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LABORIOUS PLEASURE.

TO-DAY, the First of September, may be regarded as closing the Masonic recess of 1888 and opening the season of 1888-9, although there has been so much doing the last few months in the Masonic World that the enthusiastic Mason, or those whose duties call them to Masonic gatherings, may be said to have had little or no time for holiday making, apart from the enjoyment to be derived from a proper appreciation of Freemasonry. If we may believe some of those who have had the opportunity of enjoying a change, and have availed themselves of it, the loss has not been a serious one for those who have been kept at home; as, consequent on the peculiarly unsettled weather, it has been little short of hard work to secure enjoyment at any of the more fashionable resorts of holiday seekers. But then we must remember there are some who invariably make a trouble of enjoying themselves, and who seem to undertake their pleasure as they would some painful task, to be got over, somehow, as systematically and as speedily as possible. No doubt the unseasonable weather has really been of advantage to some of this class; it has forced them to do something outside their usual routine, and the change has really proved a charm, but it is well that such dispositions should not frequently be gratified at the expense of the masses, and we accordingly begrudge them the small amount of pleasure they may have derived in this way.

Yet, need we go outside the Masonic Lodge for men who make a labour of pleasure? Are there not many who appear to delight in making everything subservient to custom; who strive to check any exceptional outburst of enthusiasm, and to keep the pleasures of our meetings down to a given standard? Unfortunately there are, and the present time—when we are about to commence another Masonic season—appears to present an appropriate opportunity for addressing a few words to these. Is it necessary for us to make a labour of Masonic pleasure? When once the ceremonies of the meeting are completed we imagine the aim of all should be to enjoy themselves, and to secure the enjoyment of others. To achieve this we are aware discipline must be upheld, and order observed, but are discipline and order to rule the roost to the exclusion of everything else, even if what is supposed to be a time of pleasure is turned into a period of unpleasantness? Would it not rather be better to sacrifice a little of the form and ceremony of our meetings, if in doing so those present were enabled to enjoy an hour or two's greater comfort, instead of being kept to what we may term laborious pleasure? We think it would, and we invite our readers to consider for themselves the various points which may present themselves to their minds as touching upon this subject.

It has often been said that the after-dinner speeches and entertainments which follow Lodge meetings are

the most objectionable part of the Masonic system, and so they are if they are not properly managed; but in good hands they may prove most enjoyable, as many who read these lines can testify. It may be imagined that in this respect we are able to speak from experience; our duties often call us out, and we have numerous opportunities of judging different men and different systems. We start with the determination of never making a labour of our enjoyment, and we can recommend that system to those who work on a different, and usually less satisfactory principle.

No doubt the best way to secure enjoyment is to be content to take things as we find them, to give credit to our entertainers for having done the best in their power, and to sympathise with them in case of mishap, rather than blame them for want of care or forethought. It is not always possible to ensure success, and it is wrong to attempt to decide how far others have striven to deserve it. Success does not always attend even the best of efforts, nor is it possible for the most proficient to avoid occasional failure, but we think we may safely say there is little enjoyment to be derived from making a labour of pleasure. It is far better to take things as they come, rather than to lay down hard and fast laws which may be inapplicable under certain circumstances, and which, if rigidly adhered to, cause annoyance and a break in the harmony of a Lodge.

Perhaps the most frequently practised example of making a labour of pleasure is to be found in the musical programme at a Masonic meeting. Music is not always a source of pleasure to all who have to listen to it; more particularly is this the case when the music is made of paramount, and personal enjoyment of secondary importance. Although it may be difficult to decide just how much or how little the music is appreciated, there is sometimes no mistaking the feeling of a meeting. Without being actually rude the company show they have had enough, and it would be well to stop there, rather than adhere to a programme, and to labour for enjoyment which never comes; but some men cannot accept such a verdict as we have outlined; they have made arrangements for a certain course of entertainment, and if that does not afford enjoyment it must at least be persevered in, even if its continuance inflict pain or discomfort.

It will not be news to our readers to tell them we do not believe in making the proper appreciation of Freemasonry of secondary importance to the regular performance of a musical programme. There are many who secure much more enjoyment from the discussion of Masonic or general topics with those around them than they derive from the best song it is possible to give them, and are they to be ignored in order that some pre-arranged programme may be completed, or the strict etiquette of the musical profession rigidly observed? We recently heard of a meeting which was anything but a success; where the cause of the non-enjoyment of many present was set

down to what we have just spoken of, a too rigid observance of etiquette, and a too strict consideration for a musical party in attendance; and as this party had neither the ability nor tact to adapt themselves to circumstances, failure was the result of these efforts. There is an old story that you may take a horse to the water, but you cannot force him to drink; and on the same principle you may provide entertainment for a company, but you cannot force them to enjoy themselves. Much in this respect may be done by the Worshipful Master, but here everything does not rest with him, although a display of tact on his part will often set matters right. But what is tact? Some appear to think it is to enforce a strict observance of custom or of some pre-arranged programme; others regard it as the ability to adapt oneself to circumstances, even if old established customs, programme and other arrangements, have to be sacrificed in doing so. Those who have had experience in this respect will agree with us that the latter system usually results the most successfully, and so we may regard it as being the proper definition of tact.

We should be among the last to advocate any overthrow of established customs, but we think there are many occasions where a modification or a departure from rule is both justifiable and desirable. As an instance we may cite a trivial matter. Trivial in regard to its general effect, but really of moment to those who make a study of securing the enjoyment of the masses. We allude to the practice of smoking after Masonic banquets. We know that in many quarters the custom rules that no smoking shall be allowed until after the toast of the Worshipful Master has been honoured; others draw the line at the Rulers of the Craft, others again would and do commence smoking as soon as they feel disposed. Each and all of these systems is right, provided it is understood that there is a rule; but it is absurd to say that the Master or Chairman for the time being has no power to depart from such a rule, providing he may deem it better to do so. It would certainly be making a trouble of pleasure if the inclination of the company in regard to this luxury, or mere habit as some will have it, was disregarded in consequence of some peculiar idea or notion that it was not right. It is the ability to arrange such little matters as these which marks the efficient ruler, and which, absent in others, causes trouble and a want of harmony in the affairs of a Lodge.

Whatever form we may take our pleasure in it is well to bear in mind that the easier we make it the more likely is it to be appreciated; while, on the other hand, the more we surround it with rules and laws the less likely is it to meet with success. True pleasure is free; it comes from the heart, and is wholly distinct from that which is derived from forced enjoyment. Let us then remember that the less we surround our hours of Masonic pleasure with laws and regulations the more likely are we to achieve our object, but at the same time we must not omit to pay due obedience to those in authority.

## LODGE HISTORIES.

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UNITY LODGE, No. 80, CHESTER COUNTY, PA.,  
1799-1808.

By BRO. JULIUS F. SACHSE.

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The Grand Master on issuing his edict improved the occasion to admonish both the Master and Brethren as to the duties they owed to themselves as well as the Craft. For a time matters went on well; prosperity seemed to have come to stay; the Brethren met in peace and the Lodge closed in harmony. Many of the best known citizens of Sadsbury and adjoining townships applied at and were admitted through its portals and there first saw

Masonic light, prominent among whom were Col. James Parke and John Hammill. Andrew Charles was the leading spirit of the Lodge and was elected Worshipful Master for five consecutive terms. He was succeeded by Bro. Parke, who served one term; he in turn was followed by Bro. Hammill, who occupied the Oriental chair for three terms; then Bros. Jas. Gamble, John Moyars and John Brown, each respectively served one term as Worshipful Master of the Lodge. With the close of Bro. Brown's term as W.M. trouble again obscured the horizon of the Lodge. Andrew Charles, who lately had drifted away from the old teachings, and become imbued with notions foreign to the ancient landmarks and ritual, soon found that his influence among the right-minded Brethren of the Lodge had materially declined. Still at the time in question he mustered strength enough to secure his election to the Oriental chair as successor to Bro. P.M. Brown. This was in 1805.

Bro Charles, who was now a sort of Joseph Balsamo, to regain his lost power attempted to pose both in and out of the Lodge as a veritable Cagliostro, professing to have obtained Masonic secrets beyond the comprehension of ordinary mortals. He claimed to have received the ninety-six degrees of some French or Ancient Egyptian rite, which gave him, so he said, power even over the Grand Master of the State. He further claimed the right to make Masons at sight, and confer the Royal Arch at his pleasure, while he created Knights Templar as a pastime at any time or place as suited his convenience.

These actions of Bro. Charles were met with the severest condemnation from the right-minded Brethren, marshalled by Bros. Parke, Hammill and others. Still Bro. Charles soon gathered round himself a number of dupes, both within as well as without the tyled portals, many of whom looked upon this charlatan as almost a demi-god.

The Lodge was now convened at any time to suit the pleasure of the Master. The Brethren were frequently called off from labour to liquid refreshment; the sideboard in the Lodge room was counted of more importance than the altar and the great lights there displayed, the orgies being kept up frequently until daybreak. This un-Masonic conduct was strenuously objected to by the Brethren led by Bro. Parke. Many of the best members and most respectable Brethren absented themselves from the meetings, and such as persisted in attending and objecting to the un-Masonic conduct of the Master and his supporters were promptly expelled by Bro. Charles.

During the year 1806 no less than sixteen good and true Brethren were thus branded.

It now became evident that all further appeal to this would-be "Albertus Magnus," and his deluded followers, was in vain, and that some action would have to be taken to save the Craft from the opprobrium being heaped upon the Fraternity in general by these actions.

Consequently a meeting was called by the right-thinking Brethren, which resulted in an appeal to the Grand Lodge, in a letter setting forth the state of the Lodge, and the unlawful proceedings of the Master; this was signed by Bros. P.M. James Parke, P.M. John Hammill, John Rodgers, John Gormaly and Samuel Ramsey. The appeal also urged that immediate action be taken in reference to the petition.

This communication was read before the Grand Lodge at their meeting, Wednesday, 7th September 1808, and a committee was appointed to proceed to Sadsbury on the next day, the stated meeting of the Lodge being on Friday, the 9th, and investigate the charges made and the state of affairs by personal inspection. The chairman of this committee was no less a person than the noted Masonic scholar and Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Peter Lee Barbier Duplessis.

Early on the next morning the committee met at the stage office near Eighth and Market; a special stage was chartered for the trip, and before the sun stood high in the heavens the coach, drawn by four spirited horses, was well over the permanent bridge and climbing the hills west of the Schuylkill, along the smooth hard turnpike, stopping but a few minutes at the "Buck" to water the horses. It was not long before the Spread Eagle was reached, on the extreme eastern end of Chester county. Here a stop was made for a relay, while the committee refreshed themselves with a lunch furnished by Julius Siter, the host of the Eagle, the main feature of which was the generous bowl of punch provided by my host for the Brethren. Half an hour had hardly elapsed ere the coach, drawn by

four fresh horses, was again on its way, climbing up the South Valley hill, quickly passing the numerous wagon stands, and the embryo town site of "Glassley." The Paoli was reached, where a short stop was made. Then another mile up the smooth white road the Green Tree was passed and then the descent into the Great Valley began. Short stops were made at the Warren and the Ship, the party reaching Downing's Stage Office in time for a late dinner. Here again the horses were changed and the journey continued through the Valley until the other branch of the Brandy wine was crossed at Miller's, where, after a stop at the "Midway," the ascent of the North Valley hill continued, passing the old turning mill, the Crosskeys, Rainbow, States Arms, reaching Sadsburyville without stopping or making their mission known. The stage then turned south at the Wilmington Road and proceeded to the Fountain Inn on the Strasburg Road, where they arrived in time for supper. The committee was welcomed and entertained at the inn by Colonel Parke and others. On the following day the committee thoroughly posted themselves on the situation, and when night came proceeded to the Plough, presented themselves at the door of the Lodge and demanded admittance. This official visit was a complete surprise to Charles and his dupes, as they had no inkling of the existence of this committee. A disposition was first shown not to admit the visitors; another proposition was to set the price of admission for the night so high as to prelude Bro. Duplessis and his accompanying Brethren paying the fee. Eventually, after much discussion and braggadocio better counsels prevailed, and after considerable delay the Deputies of the Grand Lodge were admitted. Bro. Duplessis at once demanded the chair, which was only vacated by W.M. Bro. John Seright after a protest from Charles. Bro. Duplessis proceeded to investigate the actions of Charles and his adherents, who at first were defiant, but as the investigation proceeded most of the Brethren present saw the error of their ways, and it was shown that all the charges made by Bros. Parke, Hammill and Ramsey were true. It was further shown that Charles for the last year or two had arrogated to himself the duties of W.M., Wardens, Secretary and Treasurer, all at the same time. Seright, with tears streaming down his cheeks, acknowledged that he had been appointed W.M. while the committee was out in waiting; also that he was not twenty-two years of age and had not been a Mason for the term of six months; the worst showing of all was when the committee inquired in regard to the last Report to the Grand Lodge, in 1806. It was found that Bro. Gillaspy, who was credited as Secretary, had not made the Report but Charles had done it; the fact was in proof of his answer. Gillaspy showed that he had never been able to read or write. The committee further found that the rules of the Grand Lodge as well as the Ancient Landmarks had been violated in almost every respect and that the complaint made was true in every particular. So after consultation among themselves, the committee, at the suggestion of Bro. Duplessis, appointed Bros. James Parke, Samuel Ramsey, John Hammill, Joel Lightner, Joseph Lefebvre, a committee to take charge of the property of the Lodge pending any action the Grand Lodge would take in the premises. The Brethren of Unity were further asked to write their opinion as to what would be the best course to pursue for the good of the Craft in general. After the Lodge was closed the Brethren again enjoyed the hospitality of Bro. Parke. On the following morning, after thanking the host and the other Brethren, Bro. Duplessis and his fellow members returned to Philadelphia.

After a thorough canvass of the situation the local committee concluded to report to the Grand Lodge that it would be for the best interests of the Fraternity in general to close the Lodge, as, notwithstanding the counsel and admonitions of Bro. Duplessis, a number of the deluded continued to adhere to Charles in his opposition to all Masonic authority, even going so far as to assume a defiant attitude towards the Grand Lodge; further in their judgment, nothing that now could be done would remove the stigma brought on the Lodge by the un-Masonic conduct of these members. They further asked that such Brethren who were in good Masonic repute be given permission to affiliate with sister Lodges.

Bro. Duplessis and his committee also made a report to the Grand Lodge.

Both reports were laid before the Grand Lodge at their meeting, 3rd October 1808, when, after solemnly expelling Andrew Charles from the Fraternity, and thanking both

committees for their actions in the matter, it was ordered that the "Warrant for Unity Lodge, No. 80, be vacated for un-Masonic conduct."

Thus ignominiously ended the life of "Unity, No. 80," which started so auspiciously but a decade before, with every indication of becoming one of the brightest stars in the Masonic firmament, and had the Brethren but adhered to the teachings and Landmarks of the Fraternity, Unity, No. 80, might still be dispensing Masonic light and charity in the vicinity.

#### 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE W. MASTERSHIP OF BRO. GEORGE WASHINGTON.

ONE hundred and thirty-five years ago Bro. George Washington was raised a Master Mason in Fredericksburg Lodge, Va., and one hundred years ago Washington was elected W.M. of Alexander Lodge, Va. The anniversary of these events was celebrated on 6th August 1888, at Mt. Vernon, with appropriate ceremonies, participated in by representative Masons from Fredericksburg, Alexandria and the District of Columbia. The steamer Arrowsmith was chartered for the occasion, and the arrangements were under the direction of a joint committee from Fredericksburg and Alexandria Lodges. Fredericksburg Lodge, No. 4, sent a representation of about one hundred and fifty, while the Alexandrians were not so numerous. Many ladies were in the party, and a section of the United States Marine Band combined to make the occasion very enjoyable.

Upon reaching Mount Vernon the Masonic bodies represented formed in procession and marched to the tomb, Fredericksburg Lodge leading the way. After the pilgrims had gathered around the tomb, the Marine Band rendered the Miserere from Il Trovatore in a most impressive manner, all present standing with uncovered heads. Bro. E. C. Smith, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, offered a prayer appropriate to the occasion, after which Assistant Superintendent Young delivered his usual address for the information of the visitors. The next thing in order was to take a position on the lawn in front of the mansion, when the entire party was photographed, Fredericksburg Lodge in the front rank.

The ceremonies at the mansion were conducted from the south portico. Bro. Lever, chairman of the committee of arrangements, opened the proceedings with a brief statement explaining that the 135th anniversary of the raising of George Washington to the sublime degree of Master Mason fell upon the 4th day of August, but for the convenience of those desiring to participate the celebration was postponed until to-day.

Bro. F. E. Corbitt, P.M. of Alexandria-Washington Lodge, Master one hundred years after Washington, was selected to preside in the absence of Worshipful Master Kemper, of the same Lodge, who had been originally chosen. After a few appropriate remarks, Bro. Corbitt introduced the orator for the occasion, Bro. S. J. Quinn, W.M. of Fredericksburg Lodge, No. 4. Bro. Quinn read an exceedingly interesting historical sketch of Bro. George Washington in Masonry.

The orator read extracts from the records of Fredericksburg Lodge, No. 4, to show that Washington received the Entered Apprentice degree on the 4th of November 1752.

He was passed to the degree of fellow-craft 3rd March, and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on the 4th of August 1753. The records also show that Washington was initiated as "a youth under age."

He was at that time Major Washington, of the Militia, and one of the four adjutant-generals of the colony, his post being that of the northern district, where he was in command of the first little army of Northern Virginia. He dwelt then at Mount Vernon, caring for the estate and family of his brother, Laurence Washington, then recently dead.

He had given great promise, but was not yet famed, and his main work was organizing the colonial militia and drilling the officers at the county court house. Soon afterwards he made his first perilous journey to carry Gov. Dinwiddie's letter to the commander at Fort Du Quesne, and thenceforward grew into fame. He occasionally took part in the Masonic meetings at Fredericksburg, and when the revolutionary war was in progress was present at military Lodges.

After the war was over and he returned to his home at Mount Vernon, Alexandria Lodge, which had been organ-



ized in 1783 as Lodge No. 39, under warrant from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, invited him to unite with them on St. John's Day 1783, the members assuring him "that we, as a mystical body, rejoice in having a Brother so near us whose preeminent benevolence has secured the happiness of millions, and we shall esteem ourselves honoured at all times should your Excellency be pleased to join us in the needful business." In response Bro. George Washington wrote from Mount Vernon, on 28th December 1783: "I shall always feel pleasure when it shall be in my power to render service to Lodge No. 39, and in every act of Brotherly kindness to the members of it, being in great truth, your affectionate Brother," &c. It was not convenient for Washington to attend the Lodge until St. John's day, in June 1784.

In 1788 the Pennsylvania warrant was surrendered and a Virginia charter was taken, with Washington as Master. He was re-elected W.M. until St. John's Day, 27th December 1789. He had at this time become President of the United States. At the close of his term, in March 1797, the Lodge invited Washington to a dinner, and sent him an address, in which "the Ancient York Masons, of Lodge No. 22, offer him their warmest congratulations at his retirement from his useful labours," saying, "you have been the Master Workman in erecting the temple of liberty in the West, on the broad basis of equal rights; you have kept within the compass of our happy Constitution, and acted upon the square with foreign nations." In reply Gen. Washington said: "The assurance which you give me of your belief that I have acted upon the square in my public capacity will be among my principal enjoyments in this terrestrial Lodge." He took dinner with the Lodge on 1st April 1797, and gave a toast "To the Lodge at Alexandria, and all Masons throughout the world." During the later years of his life his attendance on the Lodge was not frequent. A funeral Lodge for Washington was held at Alexandria on 16th December 1799, at which forty-six Masons were present, and on the 18th they buried Washington on the spot to which their successors made a pilgrimage to-day.

Bro. J. H. Olcott, P.M. of Lafayette Lodge, No. 19, of Washington, was called upon for a brief speech, in which he congratulated Fredericksburg Lodge for having upon its roll of membership so illustrious a name as that of George Washington, the father of our great and glorious country. He coupled in a happy way the names of Bros. Washington and Lafayette, and as a representative of Lafayette Lodge proposed the following sentiment, which was received with applause: "That Fredericksburg Lodge continue its usefulness until its records shall be merged into those of the Grand Lodge above."

Bro. F. A. Reed, of Alexandria, Past Master of Andrew Jackson Lodge, and Past Grand Commander of Virginia, and Bro. C. W. Smith, Grand Chaplain of the District of Columbia, also made short addresses. The exercises closed with the rendering of the "Star-Spangled Banner." The excursionists then took the boat and went across the river to Marshall Hall, where dinner was spread. Returning home, they reached Alexandria at about six o'clock, and Washington twenty minutes later. It was a memorable trip, and all who participated in it commend the untiring efforts of the committee of arrangements.

The freedom of the grounds at Mount Vernon on this occasion was granted to the Masons by a special resolution passed at the May meeting of the Vice-Regents, and the result was communicated to Fredericksburg Lodge by Mrs. Lewis W. Washington, Vice-Regent for West Virginia, and Mrs. Ball, Vice-Regent for Virginia.—*Keystone.*

The meetings of the East Surrey of Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 463, held at the Greyhound Hotel, High-street, Croydon, will be resumed on Tuesday, the 4th instant, at 7.45 p.m.

**HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.**—Coughs, Influenza.—The soothing properties of these medicaments render them well worthy of trial in all diseases of the respiratory organs. In common colds and influenza, the Pills taken internally, and the Ointment rubbed over the chest and throat, are exceedingly efficacious. When influenza is epidemic, this treatment is the easiest, safest and surest. Holloway's Pills purify the blood, remove all obstacles to its free circulation through the lungs, relieve the engorged air-tubes, and render respiration free, without reducing the strength, irritating the nerves, or depressing the spirits; such are the ready means of escaping from suffering when afflicted with colds, coughs, bronchitis, and other chest complaints, by which the health of so many is seriously and permanently injured in most countries.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CORNWALL.

THE annual meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall was held on the 23rd ult., in the Wesley Schools, Chapel-street, Camborne. There was a large and influential gathering of brethren, and the day's proceedings passed off most successfully. The meeting was held under the auspices of Mount Edgcumbe Lodge, No. 1544, the brethren of which are to be heartily congratulated on the admirable and most perfect arrangements which they made. The town itself was gaily decorated with bunting and flags of all kinds, and a pretty but unpretentious arch leading from the station to the school room (outside of which were coloured poles festooned) offered a "Welcome." The commodious school room was most handsomely fitted up as a Grand Lodge, and the decorations of flags, pretty devices and the exotics and hothouse plants gave the room a fine appearance, which was much admired. Over the P.G.M.'s chair was inscribed in text "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." Whilst at the further end of the room were the words "Remove not the ancient landmarks which thy fathers have set." On either side of the room were "God said let there be light, and there was light," and "Peace and harmony." The Secretary of the Lodge, which is flourishing, Bro. Hugh P. Vivian P.M., was invested with the P.G.J.W.'s collar. The Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, R.W. Prov. Grand Master, sat on the throne, and was supported by Bro. C. B. Graves-Sawle, Bart., D. Prov. Grand Master, and amongst others present were:—

Bros. Edward D. Anderton P.M. 331 S.G. Warden, William Nettle P.M. 510 J.G. Warden, Rev. W. R. Erskine 589 Grand Chaplain, William Guy P.M. 496 G. Treasurer, William Andrew P.M. 739 G. Registrar, Thomas Chirgwin P.M. 131 G. Secretary, B. Gidley Derry P.M. 330 and J. Jennings Hawken P.M. 331 S.G. Deacons, John C. Burrow P.M. 1644 and Arthur T. Grant P.M. 318 J.G. Deacons, John H. Cousins P.M. 557 G.S. of Works, Joseph Sarah P.M. 589 G.D. of C., Joseph Doney P.M. 856 Dep. G.D. of C., John T. Tillman P.M. 131 Assistant G.D. of C., C. Battie Rashleigh 75 G. Sword Bearer, Henry Jones P.M. 1954 and John Harris P.M. 510 G. Standard Bearers, Thomas C. Mack P.M. 131 Grand Organist, Thomas Gill P.M. 967 Assistant G. Sec., Henry Searle P.M. 699 G. Pursuivant, John Langdon of No. 131 Assist. G.P.; Thomas H. Spear P.M. 330, Thomas R. Mills P.M. 1006, W. B. Carne P.M. 893, Edmund Herring P.M. 1071, George Cassell P.M. 1136, and Thomas S. Bailey P.M. 1151, all G. Stewards; James N. Francis Grand Tyler, J. C. R. Crewes Clerk to Prov. Grand Secretary; Bros. Frederick Binckes Grand Stewards Lodge Prov. G. Sword Bearer England, Colonel W. E. Michell, the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., G. Darth, Samuel G. Bake, Charles Truscott, Gilbert B. Pearce, Edward Poor, T. Michell, William Pascoe, J. Brewer, W. B. Morris, F. J. Hext, J. Doney, E. Milford Cock, R. A. Courtney, W. F. Creber, R. H. Heath, John Dennis, George Barnes, C. E. Juleff, P. Giles, J. W. Higman, J. de C. Treffry, John Turner, R. Lean, F. J. Hext jun., E. Aitken-Davies, James Reynolds, John F. Penrose, W. Rowe, W. Bailey, John Crossman, J. C. Burrow, F. B. Williams, Geo. H. Small, Thomas Mills, J. P. Smith, C. Read, M. Sampson, F. W. Dabb, James Wearne, &c., &c. Letters of apology were received from, among others, Bro. the Hon. Rev. J. T. Boscawen P.M. 699 P.P.G.S.W., enclosing £5 as promised to the Cathedral, and stating that he would give a similar donation this year.

The Provincial Grand Secretary reported that there had been 119 initiations, being an increase of twelve over the previous year, 40 joining members, and 1,378 subscribing members, making a total of 1,537, being an increase of 61 over last year. During the year several questions arose on the effect of the bye-laws of some of the Lodges, and on examination it was found they were in several important particulars in contradiction to the Revised Constitutions. These were laid before the Grand Secretary for his opinion, and subsequently, at his suggestion, circular letters were sent to the Worshipful Masters of all Lodges, inviting the Lodges to carefully consider their respective bye-laws, and where necessary to make such alterations as would bring them in accordance with the Revised Constitutions, and I am glad to acknowledge the readiness with which the request was acceded to. Up to the present the necessary alterations have been made in the bye-laws of eleven Lodges, and these have been approved of by the Prov. G. Master and confirmed by the G.M. There are still one or two Lodges whose bye-laws require amendment. Some of the Lodges still omit to send in their returns at the proper time. And two or three have omitted to send in the return of the Past Masters' attendances, and so in these Lodges the Provincial Grand Master is unable to know who are the most regular in their attendance, and who on that ground

would be entitled to Provincial collars. On 13th April last £610 8s 6d was paid over to the Treasurer of the Cathedral, and on 1st June £5 was received from Tregenna Lodge, and also paid over to the Treasurer, making a total contribution of £615 8s 6d. Dispensations have in accordance with the Constitutions been granted to Mount Edgecombe Lodge to instal their W.M. on the 9th instead of 2nd November last, Phoenix Lodge to instal on the 19th instead of 16th January last, One and All Lodge to initiate a candidate aged 20, who was leaving England to fill an appointment in the Cape Mounted Police; Bro. R. Bonney, of Wadebridge, hotel keeper, to hold the office of W.M. of Molesworth Lodge, and Mount Sinai Lodge to wear Masonic clothing at the funeral of the deceased Bro. Boase. The following grants for relief have been obtained from the Lodge of Benevolence in London:—A brother of Restormel Lodge, Lostwithiel, £30; the widow of a brother of Loyal Victoria Lodge, Callington, £15; the widow of a brother of Tregillow Lodge, St. Day, £10; and to a brother of Eliot Lodge, St. Germans, £10. The Provincial Grand Treasurer (Bro. W. Guy) reported that the year commenced with a balance of £127 11s 3d; fees of honour £38 4s; fees from Lodges, £178 14s, which with several small items brought the total up to £368 18s 3d, leaving a balance in hand of £192 16s 2d. The Treasurer of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund reported that the donations and subscriptions amounted to £176 17s, being an increase of £30 16s 6d over the previous year; the balance at the commencement of the year, £69 1s 6d; voted from Grand Lodge, £26 5s; interest from bonds and stock, £152 12s 5d; and £110 from railway debenture bond, making a total receipt of £534 15s 11d. Of this sum £135 had been paid to annuitants and in educational grants, £216 15s 6d spent in the purchase of a £200 Cape bond, expenses of management £18 19s 6d, leaving a balance at the Cornish Bank of £164 0s 11d. The capital invested amounted to £4,348 6s 11d, being an increase of £176 18s 9d, from which was derived a yearly income of £182 19s. The Secretary reported that a vacancy had occurred in the male annuities by the death of Bro. John McLean, and petitions had been received from two brethren. Petitions had been received from two widows for the annuity vacant by the death of Mrs. Vicary last year. A petition had also been received for an educational grant. Since the last annual meeting the capital account had increased £176 18s 9d, and there was an increase of £30 16s 6d in the annual subscriptions as compared with the corresponding period of last year. From the commencement of the fund in 1864 to the present time the receipts had amounted to £6,748 3s 5d, out of which there had been paid to male annuitants £1,315 11s; female annuitants, £193 10s; grants for relief £70; educational grants £540; expenses of management, £220 15s 6d; total, £2,399 16s 6d; leaving a balance to the credit of the fund of £4,348 6s 11d. The Committee of relief reported that having received a petition on behalf of the widow of a brother of Lodge 318, they had granted a sum of £3, which had been paid. Bro. Gilbert B. Pearce, Honorary Secretary Cornwall Masonic Charity Association, said: At the third general meeting of the Subscribers, held at Truro, on 8th February, it was reported that 205 memberships had been subscribed for, the total amount contributed being 260 guineas, of which 235 guineas were available for the ballots, the remainder being for nominations fully paid up. Thirty-three life subscriberships of the value of 5 guineas were drawn. Compared with previous years this amount was sixty guineas less, but this was not owing to any falling off in the members of the association, but to the fact that in 1887 a large number of the brethren were induced to complete their payments by paying at once the remainder due from them. The number of new subscribers this year was thirty-one, and this important feature was mainly due to two Lodges only, Redruth and Bedmin, to whom must be given the credit of adding between them a score of new members. Yet with this increase of thirty-one new members they had exactly the same number subscribing this year as last, a corresponding number having ceased to subscribe, having mostly completed their payments, and a few failed to continue. Of the 205 memberships, 177 were individual, and 28 Lodges and Chapters. Of the thirty Lodges in the Province twenty subscribed from the Lodge Funds, and one had subscribed since the last ballot. Of the remaining nine, seven were represented by individuals. The Charities selected were:—Girls, 205 guineas;

Boys 45; and Masonic Benevolent Institution 25. The additional votes gained were:—Girls, 25; Boys, 8; Benevolent, 4; total life votes, 37, and 9 perpetual votes for Girls, and 2 for the Benevolent Fund. The total amount obtained through the association was as follows:—First year, £234 4s; second, £379 1s; third, £288 15s; total £902. Bro. Pearce desired to bring the claims more particularly before the brethren at Provincial Grand Lodge. Three of the five years had gone, and they could refer to the result with some pride and satisfaction; but in two years more all the members that began with them would have ended their payments, and a fresh start would have to be made. No doubt a large number of these would begin again, and they would consider that the continual payment of a guinea or two was no great tax on them for so worthy and needy a cause, but new members were wanted always to be joining every year. Bro. Bake P.P.G.S.W., then rose to move, in accordance with notice of motion, that (1) in future funds be formed in the county from the subscriptions now generally transmitted to the larger Charities in London, and to be used for similar purposes; (2) that a Committee be formed for carrying out these Charities, and to make regulations and laws for their government, and also to make any arrangements in connection therewith, and that when such laws, regulations and arrangements have been submitted to the Provincial Grand Master and met his approval and signature, they are then immediately to take effect; (3) that the Committee consist of Bros. Anderton, Hughan and Pearce, and such others as the Provincial Grand Master may select. Having explained that he was prevented by illness from attending the last Provincial Grand Lodge, Bro. Bake went on to state that in 1887 the county had only two boys and one girl in the great Masonic Institutions, the election of whom cost 615 votes. Three hundred of these votes cost on an average £5 each, and the other 315 cost £3 each, amounting in the aggregate to £2,245. If that money had been kept in the county and invested at 4 per cent. it would have produced £96 17s per annum, out of which £30 per year could have been allowed to the parents of each of the three children educated in the Masonic Schools. The children would then be educated according to their present station of life instead of being taken to London, educated above their station, and becoming dissatisfied on their return with the position in which they found themselves. Bro. Bake then moved the second and third sections of his resolution. The Provincial Grand Master suggested that the Committee should take the question into consideration, and report to Grand Lodge before any action was taken. Bro. Major Ross was of opinion that the question was of such importance that it should be considered by the various Lodges before anything definite was settled. Bro. Anderton denied that children in the great Masonic Charities were educated above their station. He moved as an amendment—"That a Committee be formed to consider and report at the next meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge the best means of employing the funds collected in the Province for charitable objects." Bro. Gilbert Pearce seconded. If this Province adopted the principle advocated by Bro. Bake, and other Provinces followed suit, what would become of the great Masonic Charities? There being no objection, the amendment was agreed to, Bros. Bake and Chirgwin being added to the Committee. Later in the day it was suggested that Bro. Truscott should also be placed on the Committee. Bro. Bake objected, and said he should withdraw if the proposal was carried. Bro. Truscott's name was however withdrawn. The brethren then walked in procession to church, headed by the band of the Volunteers. A special service was gone through, and Bro. the Rev. W. Reed Erskine preached a powerful sermon. On their return Grand Lodge was re-opened, and Bro. C. Truscott presented the following report, for two years. In October 1886, we secured the election into the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys of the son of a brother of Fowey Lodge, 977. At the following elections of April and May 1887, the votes of the Province were used to repay loans contracted to secure the election of the foregoing candidates. In October 1887, in accordance with the decision of the Committee of Relief, we polled for the daughter of a deceased brother of Phoenix Lodge, No. 331, and secured her election into the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. The polling at this election ran high, and this necessitated our borrowing more heavily than usual, but I am happy to state that after repaying loans with our votes of April and May last, we are again free. We owe

400 girls' and 500 boys' votes, total 900; and are owed 80 boys, 242 old Masons, and 744 widows' votes, total 1,066. The present voting power possessed by the Province I estimate to be about 300 girls, 350 boys, 450 widows, and 350 old men. This Province is at present receiving from the Central Charities annuities to four old men and five widows, amounting to £320, and we have two boys in the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and two girls in the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, altogether a grant from about £480 to £500 per year. The Relief Committee at its last meeting adopted four candidates as deserving cases, and to be polled for certain as our votes may allow. I purpose naming the first case in October. I regret to have to complain of many cases of unnecessary delay in forwarding the voting papers to me, and I shall feel extremely obliged if the brethren will for the future sign and send them to me promptly after receiving them. I would suggest that every Lodge appoint a brother as Charity Steward to attend to the collection of all papers in his Lodge and send them to me. Some Lodges do this, and it greatly facilitates my work. As Steward representing this Province this year, I beg to report that I collected for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution £43 1s, for the Institution for Girls £134 4s, and for Boys £76 13s, a total of £249 17s. Bro. Truscott further reported that the Province had got ten candidates in seven years on the Funds of the great Masonic Charities, from which they derived a great amount of benefit, and which deserved all the support they could give them. The Provincial Grand Secretary reported that a brother of Restormel Lodge, No. 856, had been elected an annuitant on the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund with 441 votes, a brother of Lodge Fortitude, No. 131, having only 275 votes. The widow of a brother of Lodge Love and Honour, No. 75, got on the Fund with 383 against 244 recorded for the widow of a brother of Lodge Three Grand Principles, No. 967. The son of a deceased brother of One and All Lodge, No. 330, with 644 votes, is entitled to an educational grant of £15 for three years. In making the last announcement, Bro. Chirgwin said he wished the brethren generally, and especially those who acted as guardians to children on the Fund, to understand that the grants were for the education of the children elected, and not for the general purposes of the family. It was the duty of the brethren to see that the money was properly expended. The Prov. G. Master thought it was important that it should be known that the grants given were for the education of the children to whom awarded, and not for the benefit of the family generally. He therefore moved that it be an instruction to the special Committee appointed to inquire if the educational grants are properly expended. Bro. Bake seconded the motion, which was agreed to. On the motion of Bro. Anderton £10 was voted to the unsuccessful female candidate for the annuity fund. The Officers of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund were re-elected, with Bros. Anderton, Milford, and Chirgwin added to the trustees. It was agreed after a slight discussion to grant, on the motion of the Provincial Grand Secretary, fifty guineas to the Cornwall Masonic Annuity Fund. It was then asked what the Province proposed to vote to the great Masonic Charities. Bro. Anderton thought if they were going to adopt a new scheme with regard to their charitable fund, they should keep the balance in hand. Bro. Truscott having remarked that the Province would be receiving nearly £500 this year from the great Masonic Charities, moved that thirty guineas be given to each of the Institutions—the Benevolent Fund, and Boys' and Girls' Schools. Bro. Bake moved, as an amendment, that no money be voted until after the committee appointed to consider the question of the Charity funds had presented a report. Bro. Pearce said the proposal of Bro. Bake would considerably damage their charity organisation, at any rate for the present. They were deriving a very great benefit from the great Masonic Charities. They had nine annuitants, and were receiving £320 per year in cash. Bro. Bake's amendment not being seconded, a fact which was received with applause, it was, after further discussion, decided to give twenty guineas each to the Boys' School and Benevolent Fund, and ten guineas to the Girls' School. The P.G.M. then invested the following brethren as his Officers for the year ensuing:—

Bro. Sir C. B. Graves-Sawle, Bart. - Deputy Grand Master  
G. P. N. Glencross P.M. 510 - Senior Warden  
Hugh P. Vivian P.M. 589 - Junior Warden

Rev. W. R. Erskine 588	-	-	Chaplain
Rev. R. F. Frazer Frizell 893	-	-	Chaplain
E. Milford Cook P.M.	-	-	Treasurer
R. P. Edyvean P.M. 330	-	-	Registrar
Thomas Chirgwin P.M. 131	-	-	Secretary
W. Lidgley P.M. 589	-	-	Senior Deacons
T. G. Polglase P.M. 75	-	-	
J. W. Higman P.M. 495	-	-	Junior Deacons
J. Reynolds P.M. 331	-	-	
W. Huthnance P.M. 450	-	-	Superintendent of Works
P. Giles P.M. 496	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
H. B. Neame P.M. 589	-	-	Deputy D.C.
C. M. Downing P.M. 131	-	-	Assistant D.C.
Major Ross 131	-	-	Sword Bearer
H. C. Welch P.M. 957	-	-	Standard Bearers
W. A. Bennett 699	-	-	
— Howlett	-	-	Organist
J. Tonkin P.M. 131	-	-	Assistant Secretary
T. R. Mills P.M. 1006	-	-	Pursuivant
J. Langdon P.M. 131	-	-	Assistant Pursuivant
J. T. Rodda P.M. 1514	-	-	Stewards
J. M. Richards P.M. 318	-	-	
W. Colenso P.M. 121	-	-	
J. A. Bersey P.M. 893	-	-	
P. H. Dawe P.M. 967	-	-	
H. Down P.M. 2166	-	-	Tyler
— Nicholls 1544	-	-	

Bros. H. P. Vivian and W. Bailey were appointed auditors. The Secretary reported that £11 6s had been collected in church. It was decided to give two-fifths to the Cornwall Masonic Annuity Fund, two-fifths to the Miners' Hospital, and one-fifth to the vicar for disposal. Bro. Rowe gave notice to move at the next Provincial Grand Lodge to raise the age limiting the educational grant from fourteen to fifteen. Bro. Binckes, returning thanks on behalf of the Charities, appealed for help for the Boys' School, the Festival of which only produced £8,600. They were sadly in want of funds, and there were seventy-six candidates for election in October, but they could only elect twenty-three. He congratulated the Province on the great interest it had always felt in the Masonic Institutions, and he hoped no jealousy would be felt in supporting either of the Charities. Invitations were received from Looe, Liskeard, and Truro for the next Provincial Grand Lodge. The Provincial Grand Master said it was the rule to meet alternately in the eastern and western divisions of the county, and as Truro was in the western division he could not think of Truro next year. A new Lodge had been proposed for Camelford by a worthy Mason, to whom Masonry owed a great deal in Cornwall and elsewhere, but he (the Provincial Grand Master) must postpone the consideration until he was assured that it was a centre where a Lodge was likely to be permanently worked.

The Grand Lodge having been closed, the brethren sat down to luncheon at the Assembly Rooms.

## ROYAL ARCH.

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### INTEGRITY CHAPTER, No. 380.

A MEETING of this Chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, on Monday evening, 20th ult., the following members and visiting Companions being present:—W. H. Stewart Z., J. Verity P.Z. H., Tudor Trevor P.Z. S.E. 306 J., J. H. Reyner Z. S.E., Geo. Gibson P.Z. 289 S.N., G. Reuss 208 P. Soj., J. Quartermain and J. Steele Assistant Sojourners. Immediately after the Chapter had been opened and the minutes of last meeting read, Comp. Quartermain was duly installed successively into the chairs of J. and H. by E. Comp. C. L. Mason P.Z. 301, 306 and 380, P.P.G.H. West Yorks, under the special dispensation of the Prov. Grand Superintendent of West Yorkshire, which was duly read and ordered to be recorded on the minutes of the meeting. Bros. T. Barron W.M. and C. Reyner, G. Johnson and M. H. Sykes of Lodge Integrity 380 were then successfully ballotted for as candidates, and Bros. Sykes and Reyner being in attendance were severally introduced and exalted as Companions of the R.A. degree by E. Comp. C. L. Mason P.Z., &c., the mystical lecture being given by E. Comp. Verity P.Z. The thanks of the Chapter having been specially voted to E. Comp. C. L. Mason P.Z. for his ready and effective aid on that and many former occasions, together with a vote of congratulation to Comp. Steele P.Z. on his recent marriage, the Chapter was solemnly closed, and the Companions adjourned to the supper-room, where full justice was done to the very substantial repast provided.

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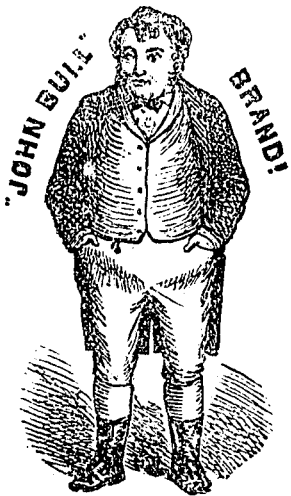
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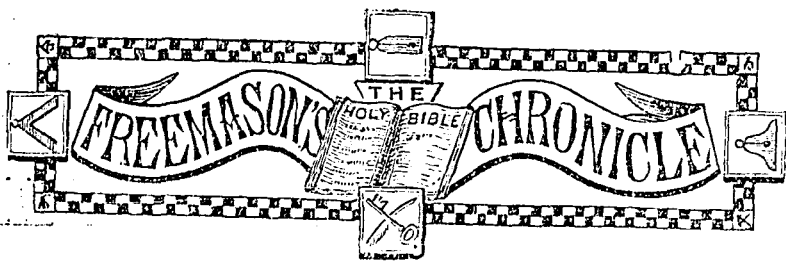
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### PROV. GRAND LODGE OF SOMERSET.

THE Annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Freemasons was held in the Town Hall, Chard, on Wednesday, 22nd ult., under the presidency of Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master of England, Provincial Grand Master, who was supported by Bro. E. C. Else P.G.D. of England, Deputy Provincial Grand Master. The Provincial Grand Lodge was held under the banner of the Prudence and Industry Lodge, No. 1953, and the brethren of that Lodge deserve praise for the excellence of their arrangements, and for the hospitality dispensed by them. The spacious hall was well fitted up as a Lodge room, and tastefully and elaborately decorated with flags, palms, and other choice plants in pots, whilst in the centre of the room a fountain at play had a very pleasing effect. The flags, plants, &c., were supplied by Mr. Jarman, seedsman, florist, &c., of Chard. The banners of the

various Lodges throughout the Province were also exhibited on the walls. A very large number of Masons were present, all the Lodges in the Province being well represented.

The Provincial Grand Secretary read the minutes of Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Bridgwater on the 15th July 1887, and they were confirmed.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer (Bro. C. L. Fry Edwards) next read the accounts of the Provincial Grand Lodge for the past year, which showed that the balance in hand last year was £180 10s 10d. The year's expenditure amounted to £112 4s 7d, and after depositing £100 in the Wilts and Dorset Bank, and a floating balance in addition of £143 4s 1d, they had absolutely made a profit on the year of £62 13s 3d. On the motion of Bro. Dr. Wicksteed (who had assisted in auditing them), seconded by Bro. J. B. Marwood, the accounts were duly passed.

Bro. J. L. Stothert proposed the re-election of Bro. C. L. Fry Edwards as Provincial Grand Treasurer, remarking that they were much indebted to him for the able and satisfactory way in which he had heretofore discharged the duties, and that he was, moreover, very popular throughout the Province.

Bro. J. B. Marwood seconded the motion, and said it was impossible they could confer the honour on a more worthy Mason.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master, in declaring the resolution carried, said he must add his congratulations to the Provincial Grand Lodge on their again securing Bro. Edwards' services in the capacity of Treasurer.

Bro. Edwards said he took it as a great compliment to be again elected, and was very glad to find that any service of his had been appreciated. He was happy to tell them that the Province of Somerset was in a no less prosperous condition now than when he first undertook office, three years ago. In fact, he was pleased to say it had somewhat improved. He thanked them very much for the confidence again reposed in him.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master then appointed and invested the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year, as follow:—

Bro. H. Calliford Hopkins P.M. 379	-	Senior Warden
Samner Toms P.M. 1953	-	Junior Warden
Rev. J. A. Lloyd P.M. 379	-	} Chaplains
Rev. F. L. Byrde P.M. 1296	-	
Bro. C. L. Fry Edwards P.M.	-	Treasurer
T. G. Williams P.M. 261	-	Registrar
J. C. Hunt P.M. 135	-	Secretary
A. Law Wade P.M. 416	-	Senior Deacon
A. De Courcy Lyons P.M. 1199	-	Junior Deacon
W. H. Wooker P.M. 1222	-	Superintendent of Works
W. Ransford P.M. 1750	-	Director of Ceremonies
A. J. Gay P.M. 1833	-	Assist. Director of Cers.
B. C. Board P.M. 291	-	Sword Bearer
L. A. Weatherley P.M. 1755	-	} Standard Bearers
S. L. Lewis P.M. 973	-	
A. Reynolds P.M. 2038	-	Organist
R. Knight P.M. 1966	-	Pursuivant
J. P. Green P.M. 976	-	Assistant Pursuivant
T. E. Wilton P.M. 41	-	} Stewards
T. C. Manning W.M. 285	-	
H. B. Crouch W.M. 772	-	
A. Hart W.M. 814	-	
W. L. Dames Secretary 52	-	} Tyler
A. J. Salter P.M. 53	-	
S. Bigwood P.M. 41	-	Assistant Tyler

The P.G.M. said, previous to the next business on the agenda paper he had to request the attendance on the platform of four brethren upon whom Jubilee honours were to be conferred. They would remember that a resolution was passed at Grand Lodge last year in order to commemorate the Jubilee of Her Gracious Majesty that power should be given to each Province to appoint certain brethren to higher rank, and the four brethren who would receive that higher rank that day were Bros. T. P. Ashley, Bath; J. C. Hunt, Bridgwater; Sydney Lewis, Weston-super-Mare; and Bartlett, of Bath. The brethren named having approached his Lordship, the Most Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, addressing them, said, it was his very pleasing duty to have to confer distinguished rank upon them. Last year witnessed a memorable celebration of the Jubilee of Our Gracious Sovereign, and amongst all classes in this country none came forward more readily than Masons to acknowledge the importance of the occasion, and to confer upon it so far as they could some special memento. By the wish of their illustrious Grand Master His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and, by resolution of the Grand Lodge, power was given to each Provincial Grand Master to confer these honours. He had therefore



to announce that Bros. Ashley and Hunt would assume the rank of Past Provincial Grand Senior Wardens, and Bros. Sydney Lewis and Bartlett that of Past Provincial Grand Junior Wardens.

The Provincial Grand Secretary next read the report of the Charity Organisation Committee, which stated that most amicable relations continued to prevail with neighbouring Provinces, and the best thanks of Provincial Grand Lodge were especially due to Bros. Captain S. G. Homfray Deputy Provincial Grand Master Mon., Wm. Nott, Wilts, Vassar Smith, Gloucester, W. Parnell, Bristol, for their valuable co-operation and support. The following brethren had served the office of Steward to the three Masonic Institutions:—Provincial Stewards—S. A. Baskett P.M. 329 Past Provincial Grand Registrar Dorset Treasurer, who took up the sum of £137 for the Benevolent Institution; for the Girls' School Bro. J. L. Stothert Past Prov. Grand Senior Warden Grand Standard Bearer took up the sum of £882; and for the Boys' School Bro. J. H. Perrett W.M. 1222 took up the sum of £210; as Stewards, Bros. Col. A. Perkins Past Provincial Grand Senior Warden Past Grand Deacon and A. Hart 814, each took up the sum of £31 10s, making for the year the very handsome total of £1292, of which £945 was for the Girls' School Centenary Festival, on which occasion it was worthy of note that the largest sum by any individual Steward was taken up by Bro. Stothert Provincial Steward of Somerset. Bro. C. L. F. Edwards Provincial Grand Treasurer had intimated his intention of serving as Steward for the Benevolent Institution for the coming year. In accordance with a resolution of Prov. Grand Lodge, held 15th July, the question of the condition of Provincial Grand Lodge clothing was considered. The Prov. Grand Lodge clothing was produced and examined, and after considerable discussion it was eventually agreed, upon the proposition of Bro. Ashley, seconded by Bro. Edwards, that the matter of Provincial Grand Lodge clothing stand over for the present.

Bro. T. P. Ashley, in moving the adoption of the report, said they could not but regard it as a very satisfactory one. He thought the Charity Organisation of the Province was conducted in a manner that must recommend itself to the favourable notice of the brethren generally, and he trusted they would receive as much support in the future as in the past, and that they would continue to concentrate their efforts to secure the election of those candidates who were considered the most deserving.

Bro. Elworthy seconded the proposition, and the Provincial Grand Master said he agreed emphatically with the Brother who had moved the adoption of the report, that the Committee was doing a good and useful work in the Province. It was the best application of all the means available for charitable purposes, and he believed was the most sensible way, for charity, as they knew, lost more than half its value if given indiscriminately. It was the special merit of this Committee that it applied the money of those brethren charitably disposed in the most satisfactory way. He noticed in the report that the consideration of the question of providing new clothing was allowed to stand over, but he hoped it would not be allowed to do so indefinitely.

Bro. J. L. Stothert next proposed the following resolution, remarking that the occasion referred to therein was a special and exceptional one:—"That on account of the Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls taking place this year, the sum of fifteen guineas usually granted to the brother serving the office of Provincial Grand Steward be increased by ten guineas, the whole forming a contribution of this Provincial Grand Lodge towards the funds of the Institution in celebration of the special occasion."

Bro. Ashley, in seconding the resolution, remarked that Bro. Stothert had omitted to inform the Lodge that he had contributed the sum of £75 out of his own pocket.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

On the proposition of Bro. Edwards Provincial Grand Treasurer, seconded by Bro. Radway, it was resolved "That a committee be appointed to revise, if necessary, the by-laws of this Provincial Grand Lodge, and that such committee consist of the Charity Organisation Committee."

The Provincial Grand Master said that the foundation stone of All Saints Church, Rockwell Green, Wellington, would be laid on the 10th September next. The Bishop of the Diocese was to be present, and many of the brethren interested had made a very urgent appeal to him to lay the

stone, if possible. He would very gladly have acceded to the request, but he found that another engagement, which he could not possibly set aside, would call him into the Midland Counties, and it would be impossible for him, of course, to be in two places at the same time. He had, however, considered the matter, and should be perfectly ready to accord the necessary dispensation for wearing Masonic clothing on the occasion. He hoped the affair would pass off very satisfactorily.

The collection of alms amounted to £6 18s 4d, and on the motion of Bro. S. Toms, the sum was voted to the Taunton and Somerset Hospital.

The brethren afterwards dined together at the George Hotel, where a splendid banquet was served. The Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon presided, and was supported by most of the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

After dinner the usual Masonic toasts were proposed, including the Health of the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, and that of the Health of the Right Worshipful the Deputy Provincial Grand Master. The members of the receiving Lodge were heartily thanked for their hospitality.

The Provincial Grand Master, in responding to the toast of his health said, some of the remarks made by his excellent friend, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master reminded him of the fable told of a certain person, not a very reputable character he was afraid, of whom it was said that when he was thrown upon the surface of mother earth he rose with increased vigour. Similarly when he came to Somersetshire and touched upon the red soil he rose up a better man than he left it. It was indeed a great pleasure to him to find himself there to-day amongst his Somersetshire brethren. He had experienced on many former occasions so much kindness and goodwill from them that he should be very ungrateful indeed if he did not reciprocate the cordial welcome and reception they invariably gave him. His health was much less strong than he could desire, and to recover it he had made a long journey. He believed he travelled not much less than 13,000 miles by sea and land, and he was thankful to say that those 13,000 miles of sea and land, with all the kindness he experienced on the other side of the world, had sent him back to England very much better and stronger in health than when he set out, and he rejoiced to take advantage of that renewed strength and health to come into the Province of Somerset on one of his first public appearances. Time flew fast and trains waited for no man, and therefore what he had to say to them must be compressed into a few minutes, but first let him convey for himself and for all those who did not belong to the Chard Lodge their thanks for the gracious hospitality which they had received that day. The spacious Lodge room in which they were entertained, the warm and brotherly feeling by which they were welcomed, would live as an abiding recollection in the minds of all of them. Next let him congratulate them upon the state of the Province generally, and let him give praise where praise was due. He owed great thanks as Provincial Grand Master to all the Officers of Grand Lodge and to all the Masters of every Lodge, for it was by their steady inculcation of Masonic principles, by their maintenance of Masonic rule, that Masonry had been maintained in the old paths. Next let him thank his excellent friend and Deputy, who, in his absence, his too frequent absence, did all that he could do or all that he could desire. Let him say now—as he should not be able to do so when his toast came in its due order—that in that toast he had cordially joined in anticipation of its coming round. As he said just now, he had travelled 13,000 miles across the ocean to regain his health in a different climate, and he found himself in a second England. It was a wonderful land, wonderful to him in all ways—both from what he had observed and known of it, and also from what he could not have known—a land where the English race had taken root in all its strength, where great towns had sprung up, occupying the places which but a few years ago were covered with wilderness and forest, with railroads, with high roads driven through the bush, with rivers navigated, wealth accumulated, with everything in fact that constituted a great, powerful and civilised community. All these things struck him more than he could say. He watched them with the deepest interest, but one of the things which struck him more than all was that, concurrently with other institutions, with English laws with English language and religion and literature, English Masonry had also gone forth, and had made its indelible impress upon the character of that new continent. Nothing pleased him more than to see how English Freemasonry had not only grown enormously in numbers, not only numbered among its adherents men of wealth and station and influence, but how it was treading in the good footsteps of the parent society in England; how it was endeavouring to found similar Institutions for the benefit and welfare of others; how it was honestly labouring to be charitable, to be liberal, to be generous, to be all they desired Masonry to be. He was not only greatly struck with this, but greatly delighted to find when he visited other English colonies, such as the Cape of Good Hope, that there the same beneficent influence was at work. At the Cape, as they knew, there were two great races who now lived on the best and most friendly terms with each other. There had been quarrels and dissensions; there had been sometimes shedding of blood. Well, now, he honestly believed that Freemasonry was just one of those influences which had gone far and was doing still more to conciliate differences and to make friends where there ought to be no enemies. Looking at it from a purely public and non-Masonic point of view, he was satisfied that there was no Institution which exercised a more wholesome effect upon the whole community than Freemasonry did at the Cape of Good Hope.

He would only say in conclusion that wherever he went as Pro Grand Master of England he received the most cordial Masonic welcome. The first welcome he received was from his brother Masons. There was no colony he visited, no town he entered, no place of importance in which he did not find Freemasons, and in which they did not seek to cover him with kindness and hospitality such as he could never forget, and which it was impossible for him to repay. All he could say to them was, that when he returned to England he should make known to his brethren there how warmly the Masonic heart beat in those distant colonies, and how firm he believed the bond of union was between England and her colonies, and how heartily that feeling was reciprocated towards those colonies by us.

### QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 5th September 1888, at 6 for 7 p.m.

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 6th June for confirmation.

2. To read a letter addressed to Her Imperial Majesty the Empress Frederick of Germany, Crown Princess of England, by His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master, tendering to Her Imperial Majesty the Condolences and Sympathy of the Grand Lodge of England on the recent death of Her Illustrious Consort, the late Emperor Frederick III., and also to read the gracious reply of Her Imperial Majesty thereto.

3. To report that a complete set of the Clothing of a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England had been prepared, and transmitted by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, in the name and on behalf of Grand Lodge, to His Majesty Oscar II., King of Sweden and Norway, K.G., Grand Master of Sweden, for the Gracious acceptance of His Majesty, in commemoration of his recent appointment as Past Grand Master of England.

4. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz. :—

The Widow of a Brother of the Royal Yorkshire Lodge, No. 265, Keighley	£50 0 0
A Brother of the Crystal Palace Lodge, No. 742, London	50 0 0
A Brother of the Lodge Peace and Harmony, No. 60, London	50 0 0
The Widow of a Brother of the Hundred of Bosmere Lodge, No. 1958, Havant	50 0 0
The Widow of a Brother of the Gihon Lodge, No. 49, London	75 0 0
The Widow of a Brother of the Hemming Lodge, No. 1512, Hampton	50 0 0
The Widow of a Brother of the St. John's Lodge, No. 167, London	100 0 0
A Brother of the Lodge of Three Grand Principals, No. 208, Dewsbury	50 0 0
The Widow of a Brother of Lodge Prudentia, No. 1859, Negapatam, E.I.	50 0 0
A Brother of the St. John's Lodge, No. 795, Maidenhead	50 0 0

#### 5. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board of General Purposes beg to submit a Statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts, at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 17th day of August instant, showing a balance in the Bank of England (Western Branch) of £6574 1s 9d, and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £100, and for servants' wages £100, and balance of annual allowance for library £33 1s 4d.

(Signed) THOMAS FENN,  
President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.  
21st August 1888.

List of Lodges for which warrants have been granted by the Most Worshipful Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge.

- No. 2267—The Laidley Lodge, Laidley, Queensland.
- 2268—The Hallamshire Lodge, Sheffield, West Yorkshire.
- 2269—The "Peace" Lodge, Wigan, West Lancashire.
- 2270—The Carnarvon Lodge, Bowrae, New South Wales.
- 2271—The St. Pancras Lodge, St. Pancras, London.
- 2272—The Rye Lodge, Peckham.
- 2273—The Natimuk Lodge, Natimuk, Victoria.
- 2274—The Werriger Lodge, Werracknabeal, Victoria.
- 2275—The St. John's Lodge, Leichhardt, New South Wales.
- 2276—The Barrier Lodge, Broken Hill, New South Wales.
- 2277—The St. Paul's Lodge, Limassol, Island of Cyprus.

The M.W. the Grand Master remains at Hamburg. Among the brethren staying there are Bros. Sir F. W. Truscott P.G.W., R. G. Glover P.D.G.D.C., Col. Harding P.A.G.D.C., Herr Kühe P.G.O., W. E. Stewart P.G.S.B., and R. G. Clutton.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.

All Letters must bear the name and address of the Writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

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#### THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—Absence from town has prevented me from replying earlier to a letter in your issue of the 18th inst. signed "AN OLD MASONIC BOY." I also am an old pupil of the Boys' Masonic School, and feel that the attack made upon the school and staff is so groundless and unjustifiable that I cannot refrain from putting forward my testimony to the contrary; a testimony with which, I am confident, the majority of old pupils will agree.

I am one who also had six years' residence at Wood Green in the Boys' School, and one who is deeply grateful for the start in life which I there received. But whilst feeling this gratitude to the Masonic Craft generally and to the staff of the School, I desire temporarily to forget the same in order to deal in an unbiassed manner with the consideration of the staff of the school, which seems more especially to be the object of attack in an "OLD MASONIC BOY'S" letter.

After quitting Wood Green I had a further training of two-and-a-half years in a public school, founded 300 years ago, and which has the reputation of being an excellent school. At a little later period I became an assistant master in a London school. I can therefore speak with the experience of a pupil in the two schools, and also with that obtained in my capacity as a master, and my experience is in favour of the Masonic School, and that, too, in a most unqualified manner.

As regards the tone of the school, I think "AN OLD MASONIC BOY'S" admission as to the training of a large proportion of the boys prior to their entry to the school explains the whole matter. What is bred in the bone will come out in the flesh, and one cannot make a silk purse from a sow's ear. To become a member of the Masonic Craft is cheaper and more profitable than to join a benefit club or similar society. I am telling Masons no new thing, and the deduction is obvious. But whilst speaking of the training of the boys it should be borne in mind that the establishment at Wood Green is not a young ladies' seminary, where only a limited number of pupils is taken. The training at Wood Green is, I think, quite as good as that at any boarding school in the United Kingdom.

Referring to an "OLD MASONIC BOY'S" suggestions for improvement in this direction, he evidently has had no experience with boys, and forgets, apparently, his own school experience.

My object in addressing you is to protest against the accusations contained in the letter of your correspondent above referred to, but I should like to take this opportunity to draw the attention of the Masonic Craft to the vast improvements that have been made in recent years in the curriculum at the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. When I first entered the school the whole education seemed to consist in learning by heart the whole of Morell's English Grammar and of Milton's "Paradise Lost." Some English History, a little French and Latin, Arithmetic, and a smattering of Euclid and Algebra concluded the programme (I am referring to the senior class in the school).

Now, I believe, these subjects are not taught in the senior class; a boy must know them before he reaches there. Chemistry, magnetism and electricity, and kindred subjects, advanced Latin, French and German, trigonometry, shorthand, &c., are taught to the boys even before they reach the senior class, and lest any should think that with so many subjects in hand only a smattering of the elements can be learned, let me add that the knowledge of these subjects which I obtained at the school was sufficient for me to matriculate at the University of London.

Gratitude to the staff of the Boys' Masonic School and justice alike require that I should raise my voice and protest against the assertions of "AN OLD MASONIC BOY." I enclose my card and also my present (temporary) address.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

AN OLD PUPIL OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL,

Bognor, 25th Aug. 1888.

#### ALL SOULS' LODGE, No. 170.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In the valuable contribution to the History of this Lodge, by Bro. Sherren P.M. and Treasurer, there are two errors in relation to other Weymouth Lodges which perhaps it may be well to have corrected.

1. The "Weymouth Lodge," No. 491, of 6th June 1776, which was warranted by the "Modern" Grand Lodge, was erased three years earlier than the period (1783) named by Bro. Sherren, viz., on 23rd November 1785.

2. The other Lodge, the "Arimathea," was warranted by the "Athol" Grand Lodge, as No. 256, on 6th February 1809—not 1808.

Yours fraternally,

JNO. LANE.

Torquay, 25th August 1888.

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.

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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## PORTSMOUTH TEMPERANCE LODGE, No. 2068.

THE members of this new Lodge may justly be gratified and proud at the successful result of the new departure in Masonry, at least in this part of the Province of Hampshire and Isle of Wight, by arranging a picnic for the brethren of the Lodge and their "wives and sweethearts." The Portsmouth Temperance Lodge, whose warrant dates 16th October 1884, holds its meetings at the Soldiers' Institute, and has been making wondrous strides since its Constitution, it now mustering some 105 members, with an extremely good show of votes for the Masonic Charities. Lately a warrant was granted for a Royal Arch Chapter in connection with the Lodge, and the Constitution of which will take place shortly. Each quarter a banquet is held after Lodge business, but this quarter the idea was mooted by Brother R. G. Pither, Secretary, that a picnic should take its place. A Committee was formed, comprising all the Officers of the Lodge, with the result that the affair passed off on Wednesday with great éclat. At 8.30 a.m. upwards of one hundred brethren assembled at the Soldiers' Institute, High-street, and left in five four-horse brakes, well supplied by Mr. A. W. White, for Goodwood via Emsworth and Chichester. Thanks to the Colonel and Officers, the centre brake was occupied by a portion of the band of the Border Regiment, who played several selections en route. Amongst those present were Bros. T. Toffnell W.M., G. Bevis I.P.M., J. Palmer P.M., W. Miller S.W., Q. Cecconi J.W., R. G. Pither Secretary, G. Williams S.D., E. R. Fisher J.D., G. Woodthorpe I.G., W. Porter and T. Making Stewards, J. Wells Tyler, G. Reading, P. H. Emanuel, Grigsby, Freaque, Biggs, Boyce, Prior, McFail, G. Williams, H. King, Cronin, &c. The first halt was made at Furlington, from whence the party went to Emsworth and Chichester, where there was a wait of three quarters of an hour, during which time the majority of the visitors visited the Cathedral. The band played several pieces during the interval, much to the satisfaction of the farmers and citizens. Corney Seat, Goodwood, was reached about one o'clock, where a van containing all the edibles was in waiting for volunteers to help "lay the cloth." When all was ready the brethren sang grace. Ample justice was done to the fare, comprising salmon, roast beef and mutton, boiled beef, &c., fruit pies, salad, cucumbers, and all kinds of mineral waters. During dinner some capital pieces were played by the band, and afterwards the W.M., Bro. Tufnell, on behalf of the Lodge, gave a hearty welcome to the ladies, and he hoped the innovation was the commencement of similar outings. Dancing was indulged in on the lawn, after which all assembled in the pheasantry, where Mr. Russell, of Chichester, took groups of the members of the Lodge together, and also of the whole party. A return was again made for the Seat, and dancing was indulged in, whilst some paid a visit to the course. At six o'clock the return journey was made (via Funtington) to Westbourne, where a sumptuous tea was provided at the Cricketers. After the repast and grace had been sung, Bro. P. H. Emanuel proposed a vote of thanks to the Committee for making such successful arrangements for the day, especially eulogising Bros. Tufnell and Pither, who had borne the brunt of the work. The Secretary, Bro. Pither, was, as they all knew, a most indefatigable worker, and whatever he undertook was done well. Bros. Tufnell and Pither severally responded. Bro. G. Reading proposed the Wives, Sisters, and Sweethearts of Masons, and Bro. Grigsby responded. Dancing was again indulged in, and the journey home was commenced at 9.15, the Soldiers' Institute being reached at eleven o'clock.

## SOUTH SAXON LODGE, No. 311.

AT a recent meeting of this Lodge, held at the Freemasons' Hall, Lewes, it was unanimously resolved, on the motion of Brother A. Holman, seconded by Bro. Briscoe P.M., "That Bro. R. Harvey Ellman P.M. 1303, who is now present, be the recipient of a congratulatory vote from the brethren of this Lodge, he having, during the present year, completed his Masonic Jubilee. The brethren further desire the fact to be recorded on the minutes, and they trust it may please the Great Architect of the Universe to spare Bro. Ellman for many years to come, that in the companionship of the brethren he and they may continue to enjoy the mutual advantages of Freemasonry." A copy of this resolution was forwarded to Bro. Ellman by the Secretary to the Lodge, Bro. Gerard Lloyd. We may add that Bro. Ellman completed the fiftieth year of his connection with Masonry on 7th May last.

## ST. CLAIR LODGE, No. 2074.

AT a meeting of the members, held at the Masonic Hall, Commercial-road, Landport, on Monday evening, 20th ult., Bro. C. V. Birch W.M. presiding, Bro. Harry Kimber P.M. was presented with a silver inkstand and fittings in recognition of the valuable services rendered by him as the Treasurer of the Lodge. The W.M., in making the presentation, dwelt upon the admirable manner in which Bro. Kimber had discharged his duties, and mentioned that he had shown his interest in the prosperity of the Lodge by offering to guarantee £100 towards the expenses incurred in its establishment. Bro. Kimber made an appropriate response, referring to the fact that the Lodge had now 100 members, and was in a prosperous condition.

## ROYAL VICTORIAN JUBILEE LODGE, No. 2184.

THE regular meeting of this prosperous Lodge was held on Thursday, 23rd ult., at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, Essex. Present—Bros. George Westfield W.M., C. T. Lewis P.P.G. Steward P.G.S.B. Essex I.P.M., C. H. Canning J.W., Geo. Hughes Secretary, A. J. Dale S.D., T. Ringrose J.D., H. Carman Dir. of Cers., J. G. Hammond I.G., Dickerson Organist, F. J. Eedle Steward; also Bros. Plater, Beadle, Barnes, Arnott, Tayler, McHugh, Poppy, Brame, and Billinghamurst. Visitors—Bros. Harris 2060, Colley 157, Walker 1441, George 1287, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the

minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was advanced and Bro. Walker was passed. Lodge was then resumed in the first degree, when, the ballot proving unanimous, Messrs. Poppy, McHugh and Brame were regularly initiated into the mysteries of the Order. Both ceremonies were worked by the W.M. in a very able and efficient manner. Business being ended, Lodge was closed, and the brethren assembled in the handsome banquet-room. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given. The proceedings were enlivened by excellent songs and recitations. The Tyler's toast concluded a most enjoyable evening. The next Lodge meeting will be on the fourth Thursday in September.

**Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.**—At the Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E., on Monday, 27th ult. Bros. C. J. Free W.M., C. Patrick S.W., E. Hill J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Le Maire S.D., Bailey I.G.; also Bros. W. Hayward, D. Moss, L. Simmons. After preliminaries, Bro. Hayward answered the questions leading to the second degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was resumed to the second, when the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Moss worked the second section, assisted by Bro. Simmonds; Bro. Fenner worked the third section, assisted by the brethren. Lodge being resumed to the first degree, Bro. Patrick was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

## KENTIGERN LODGE, No. 429 (S.C.)

A MEETING was held in Bro. Renwick's Hotel, on Friday, the 10th ult., when thirty-six brethren sat down to an excellent dinner, purveyed by Bro. Renwick. On this occasion three brethren were initiated, one of these being a member of a company from Glencorse Barracks. The chair was occupied by the R.W.M. Brother Lang, from Pennicuik.

At the last monthly meeting of the Blackwater Lodge, No. 1977, Malden, Bro. M. W. Meade S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. W. Strutt was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Pearman Tyler.

In matters connected with Freemasonry in the Province of Cheshire at the present time there is some amount of activity. Saturday, 25th ult., witnessed a large gathering of brethren at Dukinfield, and on the 7th September a Provincial Grand Lodge will be held at Stockport on the occasion of the visit of the Lord Mayor of London, who will lay one of the foundation stones of the new Technical Schools, with Masonic honours. The Cheshire Lodge will be represented by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master (His Honour Judge Horatio Lloyd), the Provincial Grand Officers and Brethren. The annual meeting has been fixed to take place at Knutsford on the 17th September, and no doubt many of the brethren will avail themselves of the opportunity of visiting the Provincial Grand Master at his seat at Tatton in the evening.

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## DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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## SATURDAY, 1st SEPTEMBER.

- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)  
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
 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  
 1223—Amherst, Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverhead, near Sevenoaks  
 1362—Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Redhill  
 1453—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester  
 1929—Mozart, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon  
 2148—Wal-ingham, Masonic Hall, Walsingham, Kent  
 2205—Pegasus, Clavendon Hotel, Gravesend, Kent

## MONDAY, 3rd SEPTEMBER.

- 22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 46—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Rope-maker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)  
 141—St. Luke, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)  
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 648—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)  
 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, A'legate, E., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8. (In)  
 1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 203 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)  
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)  
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1595—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)  
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)  
 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road  
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)  
 1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst.)  
 1853—Caxton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)  
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)  
 2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 M.M. 139—Panmure, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.  
 37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors  
 113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston.  
 133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham  
 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield  
 156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth  
 236—York, Masonic Hall, York  
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst.)  
 251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple  
 381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwon  
 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)  
 431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields  
 482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wrexham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire  
 529—Semper Fidelis, Crown Hotel, Worcester  
 597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead  
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 350—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire  
 928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield  
 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire  
 1050—Gundolph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester  
 1051—Rowley, Athenaeum, Lancaster  
 1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Black'ey, Lancashire  
 1108—Royal Wharfedale, Priate Room, Boroughgate, Otey, Yorks  
 1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham  
 1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds  
 1239—Westworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.  
 1261—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax  
 1390—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool  
 1434—Nottinghamshire, Masonic Hall, Nottingham  
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington  
 1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-stree, Swansea  
 1578—Merlin, New Iron Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales  
 1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle  
 1798—Zion, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester  
 R.A. 106—Sun, Royal Beacon Hotel, Exmouth  
 R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley  
 M.M. 2—Phoenix, 110 High Street, Portsmouth

## TUESDAY, 4th SEPTEMBER.

- Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4  
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)  
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
 71—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst.)  
 97—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 173—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 112—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)  
 154—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)  
 153—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Marka Hill, at 8. (Instruction)  
 820—Jilly of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 830—Dulhouse, Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Dalton, at 8 (Inst.)  
 911—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1041—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)  
 1221—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In)  
 1449—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Cannoning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1383—Friends in Council, 33 Golden-square  
 1419—Mount Edgecumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)  
 1472—Hersey, Three Crowns, Woolwich  
 1519—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst.)  
 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)  
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)  
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.3  
 R.A. 794—Cannon, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)  
 R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbrooke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 M.M. 1—St. Mark's, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.  
 70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth  
 163—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.

- 120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.  
 124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham  
 158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness  
 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.  
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)  
 265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley  
 315—Royal York, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
 364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.  
 393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick  
 463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)  
 493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester  
 558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkstone.  
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 685—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastle  
 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.  
 791—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield  
 804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.  
 829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, at 7. (Instruction)  
 847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.  
 960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Carliff.  
 974—Per alpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley Street, Bradford  
 995—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston  
 1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market Place, Cockermouth  
 1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford  
 1161—De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar  
 1322—Waveloy, Ca'edonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne  
 1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham  
 1473—Booth, 146 Berry-street, Booth, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1619—Sackville, Crown Hotel, East Grinstead  
 1674—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Bank Buildings, Sussex Street, Rhyll  
 1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.  
 1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields  
 1993—Wolsley, Masonic Hall, Town Hall Buildings, King Street, Manchester  
 2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 R.A. 903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, Gosport  
 R.A. 1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham  
 M.M. 11—Joppa, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead  
 M.M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Chatham.  
 M.M. 115—Bedford, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham

## WEDNESDAY, 5th SEPTEMBER.

- Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall  
 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roma Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
 30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)  
 73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst.)  
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)  
 224—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (In)  
 533—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst.)  
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)  
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)  
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)  
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)  
 902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruc.)  
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)  
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)  
 1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (In)  
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)  
 1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)  
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Chamberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)  
 1963—Duke of Albany, 151 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. 729—Panmure, 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)  
 74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham  
 298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale  
 326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol  
 327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton  
 406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne  
 417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester  
 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire  
 591—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)  
 615—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester  
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)  
 678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Faraworth, near Bolton  
 838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston  
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Gower-street. (Instruction)  
 992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton  
 1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hall  
 1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)  
 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby  
 1091—Ernie, Ernie House, Ivybridge, Devon  
 1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick  
 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich  
 1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street  
 1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea  
 1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan  
 1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire  
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)  
 1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.  
 1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull  
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)  
 1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, The Brook, Liverpool  
 1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)  
 1736—St. John's, St. John's Rooms, Halifax  
 1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth  
 2012—Apollo, Masonic Hall, 22 Hope Street, Liverpool  
 R.A. 290—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough  
 R.A. 258—Auribious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike  
 R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds  
 R.A. 369—Immeton Rock, Swan and Dove Hotel, Clitheroe  
 M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness  
 M.M. 36—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden  
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 27—Vivian, White Hart, Gutter-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)  
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)  
 355—Fidelity, Union Tavern, Archway, High-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 704—Gauden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 155 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)  
 729—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, W.C. (Instruction)  
 754—High Cross, Church and Tower, Leadenhall-street, at 8. (Instruction)  
 879—Southward, St. Charles Woodley, Waterloo St., Rochester New St. (In)  
 1155—Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-road  
 1158—Southern Star, Six Sydney Smith, Queens St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)  
 1178—Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southampton  
 1273—Bardett Courts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruc.)

1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)  
 1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (Inst)  
 1445—Prince Leopold, Three Nuns Hotel, Albury, E.  
 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)  
 1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1612—West Middlesex, 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)  
 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 Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)  
 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath  
 1791—Creton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst)  
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate  
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In)  
 R.A. 1381—Kennington, Surrey Club Hotel, Kennington Oval  
 R.A. 1716—All Saints, Vestry Hall, Fairfield Road, Bow  
 M.M. 199—Juko of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.  
 38—Union, Council Chamber, Chester  
 123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire  
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry  
 266—Naphtali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood  
 269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn  
 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds  
 294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks  
 295—Cornermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield  
 300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne  
 309—Harmony, Red Lion, Farnham  
 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooner-street, Manchester.  
 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.  
 425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester  
 446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.  
 463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.  
 509—Teas, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.  
 539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.  
 637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.  
 792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Ballring-lane, Great Grimstey  
 976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset  
 1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale  
 1088—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge  
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland  
 1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire  
 1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire  
 1384—Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes  
 1473—Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire  
 1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich  
 1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Pulham, near Buryton  
 1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley  
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1594—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomery  
 1807—Loyal Wye, Bulth, Breconshire  
 1829—Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham  
 2050—St. Trinians, Masonic Hall, Loch Parade, Douglas, Isle of Man  
 R.A. 274—Fidelity, Boar's Head, Newcastle  
 R.A. 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford  
 R.A. 384—St. John, Bulls Head Inn, Bolton  
 R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire  
 R.A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

### FRIDAY, 7th SEPTEMBER.

Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30  
 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)  
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1223—Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)  
 1275—Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich  
 1293—Royal Standard, Alwyne 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, Ladbrooke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley  
 2030—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell  
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst.)  
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)  
 R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Improvement)  
 R.A. 1489—Ezra, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N  
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)  
 44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester  
 81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.  
 219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.  
 242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.  
 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds  
 442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough  
 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Hull  
 837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon  
 839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester  
 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal  
 1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.  
 1387—Charlton, Masonic Rooms, Charlton Green, Ebury  
 1393—Harer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1528—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.  
 1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.  
 1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.  
 1648—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-street, Bedford.  
 1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth  
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8  
 R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham  
 R.A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax  
 R.A. 359—Peace, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton  
 K.T. 126—De Warrene, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

### SATURDAY, 8th SEPTEMBER.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)  
 192—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)  
 1381—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)  
 1446—Mount Edgcombe, Bridge House Hotel, Battersea  
 1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street  
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)  
 1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone  
 1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
 1743—Perseverance, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street  
 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
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**Avenue.**—In December 1886 Miss Florence West produced, at a matinée, a comedy entitled "Gladys;" this met with a very favourable reception. Now Mr. Henry Bracy has started his season with this comedy, by Mr. Arthur Law, and with the assistance of a burlesque offers a good and pleasant evening's entertainment. Although there is nothing new in "Gladys," it is written in such good style, and the situations are so striking, that the work is highly interesting. The opening scene is at the studio of Gerald Lockhart. Gladys Fairlie is giving sittings to Gerald, unknown to her father, and is, on the day the play opens, about to give a last one. Gerald has invited some friends to see a picture of his, but he manages to get rid of them before the arrival of Gladys. How Colonel Faulkner has his suspicions aroused, and communicates with Fairlie; how Gerald defeats them both, and helps Gladys to escape; how Colonel Faulkner is detected of swindling at cards, and is afterwards killed by a man named Dubois, by which means Gerald is enabled to marry Gladys, is shown during the action of the piece. All these situations are well led up to, and with a little closer working the play will run smoothly. Miss Florence West once more sustains the part of Gladys, and gets through her difficult task successfully. Mr. Lewis Waller as Gerald, and Mr. Royce Carleton, gentlemen who first enacted the parts, now resume them, and with credit. Mr. Richard Purdon, who recently was doing the nightly dive into the Standard tank, gave a spirited impersonation of the forgetful General Sir Peter Peploe. Messrs. J. C. Buckstone, W. G. Watson, Mark Kinghorne, Ernest Paterson, and the Misses Rose Dearing and Annie Howard make up an excellent cast. The piece is well mounted, so that everything has been done to ensure success. The burlesque which follows is "Don Juan jun.," by Messrs. Robert Reece and Edward Righton, with music composed and selected by Mr. Edward Solomon. It is brimming with smart and funny sayings, which cause endless amusement, while the music has been mainly selected from popular tunes. The music to sentimental songs is revolutionised in the most comic manner, while comic tunes are travestied into love duets. All this is amusing and affords an hour's thorough enjoyment. Messrs. Edward Righton, Mark Kinghorne, and Richard Purdon keeps the house in a continuous roar of laughter, while they are admirably backed by the Misses Addie Conyers, Kate Everleigh, Emily Spiller, Ada Bemister, Sallie Turner and Emma Broughton. An exceedingly well-trained chorus completes the attraction.

"She" will be produced at the Gaiety on the 6th inst. The final rehearsals of the elaborate scenic effects has necessitated closing the theatre for a week. As we announced last issue, Mr. Chasemore has designed the dresses, and the "Ammahaggar" dance is being arranged by Mr. John D'Auban, while the music has been specially written by Messrs. Edward Solomon and Hamilton Clark. Miss Fanny Enson, Miss Mary Rorke, and Mr. Edmund Maurice have been engaged. The whole is to be produced under the stage direction of Mr. William Sidney. Mr. Eugene C. Stafford is now sole manager for Miss Eyre's season.

Among the many attractions at the Italian Exhibition we may mention the reception hall, which contains some noble examples of Italian sculpture, and on the right a collection of pictures lent by the King of Italy and from the Italian National Gallery, amongst which the "Charge of Bersaglieri" is most notable. The pavilion of the Roman jewellers is full of unusually effective objects, and commands and arrests attention from the many thousand of visitors.

On Thursday, at the usual fortnightly meeting, a vote of condolence was passed with the widow of the late Brother W. P. R. Jeffery, for many years an esteemed member of the Portland Lodge. The deceased Brother discharged from time to time many important offices, and was greatly respected by the brethren of the Order; indeed, there was not a more popular member in the Lodge. The funeral took place on Saturday, the 18th ult., at Weymouth, several brethren attending.

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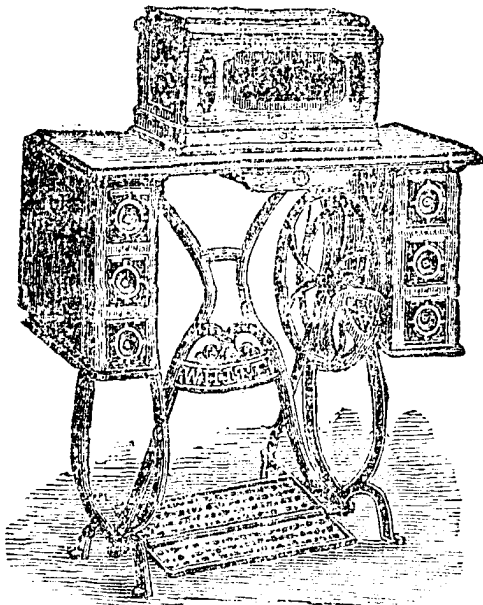
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