July 1888.

Banquet at 6 o'clock.

By a resolution of the Committee of General Purposes, the price of the Dinner Tickets has been reduced to 15s, including wine, the Provincial Grand Lodge to pay the difference.

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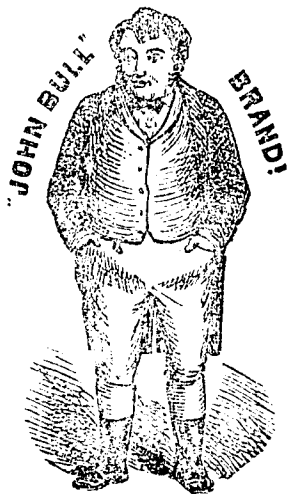
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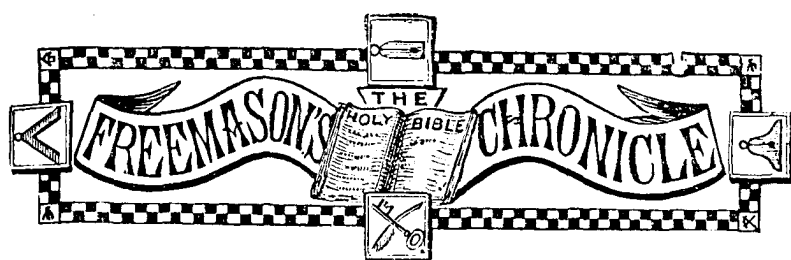
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## ROYAL ARCH.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF  
DURHAM.

**T**HE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Durham of Royal Arch Masons was held on the 10th instant, in the Masonic Hall, Durham. There was a large attendance of principals and other officers. The Chapter was opened in form by Comps. J. Horsley, W. Coxon, and W. Brignal acting as Z., H. and J. The Most Excellent Grand Superintendent of the Province (Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart.) was received by the Chapter standing. The financial statement presented by the P.G. Treasurer (Comp. B. Boulton) showed a balance of over £33 in hand. Sums of £10 10s were voted to the Royal Masonic School for Boys and the Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows; and £6 16s was voted to the Durham Masonic Education Fund. The roll of chapters was called, and the reports presented by the various principals were of a satisfactory nature. The Provincial Grand Superintendent, in a short address, referred to the satisfaction which the reports had afforded him, and briefly alluded to the position of the Chapters, and wished them every success. The following were afterwards appointed by Sir Hedworth Williamson P.G. Supt. as the officers for the ensuing year:—

Comp. B. Boulton P.P.G. Treasurer	H.
John J. Clay P.P.G.D.C.	J.
R. Hudson (re-appointed)	S.E.
R. F. Cook	S.N.
R. W. Halfnight	Treasurer
J. C. Moor	Registrar
T. J. Johnson	Principal Sojourner
H. E. O. Müller	} Assistant Sojourners
C. Spencer	
W. Mayson	Sword Bearer
George Robson	Standard Bearer
W. Logan	Director of Ceremonies
J. F. Miller	Asst. Director of Cers.
James Hudson	Organist
Joseph Robson Pattison	Assistant S.E.
J. Curry	Janitor

## HUYSHE CHAPTER, No. 1099.

**T**HE members of this Chapter held their annual meeting on the 4th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Home-park, Stoke. The Principals elect were installed:—Comps. Thomas May as Z., Henry Rogers H., and J. H. Blackell J. Comp. E. Aitken-Davies P.P.G.Reg. was the installing officer, assisted by Comps. the Rev. T. W. Lemon P.P.G.P.S., and W. J. Stanbury P.P.G. St. B., with a Board of Past Principals. The following Officers were invested:—Comps. Gilman S.E., Page S.N., Dillon P.S., Foster 1st A.S., Stanton 2nd A.S., Stanbury Treasurer, Staton O., Sprague D.C., Olver St. B., Yeoman Steward, Rashbrook Janitor. Comp. the Rev. T. W. Lemon presented the Chapter with a pair of miniature hand-painted R.A. tracing boards handsomely framed. The panels bear the inscription:

“Presented to Chapter Huyshe, 1099, H.R.A., Stoke Damerall, by Ex-Comp. Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.Z. 189 (70, 223, 494, 2022, Hon.) P.P.G.P.S., and P.P. 3rd G.P. 4th July 1888.

## MARK MASONRY.

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## GRAND LODGE.

**T**UESDAY, the 10th inst., was a red letter day in Mark Masonry in Gloucestershire, as the Moveable Mark Grand Lodge of England was held at Cheltenham, for the purpose of installing Bro. Baron de Ferrieres P.G.M.O. as Prov. G.M.M. There was a large assemblage of brethren in the handsome Masonic hall of the town, and punctually at 3.30 Provincial Grand Lodge was opened by the R.W. Prov. G.M.M. Bro. John Walker M.A. The annual business having been transacted, Grand Lodge was opened

by the Most Hon. the Marquis of Hertford R.W. D.G.M.M. as the M.W. G.M.M. in the chair. Bro. Baron de Ferrieres was then duly installed Prov. G.M.M. of Gloucestershire and Herefordshire, and appointed his Officers, as follow:—

Bro. H. Jeff's P.G.I.G.	-	Deputy Master
O. Shellard P.M. 243	-	Senior Warden
J. Balcomb P.M. 10	-	Junior Warden
W. R. Porcher P.M. 10	-	M.O.
J. Marchant P.M. 243	-	S.O.
Dr. Gregory Treasurer 10	-	J.O.
Rev. Dr. Lynes P.M. 340	-	Chaplain
W. L. Bain P.M. 10 (elected)	-	Treasurer
J. Davies P.M. 243	-	Registrar
G. Norman G.D. P.M. 10	-	Secretary
C. Coldwell I.P.M. 243	-	Senior Deacon
E. Lea W.M. 218	-	Junior Deacon
W. Forth P.P.D.G.M.	-	Director of Ceremonies
W. C. Ferris P.M. 218	-	Asst. Director of Cers.
T. E. Gaudy 10	-	Organist
W. R. Felton P.P.G.M.O.	-	Steward
H. Phillips	-	Tyler

Grand Lodge having been resumed, the M.W. G.M.M. in the chair moved, and Bro. Canon Portal seconded, an address of condolence to the M.W. G.M.M. the Prince of Wales on the death of the Emperor Frederick, this being the first meeting of Grand Lodge since that deplorable event. Grand Lodge then retired, and on the motion of the R.W. Prov. G.M. seconded by Bro. Shellard Prov. G.S.W., an address was voted to Bro. John Walker, in recognition of the services he had rendered to Mark Masonry during the nine years he had ruled the Province—six years as Deputy, and three years as Prov. G.M.M. Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed. The brethren subsequently dined together, under the presidency of the Marquis of Hertford, in the handsome dining-hall of the Lodge.

PROV. G. LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE AND  
ISLE OF WIGHT.

**T**HE annual Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight was held at the Masonic Hall, Commercial-road, Portsmouth, on Monday, the 2nd instant, under the presidency of the Rev. Canon G. R. Portal Provincial Grand Mark Master, who was supported by the Deputy Provincial Grand Mark Master Bro. R. Loveland Loveland, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Craft Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre P.G.M.O. of England, Bro. Matier Secretary of the Mark Benevolent Fund, and the following present and past Officers of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge.—Bros. C. W. A. Jellicoe, F. Newman, G. F. Lancaster, F. Powell, A. R. Holbrook, D. O. Hobbs, M. E. Frost, Rev. A. M. Walker, Rev. H. J. Mason, R. Dampier-Child, Gordon Miller, R. Cullingford, C. Reynolds, H. P. Holley, H. Stone, W. Green, Rev. J. N. Palmer Past Grand Chaplain England, J. B. Atkinson, S. Clarke, A. Dashwood, H. Crisp, J. Conner, E. E. Street, J. C. Airs, J. W. Willmott, F. Sanders, R. J. Turney, J. Donne, Dr. F. V. Paxton, J. E. Buck, J. Westaway, H. J. Guy, &c. Satisfactory reports were presented of the progress of Mark Masonry in the Province, and it transpired that the number of advancements during the year was double that of the year preceding, and all the Lodges appeared to be in good working order. The Lodge of Economy at Winchester, which had been in abeyance for many years, has been resuscitated through the zeal of Bros. Loveland and Le Feuvre, the latter of whom has accepted the office of W.M. for the year. The Lodge resolved unanimously again to recommend the Rev. Canon Portal to the Grand Mark Master for appointment as the Provincial Grand Master, and Bro. R. J. Rastrick was also unanimously re-elected to the office of Treasurer, a resolution being at the same time affirmed, thanking him for his past services, and sympathising with him in his serious illness. On the proposition of the Rev. Canon Portal, the sum of ten guineas was voted to the Mark Benevolent Fund, and it was agreed to place this amount on the list of Bro. Loveland, who accepted a stewardship for the coming Festival of the Charity. Bro. Canon Portal mentioned that it had recently been decided to increase the pension for aged Mark Masons to ten shillings weekly, and for widows to eight shillings weekly; twenty-six boys and girls were now being educated from the fund. The following were appointed as the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. R. Loveland Loveland	-	Deputy Master
G. J. Tilling	-	Senior Warden
Colonel Yeatman Biggs	-	Junior Warden
J. Westaway	-	M.O.
S. Salter	-	S.O.
F. Sanders	-	J.O.
Rev. E. H. Elers	-	} Chaplains
Rev. A. M. Walker	-	
C. Waters	-	
C. W. A. Jellicoe	-	Registrar of Marks
W. G. P. Gilbert	-	Secretary
H. P. Holley	-	Senior Deacon
J. Van Marle	-	Junior Deacon
W. J. Borrow	-	Superintendent of Works
N. Solomon	-	Director of Ceremonies
J. T. Thackara	-	Assistant Director of Cers.
J. Leftwich	-	Sword Bearer
J. T. Antill jun.	-	Standard Bearer
R. F. Osborne	-	Organist
Commodore Markham, R.N.	-	I.G.
Barlow	-	} Stewards
Burchett	-	
Savill	-	
Exell	-	
	-	Tyler

The Provincial Grand Mark Master thanked Bro. Tilling for the zeal and attention with which he had, during the past eight years, carried out the duties of Provincial Grand Secretary. After the closing of the Lodge, the brethren adjourned to the dining hall. The banquet was followed by the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, the Rev. Canon Portal presiding.

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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### SUN, SQUARE AND COMPASSES LODGE, No. 119.

THE members held their annual installation meeting, for the purpose of installing Bro. Thomas Allison W.M. elect and investing the Officers for the ensuing year, on Monday, the 2nd instant, in the Freemasons' Hall, College Street, Whitehaven. The Lodge was opened promptly at one o'clock p.m. by Bro. Thomas Studholme W.M., assisted by his officers and members, and visitors from all the Lodges in the West. On the confirmation of the minutes, Bro. G. W. Kenworthy, the senior P.M. of the Lodge, was invited to the seat of honour, and performed the ancient ceremony of installing a chief in a way which stamps him at once a master of the art; he was assisted by Bro. J. Barr. The following brethren were invested as Officers, viz.:—Bros. Thomas Studholme I.P.M., Cant S.W., George Starkie J.W., Johns Treasurer, Spencer Broadbent Secretary, Hinde S.D., Thompson J.D., Thomas Mitchell D.C., Cook Organist, Magee I.G., Thomas Richardson Tyler, Musgrave and Gaffney Stewards, and Thornburrow Almoner. The ordinary business of the Lodge having been disposed of, and the usual compliment from the many visitors, who were in the majority, the Lodge was closed in due and ancient form, and the brethren, at the invitation of the newly-installed Master, repaired to the banquet-hall, where Bro. G. W. Roll, of the Black Lion Hotel, had a spread awaiting them which fully sustained the past catering of Ye Black Lion. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were well given and received; with a few capital songs and recitations. The old Lodge 119 holds its premier rank in the Province of Cumberland and Westmoreland, as in ancient days "When George the Third was King."

### SINCERITY LODGE, No. 189.

THE annual meeting was held on the 9th instant, at St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, when the W.M. Elect, Bro. F. R. Thomas, was installed. Bros. J. Ward, the Rev. T. W. Lemon, and A. S. Hendry were the Installing Officers. The Officers invested were:—Bros. Ward I.P.M., Moulder S.W., Surgeon S. T. O'Grady, R.N., J. W., Lemon Chaplain, Bayly Treasurer, Hendry Secretary, Dr. Harrison S.D., Stawell J.D., Dunsterville D.C., Dunsterville A.D.C., Pike Org., Stirling Graves I.G., Geach, and Paymaster Mills, R.N., Stewards, Gidley Tyler. Bro. A. S. Henry was elected the Charity Steward, and the Rev. W. Lemon the Representative of the Lodge at the Committee of Petitions. Five guineas was voted to the Masonic Boys' School, London, and five guineas to the Girls' School. In the evening the annual banquet was held at Bro. Routly's Farley Hotel, Bro. F. R. Thomas presiding.

### FIDELITY LODGE, No. 230.

At a meeting held on Thursday evening, the 5th inst., at the Ebrington Hall, Devonport, the W.M. Bro. J. J. Meadley presided. Bro. J. Lynn was the Master of the Lodge in 1868, and since then has been the Treasurer; Bro. R. Cawsey was the Master of the Lodge in 1879, and since then he has been the Secretary. During those periods they have enjoyed the full confidence of all the other Officers and members, and to their untiring exertions must be attributed the success of what is now one of the largest Lodges in the Province. In making presentations of their portraits to these brethren testimony was given to their public and private merits, and to the Masonic services which they had liberally rendered to the Lodge and the Order. The portraits, which are excellent likenesses, were executed by Bro. J. Hawke, of Plymouth, and are to be hung in the Lodge room. Duplicates will be handed to Bros. Lynn and Cawsey.

### MARINERS' LODGE, No. 249.

A NUMEROUSLY attended meeting of the Masonic fraternity took place on the 5th inst., at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, when the members held their annual festival. It is now six years since this Lodge, so intimately connected with Liverpool history, held its centenary, and it still continues to keep on the line with the other Lodges of the City, being not only numerous in membership, but prosperous in its finances, the past year having resulted in gifts of nearly £80 to the various Charities, leaving a substantial balance, at the same time, in favour of the Lodge. The chair was taken by the retiring W.M., Bro. J. Pye, who was numerously supported. The W.M. elect, Bro. Spurr, was presented by Bros. Dr. Kallett Smith and James White, and the first part of the installation was efficiently performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. J. Pye, who was afterwards ably supplemented by Bro. Dr. Kallett Smith, and the following Officers were invested:—Bros. Pye I.P.M., Hewson S.W., Davidson J.W., Hayes Treasurer, Shacklady Secretary, Ewart Organist, Bridge S.D., Neale J.D., Bush I.G., Brown, Routledge, Roberts, and Saunders Stewards, White D.C., Ball (re-elected) Tyler. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the Installing Master for the effective rendering of the ceremony. Bro. Casey (house steward) afterwards catered admirably for the brethren, and during the evening a handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to the I.P.M., on behalf of the Lodge, accompanied by a valuable gold watch, with a chaste suite of jewellery, set in rubies, for Mrs. Pye, given by the individual members.

### ST. OSWALD LODGE, No. 850.

THE annual festival was held at the Town Hall, Ashborne, on Monday, the 2nd inst., the festival of St. John the Baptist (the day appointed for the anniversary). There was a good attendance of visiting brethren. The principal ceremony of the day was the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Bond, which was ably performed by Bros. Donegani W.M. and Percy Wallis P.M. P.P.S.G.W., after which the W.M. appointed the Officers of the Lodge, as follow:—Bros. Rigby S.W., Twigg J.W., Littleton Treasurer, Howell Secretary, Davenport S.D., Lytle J.D., Beardmore D.C., Tatt Organist, Wither I.G., Farmer and Marple Stewards, Brambles Almoner, Brown Tyler. The installation banquet was subsequently held at the Groom Man Hotel, the W.M. presiding. The usual toast list was proceeded with, in the course of which the health of the newly-installed Master was drunk with much enthusiasm.

### MERIDIAN LODGE, No. 893.

THE brethren of this Lodge held their annual meeting on the 9th inst., at Millbrook. The W.M. Elect, Bro. John Duckett, was installed. Bros. J. D. Pearn, J. A. Bersey, and W. B. Barne were the Installing Officers. The following Officers were invested:—Bros. Pearn I.P.M., Marchant S.W., Price J.W., Rev. R. F. Frazer-Frizzell Chaplain, Carne Treasurer, Bickford Secretary, Stanton S.D., Shear J.D., Nicol D.C., Veale Org., Wilton I.G., Condy and Evens Stewards, Fisher Tyler. The annual banquet was held in the evening, at the Commercial Hotel. Bro. J. Duckett presided.

### HOWE AND CHARNWOOD LODGE, No. 1007.

A LARGE party of the Leicester Freemasons, with their wives and lady friends, had a most enjoyable picnic on Tuesday, the 19th ult., under the auspices of the above Lodge, which is held at the Bull's Head Hotel, Loughborough, but most of the active members of which reside in Leicester. The party, about sixty in number, left Leicester for Loughborough by the 11.30 a.m. train, first-class saloon carriages having courteously been provided for them by Mr. Michie, the station master. At the Loughborough station they were met by carriages, which conveyed them to the Bull's Head Hotel, where Mr. Widnall had provided a most *recherché* lunch, and where they were joined by some of the Loughborough brethren and friends. After the luncheon carriages were in readiness to convey the party to Longcliff, affording a delightful drive *via* Dishley, through Garendon Park, and pass the Sneeppshed quarries. The weather, though somewhat dull and threatening in the early morning, cleared up beautifully before noon, and was throughout the remainder of the day all that could be wished, not too hot, yet sufficiently warm to suit even the most delicate. At Longcliff, the magnificent display of the old dendrons, now in the very height of their splendour, tempted to short pleasant strolls, after which there was an informal, but very refreshing rustic tea, and then a dance on the greensward, to the tunes of an excellent string band, which accompanied the party from Leicester, and which played a capital selection of music at short intervals during the day in addition to the dance music. The committee, to whom everything was entrusted, and to whom the most unqualified praise is due for the admirable manner in which the whole of the arrangements were carried out, consisted of the following brethren: Bros. R. L. Gibson, T. F. Corcoran W.M., E. Chapman, C. Oliver, E. P. Steeds, C. J. Wilkinson, and Geo. C. Oliver. Bro. Marshall was a most active and assiduous hon. sec. After the dancing the carriages were again in readiness, and another most charming drive through Woodhouse Eaves, Beaumanor Park, and Woodthorpe, brought the party back to the Bull's Head Hotel, and to those who know any thing of Mr. Widnall's catering on such an occasion it is needless to say that the spread provided was a tempting one, and the tasteful decoration of the tables added not a little to the enjoyment of the numerous company. The dinner, like the luncheon, was served in the market room, in which the meetings of the Lodge are held, and in which is hung a large portrait of the late General E. S. Burnaby, presented to the Lodge by Bro. Major Richardson, of Leicester, the late esteemed General having been P.M. of the Howe and Charnwood Lodge, and commenced as it were a new and most successful era in its history. Bro. Corcoran W.M. presided, the vice-chairs being occupied by Bro. Geo. C. Oliver S.W., and Bro. S. Verthorne Sec. After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts

were duly honoured, interspersed with excellent singing, with music by the band, and the company returned in saloon carriages to Leicester, where they arrived shortly before eleven o'clock, having had a thorough day's enjoyment.

#### ROYAL VICTORIA LODGE, No. 1013.

THE annual investiture of Officers in connection with this Lodge took place on the 4th inst., in the Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, in the presence of a goodly company. The Lodge, which is some 24 or 25 years old, possesses an enviable record, and contributes as much, if not more, to the Masonic Charities, in proportion to its size than perhaps any other Lodge in the Province of West Lancashire. Bro. T. W. Edwards, the retiring W.M., presided at the opening of the Lodge. Bro. M'Donnell, the W.M. elect, was presented for installation by Bros. T. W. Edwards, retiring W.M., and W. Longbottom, and the ceremony was ably performed by Bro. T. K. Hughes. Bro. M'Donnell afterwards invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as follow:—Bros. Edwards I.P.M., Hughes D.C., Squire Chapman Treasurer, Evans S.W., Thornton J.W., M'William Secretary, Napton S.D., Warburton J.D., Glendinning I.G., Broadbent, Barnett, and Robinson Stewards, Ball (re-elected) Tyler. After the Lodge was closed the brethren dined together in the banqueting hall, where the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. In the course of the proceedings the W.M. presented to Bro. Edwards a beautiful P.M.'s jewel, on behalf of the Lodge.

#### FIDELITY LODGE, No. 1256.

THE installation of Bro. John Edmondson as Worshipful Master took place at the Bull Hotel, Poulton, on Tuesday, the 26th ult., and was attended by a large number of brethren. The W.M. elect was duly installed in the chair of King Solomon by Bro. William Goodacre. Bro. Goodacre performed the ceremony in a manner which proved highly interesting and instructive, not only to a large number of Past Masters assembled from the Fylde district, but also to the Provincial Officers of West and East Lancashire, and several distinguished Irish brethren present. The Past Masters present numbered 30. After the installation the officers of the Lodge were duly invested with the collar of their respective offices, and each officer was addressed by Bro. Winn. The address to the W.M. was given by Bro. Halliwell, that to the Wardens by Bro. Whittaker Bond, and that to the Lodge generally by Bro. Winn. The following is a list of the officers:—Bros. Edmondson W.M., King I.P.M., Seed S.W., Longbottom J.W., Westwell S.D., Parkinson J.D., Collinge S.S., Ferguson J.S., Davies Treasurer, Riding Sec. Bond D.C., John Winn Steward, Roe Organist, Lockwood I.G., Thomason Tyler. The banquet was thoroughly in keeping with the occasion, and reflected the highest credit on Mr. and Mrs. Catterall. The gathering furnished significant proof of the flourishing condition of Freemasonry in the metropolis of the Fylde, which seems to possess not only an attraction for Blackpudlians, but for many of the more respectable portion of the inhabitants of the rural portion of the district, as was evinced by the brethren present from Singleton, Garstang, Larbreck, and Great Eccleston. The brethren of the Lodge are evidently not unmindful of their duties to Masonic Charities in London and their own Province, as during the past year they have voted no less than 35 guineas. The brethren seem bent on similar subscriptions to other charities this year. In the course of the evening an interesting presentation took place, Bro. J. Winn being deputed to hand to Bro. W. Bond a valuable, P.M.'s Jewel, in recognition of his services to the Lodge as W.M. He was also presented by Bro. G. L. Seed with the sum of five guineas to qualify him as a Life Governor of one of the Masonic Charities. Bro. Bond handed the sum over to the P.G.S., to be devoted to the West Lancashire Allpass Benevolent Institution for the Widows of Distressed Freemasons. Fidelity Lodge is in a most flourishing condition—it has 55 members—and under its trained and able W.M. Bro. Edmondson, it is likely to prosper still more in the future, as Bro. Edmondson is considered by all connected with Masonry in the Fylde to be thoroughly proficient in the working of the various degrees. During the evening interesting speeches were made by distinguished brethren, but what delighted the company most were the recitations given by Bro. the Rev. T. T. Higgins.

#### KENNARD LODGE, No. 1258.

ON Monday, the 25th ult., the installation festival was held. The Lodge met at 3 p.m., under the W.M. Bro. J. Holloway and his officers, and a large attendance of brethren. At 3.30 Bro. Captain Homfray D.P.G.M. Mon., W. Pickford P. Grand Standard Bearer of England and other officers and brethren of the Provincial Grand Lodge entered the room, and the ceremony of installing Bro. R. Edmunds as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year was ably gone through by the retiring Master, assisted by Bro. Rev. D. Bowen. The following Officers were appointed:—Bros. Captain D. R. Jones S.W., Fisher J.W., Dr. Essex S.D., Captain H. J. Parkhurst J.D., Lieut. D. E. Williams I.G., Griffiths and Watkins Stewards, Dr. Mulligan Director of Ceremonies, Hartley Feather Sec., Haskin Treas., the Rev. D. Bowen Chaplain, and Johnson and Winkworth Tylers. A vote of condolence and sympathy with the friends of the late Bro. J. H. Wainwright was passed, and ordered to be forwarded to his brothers and sister. The Lodge was duly closed with harmony. The brethren then retired to the Crown Hotel, and dined, under the presidency of the newly-installed Worshipful Master, Bro. Dr. Edmunds. During the evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

#### PRUDENCE LODGE, No. 1550.

THE annual meeting was held at the Masonic Rooms, 193 Union-street, Plymouth, on Saturday evening, the 7th inst., to instal Bro. A. Goodman J.W. as Worshipful Master for the year ensuing. The ceremony was ably performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. Geo.

F. Watson, assisted by Bros. G. Sellick P.M. 1550, R. G. Bird P.M. 1550 and J. R. Lord P.G. Treasurer. The Officers were invested, as follow:—Bros. Watson I.P.M., Reed S.W., Titherley J.W., Philp Treasurer, Goodall Secretary, Beer, B.A., S.D., Mutton J.D., Evans I.G., Rowe D.C., Budge Asst. D.C., Cridge Senior Steward, Chapple Junior Steward, Phillips Tyler, Kevern Rep. Comm. of Petitions and Mutton Charity Steward. The brethren of this Lodge intend having an excursion to-day (Saturday) to Kitley, and, by the permission of Mr. Baldwin Bastard, will visit the celebrated cavern, afterwards proceeding to Fleete House, returning in the evening to partake of a high tea at Bro. Robin's, Yealmpton Inn, Yealmpton. They will leave Plymouth at one o'clock p.m. prompt.

#### SACKVILLE LODGE, No. 1619.

THE annual Installation Meeting was held in the Masonic rooms, East Grinstead, on Tuesday, the 3rd inst. The following brethren were installed in office for the ensuing year, the ceremony being conducted by Bro. V. P. Freeman:—Bros. W. Hosken W.M., C. Mitchell S.W., H. S. Martin J.W., E. A. Head P.M. Treasurer, A. M. Betchley P.M. Secretary, H. Histed S.D., G. Wilson J.D., F. J. Baker I.G., S. M. Woolgar Organist, J. Chitty Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was voted to the retiring W.M. (Bro. G. D. Woolgar), as a mark of esteem and in recognition of his valuable services during the past year. The Lodge gratefully accepted from Bro. Woolgar a magnificent silk banner, worked with the Sackville Arms, together with an address. The annual banquet followed; it took place at the Dorset Arms Hotel, and the catering of Mr. P. Tracy was thoroughly satisfactory. The usual Masonic toasts were honoured.

#### HENDON LODGE, No. 2206.

AN emergency meeting was held on Saturday last, the 7th inst., at the Old Welsh Harp, Hendon. There were present: Bros. W. M. Stiles Treas. and I.P.M., acting as W.M. in the absence of Bro. W. A. Scurrah P.P.G. Supt. Works Middlesex, who was attending the Prov. Grand Lodge meeting at Stanmore; J. Thom S.W. and W.M. elect, Fraser J.W., A. H. Scurrah Sec., G. Lewis S.D., H. A. Nottingham J.D., W. W. Langley I.G., E. W. Wheeler Org., A. J. Hearne D.C., W. B. Parsons A.D.C., H. M. Parsons W.S., Whiting Tyler, and several other brethren and visitors, among the latter being Bros. H. Dickey I.P.M. Royal Savoy Lodge, and Newman, of the Alexandra Palace Lodge. The Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Stansell answered the questions leading to the third degree. Bro. Scurrah, who had then arrived, took the chair as Worshipful Master, and raised Bro. Stansell in due form. Bros. Henry Monson and J. Hedley Gunn answered the usual questions leading to the second degree and were passed. The ballot was taken for Mr. Harry Cronin and Mr. H. W. Lawrence, and was found to be unanimous in their favour. The latter gentleman, being in attendance, was duly initiated into Freemasonry. After routine work, the Lodge was closed in due form. The Brethren afterwards assembled at Bro. Warner's hospitable table, the W.M. presiding. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were severally honoured. In proposing the toast of the W.M. Bro. Stiles acting I.P.M. said:—Our W.M. very much regretted being absent to-night from the first part of the work, owing to his attendance at the Middlesex Prov. Grand Lodge, but we know that while absent he was on thorns to be with us, and by dint of energy he managed to reach us in time to perform the third ceremony. We are much indebted to our W.M. for what he did in connection with the foundation of our Lodge, and we are still further indebted to him for the excellent and praiseworthy manner in which he has carried out the duties during the past year. He has spared no pains to ensure the comfort and happiness of every one of its members. We shall never get a better, and our future Masters will feel that they must carry out their duties in the way that our first Master has carried out his. Bro. Scurrah is the right man in the right place; he has our heartiest thanks for the excellent work he has done. The W.M. on rising to respond was most enthusiastically received. He said:—Brethren, I have once more to thank you most heartily for the way in which you have received and honoured this toast. In one way I feel sorry that the reins of government are going out of my hands. You have made my task such a happy one, and my Officers have so well supported me in my endeavours, that I retire somewhat reluctantly from the office of your W.M. But, at the same time, I rejoice that I am yielding my position to one who will endeavour to carry on the work to your satisfaction. I again thank you for your kindness to me during my year of office—kindness which I shall ever remember. The Hendon and its members will always be very dear to me, and if I have occasion to choose between it and any other Lodge with which I am connected I fear that my choice will fall upon this Lodge. The Initiate, responding, stated that he was much impressed with the beautiful ceremony. The W.M. Elect, the Officers, and the Visitors, were severally given; the W.M. thanking Bro. Wheeler the Organist and the Choir for their services, both in the Lodge and at the banquet table. These toasts were responded to by Bros. Thom W.M. Elect, the J.W., and other Officers. Bros. Dickey and Newman replied for the Visitors. The proceedings were enlivened by vocal and instrumental music, contributed to by Bros. F. W. Hearn, Dobbs, Wheeler, Monson, W. M. Stiles, Gunn, and A. M. Parsons. The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

A CARD.—AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY is announced in the "Paris Figure," of a valuable remedy for nervous debility, physical exhaustion, and kindred complaints. This discovery was made by a missionary in Old Mexico; it saved him from a miserable existence, and premature decay. The Rev. Joseph Holmes, Bloomsbury Mansions, Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C., will send the prescription, free of charge, on receipt of a self-addressed stamped envelope. Mention this paper.



## 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.

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## SATURDAY, 14th JULY.

- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (Inst.)  
 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.)  
 1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone  
 1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
 1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton  
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (Inst.)  
 2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon  
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8  
 R.A. 1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton  
 M.M. 234—Brixton, Auderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.  
 1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court  
 1990—Hampshire L. of Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, Landport, Portsmouth  
 2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds  
 2096—George Price, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon  
 R.A. 1423—Era, Albany Hotel, Twickenham

## MONDAY, 16th JULY.

- 22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 46—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)  
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (Inst.)  
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction)  
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)  
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst.)  
 1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8. (Inst.)  
 1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7. (Inst.)  
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30. (Inst.)  
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (Inst.)  
 1586—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (Inst.)  
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 1623—West Smithfield, New Mark T Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7. (Inst.)  
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, E., at 8.30. (Instruction)  
 1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters' Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst.)  
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)  
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)  
 1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill  
 2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 2060—La France, 68 Regent Street, W.  
 61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax  
 77—Freedom, Falcon Hotel, Gravesend  
 236—York, Masonic Hall, York  
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon  
 264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley  
 331—Phoenix Public Room, Truro  
 359—Peace and Harmony, Freemason's Hall, Southampton  
 382—Royal Union, Public Rooms, Ux., at 8.  
 408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth  
 424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead  
 433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea  
 467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham  
 613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport  
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham  
 934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield  
 1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport  
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland  
 1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury  
 1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover  
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford  
 1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton  
 1973—Saxe and Sele, Masonic Hall, Belvedere, Kent  
 R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings  
 R.A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.  
 R.A. 248—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, Bolton Street, Brixham  
 R.A. 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Duffield  
 R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax Road, Dewsbury  
 R.A. 954—St. Aubyn, Ebrington Masonic Hall, Granby Street, Devonport  
 R.A. 995—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston  
 K.T.—Edmund Plantagenet, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury  
 K.T.—Prince of Peace, Bull Hotel, Preston  
 K.T. 39—Fearnley, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury

## TUESDAY, 17th JULY.

- Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4  
 56—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)  
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
 73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark  
 141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, E.W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 177—Domestic, 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)  
 704—Camden, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)  
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 860—Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Baiton, at 8. (Inst.)  
 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, Channing Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge  
 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 Woodwich. (Instruction)  
 1510—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury  
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Ropsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst.)  
 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)  
 1944—Brixton, Prince Regent, Brixton Road, Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)  
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, White Hart Street, at 8.30.  
 R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)  
 R.A. 890—Harvey, Auderton's Hotel, Fleet-street

- R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 R.A. 2021—Queen's Westminster, St. Red Lion Square, W.C.  
 M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Auderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

- 160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford  
 213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich  
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)  
 418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Huxley  
 452—Frederick of Unity, Freemasons' Hall, 105 High Street, Croydon  
 687—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidecup, at 7. (Instruction)  
 897—Loyalty, Fleeco Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire  
 960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff  
 986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston  
 1006—Tregulow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scornier, Cornwall  
 1052—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester  
 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Cable-street, Bath  
 1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire  
 1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking  
 1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex  
 1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle  
 1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable  
 1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich  
 1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
 1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool  
 1726—Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor  
 1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton  
 1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley  
 2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbition. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath  
 R.A. 829—High Cross, Bull Inn, Dartford  
 R.A. 970—St. Anne's, Masonic Hall, East Loos, Cornwall  
 R.A. 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham  
 M.M.—York, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York  
 M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate  
 M.M. 330—Temple, Masonic Hall, Folkestone  
 R.C. 54—Albion, Concert Hall, St. Leonards-on-Sea

## WEDNESDAY, 18th JULY.

- Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6  
 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
 13—Waterloo, Union Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich  
 30—United Mariners', The Lizard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 72—Royal Jubilee, Miro, Canvey Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)  
 73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Brough, at 8. (Inst.)  
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)  
 224—United Strength, The Lion, Strand Street, Regent's Park, at 8. (Inst.)  
 538—La Tolérance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst.)  
 619—Beacon, Greyhound, Dulwich  
 700—Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich  
 720—Pannure, Batham Hotel, Batham, at 7. (Instruction)  
 731—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-street, E. (Instruction)  
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)  
 832—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Inst.)  
 865—Dalhousie, Town Hall, Hounslow  
 902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruction)  
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park  
 1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon  
 1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Gleagall Road, Cubitt Town  
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)  
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)  
 1631—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1694—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (Inst.)  
 1692—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)  
 1694—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, Joan Street, City, at 8. (Inst.)  
 1731—Cholmeley, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill  
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (Inst.)  
 1963—Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Inst.)  
 R.A. 192—Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.  
 R.A. 720—Pannure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)  
 R.A. 933—Doric, 292 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)  
 M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Town Hall, Shoreditch

- 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham  
 86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott, Lancashire  
 121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance  
 125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent  
 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire  
 178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan  
 200—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough  
 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike  
 277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham  
 325—St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford  
 342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Eastport  
 350—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Bury, Lancashire  
 357—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley  
 580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk  
 581—Faith, Dover's Inn, Openshaw  
 591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury  
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)  
 633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)  
 697—United, George Hotel Colechester.  
 758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire  
 795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Mablethorpe  
 816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale  
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract  
 962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Worthington  
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury  
 1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield  
 1910—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks  
 1936—Winton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkcaldy, Liverpool  
 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich  
 1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mosley, near Manchester  
 1304—Grighthouse, Masonic Room, Seaforth-road, Brighton  
 1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Leicester  
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 149 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)  
 1413—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon  
 1491—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe  
 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull  
 1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Parastead  
 1544—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ransworth  
 1555—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames  
 1565—Come Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Southwark  
 1592—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Broomfield, Kent, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1598—Mawlaick, St. Ann's Buildings, Barmouth, N. Wales  
 R.A. 76—Ecclesley, Masonic Hall, Parkside Street, Winchester  
 R.A. 210—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Fowling-street, South Shields  
 R.A. 523—Charity, Morris Hotel, Stockport  
 R.A. 511—Beauty, Bull's Head, Redcliffe

R.A. 371—Nicholson, Freemasons' Hall, Eaglefield Street, Maryford  
 R.A. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford  
 R.A. 539—Vernon, Dragon Hotel, High Street, Walsall  
 R.A. 580—Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk  
 R.A. 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Arms Hotel, Glossop  
 R.A. 731—Truth, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby  
 R.A. 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth  
 R.A. 1323—Talbot, Mackworth Hotel, Swansea  
 R.A. 1350—Fermor Heskeith, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 R.A. 1375—Architect, Didsbury Hotel, Didsbury  
 M.M. 135—Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Clayport-street, Alarick

## THURSDAY, 19th JULY.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4  
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)  
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)  
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)  
 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)  
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)  
 799—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)  
 1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)  
 1227—Upton, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.  
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Botolph Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)  
 1321—Emblematic, Horns Tavern, Kennington  
 1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (Inst.)  
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton  
 1554—D. Connaught, Palmerston Mansions, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)  
 1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddleton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (Corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1612—West Middlesex, Public Hall, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (Instruction)  
 1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)  
 1623—West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)  
 1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)  
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem T.V., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)  
 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1791—Creation, Wheatheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush, W. (Inst)  
 1960—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1963—Duke of Albany, Masonic Hall, Shaftesbury Park, Lavender Hill  
 R.A. 63—St. Mary, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge  
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In)  
 M.M. 7—Carnarvon, Café Royal, W.  
 M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)

56—Howard, High-street, Arundel  
 98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem  
 116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne  
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dowsbury  
 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne  
 275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield  
 283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden  
 337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth  
 341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye  
 343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston  
 344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire  
 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn  
 346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn  
 367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge  
 369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe  
 456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttroter  
 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington  
 600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford  
 636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth  
 659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blytho  
 1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford  
 1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds  
 1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germain's, Cornwall  
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool  
 1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town  
 1320—Blackheath, Green Man, Blackheath  
 1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon  
 1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire  
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1597—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle  
 1872—St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton  
 R.A. 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 R.A. 248—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 R.A. 283—Wisdom, Swan Inn, Haslingden  
 R.A. 327—St. John's, Lion and Lamb, Wigton  
 R.A. 339—Regularity, Crown Hotel, King Street, Penrith  
 R.A. 546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Longton, Staffordshire  
 R.A. 913—Pattison, Lord Ralgan Tavern, Plumstead  
 R.A. 1235—Phoenix of St. Ann, Court Hotel Buxton  
 R.A. 1324—Okeover, Mar Hotel, Ripley, Derby  
 M.M.—Canynges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol

## FRIDAY, 20th JULY.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4  
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall at 6  
 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.)  
 765—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)  
 8975—Rose of Denmark, Greyhound, Richmond  
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1118—University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1228—Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)  
 1295—Royal Standard, Alwyn Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)  
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)  
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)  
 2030—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 R.A.—Panmure O. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell  
 R.A. 79—Pythagoras, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst.)  
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)  
 R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Improvement)  
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)  
 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn

453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme  
 516—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket  
 541—De Lorraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grange-street, Newcastle  
 566—St. Germain, Masonic Hall, The Crescent, Solay  
 652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfield  
 993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme  
 1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill  
 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal  
 1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds  
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Penrith  
 1993—Wolseley, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester. (Instruction)  
 2005—Brooke, Forest Hotel, Chingford  
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8  
 R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham  
 R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, 22 William-street, Huddersfield  
 R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon  
 M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 R.C.—Talbot, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

## SATURDAY, 21st JULY.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)  
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green  
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1288—Finabury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)  
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)  
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8  
 M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street  
 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham  
 304—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood  
 410—Grove, Sun Hotel, Kingston  
 453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford  
 1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton  
 1494—Felix, Clarence Hotel, Teddington  
 1556—Addiscombe, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon.  
 1597—Musgrave, Angel and Crown Hotel, Staines  
 1861—Claremont, Crown Hotel, Chertsey  
 2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton  
 R.A. 68—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol  
 R.A. 1194—Royal Middlesex, Mitre Hotel, Tottenham Court  
 R.A. 1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton  
 R.A. 2048—Henry Levander, Railway Hotel, Harrow  
 M.M.—Rose and Lily, Four Swans, Waltham Cross

## DEFRAUDING THE FREEMASONS.

At the West Kent Quarter Sessions, on the 5th instant, before the Hon. J. S. Gathorne Hardy, M.P., William Ellison, 62, engine-driver, pleaded guilty to having obtained 5s by false pretences from Joseph Henry Jewell, with intent to defraud, at Westerham, on 14th June last. Mr. Denman, who appeared for the prosecution, stated that the prisoner on the day named went to Mr. Jewell, the Secretary of the Amherst Lodge of Freemasons, and represented himself to be a Mason, mentioning several Lodges from which information could be obtained. He also stated that his wife had been confined at Riverhead, that she was there with three boys, and that he was so badly off he did not know how he was to get to Aldershot, where he was due with his engine. Mr. Jewell gave him 5s. Subsequent inquiries proved that the prisoner's statements were perfectly false, and that he was an impostor. Superintendent Waghorn informed the Court that the prisoner had been previously convicted of vagrancy, and he had since found that he had committed similar frauds to that with which he was charged. The prisoner was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

We extract the following from a book by W. Trant (Paul, Trench and Co, Paternoster-square) on "Trade Unions:"—

## ORIGIN OF FREEMASONRY.

Even so early as the time of Canute, associations under the name of "guilds" were established for religious purposes. Similar Brotherhoods afterwards developed into combinations of merchants for mutual assistance and protection, and were followed in the fourteenth century by "Craft guilds," which, as their name implies, were unions of handicraftsmen—the principal guild being that of the weavers. The very essence of the guilds was mutual support, mutual protection, and mutual responsibility. They were, indeed, the first friendly societies. These guilds gradually extended their influence beyond the limits of particular trades, and ultimately became far more powerful than the municipal corporations of the present day. The notions of the members of the guilds were of a very exclusive nature in regard to the admission of members. No villains were permitted to join them, and all freemen who were proposed had to be duly elected. The nobles of all the guilds of the Middle Ages was undoubtedly that of Masons. This Brotherhood arose from the circumstances in which the travelling builders of the Middle Ages found themselves placed. "They were brought together from distant homes to be employed for a considerable time on such great works as our mediæval churches and cathedrals. Near the rising structure on which they were engaged it was necessary that they should provide for themselves a common shed or tabernacle." This was the original Masons' "Lodge." Before all things it was necessary that Masons should be "Free and Accepted." The entrance into this guild, as indeed in all others, was, in accordance with the spirit of the times, surrounded by mysterious rites and ceremonies, and all such societies had their peculiar lore and traditions. Their original intentions have long ago been disregarded. All that remains of the Masons' guild is the now fashionable Order of "Freemasons," and the others the rich livery companies of London and the guilds of elsewhere, who now spend their dying moments, as they inaugurated their existence centuries ago, at dinner.

### THE ANNUAL PICNIC OF THE EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

THE annual picnic in connection with the above Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 26th ult., the locale being the Dukeries, Nottinghamshire. The members, accompanied by their wives and sweethearts, arrived at Worksop at 9 o'clock, where they partook of breakfast at the Lion Hotel. Justice having been done, the party left Worksop for Clumber, the mansion of his Grace the Duke of Newcastle. After viewing the house and lake from the bridge the party proceeded to Thoresby, the mansion of Earl Manvers, and had the gratification of inspecting one of the most beautiful and finished modern residences in England. On driving from Thoresby to the Major Oak, the woodland prospects were delightful. On alighting from the carriages the green sward was quickly transformed into an elegant refectory—to the gratification and enjoyment of 36 hungry and thirsty souls. Time flies, the horn was sounded, the glades of merry Sherwood are left behind, and they were hurrying through the Park of Welbeck, until they halted at the "Larder of the famous outlaw," Robin Hood. There the company were enlivened by the song of "The Carrier Dove," sung in excellent form by Bro. J. E. Wilkinson. Proceeding onward Welbeck Abbey was soon in sight, with its grounds and gardens, its subterranean passages, and magnificent buildings. After taking a rapid survey of the wonders of Welbeck Abbey, the mansion of his Grace the Duke of Portland, the road to Worksop was again taken, where, thanks to mine host of the Lion, an excellent dinner was provided on arriving there, which was presided over by Worshipful Master Bro. W. B. Dyson. Dinner over the W. Master proposed the usual loyal toasts, which were drunk with musical honours. The W.M. then in felicitous language gave the Ladies, and coupled the name of Bro. Wm. Brown I.P.M., who responded for the fair sex. The last toast, the health of the W.M. of the Eboracum Lodge, was then proposed, and right heartily received, to the strain "For he's a jolly good fellow." The W.M. thanked the ladies and brethren for receiving the toast in such a hearty manner, and said that their thanks were also due to the organiser of the trip, Bro. James Kay, who carried out all the arrangements in a very satisfactory manner. The party then wended their way to the station, when after a pleasant railway journey the northern metropolis was reached at 10 o'clock, after a most brilliant day's outing.

### PICNIC OF THE PRUDENCE LODGE, No. 2069.

ON the 7th inst., about thirty brethren of this Lodge and their friends participated in the annual summer outing. Amongst those who availed themselves of this pleasant interlude were W. Bro. Trevor and Miss Trevor, the Rev. Dr. Smyth P.G. Chaplain of England, the Rev. Bently, and several clerical friends, Bro. Scott Young Secretary, Bro. Fretwell S.D., Mrs. and Miss Fretwell, Bro. Butterworth I.G. and the Misses Butterworth, Bro. Bailey and Mrs. Bailey, Bro. Howard, Bro. Smithson, who acted as Hon. Sec., and to whom, to a great measure, is due the success of the occasion, Miss Smithson, Bro. Hood, Bro. Begbie Abbott, Bro. Smith, the Misses Banks, &c. The day was gloriously fine, and the party mustered in high spirits at the station, where carriages had been reserved on the N.E. Railway. The party, on reaching Harrogate, found open conveyances waiting to convey them to Snaresbro', via Plumpton Rocks. The drive was through a beautifully diversified country bright with the hues of summer. At Plumpton some time was spent in inspecting the exquisite scenery which is to be found here, and also in wandering through the well kept gardens. On reaching Knaresbro', the grounds at Conyngnam Hall, the seat of Mr. B. T. Woodd, were visited, they having been thrown open to the visitors by their owner with characteristic courtesy. The old church was next visited, and the brethren and friends enjoyed a rich musical treat through the kindness of the Rev. Mr. Wilkinson, who officiated at the organ. By this time tea was ready and admirably served by the host of the Elephant and Castle. After tea Bro. Dr. Smyth in felicitous terms moved a vote of thanks to Bro. Smithson for the manner in which he had carried out the arrangements. He also spoke of the pleasure it gave him to see so many ladies present, whose kindness and vivacity so materially added to the pleasures of the day. The W.M. (Bro. Tudor Trevor) cordially endorsed what had been said, and heartily welcomed all who had joined their festivities. One lady had told him that since her husband had been made a Mason he had been a better man. It was good to have the ladies in their midst occasionally, for it showed them that their husbands and brothers knew how to enjoy themselves in a rational manner. When they saw a Mason misconducting himself he urged them to remember that it was not the system of Freemasonry that was to blame, but poor human nature. A good Mason could not but be a good man in every relation in life. Bro. Smithson in a few well chosen sentences assured the brethren and ladies that he was amply repaid for any trouble he had been at by the evident enjoyment of all who had participated in the day's excursion. A move was then made for the Castle, the beautiful grounds of which were much enjoyed; afterwards an hour was spent on the river. Several of the brethren and ladies visited Holy Trinity Church, when, through the extreme courtesy and kindness of the vicar, the Rev. E. J. Rumskil, the beautiful edifice was thrown open for their inspection. The Rev. Mr. Wilkinson gave another rehearsal on the beautiful organ, and Mrs. Baily, who possesses a rich contralto voice of great power and beauty, materially added to the enjoyment of those who had been fortunate enough to join this section of the party. Soon afterwards the whole of the party united and left for Leeds, which was reached in safety about 10.30. Thus closed one of the happiest days in the history of this Lodge, and one the memory of which will long be cherished. Both brethren and visitors were unanimous in their expressions of delight at the success of the excursion, and the hope was expressed, especially by the ladies, that no long period would be allowed to elapse ere the next picnic.

### ROSE CROIX.

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#### ROYAL ALFRED CHAPTER.

ON Thursday, the 28th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Taunton, Bro. Williams was installed M.W.S. of this Rose Croix Chapter. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Gill, the retiring M.W.S. The following Officers were afterwards appointed:—Comps. Vile P., Chaffin 1st G., Samson 2nd G., Shepherd G.M., Gill R., Bond C.G., Rev. R. Bailey Recorder, Elworthy Treasurer. The usual banquet subsequently took place, under the presidency of the newly-installed M.W.S.

The summer entertainment to the residents of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons will take place on Tuesday, the 17th instant, at Croydon.

The North London Chapter of Improvement, held at Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, has adjourned for the summer recess. The meetings will be resumed at the end of October next.

We learn from a contemporary that the Hungarian Freemasons have been holding a mourning Lodge in honour of the Emperor Frederick. In expressing condolence with their German brothers, who have suffered an irreparable loss by His Majesty's death, they laud him in the following terms:—

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On Thursday evening, the 5th instant, a special service, attended by members of the Imperial George Lodge and other Masonic brethren, was held in the Middleton Parish Church. The brethren assembled at the Town Hall, and marched in procession to the church. About 100 took part in the procession, and it is stated that had it not been for the rain double that number would have attended the service. There was, however, a good congregation inside the church. The sermon was preached by the Rev. E. J. Reeve, M.A., rector of St. Alban's, Cheetwood, and a collection was made on behalf of the Educational Institutions associated with the Order.

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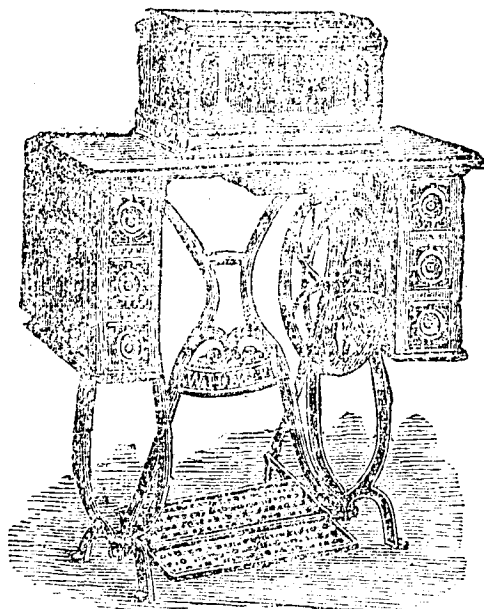
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