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THE QUEEN AND THE CRAFT.

WE are among those who share the opinion lately expressed by a well known brother, to the effect that in matters of Masonic form and ceremony, as well as in questions concerning the Masonic toasts and other similar matters, frequent repetition and continued familiarity does not breed contempt. No matter how often a brother may be called upon to take part in one of the ceremonies of Freemasonry there is sure to be something during its progress which causes him especial pleasure, and no matter how frequently his hearers may have listened to the work before, its repetition is sure to gratify them, and will repay for the time and attention devoted to it. So in the proposition of the Masonic toasts; it seldom, if ever, happens that a Worshipful Master is wholly at a loss for something fresh with which to clothe the well known and well worn sentiments of Freemasonry, while it is really astonishing to listen to the original, stirring, and really interesting remarks which are associated with one or other of our time honoured toasts.

Who would imagine that anything fresh could occur to the minds of the hundreds of Worshipful Masters throughout the world who have to propose month after month the toast of the Queen and the Craft, as it has been proposed regularly and frequently for upwards of fifty years? And yet it is not only possible to vary the remarks which precede the toast, but that is what actually occurs. Even men who have been associated with the Order far longer than we have—and our experience in the last fifteen years has been a wide and varied one—are occasionally struck with the originality of the remarks falling from the brother who has to submit this toast. Either some personal reminiscence or local association is introduced to create a variety, or some fresh topic of the day is cleverly interwoven with the usual formula, and the remarks appear to be quite as fresh as if it was the first time the toast had been submitted.

No doubt much of this pleasing variety is possible because Her Majesty and the members of her family take such lively and continued interest in the affairs of the Craft, it seldom happening that any lengthy period is allowed to elapse without some tangible proof being given that their interest is sincere, and not merely a matter of form. At the present time—if we may believe the rumour that has been pretty widely circulated—another instance of this personal interest of the Royal Family in the affairs of Freemasonry is about to be supplied; it being announced that the grandson of Her Majesty, Prince Albert Victor, eldest son of our beloved Grand Master, is to succeed to the Mastership of the Province of Surrey, just rendered vacant by the lamentable decease of General Brownrigg. We regret we are not yet in a

position to give official confirmation to the rumour we refer to, but we have little doubt of its being authentic, although some one has perhaps been rather premature in making it known to the world. If the eldest son of the Prince of Wales is not to succeed to the Provincial Grand Mastership of Surrey we imagine it is but postponing what must assuredly come some day; still we shall be surprised if in this case "Dame Rumour" has played us false.

The news will be welcome tidings to those who occupy the chair of their Lodge, and many will be the kindly references and good wishes expressed for the welfare of the Prince who is destined to take so important a part in the affairs of his country as Prince Albert Victor may be expected to do. The Masons of Surrey, too, will come in for a large share of the congratulations which will follow so popular an appointment, and we look upon a rapid and substantial increase of the Order as certain to follow in that district when once it is officially known that the Grand Master has so intimately associated himself with it. The toast of the Queen and the Craft, including, as it is usually understood to do, the health of the other members of the Royal Family, will have a special significance in the Surrey Lodges, and indeed throughout all Lodges meeting in the domains of the British Crown, when once we are in a position to include among the Provincial Grand Masters of England the name of the illustrious gentleman who, by following so closely in the footsteps of his beloved father, is winning for himself and his family the love and reverence which befit his high and exalted position.

In connection with the announcement that H.R.H. Prince Albert Victor is to be the future Provincial Grand Master of Surrey it will interest our readers to learn the following particulars of his association with the Mark Degree:—

His Royal Highness was advanced in the Isaac Newton University Lodge, No. 112, Cambridge, on the 18th June 1885, and was appointed Grand Senior Warden in 1887. He joined the Aldershot Army and Navy Lodge, No. 349, on the 17th November 1886, and the Aldershot Military Lodge, No. 54, on the 3rd of the same month.

FREEMASONRY IS BROTHERHOOD.

An Address by Bro. Frederic Speed at the Laying of the Corner-stone of the City Hall at Meridian, Mississippi, February 1889.

FROM the time when "the Lord God said it is not good that the man should be alone" he has looked toward others, existing in his own similitude, possessed of his own nature, his tendencies, hopes and aspirations. Even in the formative periods of the race, while men were as yet unwelded even into primitive shapes of social life, the principle of brotherhood predominated. Not self

created or responsible for his own existence he and his fellows must own a common Creator, a source of light, life and being, and the suggestion of paternity arose in his breast—the germ of the great idea of the Fatherhood of God. Thus from the earliest days of creation we see evolved two principles, destined to have the greatest controlling power over the future welfare and destiny of mankind—the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. Antagonised to these principles we find another, by which they have been subverted and even for a time suppressed and altogether neutralized, which is expressed by the word selfishness. At the first men were constrained to meet as brethren, rather than as enemies, by the knowledge that they were creatures of a common Creator, but this did not suffice to restrain the strong from oppressing the weak, the mighty from trampling upon the rights of those who were powerless to resist. Selfishness then, as now, was stronger than generosity, and the contest which will end only with time itself, commenced when men first began to accumulate this world's goods. How to restrain the strong and defend the weak always was, and always will remain, the mightiest problem of society. In the beneficence of God there is implanted in every man's heart an instinctive resistance against that which is wrong and unjust and a desire to maintain that which is right, true and noble, and happily, in spite of selfishness, man is drawn towards and bound to his brother by a common hope and destiny and by common interests in life. Naturally each individual finds others towards wholesome peculiar regards and affections will flow, by means of which, as between them fraternity and friendship become correlative. Mutual protection and action for each other's welfare beget a sign of recognition which carries the mystery of fellowship in the brightness of the noonday and darkest shades of night. To the Hebrew basking in the light of the Divine favour, as the chosen people of Jehovah, the idea of the paternity of God carries with it as a natural and inevitable result, the sense of brotherhood. The grand and imposing rites and ceremonies which characterised their acts of worship were a perpetual reminder of their association as brethren amongst whom their could be no profane intrusion. The thunders of Sinai, the awful voice of God speaking to his peculiar servants, the utterance of the sacred prophets, the glories of Lebanon, the excellency of Carmel and the wonders of Jerusalem blending in concordant harmonies the human and Divine, were voices which proclaimed with equal emphasis the yearning of the Hebrew soul alike towards its brother and its Father.

The Greek exhibited the same blending of the spirit of brotherhood with the spirit of reverence for the gods of his mythological system and the one higher God, which alone could satisfy the demands of his philosophy, and the imposing rites of Eleusis, guarded with zealous care from the sight of the profane, were but secret forms of the manifestation of brotherhood.

Emerging from the simplicities of the merely pastoral life, the arts of construction arose from the necessities of social progress and men began to build temples for their gods, statues for their heroes, and shelters for themselves. As progress was made in the art of building, naturally those most skilled became separated into a class, and common interests and aspirations united those classes into harmonious bands of brethren.

When Israel's King had brought the Ark of God into the City of David he prepared to build a house in which it might dwell, but Jehovah, by Nathan, his prophet, forbade it, saying that when his days should be fulfilled and he should sleep with his fathers, his son should build the house of the Lord. David purchased the threshing floor of Ornan and prepared material for the building of the Temple, and accordingly Solomon, his son, in the fourth year of his reign began to build the house. To prosecute the work Solomon drafted men of the different tribes and procured the services of many foreigners, a vast army, which he divided into classes distinguished from each other by the nature of their employment, and by signs and words by which to recognise each other, and it was promised that when the Temple should be completed those most faithful should be elevated in rank and invested with privileges of great value to them by which they would be known as initiates everywhere. The disposition by King Solomon of the artists and builders into a harmonious band of brethren, moved alike by one common impulse toward the promotion of their lofty designs, was in itself so wise

and practical as to need no special evidence for its demonstration. That the men thus associated, for the long period of seven years and six months which was occupied in the construction of the Temple, could have prosecuted their mutual plans and labours; could have developed hopes and possibilities of beauty and grandeur and overcome trials and anxieties, while isolating themselves, or working alone and pursuing only the ends of selfishness, is a far stronger test of credulity than to assume that they had the most complete form of organization. How nearly such organization corresponds with the Masonic outgrowths of a later time is of course a fair speculative question for the philosophic student and inquirer.

At the birth of Jesus Christ we find that the first act of earthly homage he received was rendered by three men who came from no one knows where, and returned no one knew whither, and who left for record only the fact that they were "Magi." G. E. Thrall says: "Remembering the divinations of the magicians at the court of Pharaoh in opposition to Moses, and also the record of Saint John the Evangelist, as to their doctrines as set forth by the Gnostics and the Essenes, we find that all through the history of man there has been alongside of the sacred fold another institution occasionally flashing out in startling boldness, and then receding into the dark. The first establishment on record of this strange organization seems to have been in Egypt in the time of the Pharaohs, when we find that Joseph married a daughter of one of these Magi. They were the ones who built the pyramids and the venerable ruins on the banks and islands of the Nile. The long passages of the huge structure of Cheops were the entry ways of the Initiates and the vast corridors of Philæ were the courts for the services of the Magian priesthood. These buildings were simply Masonic temples, erected for the rites which for thousands of years went by the name of 'the Mysteries.' Whether these mysteries originated in Egypt, or in Chaldea, is a question; but it is clear that from Egypt they gradually spread throughout the world. Modified by the habits of the different nations among whom they were introduced, they became in Greece the Mysteries of Ceres, established fourteen hundred years before Christ; in Rome of Bona Dea, the Good Goddess; in Gaul, the School of Mars, and in Sicily the Academy of Sciences. We find them among the sacred retreats of Persia, and the Pagodas of India; they gave direction to the minds of our Scandinavian ancestors, and these temples, rough copies of Philæ, are still seen as the Druidical remains of the Ancient Britons."

What were these mysteries? In a word, they were the science of natural religion. The fundamental truth was the existence of one, all wise, all powerful, everywhere present, God, architect, creator and preserver of all things. Relating to man, the precepts were that matter was the principle of all the passions that trouble the reason and strain the soul and the highest duty of man is to subjugate the human within us to the divine, to put the appetites under the moral sense. They taught the immortality of the soul, and immortality rising out of death was symbolised in a thousand ingenious ways.

After the completion and dedication of Solomon's Temple, many of the brethren are said to have travelled into foreign countries where they pursued their craft and became identified with the people. Carrying with them the knowledge of the being and attributes of the true God and the lessons of brotherhood taught them, it is not singular that they should have set up new altars and received fresh initiates and that so the royal art became propagated throughout all the then known world.

(To be continued.)

At the next meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire it is proposed to grant fifty guineas to the funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The Prov. Grand Master (the Right Hon. Lord Egerton of Tatton) is advocating an exceptional effort this year in aid of much-needed funds for maintaining the Boys' School in a state of efficiency. At his Lordship's request, Brother Newhouse P.G. Sec. will represent the Province as Steward, and he will attend to the interests of the various Cheshire Lodges on the occasion of the annual meeting.

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.

THE OLD MASONIANS.

THE Third Annual Dinner of this Association, which we are pleased to see is making considerable headway, took place on Saturday last, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, Brother A. F. Godson, M.P., presided, and he was supported by Bros. F. Binckes (Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Boys), Asher Barfield Grand Treasurer, Major George Lambert P.G. Sword Bearer, Augustus Harris, W. W. Morgan, T. J. Ralling Prov. G. Sec. Essex, Jas. Stevens, H. D. Cama, S. R. Speight, &c., with about fifty members of the Association. After a bountiful spread had been done justice to, Bro. Godson briefly introduced the Loyal toasts. In speaking to the toast of the Old Masonians' Association the President said, some brethren had written to him to express their sorrow that they were unable to be present; amongst them were Bros. the Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G. Chaplain and D.P.G.M. Suffolk, Sir Edmund Lechmere P.G.M. Worcestershire. Bro. A. M. Broadley P.D.D.G.M. Malta, Vice-Patron of the Institution, had sent a telegram stating that an attack of influenza compelled him to go home. Brother Godson thanked Brother Binckes for the compliment conveyed through him, whereby he had become a supporter of the Association. He was delighted to know that the Association was started with a view to take young fellows who were leaving the School in hand and help them on in the world. He was associated with two Worcester societies that worked to the same end, and they had been very successful. Those who had been some years in the world must see the enormous assistance a timely word would be to a young fellow on his start in life. Speaking on behalf of the House Committee of the Boys' School, he could say that the members took the greatest interest in the movement. He hoped the Old Masonians' Association would live long and prosper. Mr. Uwins (Hon. Treasurer) in reply said, they were aware when the Association was first proposed that a similar one had existed, but that it had failed. That was not a good omen, but with the many kind promises of support they had already received they hoped to achieve success. Mr. Watkins (Hon. Secretary) read a number of letters from Craftsmen, who apologised for absence. Up to the present their social meetings had been very successful; and they had had three or four Cinderella dances. They were making themselves known abroad, as shown by the fact that they had members in America, France and New Zealand. With the toast of the Vice Presidents, proposed by Mr. Speight, were coupled the names of Bros Barfield, Augustus Harris, and Binckes. Bro. Barfield said it gave him very great pleasure to return thanks. It was his first visit, but he hoped it would not be his last. Hitherto he had not heard much about them, but he thought if they were better known they would be appreciated. As long as the Society was well conducted, he was sure they must prosper. Bro. Augustus Harris did not think he could call them Brethren, as some were not Brethren yet; but he felt sure at some time they would be. When he received the circular he thought he was to meet "old" Masonians, but on looking round the table he felt they were young Masonians. He had the greatest pleasure in being amongst the boys. He, with Faust, should like to have perpetual youth, but not at the same cost. When they remembered the position they were building up, he felt sure they were grateful to the Institution and to Freemasonry. It was said—"Masonry, yes—good dinners," but there was something more in Masonry than that. He felt sure that many would speedily become Masons, and he also felt sure that when they joined the Craft they would support the Institution to which they owed so much. Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was given by Mr. C. H. Uwins, and Bro. Binckes, Secretary of the Institution, replied; he hardly knew how to express his sense of gratitude for the manner in which the toast had been proposed and accepted. At the present time it was the more difficult, because they were waiting for the report of the Committee of Inquiry. But whatever the nature of that report, he knew of nothing better deserving of support and sympathy than the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. They had now 263 sons of Freemasons in the School. On behalf of these, Masonry held out its helping hand and educated them, not as recipients of Charity, but as sons of those good friends who had helped the Institution in the time of their prosperity. In responding to the toast given in his honour, the President said he was sorry he had not been able hitherto to attend their festive gatherings as often as he could wish, but he assured one and all he should watch the progress they made. Several other toasts followed. During the evening the proceedings were enlivened with some humorous sketches, Messrs. Dudley Causton, James Stevens, J. Light, F. Isaac, W. M. Collins, and A. B. Whiteley assisting. The following brethren were enrolled Vice Presidents:—Bros. Rev. C. J. Martyn, D. P. Cama, Asher Barfield, J. L. Mather, A. M. Broadley, Augustus Harris, John Mason, W. Paas, A. R. Motion, F. W. Imbert-Terry, and Major George Lambert, F.S.A., &c.

The Grand Festival will take place on Wednesday next, at Freemasons' Tavern, at six o'clock. Earlier in the day, Grand Lodge will meet at Freemasons' Hall, when the Grand Officers for the ensuing twelve months will be invested.

The Freemasons of Trowbridge have decided to present Bro. W. R. Brown, J.P., C.C., with his bust in marble, to be placed in the vestibule of the Jubilee Town Hall, which he has given to the town. Mrs. Brown is to be presented with a silver model of the Hall on the opening day.

GLEANINGS.

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We again call attention to the movement now going on in England for a testimonial to Bro. Robert Freke Gould, the eminent Masonic historian. It is pleasant to learn of the interest manifested in making a liberal expression of the grateful feeling of the Craft toward one so well deserving of such a token of recognition. The Earl of Carnarvon is Chairman of the Committee. Inasmuch as Bro. Gould is not much profited by the sale of copies of his work in this country, it will be a graceful act for American brethren to subscribe to the testimonial. We trust that many will do so.—*Freemason's Repository*.

THE MONTREAL MASONIC TEMPLE.—Already about 20,000 dollars of stock of the Masonic Temple Company has been subscribed. The proposed capital of the company is placed at 100,000 dollars, and it is intended, so soon as stock has been taken up to the amount of 50,000 dollars, to seek the incorporation of the company, and purchase a site in a central position in the business part of the city, on which to erect a suitable building, the lower storeys of which will be rented for business purposes and lecture rooms, while the upper flat will be laid out as Lodge rooms.

"SQUARE.—This is one of the most important and significant symbols in Freemasonry, and as such it is proper that its true form should be preserved. Our French brethren have almost universally given it with one leg longer than the other (as was frequently the case in this country in the last century), thus making it a carpenter's square. It is also often unnecessarily marked with inches, as an instrument for measuring, which it is not. It is simply the *trying square* of a stone mason, and has a plain surface, the sides or legs embracing an angle of 90 degrees, and is intended only to test the accuracy of the sides of a stone, and to see that its edges subtend the same angle. In Freemasonry it is a symbol of morality. This is its general signification, and is applied in several ways:—(1) It represents itself to the neophyte as one of the three great lights; (2) to the F.C. as one of his working tools; (3) to the M.M. as the official jewel of the Master of the Lodge. Everywhere it inculcates the same lesson of morality, of truthfulness, and honesty. So universally accepted is the symbolism that it has gone outside of our Order, and is found in colloquial language communicating the same idea. As a Masonic symbol it is of very ancient date, and was familiar to the operative Masons. In the year 1830 the architect (Bro. Payne) in re-building a very ancient bridge called Bual's Bridge, near Limerick, in Ireland, found under the foundations an old brass square, much corroded, containing on its two surfaces the inscription, 'I WILL STRIVE TO LIVE WITH LOVE AND CARE UPON THE LEVEL BY THE SQUARE,' with the date 1517. This discovery therefore proves, if proof were necessary, that the teaching of our old operative brethren was identical with the speculative application of the working-tools of the modern Craft."—*Mackay*.

SHOULD BE BOWED OUT.—If a man joins the Fraternity, promising in words or otherwise to "help, aid and assist" the needy, and doesn't do it, he is part of, but has no part in true Masonry, therefore ought to be bowed out. He is in the wrong pew, and got into a place with which he may be in sympathy—when he needs assistance. Lodges die because their members do not pay their dues. No Lodge ever died when the reverse was true, without exception. Non-payment of dues throws the burden on a few and kills the Lodge. The Mason who helps in such unholy work, through negligence or pure cussedness, wrongs the Fraternity, his Lodge and deserving brethren, their widows and orphans. As a rule he is indirectly if not deliberately a violator of plighted faith, and deserves no consideration. Of him we may exclaim:

"Oh, bane of good, seducing cheat,
Can man, weak man, thy power defeat?"

True, the Lodges are at fault in not collecting dues at shorter intervals—before the indebtedness has accumulated to formidable proportions—but this does not excuse the delinquent. His duty is to pay, not to wait to be hunted up and demand made for the few cents per week. If dues are charged, they should be paid alike by all. If the shirks will not pay they deserve to be cut off, and that without mercy. So the writer thinks.—*H. B. Grant*.

In the course of a Masonic sermon delivered in New Rochesay Established Church, the Rev. W. W. Tulloch, of Glasgow, said he rejoiced to bring Freemasonry prominently before the people of the country, seeing that the Order was a great moral force, which largely helped in the redemption of the world from evil. In its Lodges the peer was on a level with the peasant, and the peasant could take precedence of the peer if he were a better Mason. Masonry was subservient to no creed or colour, but was at work all over the world for the moral and spiritual welfare of mankind.

"NEOPHYTES in American Masonry are inclined to imagine the York Rite to be universal, whereas it is almost exclusively confined to the English speaking nations. In Germany are practised three different rites, of which the system of Fessler has nine degrees, that of the three Globes at Berlin ten, and the Eclectic but three. In the Scandinavian countries is the Swedish Rite of twelve degrees, in France the French or Modern Rite of seven degrees, while in all other countries of Europe and South America the Scottish Rite is in use."—*Freemasons' Journal*.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS are the medicine most in repute for curing the multifarious maladies which attack humanity, when wet and cold weather gives place to more genial temperatures. In short, these Pills afford relief, if they fail of being an absolute remedy in all the disturbances of circulation, digestion, and nervous energy, which at times oppress a vast proportion of the population. Under the wholesome, purifying, and strengthening powers exerted by these excellent Pills, the tongue becomes clean, the appetite improves, digestion is quickened, and assimilation rendered perfect. Holloway's medicines possess the highly estimable property of cleansing the whole mass of blood, which, in its renovated condition, carries purity, strength, and vigour to every tissue of the body.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of the West Yorkshire Provincial Grand Lodge was held, on the 10th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds, under the banner of Philanthropic Lodge, No. 304. There was a very large gathering, 70 of the 75 Lodges in the Province being represented, and distinguished visitors from other provinces also being present. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master (Bro. T. W. Tew) congratulated the eight Leeds Lodges, numbering 412 members, of whom 98 were Past Masters, on the prudence and fidelity with which they were governed by their Worshipful Masters, and on the philanthropy displayed by them towards the Masonic Charitable Institutions and the local Masonic Benevolent Institution, which he was glad to find was in a state of usefulness and efficiency. This was the eighteenth time in 47 years that the Provincial Grand Lodge had met in Leeds, and he reminded them of the gathering in April 1885, on the occasion of his installation as Provincial Grand Master. He referred to the fact that of the eight Leeds Lodges six met in that building, and expressed a hope that as a consequence of the contemplated street improvements in the locality the committee of the Masonic Hall in Great George-street would be able by an extension of the premises to make them so convenient and attractive that the two other Lodges would be induced to meet under the same roof. The continual assembly of Lodges in one building would, he thought, be conducive to propriety and Masonic harmony, and to the increase of Masonry in the town. Since the autumnal meeting the Armitage Lodge, Longwood and Milusbridge, No. 2261 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England, had been consecrated. He mentioned various contributions to the Masonic Charities from this and other new Lodges as substantial assurances that they were taking their part in the charitable work of the province. The contributions to the Charities so far this year amounted to £1231, and the sum contributed since he became Provincial Grand Master, in 1885, was £34,643. During the year 301 new members had been admitted, 102 members had been lost by resignation or retirement, and 64 by death. The total number of members had increased from 3301 in 1887 to 3440 in 1888. The Provincial Grand Master made a strong appeal on behalf of the three Masonic Institutions, reminding the brethren that in West Yorkshire there were 70 recipients of those Charities. He suggested that the eight Leeds Lodges should combine to receive the brethren of the Liberal Arts and Sciences who would visit Leeds next year in connection with the meeting of the British Association. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. Smith) having referred to various matters connected with the work of Provincial Grand Lodge, Bro. T. Bateman Fox, vice-chairman of the Charity Committee, read the report, which showed that the contributions from the Province to the Masonic Institutions last year was £1,215 6s, made up as follows:—Royal Benevolent Institution, £480 6s; Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, £173 5s; Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, £561 15s. The labours of the Committee had been very successful, having resulted in the election of 10 candidates. There were 14 West Yorkshire candidates for the coming elections in April and May, the largest number the committee had ever had to deal with, and unfortunately there were several additional cases for October. It was, therefore, more than ever necessary that the voting strength of the Province should be maintained by new donations and subscriptions. On the motion of Bro. W. F. Smithson (Chairman of the Charity Committee), seconded by Bro. T. Bateman Fox, the report was adopted. Bro. William Watson (hon. Librarian) made a statement concerning the recently-established Masonic library and museum at Wakefield, the success of which, he said, had far exceeded his expectations. The Provincial Treasurer (Bro. Oxley) presented the balance-sheet, which showed that the finances were in a sound condition. The Provincial Grand Master afterwards invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as follow:—

Bro. William Harrop P.M. 290	-	Senior Warden
John Henry Burrows P.M. 139	-	Junior Warden
Rev. C. Dudley Lampen J.W. 275	}	Chaplains
Rev. Vaniah Odom J.W. 139		
John Leach (elect. d) P.M. 61	-	Treasurer
Chas. Maurice Wilson P.M. 974	-	Registrar
Herbert G. E. Green, P.M. 1019	-	Secretary

A. F. McGill, F.R.C.S., P.M. 1311	}	Senior Deacons
Alfred Williamson P.M. 289		
G. A. Cabley P.M. 296	}	Junior Deacons
Frederick Cleeves P.M. 904		
William Watson P.M., W.M. 2069	-	Supt. of Works
J. R. Welsman P.M. 600	-	Director of Ceremonies
John Dyson P.M. 306	-	Depnty D.C.
W. Fitton P.M. 2035	-	Assistant D.C.
John Jas. Rutherford P.M. 1545	-	Sword Bearer
John Hodgson Rayner P.M. 380	}	Standard Bearers
Alfred Stott P.M. 1301		
J. P. Priestley Org. 439	-	Organist
Jos. Matthewman P.M. 1019	-	Assist. Secretary
R. Cliffe P.M. 1542	-	Pursuivant
Thos. Gankroger P.M. 307	-	Assist. Pursuivant
J. B. Wostinholm P.M. 1239	}	Stewards
W. F. Tomlinson P.M. 304		
J. Blackburn Knight P.M. 302		
W. R. Massie P.M. 1513		
John Shoesmith P.M. 1783	-	
Thos. Riley P.M. 600	-	
S. Barrand Tyler 304	-	Tyler
Thos. Leighton Tyler 139	-	Assist. Tyler

In the evening the brethren dined together at the Masonic Hall.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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DRIFFIELD LODGE, No. 291.

COLONEL SMITH, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of North-East Yorkshire, on the 5th instant, installed Bro. Henry Onslow Piercy Worshipful Master, at the Masonic Hall, Driffield. The visiting brethren included Bros. Foley, Keyworth, and Stringer. After the investment of the Officers, the brethren attended a banquet at the Buck Hotel.

PORTSMOUTH LODGE, No. 487.

THERE was a large assemblage of members of the Masonic body at the Masonic Hall, Highbury-street, Portsmouth, on Thursday, the 11th instant, when Bro. W. Bates, who was installed as the W.M. of the Lodge last month, invited a number of Provincial Officers and the W.M.'s of neighbouring Lodges to meet the members of his Lodge at dinner, in honour of his appointment. The catering was entrusted to Bro. W. Maybourn, who fulfilled his duties in a very satisfactory manner. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, that of the P.G.M. and Officers of the Province being submitted by Captain Thackara and responded to by Bro. J. W. Gieve and Major A. R. Holbrook. Bro. J. Jenkins I.P.M. submitted the toast of the Worshipful Master, which was received with acclamation, and duly acknowledged by Bro. Bates. To the toast of the W.M.'s and representatives of the neighbouring Lodges, Bros. A. H. Wood W.M. 804, T. Stretton W.M. 2153, and Lieutenant T. Cowd, R.N., J.W. 1834 severally responded. The toast of the Visitors, which was submitted by Bro. Captain T. P. Palsgrave, in felicitous terms, was acknowledged by Bros. Captain G. W. Dixon and Major Mortimer. The company numbered about seventy, and amongst them, in addition to those named above, were Bros. W. M. Outridge, H. E. Loader, and J. Woodhouse, P.M.'s of the Lodge; W. Sperring W.M. 342, J. Ruddy W.M. 1428, J. G. Livesay W.M. 1903, C. V. Birch W.M. 2074, E. Nayler P.M. 928 P.G.S.B., G. Strick P.M. 1428 P.P.A.G.P., W. R. Fowler P.M. 1776, G. E. Curtis, G. Pearman, G. Reading, A. M. Rae, Godwin, C. Groom, J. M. Godfrey, J. Bascombe P.M. 804, Beinrstein, D. Barnard, J. L. Snell, W. Biggs, G. Huggett, F. Benham, &c. The band of the 3rd V.B. Hants Regiment, under the direction of Brother T. F. Wilton, discoursed a choice selection of music during the banquet. Prior to the close of the Lodge, the W.M. presented, in the name of the Lodge, a handsome P.M.'s jewel to Bro. J. Jenkins I.P.M. in recognition of his services during the past year.

UNITED LODGE, No. 697.

AT the monthly meeting of this Lodge, on Wednesday, 10th inst., Bro. John G. Renshaw S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. J. T. Bailey P.M. was elected Treasurer, and Brothers Munson and Wright were re-elected Tylers.

FRIENDSHIP LODGE, No. 851.

THE annual Installation meeting was held on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at the Steyne Hotel, Worthing. The Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. E. T. Cooksey, who was supported by his Officers. The Visitors present included Bros. Ree 1636, Cole 1636, Wright 1110, Simpson 1141, Knight 38, Lloyd 1726, Hambourgman 56, Booth 1797, Higham 1829, Styer 315, Jordan 1184, and Dowell 2187. The business of the meeting comprised two initiations, and the installation of Bro. E. T. Cooksey for the second year as W.M. The latter appointed his Officers, as follow, and invested those present with the insignia of their respective posts, viz.:—Bros. C. W. Jemmett I.P.M., Tom Brown S.W., W. H. Sawle J.W., A. B. Cortis S.D., Rev. P. Crick J.D., R. Piper jun. I.G., W. Skindle Treasurer, W. Paine Secretary, Morgan Organist, T. R. Crouch Director of Ceremonies, W. W. Smith and A. Shelley Stewards, and G. Butcher Tyler. Bro. Cooksey was presented with a jewel in appreciation of the admirable manner in which he carried out the duties of W.M. during the past year. Bro. Jemmett was elected Charity Steward. The Lodge having been formally closed, the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, served up in admirable style by Bro. Carpenter, whose catering gave the greatest satisfaction. The newly re-invested W.M., Bro. Cooksey,

presided. The usual Masonic toasts were honoured. The various speeches were agreeably interspersed by vocal selections, given in pleasing style by Miss Minnie Freeman, Miss Edith Hands, and Bros. G. Cole and C. Paine; a recitation by Bro. Eric Williams also being appreciated. The duties of accompanist were ably carried out by Bro. W. N. Roe.

TEMPLE LODGE, No. 1094.

ON the 10th instant, in the presence of a large number of members of the Lodge and of visiting brethren, Bro. William Pye was, at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, duly installed as Worshipful Master. The Officers appointed were as follow:—Bros. M. Alexander I.P.M., G. Alexander S.W., A. J. Lett J.W., H. B. Jones Treasurer, J. Alexander Secretary, W. Sutherland S.D., A. Neighbour J.D., W. S. Dodson I.G., M. Yeoman, J. R. Day and C. Knowles Stewards, R. R. Martin D.C., and W. Hudson Organist. Bro. P. Ball was re-elected Tyler, for the twenty-fourth time. The Worshipful Master elect was presented by Bros. Dr. Kellet Smith and Dr. Johnson. After the installation ceremony the brethren sat down to a banquet served in excellent style by Bro. Casey, the house steward. Music was supplied between the toasts by Bros. David Williams, Davies, J. Higginbotham, N. F. Burt, T. C. Fargher, and Bryan, and a Shakspearean representation was given by Bros. Dr. Johnson and Martin. A massive Past Master's jewel was presented to the retiring Worshipful Master, together with a diamond bracelet for Mrs. Alexander.

JOHN HERVEY LODGE, No. 1260.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on the 10th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. The minutes of the last regular Lodge, and of a Lodge of Emergency were confirmed, the Auditors' report and balance-sheet received and adopted, and Bro. William Henry S.W. installed as Worshipful Master for the year. The following were appointed the Officers:—F. J. Dangerfield S.W., Walter F. Potter J.W., Dr. Jabez Hogg P.G.D. Treasurer, O. L. M. Latreille P.M. Secretary, Rev. R. C. Lewis, M.A., Chaplain, Walter Symes Harris S.D., Walter C. Fox J.D., F. Varley I.G., Major J. Heaton P.M. Dir. of Cers., J. Evans Assist. Dir. of Cers., E. G. Puckman and J. R. Keep Stewards, Freeman Tyler. A P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. Henry Frederick Frost, the Master of the past year, and another to Bro. O. L. M. Latreille P.M. and Secretary, that brother having lost the one originally presented to him by the Lodge. This latter bore the following inscription:—

Presented to
W. Bro. ORLANDO L. LATREILLE P.M.
by the W.M. and Brethren of the
JOHN HERVEY LODGE, No. 1260,
as a small tribute of gratitude for eminent services rendered in the
Lodge, as P.M. and Secretary.
10th April 1889.

The Lodge was subsequently closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the Crown Room of Freemasons' Tavern for the annual banquet. Among the Past Masters of the Lodge present were Bros. F. H. Baker, G. T. Salmon, F. Taylor, and J. B. Sorrell, while the following is a list of the Visitors:—Bros. Asher Barfield Grand Treasurer, Frederick Binckes P.G. Sword Bearer, C. F. Hogard P.G. Standard Bearer, Charles Palmer 891, R. W. Moffrey W.M. 957, J. S. Lewis 2244, Thos. Catling W.M. 2190, F. Davies 1056, W. Ponton 1744, E. J. Dugood 569, C. J. R. Tijen P.M. and Sec. 1804, W. Manger P.M. 1314, C. Thomasset S.W. 1861, R. Burleton P.M. 860, J. T. Buxton 1987, T. G. Scott 933 1928, T. Keiford 169, H. Klein I.P.M. 2108, A. Mullord 1288, W. Wharton 47, G. H. Turner 47, W. Harris 1662, S. Lord 993, T. E. Kent 1716, S. Benton P.M. 1657, F. G. Barns S.W. 766, H. Massey P.M. 619, 1928. At the conclusion of the banquet the Worshipful Master gave the usual loyal toasts. Bro. Barfield returned thanks for the Grand Officers. He did so with especial pleasure, knowing that the body for whom he responded had, in years gone by, faithfully discharged the duties of their offices. During his term of office as Grand Treasurer he had had little to do, but he hoped the little that had fallen to his lot had been accomplished to the approval of the many kind friends who were good enough to elect him. He further hoped he should be able to discharge his duties until the termination of his year of office—now but three weeks hence—in such a way as to give universal satisfaction. The Immediate Past Master, Bro. Frost, then proposed the toast of the W.M. He considered this the event of the evening, the doing honour to the newly installed Master of their Lodge. The members had had ample opportunity of judging of the ability of the present ruler of the Lodge, who had worked up in their midst step by step until he had risen to the proud position of Master. He (Bro. Frost) had had opportunities of seeing more of the work of their new Master than many other members had done, inasmuch as they were fellow members in a Lodge of Instruction. There he had ever shown a desire to make himself proficient, and had so acted that it was possible to predict for him a most successful year of office. This it was the earnest wish of the speaker to see fulfilled, and he was sure it was also the desire of every brother present. The Worshipful Master replied, tendering his thanks. It was very gratifying to him to be spoken of as he had been spoken of that day. He was very proud of his career in the Lodge, and pointed to himself as an encouragement to those in minor offices to push on in the hope of attaining the highest position in the Lodge. He thanked the members for their approval of his past services and hoped he might so discharge his duties in the future as to merit a continuance of their good opinions. Bro. Dr. Jabez Hogg P.M. P.G.D. was entrusted with the next toast, a most important one he considered it—that of the Masonic Charities. He was sure that Bro. Binckes, who was with them that night as representative of the Masonic Institutions, would tell them the John Hervey Lodge had hitherto endeavoured to do its duty on behalf of the Charities. The desire of the members of the Lodge was to

occupy a prominent position among the supporters of the Institutions. It was something for the Craft to be able to boast that Masonry did more than any other organization in the way of Benevolence, and it should be their constant endeavour to uphold this reputation. The Lodge would be represented, he was pleased to say, at the coming Festival of the Boys' School by one of its most energetic members, in the person of Bro. Baker, who had undertaken the duties of Steward in connection with that Institution. He (Bro. Hogg) could recollect the Boys' School some thirty years ago, when the number of pupils was but 90, now it was 240—Bro. Hogg regretted he had made a mistake in the number, there were now 263 lads in the Institution. When they thought of these lads they could but feel a desire to do all that lay in their power to support the Institution which cared for them. Unfortunately the Boys' School was not the favourite among the Charities of Freemasonry—it was but natural their first sympathies should incline towards the Girls'; besides which the Boys' School suffered, inasmuch as its Festival came last of the three which were annually held in support of the Craft Charities. Last year it specially suffered in consequence of the extraordinary celebration in connection with the Sister Institution, but he hoped all this would be compensated for in the future, and that the Boys would receive the full support they deserved. The School was doing excellent work, educating thoroughly the lads entrusted to its care, and fitting them for the highest positions in the land. Among the former pupils with which he was personally acquainted was the present House Surgeon of St. Thomas's Hospital, who was a M.B. of the London University, and who had secured many of the honours that were to be got in the profession of which he was a member. There was another—young Bryant—who was making a name for himself in astronomical matters, while generally the number of good boys turned out by the School did credit both to the Institution and to Freemasonry as a whole. He considered it was impossible to find a better class of boys even among those who were educated in better schools than the Masonic one professed to be. Brother Baker, the Steward representing the Lodge, announced that his list already amounted to seventy guineas, and that as he was about to introduce it to the members of the Lodge for the first time, he hoped it might speedily be increased to a hundred or more. Brother Binckes responded. He rose with a large amount of gratitude to reply, after a long absence from the John Hervey Lodge. He had first to thank the Worshipful Master for the importance he had given to the toast of the Charities by placing it thus early on the list for the evening. Its position showed the strong appreciation of the Lodge for the Masonic Charities, and augured well for the future support of the members. Their esteemed Treasurer had spoken so well in proposing the toast as to give them a good idea of what was done by the Institutions. Bro. Hogg had had, as he said, a large experience of all of the Charities, but particularly was this the case in regard to the Boys' School, with the affairs of which he took especial interest. Notwithstanding all that had been said, he (Bro. Binckes) felt he might address a few words to the present assembly. No doubt many of them knew much, or had heard much, in regard to these Charities, but as he believed that in Masonic matters frequent repetition or familiarity did not breed contempt, he had no hesitation in speaking. He was very pleased to hear Bro. Hogg relate his personal experience of the successes of some of their old pupils. The cases he had spoken of were already known to him, as also were many other instances of great success in life among those who had received their education in the Boys' School at Wood Green. In this connection he might refer to the association of old pupils known as the "Old Masonians," which now numbered some 80 or 90 ex-pupils. If any sceptics would come to one of the meetings of this association, or better still, would attend the dinner to be held next Saturday, he ventured to think they would see as fine a set of young men—he would go further, and say educated gentlemen—as would convince them that the Institution was doing its work thoroughly and efficiently. There was one drawback in connection with the Institution at the present time. They were unfortunately resting under a cloud—as they had to receive the report of a committee of inquiry which had been appointed to look into the working of the Institution and its officials. He was not in a position to say what that report would be, but he challenged any Institution to stand such a test as theirs had been subjected to and then to come out scatheless. It must be remembered that the Boys' School had to maintain its position against the best middle class schools of the country, and if those who were entrusted with its management spent perhaps £1 or £2 a head more than was sometimes thought necessary the Craft should not begrudge it, provided the work was efficiently performed. Whatever might be the outcome of that inquiry, he trusted the Craft would not visit the sins of the fathers upon the children. If they were found to be deficient in management, or unfit to continue the work that had been entrusted to them, he hoped the Craft would not in consequence curtail, or altogether stop, the means of carrying on the Institution. That should not suffer, whatever had been the mistakes of those who had been entrusted with its management. In conclusion Bro. Binckes tendered his heartfelt thanks for the opportunity that had been accorded him of speaking, and expressed his gratitude that so large a gathering had paid attention to his remarks. He hoped they would produce the fruit he desired rather than what they actually merited. The Worshipful Master now proposed the toast of the I.P.M. and Past Masters of the Lodge, which was duly responded to by Bros. Frost and Sorrell. Bro. Catling replied on behalf of the Visitors, and Bros. Hogg and Latreille as Treasurer and Secretary respectively. The Officers were also toasted, and then the Tyler brought the proceedings to a conclusion.

ROBIN HOOD LODGE, No. 1493.

ON the 10th instant the annual meeting was held in the Mechanics' Hall, Eastwood, when Bro. James G. Cane was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. Rev. C. W. Butler. The W.M. appointed the

following as his Officers:—Bros. C. H. Cullen I.P.M., R. A. M. Webster S.W., F. Rushma J.W., Rev. C. W. Butler Chaplain, H. M. Brentnall Treasurer, W. H. Burton Secretary, J. Archerbold D.C., E. Booth S.D., S. E. Bury J.D., S. Philips I.G., C. B. Barber and S. Hind Stewards, R. Noon Tyler. Subsequently the annual dinner was held at the Sun Inn, provided by Bro. George Bingham, at which about forty sat down.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 1736.

A VERY interesting and pleasing ceremony took place at the St. John's Rooms, King Cross-street, Halifax, on Wednesday, the 3rd instant, when the Worshipful Master, Bro. William Nicholl, presented Bro. Robert Riley with Provincial Officer's dress suit, on behalf of several brethren. The Worshipful Master, in making the presentation, referred to Bro. Riley's past services to the Craft, also to the fact of his being the oldest P.M. and one of the founders of the Lodge, and stated that for several years he had held the position of Secretary with ability, and he (the W.M.) had only lately received a letter from the Provincial Grand Secretary congratulating the Lodge on the efficient manner in which Bro. Riley had performed the duties of Secretary to the Lodge. Bro. Riley, in feeling terms, expressed his surprise at the handsome present, assured the brethren that he would endeavour to carry out the duties which he may be called in the future to perform, as he had hitherto done in the past. After the Lodge business, the brethren adjourned to the festive board and spent a very pleasant evening.

ST. CLAIR LODGE, No. 2074.

ON Monday, 15th instant, Bro. F. H. Woodrow was installed W.M. of this Lodge for the year ensuing. The ceremony was ably performed by Bro. C. V. Birch, the retiring W.M., in the presence of an unusually large gathering of members of the Craft. The W.M. appointed the following Officers for the year:—Bros. C. Vaughan Birch I.P.M., J. S. Wickens S.W., E. Boorman J.W., W. C. Webb P.M. P.G.S. Treasurer, Herbert Bundy Secretary, W. Dart P.M. P.P.G.P. D.C., C. R. J. Gibbs Organist, Wells Assistant Organist, E. Hopkins S.D., H. R. E. Woodthorpe J.D., T. H. Nancarrow I.G., G. R. Sherman and E. Stapleford Stewards; T. Bryan Tyler. A special vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Birch for the manner in which he had carried out the duties of Installing Master, and before the Lodge closed Bro. Woodrow, in the name of the Officers and brethren, presented him with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, in recognition of his zeal in conducting the business of the Lodge during the past year. Bro. Birch made a suitable acknowledgment. Amongst those present were Bros. Rev. T. F. Morton, J. W. Gieve, A. R. Holbrook, E. Naylor, W. Gannell, F. Sanders, J. Jackson, G. Sylvester, J. Stevens, J. G. Livesay, W. Sperring, W. Bates, T. D. Askew, A. H. Wood, G. Darby, J. S. Senior, D. T. Rule, R. W. Stokes, J. Lind, Captain Warren, Rev. J. H. Anderson, and a large number of the members of the Lodge, with the Officers already named. The banquet, which was served in the dining hall, was presided over by the newly-installed W.M. and well attended. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted; Bro. Gieve, in replying on behalf of the Provincial Officers, complimented the Secretary of the Lodge (Bro. Bundy) on the efficient manner in which he had presented the returns of the Lodge. The health of the W.M. was proposed by Bro. Birch, who alluded to the efficiency with which he had fulfilled the various minor offices in the Lodge, and expressed his confidence that he would prove an experienced ruler of the Craft. Bro. Woodrow made a felicitous reply. For the W.M.'s of Neighbouring Lodges Bros. Sperring and Stretton responded; and Brother J. Stevens acknowledged the toast of the Visitors, which was proposed by Bro. Dart. The toasts were interspersed with songs and recitations by the brethren present.

WILBERFORCE LODGE, No. 2134.

THE installation of Bro. Woodall as Worshipful Master took place on the 9th inst., in the presence of a large number of members and visiting brethren. The ceremony was performed by the retiring Worshipful Master Bro. W. Gillett, and the newly-installed Master then invested the following brethren as his Officers for the year:—Bros. W. Gillett I.P.M. and Treasurer, W. E. Wilkinson S.W., G. W. Greenwood J.W., J. L. Turner Chaplain and Treasurer Benevolent Fund, J. Mackail Lecturo Master, W. D. Keyworth Almoner, T. H. Haller Secretary, Wm. Hickling S.D., J. Watson J.D., W. Cox Dir. of Cers., W. King Organist, J. Calvert I.G., W. C. Bell Steward, G. C. Curteis, R. Smith, W. Harrison and R. L. Kemplay Assistant Stewards, V. King Tyler. The installation banquet took place in the evening. Later in the evening there was a conversazione and dance, to which lady friends were admitted.

Clapton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1365.—At the meeting, on the 12th instant, at the Lord Stanley, Sandringham-road, Hackney, Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z., &c., delivered his popular Lecture on "Knobs and Excrescences." Lodge was opened at seven p.m. sharp, and after preliminaries Bro. Stevens was introduced by the W.M. As usual Bro. Stevens' prefatory remarks were brief, and he at once entered upon a practical explanation of the ritual and ceremonial. The attention of his hearers was soon rivetted, while he successfully explained the "connection of our whole system, and the relative dependency of its several parts." Many valuable hints in Masonic work, and for securing a common sense interpretation of much which, though sublimely conceived, is made ridiculous in practice, were then tendered. Without interruption, Bro. Stevens continued his address during two and a half hours, and received at its conclusion a well merited acknowledgment of the satisfaction he had given to his numerous audience. Honorary membership was conferred upon Bro. Stevens.

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CONSTANTINE LODGE, No. 145.

THE annual installation meeting was held on Thursday, 11th inst., when Bro. George A. Eustace S.W. was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was to have been performed by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Province of East Anglia (the Rev. C. J. Martyn), but in his unavoidable absence it was most ably taken by Bro. James P. Lewin. The Officers for the year were invested, as follow:—Bros. J. T. Bailey I.P.M., Wm. Sowman S.W., R. D. Poppleton J.W., A. H. Bowles M.O., Frank Quilter S.O., Rev. W. Morgan Jones J.O., Rev. E. H. Crate Chaplain, J. P. Lewin Treasurer, T. J. Ralling Secretary, Thos. Rix Registrar, H. J. Skingley S.D., J. G. Renshaw J.D., S. D. C. Ablitt D.C., J. J. C. Turner Organist, J. Ashdown I.G., S. Munson Tyler, Arthur Wright Assistant Tyler, T. J. Grant and Warren Ellis Stewards. At the conclusion of the ceremony, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Lewin for the able way in which he had performed the ceremony of installation. Bro. Lewin, in responding, said they all felt much regret, and no one more than himself, at the absence of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master. At the same time he felt great pleasure that he had installed the W.M., whose late lamented father he had placed in the same position some four years ago. Bro. Lewin also thanked the brethren for re-electing him to the honourable and responsible post of Treasurer. Bros. J. W. French P.M. 317, James Bond P.M. 317, and A. J. Cubitt M.O. 317, attended as a deputation from Great Yarmouth, to ask the Lodge to recommend a petition to the Most Worshipful Grand Master for the formation of a new Mark Lodge at Great Yarmouth, to be called the Friendship. Bro. French explained that he and the brethren with him were members of a strong Craft Lodge bearing the same name, they had also a R.A. Chapter, and they felt that the time had arrived when they ought to have a Mark Lodge. He and the two brethren with him were advanced to the Mark Degree in the Constantine, and they thought they could not do better than come to ask their Mother Lodge to recommend their petition. The W.M. having invited the opinion of the Lodge, a unanimous expression was given that the application should be granted. The W.M. and Wardens therefore signed the petition, and handed it to Brother French, who expressed thanks at the hearty reception they had received. The Lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and between 30 and 40 brethren dined together at the George Hotel, a capital repast being well served by the host, Bro. Coope.

FITZWILLIAM LODGE, No. 277.

THE annual Festival was held on the 9th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Malton, when the installation of the W.M. elect Bro. T. M. Goldie S.W. and the investment of Officers for the ensuing year took place. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bros. T. B. Whytehead and John Marshall. The Worshipful Master afterwards invested the following Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. J. B. Nicholls I.P.M., James Buckle S.W., M. F. W. Williamson J.W., R. J. Smithson M.O., E. K. Spiegelhalter S.O., W. Metcalfe J.O., Rev. W. G. Chilman Chaplain, A. W. Walker Treasurer, W. J. Marshall Secretary, A. J. Taylor Registrar of Marks, J. W. Marshall Organist, C. R. Stainland Director of Ceremonies, S. Chadwick S.D., John Marshall J.D., John Hudson I.G., Stockdale Steward and Tyler. The brethren afterwards sat down to a banquet, at the Talbot Hotel. The Lodge was visited during the day by several brethren from various Lodges in the Province.

It will be in the recollection of most of our readers that Bro. H. C. Knill (Jordan Lodge, No. 201), for many years Hall Porter at the Freemasons' Tavern, met with a serious accident, something like two and a-half years back, whereby he broke the tendons of one of his legs. We regret to say that Bro. Knill has since been compelled to get about on crutches, and is permanently disabled from earning his living. He is a candidate at the May Election of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, when we trust his friends will give him such support as will ensure his return among the successful candidates. Meanwhile, holders of Proxies for the School Elections, which will take place next week, can assist Bro. Knill, as a ready exchange of votes can be effected. Bro. Knill's address is 4N Peabody Buildings, Great Wild-street, W.C.

Mr. W. W. Kelly, the manager of the Princess's, cables from America that arrangements there for Miss Grace Hawthorne's tour next autumn are progressing most satisfactorily. Miss Hawthorne will open at the Union Square Theatre, on Monday, the 17th November next, and will play there for a month; her repertoire will include "Camille," and three new plays by important authors. Meanwhile she will appear at the Princess's in "True Heart," which will be produced on or about the 20th of May next, at the conclusion of Mr. Wilson Barrett's present engagement. Miss Hawthorne will probably produce "Theodora," previous to leaving England.

On Saturday, the 20th instant, Mr. Henry Arthur Jones's new play "Wealth" will be produced at the Haymarket.

Thursday, the 25th instant, has been appointed for the reception of works of art intended for the Summer Exhibition (the Eighteenth) of the 19th Century Art Society, at the Conduit Street Galleries.

THE "GOULD" TESTIMONIAL.

IN the opinion of many Brethren, the time has arrived when the long-continued services of Bro. ROBERT FREKE GOULD, P.G.D., to the literature of the Craft merit a more than passing acknowledgment. Entering this field of labour so far back as 1858, he was for many years a contributor to the Masonic Journals, but he will be best known as the author of "The Four Old Lodges," "The Atholl Lodges," and last, though not least, of "The History of Freemasonry," which is admitted by all authorities to be the ablest and best Masonic work ever written. Since its production, it is no longer possible to affirm, as has been constantly done by foes and friends alike, that the great body of Freemasons are without a reliable and critical history of their Society.

It is hoped that the brethren whose names are subjoined may prove to be the pioneers of a movement which will show to Bro. GOULD that the long years of study and research which he has devoted to the interest of Freemasonry are deemed worthy of substantial recognition by the Craft Universal, who in this way will best evince a genuine appreciation of his unexampled labours.

In pursuance of the above object the undermentioned brethren have therefore formed themselves into a Committee.

Individual subscriptions (but not those of Lodges or other Bodies) are limited to One Guinea.

Contributions to the Fund may be sent to Dr. RALPH GOODING, P.G.D., Hon. Sec. and *ad interim* Treasurer, Heath Lodge, The Grove, Blackheath, S.E., and will be duly acknowledged.

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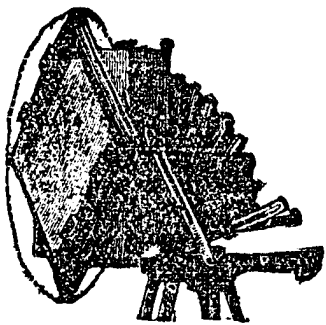
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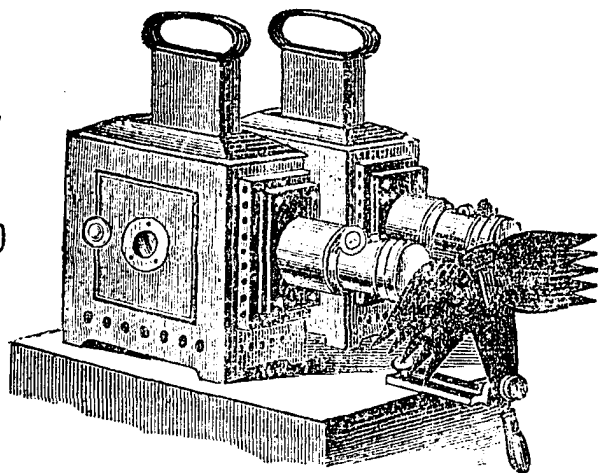
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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers will be held in the Large Hall, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Friday, the 26th day of April 1889, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution.

To elect a Treasurer for the year ensuing.

To elect as Members of the General Committee, representing the Life and Annual Subscribers, Twelve Brethren not being Life Governors.

To consider the following Notice of Motion:—

By Bro. A. F. GODSON, M.P., P.G.D., Patron, on behalf of the House Committee:

"That three additional boys be elected at the Quarterly Court on the 26th April, to fill the same number of additional vacancies."

To elect Seventeen, or—should the Notice of Motion by Bro. Godson be adopted—Twenty Boys from a list of Seventy two Candidates, as approved by the General Committee.

The chair will be taken at Twelve o'clock at noon precisely.

The Ballot for the Election of Boys will open at One o'clock, or so soon as the General Business of the Court shall have terminated, and will close at Three o'clock precisely.

By Order,

FREDERICK BINCKES (P.G. Sword Bearer), V.-Pat.,
Secretary.

OFFICE—6 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
12th April 1889.

THE NINETY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL WILL BE HELD AT THE END OF JUNE 1889.

The services of Brethren as Stewards, representing Lodges or Provinces, are earnestly solicited, and will be gratefully acknowledged.

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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held in the Hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Saturday, the 27th day of April 1889, at Twelve o'clock precisely, on the general business of the Institution, to receive recommendation of General Committee, consider Notices of Motion as under, and to elect 17 Girls—or, in the event of the proposed addition being adopted, 37—into the School from a list of 73 (the name of Charlotte Elizabeth Le-ter, No. 74 on the List, having been withdrawn) approved Candidates. The Election will commence at One o'clock (or after the usual business is over).

NOTICES OF MOTION—

By Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, P.G.D., Vice-Pat., upon recommendation of the House Committee:

"That 20 additional vacancies (making 37 in all) be declared for the April Election, thereby raising the number of Elected Girls on the Institution to 257."

By Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND, P. Prov. G.W. N. and E. Yorks:

"That all Motions or particular business to be brought before the Quarterly Courts of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls shall be printed and distributed in the Room at the Meetings of such Courts for the information of the Brethren present."

By Bro. WM. MORLEY:

"That the recommendation of the General Committee be adopted" as under:—

"That the following alterations and additions be made in the Laws of the Institution, viz.":—

1. "By altering Law 35 by the addition after the word 'admission' in the 9th line, of the words 'after having a report of the Petitions Committee,' and after the word 'audit' the words 'and Petitions.'"

"PETITIONS COMMITTEE."

2. "From the General Committee, Five or Seven Life Governors, being Freemasons, shall be elected annually to act as a Petitions Committee. They shall be nominated and elected in like manner, and at the same meeting as the House Committee. Three shall form a quorum. They shall meet from time to time as circumstances may require, and receive and examine Petitions of Candidates for admission, and investigate and make such inquiries relating to the circumstances stated in the Petition, or of the relations of the Petitioner, and may require such confirmation thereof as they may deem advisable, and they shall report the result of such examination or investigation to the General Committee, but they shall not have power to reject any Petition."

3. To add to Sub-Sec. 1 of Law 54: "Also such information, as may be required by the Petitions Committee, shall also be furnished."

4. "To alter Sub-Sec. 6 of Law 54, by providing that all Petitions must be sent to the Secretary at least 14 days before the Meetings of the General Committee."

5. "That in the event of the above propositions being carried and confirmed, the first Committee be elected at the Meeting of the General Committee next after the above propositions become Laws of the Institution."

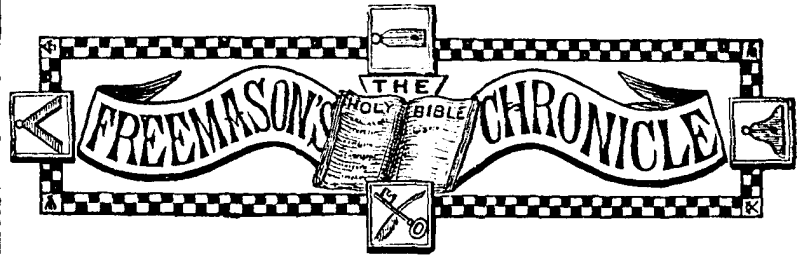
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PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF SUSSEX.

AT the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Saturday, the 13th inst., the annual meeting was held of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Sussex. Among those who attended were the Grand S.E. of England (Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke), Lord Euston Grand Superintendent of Norths and Huuts, F. A. Philbrick Grand Superintendent of Essex, Major-General Barnett Ford, Bengal, H. F. Currie, South Africa, E. Pontifex, London, Lieut.-General C. W. Randolph, Col. Dalbiac, Sir F. Knowles, &c. About 100 were present. The Provincial Grand Superintendent (Comp. Gerard Ford) presided. The roll of the Chapters in the province was called, each one being represented. The financial statement presented was satisfactory, the audit committee taking opportunity in their report to express deep regret at the death of Comp. R. Crosskey during the past financial year, he having held the position of Treasurer for some years. The statistics showed a slight decrease in the total number of members, owing to death and other causes. A sum of ten guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the amount to be placed on the list of Comp. Dawes, who had undertaken to act as Steward at the coming Festival. The Grand Superintendent then delivered an eloquent address. While regretting a slight diminution in numbers, and that the past year had been a somewhat uneventful one in Arch Masonry, he said there was still cause for congratulation. There was a kind of Upper House in the Craft, leaving the burden and heat of the day to be borne by the more representative assembly, and breathing an atmosphere of quiet and dignified repose. Those who soared still higher, into the fancy degrees, doubtless breathed an almost rarified atmosphere, where gales and squalls were quite unknown. But they were all built on the one great square foundation of Craft Masonry, of which the Arch Degree was so essential and necessary a part. In fact, it was the *coup de grace* of the grand conception of Masonry. The Royal Arch was considered by many to be the most beautiful and perfect degree conceivable, so well was it thought out and complete in the most minute detail. Nothing impressed a brother so much on his entrance into Freemasonry as the government of the Craft and the regulations which marked out so clearly the path which the Free and Accepted Mason should always tread. As Companions of the Order they had pledged themselves to support those placed in authority, and strictly to obey the laws established for the good government of the Order. There could not exist the essential close companionship, with the strength and influence which it should possess, without a spirit of cheerful obedience to lawfully-constituted authority. He trusted he held the reins of office lightly, but his duty required of him a strict endeavour to keep steadily, evenly and undeviatingly in the straight road. Some complaint had been made of him as a strict disciplinarian, but he assured the Companions his only desire was to secure that obedience to law and order which was so essential to success. He knew it was frequently far more easy to say "yes" than "no," but a stern sense of duty often compelled him to take the far less agreeable course of the two. Pope had well described "Order as Heaven's first law." This aphorism was based on sound philosophy and was the outcome of a life of careful observation and intimate acquaintance with nature. One of their fraternal promises was "to be faithful to our God, our country and our laws." The grand old fathers who had preceded them in the Craft had formulated a code of laws which they ought diligently to maintain. As a part of their system

they appointed certain Officers, and it was their bounden duty to see these laws respected. For himself he thought the laws were good and worthy of being obeyed to the strict letter. He did not believe in doing anything by halves, therefore he considered it was far better either thoroughly to accept Masonic law or throw it aside entirely. He had served every office, and throughout his Masonic career he had always endeavoured to recognise those in authority. This alone was what he expected at the hands of others. The grand old book said, "Whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might." This it was his single-hearted tribute to obey. If all recognised this same spirit the best results must ensue. Referring to the events of the past year, he paid a high tribute to the memory of the late Comp. Crosskey, whose death the members of the Chapter all greatly deplored. The address was listened to with marked attention and warmly received. Comp. Dawes proposed the election of Comp. W. H. Hallett as Treasurer, Comp. Farncombe seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved. The following Provincial Grand Officers were then installed, Comp. Shadwell Clerke assisting in the ceremony, so far as the two Principal Officers were concerned:—

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T. H. Crouch	-	-	
H. H. Hughes	-	-	Janitor

After some formal business the Provincial Grand Chapter was closed. In the banqueting-room an excellent dinner was provided by Comp. Mutton. About 50 were present. The tables were tastefully decorated and the proceedings diversified in a pleasing manner by the vocal performances of Miss Minnie Freeman, Miss Edith Welling and Comp. J. P. Slingsby Roberts. Comp. A. King and Miss Freeman accompanied. The Loyal and Masonic toasts, given by the Grand Superintendent, were cordially drunk. In proposing the Officers of Grand Chapter, he expressed his pleasure at seeing several distinguished Companions present, amongst them being the Earl of Euston, Comp. Philbrick, Colonel Shadwell Clerke, and others. Comp. Philbrick replied in a happy strain, warmly congratulating the Grand Superintendent of Sussex on the success of his presidency and the eloquent address in which he had appealed to them that afternoon. Companion Shadwell H. Clerke gave the Grand Superintendent Comp. Gerard Ford in eloquent terms, the toast being received with well-merited applause. He expressed himself especially pleased at Companion Ford's thorough restoration to health, a source of pleasure which he felt sure was gratifying alike to every member of the Masonic body in Sussex. The Grand Superintendent thanked the proposer of the toast for his most kind personal allusions. He was pleased to see a good attendance at the banquet and increased interest taken in the exalted degree of the Royal Arch. In proposing the Officers of Provincial Grand Chapter he said he fully relied upon them to help him in the assiduous discharge which devolved upon rulers in the Craft. He felt fortunate in securing the services of so many distinguished brethren to act under him. Companion Farncombe replied, and said while fully appreciating the great honour which had been done him on that occasion, he feared his many public duties would preclude his devoting that time and energy to Arch Masonry which it so thoroughly deserved, but he felt that the Provincial Officers, as a body, would do everything in their power to support their deservedly popular chief in Sussex. Comp. C. W. Randolph gave the Visitors, coupled with the name of Lord Euston, who replied in genial terms. The Principals of Sussex Chapters was responded to by Comp. H. Kent and Comp. H. E. Price. The Grand Superintendent complimented the Stewards on the very excellent arrangements they had made for that occasion. The most active of them (Comp. J. M. Reed) had also kindly undertaken the post of Secretary to the Sussex Masonic Charities Fund. Their best thanks were also due to him on this

account, as a considerable amount of work was involved, and not a little trouble. Comp. Reed replied, expressing an earnest desire to do all in his power to advance the best interests of Freemasonry in the Province. The proceedings ended about ten o'clock, having been of the most pleasant character.

BEADON CHAPTER, No. 619.

THE Quarterly Convocation of this Chapter was held on Thursday, 11th April, at the Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Coleman-street, City. Comp. G. R. Bolton M.E.Z. presided; Comp. H. H. Shirley H., Wyer P.Z. acted pro tem as J., and P.Z.'s Bond S.E., and H. Thompson. A strong body of Visitors was present and took great interest in the proceedings. This ancient and well matured Chapter was for some time under a cloud, which rather dimmed the glory of its youth, but that has passed away, and it has again assumed the brightness of its former days, there being at the present meeting no fewer than eight candidates for exaltation. They were Bros. Lewis Solomon P.M. 1732, Levi Jacobs P.M. 1732, George Levers 1732, Seth Kitchen 1732, Edward Maas 2206, John Farrand Clarke No. 22, John Stirling Buck 1314, John Saunders 1314. Seven of these candidates were in attendance, and were in due form, after an unanimous ballot in their favour, exalted into the supreme degree of Royal Arch Masonry, and the manner in which this impressive rite was conferred elicited the unstinted praise, not only of the P.Z.'s, but of every Companion who was present, for very rarely indeed has this noble ceremony been so ably performed. Particularly should be mentioned the letter perfect rendering by the Principals, who appear determined to maintain the former reputation of the Beadon Chapter, and there can be no doubt that it will become one of the most important Masonic Institutions of the great metropolis. At the end of the business the Chapter was closed, and the Companions adjourned to the banqueting hall for refreshment. At the close of it, and on the withdrawal of the cloth, the health of the Queen was given, followed by the National Anthem. At this stage of the proceedings the M.E.Z. gave evidence of the care and ability with which, not only the business of the Chapter but the proceedings of the banquet will be conducted during his year of office, and in the latter case he followed an example set by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master at one of the Charity Festivals, when, instead of the usual stereotyped manner of separately toasting the different Grand Officers, he gave one comprehensive toast in which they were all included. In adopting this course on the present occasion the M.E.Z. said he should give one toast to include all the Grand Officers, as it was getting late, and he had no doubt that the Companions would rather be favoured with a little music than listen to him making speeches; the remark appeared to be highly appreciated. The health of the M.E.Z. was proposed and most enthusiastically responded to. In reply, Companion Bolton said he felt proud in being placed in such an exalted position, for which he sincerely thanked the Companions; he was not in the habit of making long speeches, but preferred that deeds not words should speak for him. The next toast was the Exaltees, for which four of them returned their warm thanks for the honour conferred upon them. The next toast was the P.Z.'s of the Chapter, the M.E.Z. passing a high compliment upon them for the services they had rendered and their willingness to do so on all occasions. As Comp. Thompson wished to get away to save a train, although not the senior P.Z., he was anxious first to address them. Comp. Thompson P.Z. most sincerely thanked the M.E.Z. for his indulgence in allowing him to address them before those who had a prior right to do so. For upwards of two years he had been most anxious to personally acknowledge the uniform kindness he had always received from the Companions of the Beadon Chapter, and he could conscientiously say that during upwards of thirty years he had been a Mason, in which time he had been Master of two Lodges, he had scarcely met with the same amount of kindness and goodwill he had experienced in that Chapter. He congratulated their newly exalted Companions on having joined a body who carried out the true principles of Freemasonry, not only in precept but in practice, and when lying on a sick bed he remembered with grateful feelings the kindness they had always shown to him. Comps. Seaman and H. Bond P.Z.'s also returned thanks. Several other toasts were given, with some choice music, and the entire evening was spent in the most complete harmony.

Star Chapter of Instruction, No. 1275.—On Friday, the 12th instant, at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell. Present:—Comps. F. Hilton P.Z. Preceptor, G. L. Moore Z. 169 Z., Voisey P.Z. Treas. H., Neeld P.Z. J., Woods acting S.E., Schadler P.S., and Addington Z. 1275. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Woods candidate. Comp. Schadler was admitted a member. Comp. Voisey was elected M.E.Z. for 26th inst., the 19th being Good Friday.

A new serial story, by Evelyn Everett Green, author of "Torwood's Trust," "Monica," &c., is to appear in the *Quiver*; the first instalment will be given in the May Part.

By the kind permission of the author, Messrs. Cassell and Company will be enabled to issue Mr. Aubrey de Vere's "Legends of St. Patrick," as Volume 175 of their National Library, to be published on the 29th inst. This is the fourth copyright volume issued in the National Library, the former being Mr. Coventry Patmore's "Angel in the House" and "Victories of Love," and Mr. Woolner's "My Beautiful Lady."

COMPARATIVE EXPENDITURE AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

COMPILED BY BRO. H. FAUDEL, DECEMBER 1844.

At the present time, when comparisons are continually being made as to the relative cost per head at the principal Schools, the following statistics, compiled in the year 1844, may prove of interest to our readers:—

Comparative Expenditure per Head for one year.	Jews' Hospital, 79 inmates.	St. Ann's Society, 144 Boys, 75 Girls; and 30 Boys and 32 Girls clothed and educated.	Acworth, 160 Boys, 160 Girls.	Ladies Charity for 51 Girls, orphans or not, all parts of England.	Freemasons' School, 66 Girls.	London Orphan Asylum, 120 Girls, 273 Boys.	Sidcot School, 53 Boys, 27 Girls.	Red Coat School, 100 Boys.	Christ's Hospital, 450 Boys and Girls, at Hertford.	Christ's Hospital, 850 Boys, in London.	Philanthropic Institution, 145 Boys and Girls.
Board	10 17 3	6 8 0	8 2 6	10 15 1	8 12 9	9 8 6	9 6 9	8 0 0	8 1 6	8 2 6	11 1 0
Clothing, &c.	3 0 0	2 16 0	3 13 0	1 16 0	3 7 6	3 6 6	3 0 0	4 13 0	3 18 0	3 18 0	5 3 0
Salaries and Wages, including Commission	6 0 8	2 9 0	3 5 6	1 10 0	2 16 4	3 19 0	3 5 9	6 13 0	8 14 0	10 0 0	5 8 0
Gratuities	0 3 3	0 8 0	0 4 3	...	0 11 8	1 8 6	...	0 12 0	0 10 0	0 10 0	1 2 0
Household Furniture, Linen, and Medicine	2 15 10	0 16 0	0 14 6	0 10 0	0 11 9	0 6 6	1 0 9	2 0 0	1 17 0	1 7 0	0 10 0
Coals and Chandlery	1 19 8	0 11 6	0 13 1	0 10 0	0 17 9	Included in Housekeeping 0 13 0	1 5 0	0 8 0	0 13 6	0 18 6	3 7 0
Repairs and Improvements	3 1 7	0 16 0	0 10 10	0 4 2	...	0 13 0	0 12 6	1 0 0	3 11 0	3 18 0	2 0 0
Stationery, Printing, Insurance, and Sundry Disbursements	1 4 3	0 10 6	0 14 10	1 12 4	1 6 9	1 2 4	0 16 6	0 12 0	2 15 0	2 0 0	2 0 0
Rent and Taxes	0 8 0	0 1 1	2 5 0	1 4 0	0 5 3	0 5 3	...	0 5 0	1 0 0	1 0 0
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Total	29 2 6	16 14 0	18 2 7	19 2 7	19 8 6	20 9 7	20 10 0	23 18 0	30 5 0	31 14 0	31 11 0

* Sundry expenses attending Elections, &c., not incidental to the Education.

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THE OLD MASONIANS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR,—I was present last Saturday night at the annual dinner of the Old Masonians, and experienced a great amount of genuine pleasure at meeting so many of my old schoolfellows once more, and recalling many of the scenes we had passed together when we were boys.

But, Sir, my pleasure was considerably enhanced by the unanimous praise accorded both in the speeches and in the ordinary course of conversation to the dearly-loved Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Mr. Binckes.

It must have done his heart good to have met with such a hearty reception as he did last Saturday night.

As our Chairman well put it, "If you wish to see his monument, look around."

And I venture to say that not one boy that has received the benefits of the Masonic School but will carry in his heart the grateful remembrance of the many kind actions and words of advice which have emanated from we boys' best friend,—Mr. Frederick Binckes.

When I was at school, some ten years back, his name was always held in love and esteem (and boys are good judges of character), and Mr. Binckes may rest assured that his name and memory will be revered by the hundreds of Old Masonians who are now repaying, in all parts of the globe, the benefits of the noblest of Masonic Charities, benefits due in great measure to the indefatigable zeal of its Secretary.

I had occasion once before to write to you in defence of the present excellent Head Master (27th January 1883), and I trust that I shall not be trespassing on your valuable space by now adding my little mead of praise and thankfulness for the many acts of kindness that I have received at Mr. Binckes' hands.

I remain, Dear Sir, yours faithfully,

OLD MASONIAN.

A CAUTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—A German, who says that his name is F. Schlegelmich, of Ertarth (at present of 120 Commercial Road), called upon me some ten or twelve days since, saying that he had been sent by two Brothers of our Lodge (Polish National, 534), who had assisted him, requesting a loan, as he was in temporary difficulties owing to his having lost 1100 canaries, bullfinches, &c, owing to the negligence of Railway Officials, he being a large importer of such birds. He being apparently a respectable man, and his case a hard one, I lent him a sovereign.

Two or three days afterwards he called again, and said another consignment of birds had arrived, but that the railway authorities

would not part with them without the freight, about 30s, which if I would lend him he would return in two or three days. I did so, and he left a canary and a bullfinch in my hands, promising to call the same or next day. The birds are worthless to me, and I have heard nothing of him since, nor have I had a reply to a letter I wrote him on Saturday last.

I write you these particulars in order that you may caution any Brother in case he should make like application, for I am told he has applied to several members of our Lodge. He is over 6 ft. high and proportionally stout, and says he is a member of the Three Crowns Lodge, Frankfort-on-the-Maine.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

JOHN G. TONGUE.

34 Southampton Buildings, W.C.
17th April 1889.

Obituary.

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BRO. GILBERT JAMES COTTRILL.

ON Thursday afternoon, the 11th instant, the funeral took place of Bro. Gilbert James Cottrill, aged 61, who for over thirty years had been in business in Shepton Mallet, having previously been connected with the press in London. Bro. Cottrill had always been one of the leaders in local efforts, was one of the hospital auditors, and had held various public appointments. He was a P.M. and Past Treasurer of the Love and Honour Lodge, No. 285, P.Z. of the Royal Cyrus Chapter, P.M. of the Lodge of Mark Masons in connection therewith, and P.P.G.S.B. of Somerset. His Masonic brethren and fellow townsmen attended the funeral in large numbers.

D. D. SUTHERLAND P.M. 710.

THE funeral of this brother, who died at Totnes, on Friday, the 5th instant, aged 45 years, took place on the 11th inst., at the Totnes Cemetery, and was largely attended. The deceased was a Past Master of the Pleiades Lodge, No. 710, also a Past Provincial Grand Standard Bearer. Brethren met at the Pleiades Lodge, having obtained a dispensation to attend the funeral in Masonic clothing. The Lodge having been opened, the Rev. J. Powning repeated the burial service, then the brethren in procession walked to the residence of the deceased. Thirty-five wreaths were placed in and around the coffin. The service was read by the Rev. B. Mills, vicar of Totnes, and at the conclusion the Chaplain of deceased's Lodge offered a prayer. After the interment the brethren marched in reversed order back to the residence, and thence to their Lodge, which was then closed. The ceremony was impressively conducted by Brother Drennan.

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, 20th APRIL.

- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
 1275—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cook Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
 1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
 R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 142—St. Thomas's, Cannon Street Hotel
 M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 1194—Villiers, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
 1494—Felix, Clarence Hotel, Teddington
 1861—Claremont, Crown Hotel, Chertsey
 1897—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow
 2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
 2147—Crays Valley, St. Mary Cray, Kent
 R.A. 2096—George Price, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.
 M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

MONDAY, 22nd APRIL.

- 4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 26—Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
 28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
 899—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
 1894—Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough
 R.A. 189—Sincerity, St. George's Hall, East Stonehouse
 R.A. 210—Faith, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton.
 R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 331—Loyal Cornubian, Masonic Hall, Truro
 R.A. 1222—Inkerman, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare

TUESDAY, 23rd APRIL.

- Audit Committee Girls' School, at 4.
 14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
 56—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
 65—Prosperity, City Arms Restaurant, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
 92—Moir, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst).
 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 165—Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hotel
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 188—Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7. (Instruction)
 205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
 259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Steppney (Instruction)
 763—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 860—Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
 861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threanedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
 1321—Emblematic, Mona Hotel, Moorfields-street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 1348—Ebury, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1446—Mount Edgecombe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 4. (Inst.)
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 1472—Hensley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
 1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst.)
 1719—Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1744—Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
 1913—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
 2108—Empire, Criterion, Piccadilly.
 Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
 R.A. 7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 548—Wellington, White Swan Hotel, Deptford
 R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 1269—Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
 R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton
 M.M. 3—Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
 R.C. 42—St. George, 33 Golden Square, W
 R.C. 67—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
 463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
 788—Crescent, Island Hotel, Twickenham
 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 1353—St. John, Masonic Hall, Gays, Essex. (Instruction)
 1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1639—Browrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
 1675—Ancient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 2025—St. George, St. George's Hall, Southwark, London
 2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
 R.A. 47—Abbey, George Hotel, Nottingham
 R.A. 91—De Lambton, Freemasons' Hall, Queen Street, Sunderland
 R.A. 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
 R.A. 190—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
 R.A. 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 M.M. 168—Keystone, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
 M.M. 262—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
 K.T. 114—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Cariton-hill, Leeds

WEDNESDAY, 24th APRIL.

- GRAND FESTIVAL, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6
 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Rowan Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 30—United Mariners', The Lagard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Canary Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Brough, at 8. (Inst)
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C.
 228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (Inst)
 538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)

- 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
 893—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Pentonville
 902—Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, at 8. (Instruction)
 1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
 1056—Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
 1540—Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
 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.)
 1818—Clapham, Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria Station
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Cumberwell 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. 13—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
 R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 M.M.—Fidelity, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
 117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
 996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
 1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
 1083—Townley Parker, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby. (Instruction)
 1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
 1219—Strangeways, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
 1284—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
 1283—Ryburn, Central Buildings, Town Hall Street, Sowerby Bridge
 1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley Street, Bury, Lancashire
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
 1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
 1953—Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Card, Somersetshire
 1967—Beacon Court, Ghuzee Fort Hotel, New Bronpon, Kent
 R.A. 236—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York
 R.A. 329—Brotherly Love, Chonghs Hotel, Yeovil
 R.A. 1356—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
 M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 M.M. 24—Roberts, Masonic Rooms, Ann Street, Rochester
 M.M. 373—Ilkeston, Rutland House, Ilkeston
 K.T.—Alpass, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 K.T. 16—Prudence, Freemasons' Hall, Ipswich

THURSDAY, 25th APRIL.

- General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 66—Grenadiers', Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 90—Shakespeare, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
 148—Misbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 507—Jutea Pilgrims, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horse, Lower Potnam, at 8 (Instruction)
 858—South Middlesex, Beaufort House, North End, Fulham
 861—Finsbury, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
 871—Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford
 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
 1017—Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. (Instruction)
 1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
 1278—Burdett Courts, Swan Tavern, Betanul Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruc.)
 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
 1333—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst.)
 1554—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
 1563—The City of Westminster, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
 1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1592—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
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