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LODGE HISTORIES.

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THE ROYAL UNION LODGE, No. 246.

IN previous notices of the History of this Lodge, as compiled by Bro. George Norman, we have reviewed the doings of its members up to the time the Lodge was removed to Cheltenham, in 1822. For some time thereafter, we are told, its history flows in an even channel. The days of meeting were altered, the first and third Friday of each month becoming the regular nights of assembly. Nominations of candidates were frequent, and the Lodge flourished both financially and numerically. As an illustration of Masonic life some sixty-six years ago, reference is made to the minutes in regard to the first St. John's Festival, celebrated by the Lodge at Cheltenham, on the 27th December 1822. From these it appears the Lodge was opened at 11 a.m., when an initiation and a raising, with an interval for refreshment "during pleasure," added to the installation ceremony, made up the work of the meeting. This occupied the "middle hours of the day," after which the brethren adjourned until 5 p.m., when, having again assembled, they partook of an "elegant dinner." A pleasant incident is recorded in connection with this banquet—a deputation from the Foundation Lodge, which was then holding its Festival, attending, and bringing the best wishes of its members for the success of the Royal Union Lodge. These visitors, having partaken of refreshment, withdrew, amid the acclamations of the brethren, and a reciprocal embassy from the Royal Union Lodge was at once deputed to convey the thanks and greetings of its members to their fellows of the Foundation Lodge. This courteous interchange was repeated at many subsequent Festivals, and served to promote the good feeling which has continued between them to this day. About this time a slight disagreement took place in consequence of the W.M. of the Lodge (Bro. Samuel Moss) refusing to allow certain letters from Bro. Claret to be read in open Lodge. The Provincial authorities were appealed to, and upheld the decision of the Master, who, it was considered, had acted in a manner strictly Masonic and correct. By a peculiar freak of fortune, one of the members of the Lodge received, some forty-five years later, the outline of the address delivered by Bro. Moss when he retired from the chair at the time to which we are now referring.

This touches upon the matter of Bro. Claret's letters, and leads us to suppose that some of the members severed their connection with the Lodge in consequence of what then occurred. Indeed, the "History" states that several Brethren resigned in consequence, and for some time the attendance was prejudicially affected. Two years later another secession took place among the members, the leader on that occasion being Bro. Moss himself, while a Bro. Harper came to the front as the "moving spirit" of the Lodge. On the 19th August 1823 an emergency meeting of the Lodge was held at the Horse and Groom Inn, Gloucester, "for the purpose of joining the Provincial Grand Lodge, and of deciding the best means of aiding the subscription to be made after dinner;" the subscription referred to being a collection for erecting a monument to the memory of Bro. Dr. Edward Jenner, the discoverer of the efficacy of vaccination. From the facts set out by Bro. Norman in connection with this meeting, we learn

that Bro. Jenner's father was Provincial Grand Master of Bristol towards the close of last century, while Dr. Jenner himself was a prominent man in the district. The Provincial Grand Lodge on this occasion attended Divine service in the Cathedral, the sermon being preached by Bro. the Rev. T. D. Fosbroke, the well-known county historian. The *Gloucester Journal* of that time gives an interesting account of the meeting, and is largely quoted in the book under notice, the number of brethren who attended on the occasion being given therein as nearly two hundred. This event is, we consider, among the most interesting recorded in the History of the Lodge, and shows the interest taken by the Masons of that day in matters somewhat outside the actual scope of Freemasonry. Another event of general interest was celebrated this same year, for on the 8th September following, another Lodge of Emergency was held, at Tewkesbury, for the purpose of assisting the Dep. Prov. G.M. in the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the "Tewkesbury Severn Bridge." The particulars in regard to this event are very interesting, and give evidence of careful research on the part of the compiler. On the 4th May 1825 the Lodge had another opportunity of appearing in public, the Provincial Grand Lodge then laying the foundation stone of the Pittville Pump Room, with full ceremonial.

In 1827 the expediency of attaching a Royal Arch Chapter to the Lodge was considered, but nothing of any importance appears to have been done in regard to the matter. Several removals of the Lodge took place about this time, but in the beginning of 1830 an arrangement was concluded between it and the Foundation Lodge for the joint use of the Lodge Room at the Masonic Hall, and for the common use of the furniture belonging to the two Lodges. This arrangement did not work wholly satisfactory, for in 1834 a proposition was made for a committee to be appointed to procure "a suitable place to meet in." The troubles, however, in this respect, appear to have been adjusted, and harmony prevailed between the two Lodges.

The Royal Union Lodge then passed several years in a somewhat unsatisfactory manner. In 1838 there were only six brethren present to witness the installation. Meetings were held at irregular intervals, sometimes as long as two years apart, and it was not until after 1850 that any improvement took place. From this period the Lodge progressed in a most satisfactory manner among the items recorded being the election, in 1853, of the future D.P.G.M., Bro. J. Brook-Smith, as a member. He speedily made a position for himself, and his influence upon its policy at once became manifest. In 1854 he accepted the office of Senior Warden, and on the first occasion of occupying that chair proposed that the Lodge meet in future in a building devoted to Masonic purposes rather than at an hotel. As the result of this proposition the Lodge again met at the Masonic Hall, its occupation of which has not since been broken. Bro. Brook-Smith succeeded to the chair in 1856, and ruled over the Lodge for two flourishing years. In the first year of his Mastership the Prov. Grand Lodge of Gloucestershire was re-established, and a period of great Masonic prosperity was started upon in the district. The Royal Union shared in this prosperity, and continued to take an active part in the various works in its neighbourhood with which Freemasonry was associated. There are many more items recorded in the History which will repay perusal, but

we do not propose to refer to them at any length here, as the student has equal opportunities with us of securing a copy of the volume we have quoted from. Bro. Norman deserves the thanks of the Craft for the way in which his part of the work has been performed, and for the many interesting items he has collected relating to the doings of the brethren of the Royal Union Lodge and the surrounding district.

## HISTORICAL RELATION OF FREEMASONRY TO ANCIENT EGYPT.

*A Lecture delivered by Bro. Alexander H. Morgan, before Montgomery Lodge, No. 19, F. and A. M., at a special meeting, held in the Egyptian Hall, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, 25th February 1889.*

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The life and character of the candidate was subjected to the closest scrutiny, and only on positive proof of his fitness to mingle in the ranks of the enlightened could he obtain an entrance. It was considered one of the greatest privileges to become a member of the Fraternity, and it was asserted that "those who have been initiated in the mysteries entertain better hopes, both as to the end of life and the whole of futurity." The penalties inflicted for divulging any part of the mysteries were of the most extreme character. "To divulge them was considered a sacrilegious crime, the prescribed punishment was immediate death." We may also find in the History of the Children of Israel, which in itself is a part of Egyptian history, a close relationship between the esoteric observances of the Egyptians and the secret ceremonies of the Hebrew priests, so far as has been brought to light in the Masonic ritual.

The Jews derived much of their knowledge of supernatural matters, excepting that revealed to Moses by the Almighty, from the Egyptian priesthood; and one of the reasons why the priests and soothsayers of Egypt so violently opposed the liberation of the Hebrews was because Moses had been initiated into the Egyptian Mysteries.

Most of the Masonic degrees are based upon certain events in the early history of the Hebrew nation, and it happens that the descendants of Abraham were the only people of antiquity admitted into Egypt, or with whom the Egyptians were on terms of close intimacy. The direct descent from the Hebrew Patriarchs was known and acknowledged, and the laws, civil and religious, were largely identical with those of the Hebrews, so much as to warrant the assumption of a common origin. Moses was said to be "learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians," and his great legacy to the Israelites, the "Book of the law," contained many ordinances derived from the "wisdom" of the country in which he was born and educated. True it was to him and his people a "land of bondage," but the laws and mystic rites of their taskmasters were engrafted upon the Hebrew stock by four hundred years of close cultivation, and appear in most of the customs of the ancient Hebrews.

If "Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians" he must have been initiated into their Mystic ceremonies, versed in the signs, grips and passwords of that organisation. It was this knowledge which enabled him to stand up with so much confidence before the Egyptian King, and demand the release of his people, and so far from being intimidated by the Pharaoh, we find the Hebrew Prophet threatening both him and the people of Egypt with the vengeance of the God of Israel. We will say a word or two more relating to the Egyptian Mysteries and then pass on to the third and concluding part of the lecture.

It is true that we have but little actual knowledge of what are called the Egyptian Mysteries. The hieroglyphical translations have made us acquainted with Egyptian history, her kings and priests, her tombs and monuments, her pyramids and obelisks, her sphinxes and temples; but of the actual working signs, symbols and passwords of those well guarded and carefully protected mysteries, we can only draw deductions from analogy and

comparison, and still are compelled to acknowledge our uncertainty. But in addition to the comparison and analogies to which I have directed your attention, there is a certain sign or figure which to the Freemason is a plain, palpable representation of a doctrine taught now, and exemplified with the Masonic Temple, as, we believe, it was in those ancient Egyptian Temples dedicated to the illustration of their solemn rites and doctrines.

The names of the Egyptian kings and the record of the great deeds they had performed, are found in those elliptical ovals you see above you. Those figures or ovals were given by Champollion the rather curious appellation of "Cartouche." "To each king was devoted two 'cartouches;' the first of which is called the prenom, and is generally *symbolic*, containing titles; while it is always the designatory oval by which the individual Pharaoh is known—the second is called his nomen, and is generally altogether *phonetic*, containing his proper name, like our *surnames* and *Christian names*." Or, in other words, the hieroglyphics contained within the ovals, give the names and record, civil and military, of the Pharaoh. Hieroglyphic is defined as Emblematic; expressive of some meaning by characters, pictures, or figures. Literally, a sacred character, applied to a species of writing first practised by the ancient Egyptian priests, often called picture writing, which expressed a series of ideas by representations of visible objects. This system of writing, to those who understood it, was an easy mode of hoodwinking the ignorant and uninitiated, and it was a practical exemplification of the quoted saying that language was given to us to conceal our thoughts, and the priests most probably used it for that purpose. It certainly was a most comprehensive system of expressing ideas and at the same time of defending or keeping sacred a mystery, just as the initiated of our days meet in the presence of the profane and by well guarded signs recognise one another. The number of figures used in the ancient hieroglyphical writing was almost unlimited, every kind of being, all the geometrical figures, beasts, birds, reptiles and insects, were brought into requisition, and if you will turn your gaze upon the decorations of this room, you will see almost every known thing on the earth, or above the earth, depicted in this ancient Egyptian language. While hieroglyphical figures were also used by other nations of antiquity, none ever reached the extent and perfection in pictorial writing found in Egypt, and this curious art must have been a very important part of the study and education of the Egyptian priesthood. It was abolished at the advent of the Christian era, as naturally were most of the Pagan customs, and complicated and ingenious as it was, its study has been made comparatively easy to the modern hierologists, through the discoveries of Champollion and others. Returning to the direct line of our discourse, from which we wandered in our hieroglyphical dissertation, which was the discussion of the Ovals descriptive of the lives of the Pharaohs, and which abound on all the tombs and monuments of the Egyptian kings, we find one peculiar to itself, without a mark or sign, or symbol, simply a plain, blank *cartouche*; but it was the most impressive and significant of them all, because it meant something higher, better, grander, more sublime than all those known or unknown Pharaohs, whose names were carved on temple tomb and obelisk, and to the initiated it was the symbol of the "ineffable, unpronounceable name of God." But it must be borne in mind that it was only a symbol, not a written name. A compound word indicative of the name was known to the priests, and was transmitted in a certain time and manner, and it was used as a password in the Egyptian mysteries, "by which the candidate was admitted to the chamber of initiation." The Hebrews learned from the Egyptians the figurative mode of symbolising the *name*, and though they adopted another figure, yet the signification was the same, and all the heathen nations of antiquity when they had exhausted their vocabulary for names of gods and goddesses, found a geometrical figure symbolical of the name of *him*, whose face they never saw, whose image they dare not make, and whose name, unknown, they could not pronounce.

(To be continued.)

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## GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND

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## GRAND LODGE OF ALL ENGLAND.

BY BRO. JACOB NORTON.

THE London Grand Lodge of 1717 styled itself "Grand Lodge of England," and in the middle of the latter half of the last century the York Grand Lodge called itself "Grand Lodge of all England." Some years ago I asked a learned brother if he could explain the difference between "of England" and "of all England?" This question he could not answer. I next asked him if he could give any reason as to why the unnecessary word "all" was added to the York Grand Lodge title? After a short pause, he said: The Bishop of Canterbury is called Archbishop of England, and the Bishop of York is called Archbishop of all England, hence, he inferred, that the York Grand Lodge derived its "all" from its Archbishop's title. As the answer was plausible I made no further inquiry.

Last week I came across a book, viz., "Truth and Fiction of the Middle Ages," by Sir Francis Palgrave, wherein I find that my learned friend was mistaken about the respective titles of the English Primates, that the Archbishop of Canterbury was "of all England," and the one of York was merely "of England." Such being the case, the Southern Grand Lodge, having adopted the title of the northern Primate, the Northern Grand Lodge therefore appropriated the title of the southern Primate.

And now for something about the book and its contents. The author professes to have obtained his information from the writings of the Monk of Croyland; the Monk, however, is a *myth*, and the narratives given are purely imaginary. But, nevertheless, they are designed to exhibit a picture of the customs and ideas of Englishmen of the middle ages. The book contains several chapters, respectively headed, The Rectory, The County Elections, Guildhall, Parliament, The Prior's Study (viz., Roger Bacon); the last chapter is headed Knowledge. There is, of course, a basis of truth in the description of the customs of those days; for instance, Roger Bacon and Marco Polo visit the Guildhall. Law breakers are there tried for their sins. If one of these demands to be tried by a jury, the sheriff makes no secret that he can pack a jury that will surely find the prisoner guilty. One prisoner, however, claimed "the benefit of the clergy," another pleaded that by misrepresentation he was induced to leave a sanctuary, and so on. The origin and functions of guilds, and of the development of the City of London Government are hinted at more or less. The information above referred to about the titles of the Primates is connected with a very curious story. How much truth there is in it I do not know; but in olden times something of the kind may have occurred. I shall therefore describe, as briefly as I can, a scene alleged to have taken place in Parliament.

Now, in the first place, men were not then very ambitious to get into Parliament; instead of bribing voters to elect them, as is the custom in our own generation, they would have bribed them to get rid of Parliament. The King's Parliament meant money for the King, and people were always reluctant to part with their money. If the King could have grabbed the people's money without a Parliament he would have done so, but as he could not do that very well, the Parliament took advantage of the King's necessities by demanding certain conditions before they parted with their money. The Parliament referred to was summoned by Edward I. Before the Parliament was opened the courtiers were annoyed to learn that the members not only bickered about the sum demanded, but also stipulated that the King should confirm the Magna Charta. The time at last arrived for opening Parliament, the Chancellor was on the woolsack, but for some unknown cause the two Primates were absent. The King was uneasy, the members wondered, and everybody was impatient, when suddenly news arrived which astonished all concerned.

In order to explain the reason, I must state that there existed an old feud between the Church rulers of York and Canterbury. So much so, that King Edward deemed it necessary to give special order to the Chancellor to take all possible precaution to protect the Primate of York during his journey to Parliament, from the threatened violence of the Archbishop of Canterbury. The King's uneasiness, there-

fore, arose from a suspicion that something of the kind prevented the two Archbishops from being present in Parliament. Well, in the midst of the suspense above referred to, the King's Pursuivant rushed into the Hall in great excitement, exclaiming: "The Archbishop of Canterbury has murdered the Archbishop of York." The King thereupon flew into a passion, and threatened the Chancellor for neglecting his duty, and the Chancellor dropped down from the woolsack on his knees, assuring His Majesty that it was not his fault. But just then, to the surprise of all present, in walked the two Primates into the Hall, "both unhurt and unwounded, both round and sound," but each looking fiercely at his adversary. In short, there had been an actual fight between the parties, for "the Abbot's cope was all tattered and torn, and his bleeding nose bore testimony to the prowess of the Prior, while the Prior's shaven crown equally displayed the dexterity with which the Abbot had wielded his weapon—the crozier, the dire cause of this most indecorous contest."

The origin of the trouble between the two Archbishops, Sir Francis dates back to the era of the Saxon Bretwaldes. "The conflicting pretensions preferred by the two Archbishops of the English Church (says Sir Francis) had been legally settled by the celebrated decision, from which Parliament never departed, that York should be Primate of England, and Canterbury of all England. Canterbury always sat as the premier Peer of the realm." To which Sir Francis adds:—"All Doctors of the realm, excepting perhaps the learned professor who wrote the treatise, 'De omnibus his et quibusdam aliis,' might have been confounded by being called upon to explain in what manner a whole can be less or greater than itself, or how a Primate of England could find a spot from which the jurisdiction of him of all England was excluded."

The "Monk of Croyland" evidently knew nothing about Masons and Masonry. We all know, and *Scotch Ritters* are very positive, that 27,000 Masons followed the Crusaders to the Holy Land, but it seems that *this Masonic fact* the Monk of Croyland did not find in the writings of either Roger Bacon or of Marco Polo, and it is evident that Sir Francis Palgrave himself never rode on the Masonic goat. Indeed, I am very sure that he did not know of the existence of such a goat, for all he wrote about the mysteries of Masons, either directly or indirectly, is comprised in the following extracts. He says:—

"Other means were practised for the purpose of keeping the secrets of the trade, and defending the monopoly. Oaths, awe-inspiring ceremonies, initiations, sometimes terrific, sometimes painful or ludicrous. Here a candidate trembled beneath the arch of steel, the swords suspended over his head; there, unless his agility preserved him, the incipient workman enjoyed the full application of the lash or the cart whip.

"Even in this our age of triumphant publicity, some curious vestiges of this ancient stem may be traced. 'The gentleman who reports for our paper,' at whose presence every other door stands open, has never been able to obtain the slightest insight into the proceedings of the Lodge Cosmopolite Freedom, meeting at the Yorkshire Stingo, Gray's Inn Lane \* \* \*, as my intended quarto will show, of the Masons' Company in London."

I must here only add, that as far as I can judge, all the authors of books about the Guilds in the middle ages seem to know next to nothing about the existence of Masonic Lodges in olden time. And I was particularly surprised that in Toulmin Smith's book on the Guilds, except in the Introduction, by Brentano, neither reference to Mason nor Freemason could I find in the said work.

BOSTON, U.S., 30th May 1889.

## MORAL USES OF FREEMASONRY.

SEVERAL illustrations of the power and usefulness of the Masonic organisation are given in a little work, entitled "The Genius of Freemasonry," published at Providence, R.I., in the year 1828. One incident therein narrated greatly impressed our thought. It was told as an actual occurrence which took place in a Southern Lodge, presided over by a Brother of distinction, whose honoured name is still familiar as a household word throughout our whole country. We give the account substantially as it appears in the book named.



Toward the close of an evening's labour, when the charge was about to be given to one who had that night been initiated into the mysteries of the Craft, and he had been brought to the chair to receive it, the quick eye of the Worshipful Master saw, at a distance, the brother of the candidate, sitting dark, moody and silent. Between the two brothers there had long been a deadly feud—one that had eaten like a cancer into their hearts, and spread a leprosy over their lives, tainting all around them, or connected with them.

The one about to receive the charge, though of good reputation in the community, was generally regarded as the more obdurate in this unhappy alienation. The Master began his charge. He said he would depart somewhat from the ritual generally used, and would quote from the language of him who spake as never man spake: "Therefore, if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee, leave there thy gift before the altar and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift." The miseries of contention and discord were strongly depicted by the Master. He dwelt upon the deadliness of the moral poison of family contentions—a poison that earth cannot suck up or time destroy—a poison that often springs afresh from the grave of those who concocted it to curse their descendants for succeeding ages.

The candidate trembled as he listened to these earnest words; his soul was a witness to their truth; he looked wistfully and wildly around the room, fearing, yet wishing, to catch the eye of the brother between whom and himself there had been long continued and bitter opposition of feeling. The Master noticed the effects of his words and changed his tone, portraying the kindly influences of brotherly love, telling how far it softened the calamities of earth and plucked the sting from death itself. He dwelt upon the new obligations the initiate had assumed, and reminded him that the place where he then was should be considered sacred to fraternal sympathies, a place in which every pledge was given to cultivate purest affections, to quench at once in the overflowing of love and forgiveness all heartburnings of enmity, and to wash away the long scenes of rancour and bitterness which so much degrade the soul. The brother who had sat retired, as he heard sentence after sentence of the eloquent charge, had moved by timid steps nearer to the altar, and watched with earnest feeling the effect of such words on his brother's mind; at last their eyes met, and volumes were spoken in the glance. Oh! what a moment for the two men who had drank the stream of life from one maternal bosom; they looked once more, and then rushed into each others arms. "Brother, forgive me," broke from the hearts of both in half suffocated and almost inarticulate words. They were reconciled. What a wreath for eloquence! What a triumph for Freemasonry!

The incident thus related shows how the principles and precepts of the Masonic system may have prevailing force where the conditions are favourable, and where there is a wise and judicious teacher to apply the lessons of that system. The moral uses of Freemasonry are many, affecting character on all sides, the most potential for good when there is a faithful application of the truths taught and illustrated to the conduct of life. Wisdom and grace are requisite for such an enforcement.

—*Freemasons' Repository.*

Sir Charles Lanyon died recently at his residence, White Abbey, near Belfast. Sir Charles was the youngest son of the late John Jenkinson Lanyon, and was born at Eastbourne in 1813. He practised in Ireland as a Civil Engineer and Architect since 1832, and was head of the eminent firm of Lanyon, Lynn and Lanyon, architects. He was president of the Royal Institute of Architects in Ireland, and a member of the Royal Hibernian Academy. He was Mayor of Belfast in 1862, and represented that city in Parliament, as a Conservative, from November 1866 to November 1868, when he received the honour of knighthood. He was Grand Master of the Province of Antrim. Sir Charles married, in 1837, Elizabeth Ellen, daughter of Mr. Jacob Owen, of the Dublin Board of Works, and was father of the distinguished soldier and administrator, the late Sir Owen H. Lanyon.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT are particularly recommended to persons who have to pass their lives in confined and crowded places; hundreds of thousands of our fellow creatures toil from morning until evening in factories and workshops to the detriment of their health, and the deterioration of the race. They suffer in consequence from indigestion, flatulence and want of appetite, and these complaints, if neglected, bring about nervousness and failure of the vital powers. Holloway's remedies can be used by such sufferers to their very great advantage, as they are mild in action, and certain in their effects. No one need therefore lose a day's work when using them, a matter of consequence to those whose daily bread depends on daily toil.

## REVIEWS.

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*Ars Quatuor Coronatorum.* Being the Transactions of the Lodge Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076. London: Vol. II., Part 1.

THE editor of this interesting miscellany, Bro. G. W. Speth, must be congratulated on the growing excellence of the "Craft Magazine," for such it really is, with which the literary fortunes of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge and Circle are so closely associated. The first number of the new volume is a handsome pamphlet of eighty-two pages, of which no less than three are taken up by the annual financial statement, wherein the income and expenditure of the past year are clearly shown, and thus brought fully home to the comprehension of the most distant members of both Circles.

As the transactions under review only cover the proceedings of two Lodge meetings, the number of papers read falls slightly below the usual average, but as in each case the lecturer gave ample measure, while in both, the subsequent discussion—oral and written—was well sustained, the editor has not been reduced to any shifts in order to fill up the columns of the publication.

The first paper of the present series was read by the Worshipful Master, Bro. William Simpson. It is entitled "The Worship of Death," and is the sequel or complement of a previous essay—"The Three-Fold Division of Temples"—by the same brother, which will be found in Volume I. of the Transactions.

"The Worship of Death" embodies the results of much reading, careful observation, and painstaking delineation. Bro. Simpson has studied, not only in books, but also in the architecture and monuments of many lands, the interesting subject of his most recent lecture, to which an additional charm is given by the numerous illustrations, drawn in so many instances by Bro. Simpson himself.

The paper must be read through to be appreciated, but a short summary of the discussion which followed at its close, will afford in some measure a glimpse of its contents, as well as indicate the general interest taken by the members of the Lodge in this, the special feature of their meetings.

The Rev. C. J. Ball, I.G., quoted extensively from the Hebrew, Arabic, Ethiopic, Aramaic, Chaldee, Egyptian, Coptic, Assyrian, and Greek languages, the whole going to prove (*inter alia*) that the "Ark of Jehovah" did not originally mean "the Coffin of Jehovah."

Bro. W. H. Rylands, P.G.S. and W.M. 2, criticized the paper at considerable length. He thought that "the worship of death, as a *worship*, in the ordinary acceptation of the word, had no existence in fact."

Bro. Dr. Woodman, P.G. Sword Bearer, thought the Ark of the Covenant could not be considered a Symbolical Coffin. Bro. R. F. Gould, P.G.D., I.P.M., suggested that the one great and pressing duty of the Freemasons was to try and recover the lost meaning of many Masonic Symbols. Professor T. Hayter Lewis, S.D., thought that "the Worship of Death *unto Life*," or "of Life through Death," would better express the W.M.'s arguments, and remove a good deal of misconception from them. Bro. E. Macbean, Steward, commented on the Phallic tendencies, and the Theosophy of the Jews, and Bro. C. Purdon Clarke believed that the W.M. would prove his case with respect to the Worship of Death, and even a step farther, as Worship of the Devil was much mixed up with most cults, and in India was the most powerful of them all.

Next follows a very exhaustive reply by the W.M., noticing and dealing with the objections raised to the various theories propounded in his paper. This will well repay perusal, as the Quatuor Coronati Lodge is the reverse of a Mutual Admiration Society, and while opinions may differ as to the W.M. having deserved the harsh things that were said of his speculations, there will be a unanimity of opinion that in his general reply he quite held his own, even if he did not succeed in completely vanquishing his opposers. The second paper—A Word on the Legends of the Compagnonage—also a sequel, was read by Bro. W. H. Rylands, and in the discussion which ensued Bros. Gould and Speth took part. The latter Brother also wrote some further remarks in the *addenda*, apropos of the real meaning of the word "Devoir," which, in his opinion, resembles that understood by the term "Old Charges," a view strongly combated by Bro. Rylands in a final note.

The remainder of the number is made up of the following:—Masonic Notes and Queries, among which there is an interesting reference to Masonic Signs among the natives of Queensland; Reviews, including notices of a Lodge History (No. 246), Engraved List (1734), recently printed in fac simile by Bro. Hughan; and the Symbols and Legends of Freemasonry, by Bro. J. F. Finlayson; and lastly, the Obituary, which in the present instance records the lamented decease of Bros. the Rev. J. G. Wood, Veargitt W. Maughan, William Nott, and the Rev. Canon Portal.

We here bring our review of "Ars Quatuor Coronatorum" to a close, but in so doing may observe that in "Quatuor Coronatorum Antigrapha," the first volume of which was issued during the current week, Bro. G. W. Speth has provided an entirely new and particularly choice selection of intellectual food, for the Lodge and Circle whose caterer he delights to be in the department he has so completely made his own. A fac simile of the old Masonic poem printed by the late Mr. Halliwell is given in this publication, together with a full commentary upon it from the pen of Bro. Robert Freke Gould.

Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3, has adjourned till Wednesday, 2nd October next, when it will re-assemble, at Bro. Silvester's, the Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, N.

## A MASONIC GRAND LODGE FOR QUEENSLAND.

A MEETING, convened by advertisement, was recently held for the purpose of considering the advisableness of following the example of New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, and other colonies, in the establishing of a Grand Lodge in this colony. In all 216 brethren responded to the advertisement, and assembled in the lower room of the Masonic Hall, Alice-street. The platform was occupied by the following brethren:—Dr. Thomson, Theodore Unmack, J. G. W. Barnes, Dr. Taylor, and the Hon. J. R. Dickson. Dr. Thomson was voted to the chair, and he read the advertisement convening the meeting. The Hon. J. R. Dickson moved—"That in the opinion of this meeting it is desirable that a Grand Lodge of free and accepted Masons of Queensland be formed, and that immediate steps be taken to that end." He said that the question they had met to consider was of the greatest moment to Freemasons, as it was proposed to establish a United Grand Lodge of all the Constitutions at present represented in the colony. The object held in view in taking this step was the promotion of the welfare and prosperity of the Craft in Queensland. The nine brethren whose names were appended to the advertisement calling the meeting had long considered that the establishment of a Queensland Grand Lodge would be a great advantage to Freemasonry, and at an informal meeting they had considered what course should be adopted. Information had been obtained as to the constitution of the Grand Lodges of the other colonies, and that meeting had been called as the *initiatory step in the direction* aimed at. He firmly believed that if their object was carried into effect it would be advantageous in every way. It would remove all the petty rivalries and jealousies that were bound to exist while there were three distinct Constitutions. Victoria, New South Wales, South Australia, New Zealand, and Tasmania had established Grand Lodges, so that Queensland was the only large colony in the group that had not done so. This in itself was sufficient to justify Queensland in following the same course. The movements in these colonies were not conceived or carried out in any feeling of antagonism to the Grand Lodges of the old country, and it would not be in this colony either. The time had arrived when they felt that they could walk alone, and in this he believed they would have the support of those who had retired from the ranks of Masonry on account of the rivalries alluded to, and also of "young Queensland," to whom the distinctions between the then Constitutions were meaningless and unintelligible. In desiring to establish a Grand Lodge they only desired local self-government, and to participate in the responsibilities and privileges that Grand Lodges held with regard to the Lodges connected with them. It was also to be remembered that the Grand Lodges were by no means inimical to proposals for the formation of new Grand Lodges, when it was shown that they could go alone. The brethren who had originated this scheme in Queensland had no selfish or interested motive in view and no desire for personal aggrandisement. They only desired and aimed at the welfare of the Craft generally. Bro. T. Finney seconded the motion. He said there could be no doubt that the time had arrived when a Grand Lodge should be established in this colony. There were at present about sixty Lodges working under the three Constitutions, yet the Grand Lodge of England was formed in the year 1717 with only four Lodges. By forming a Grand Lodge here they would do away with many of the tedious and vexatious delays they were now subjected to in transacting their business at the other side of the world. They would also keep their funds in the colonies, and would in time be able to establish the educational and charitable institutions which they so much desired to see in existence. Up to the present the Masons of Australia had done nothing towards rearing up such monuments to the usefulness of Masonry, and had nothing tangible to show the outside world such as there were in other countries. When they had their own Grand Lodge steps in this direction might be taken, but not before, as they were disunited, and did not work together. Bro. A. E. Harris supported the motion, and contended that the Masons of England approved of the establishment of colonial Grand Lodges when the severance was loyally and courteously effected. Dr. Taylor also spoke in favour of the motion, and argued that the proposal was perfectly regular and in order, and did not in the slightest degree infer, as some people seemed to think, that there was a schism in the Craft. Bro. J. G. W. Barnes read communications that had been received from various Lodge Officers in the country districts, expressing concurrence in the scheme. Bro. G. H. Pickburn, Master of the Laidley Lodge, said his Lodge would work under the proposed Grand Lodge if it was established. Bro. W. Gartside said it was a mistake to suppose that Masons were unanimously in favour of this proposal. So far as his own Constitution was concerned they were perfectly satisfied with the working of the Grand Lodge. They only paid 7s 6d per member initiated, and he had known six occasions when sums of money up to £50 had been received from the Grand Lodge. It was now proposed to do away with this, but what were they going to receive in its place? And, in addition, they would lose a great deal of the prestige they now enjoyed. The motion was then put and carried, only seven voting against it. Bro. R. J. Kessell then moved:—"That the brethren present now undertake to use their best efforts to carry out the first resolution and form a Masonic Union." The motion was seconded by Bro. E. Mansfield, and carried. On the motion of Bro. G. S. Hutton, seconded by Bro. V. Larsen, it was resolved:—"That Bros. Dickson, Deighton, Thomson, Taylor, Carter, and Drane of the English Constitution; Bros. Barnes, Sweetman, Skiller, Potts, Macgregory, and Larsen of the Scottish Constitution; and Bros. Unmack, Mac Donnell, Hutton, Hipwood, Ayscough, and Echlin of the Irish Constitution be appointed an Executive Committee, with power to add to the number, for the purpose of taking steps for carrying out the objects of the Masonic Union." A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the business of the meeting.

## LAYING THE MEMORIAL STONE OF A NEW MASONIC BUILDING.

THE ceremony of laying the memorial stone of the new Masonic Hall for West Bromwich took place on the 27th ult., and was performed by the Mayor (Councillor Heelis, J.P.) and Colonel Foster Gough. Representatives from a large number of Lodges assembled in the Town Hall, where a procession was formed, and proceeded, via Victoria-street, to the site of the new building, in Edward-street. The building is to consist of a large lodge and assembly room, banqueting room, caretaker's residence, store rooms, kitchen, lavatories, &c. The building will be fitted with every requisite for Masonic purposes, and for letting to the public for outside gatherings. All the rooms will be lofty, well lighted, and well ventilated, and the elevations will be faced with best bricks and stone dressings, the style adopted being renaissance. On the stone is the inscription:—

"This stone was laid by his Worship the Mayor of West Bromwich, E. W. W. Heelis, Esq., J.P., and by his brethren and the Right Worshipful the P.G.M. Colonel Foster Gough, LL.D. of the Freemasons of Staffordshire."

The vessel containing the coins and documents having been presented to the Mayor by the different officials, the engraved plate was handed by the P.G.S. of West Bromwich to his Worship, who called upon the Prov. Grand Secretary to read the inscription, which was as follows:—

"This stone was laid by E. W. W. Heelis, Esq., Mayor of West Bromwich, and tried and proved by the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master Mason of Staffordshire, Colonel Foster Gough, LL.D., and his Officers.—May 28, 1889.—B. Heelis, builder; Wood and Kendrick, architects."

At the ceremony there were a number of Masonic formalities observed; but after the final descent of the stone upon its bed, his Worship the Mayor called upon the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire to try and prove the stone in accordance with the established customs and ancient forms used by his Craft. Having replied to the Mayor, accepting the request on behalf of himself and the brethren of the ancient Craft over which he presided in this Province, the Provincial Grand Master said:—Men and brethren here assembled to behold this ceremony, know ye that we be the lawful Masons, ever true and faithful to the laws of our country, and bound by solemn obligations to erect, or assist in the erection of, handsome buildings, to be useful to the brethren and mankind, and to serve God, the Great Architect of the Universe. We have among us, sealed from the eyes of all men, secrets which may not be revealed, and which no man has discovered; but those secrets are lawful and honourable, and are not repugnant to the laws of God or of man, for they were entrusted, in peace and in honour, to the Masons of ancient times, and having been faithfully transmitted to us, it is our duty to convey them unimpaired even to the latest posterity. Unless our Craft were good, and our calling honourable, we should not have had amongst us so many illustrious brethren, ever ready to obey our laws and to promote our interests. We are assembled before you this day for the purpose of trying and proving this foundation stone, and as the first duty of Freemasons in every undertaking is to invoke the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe upon their work, I will ask you to unite with our Senior Provincial Grand Chaplain in an address to the Throne of Grace. The Provincial Grand Chaplain then offered prayer. A silver trowel for the ceremony, bearing an inscription of the date and the event, was presented to the Mayor by the architects. The P.G.M. then placed himself on the east side of the stone with the D.P.G.M. upon his right, and the two Wardens placed themselves on the west side, each bearing the badge of his office, other officials and bearers of the mallet, corn, wine, and oil being near. The usual questions were put and answered, and after having applied the plumb, rule, level and square, with appropriate ceremonies, the Provincial Grand Master said: In the name and by the authority of the Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason of England, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and in his worthy and worshipful behalf, I declare this foundation stone, having been first tried and proved, according to the ancient Freemason's Craft, by the square, level, and plumb rule, to be well and truly laid in every particular. Subsequently corn was strewn, and oil and wine poured, upon the stone. Following a short address, the National Anthem was sung, and the procession re-formed and proceeded to the Lodge-room. Later in the afternoon the Masons and Officers dined together at the Town Hall. A large number of people witnessed the ceremony.

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## MASONIC FEMALE ORPHAN SOCIETY.

AT the half-yearly meeting of the Board of Governors, held at the Schoolhouse, Ballsbridge, on the 4th inst., the ballot for the election of nine pupils was declared, as follows, viz.:—E. A. Caddy, 1355; J. M. Charles, 2097; A. Johnston, 3299; E. T. Jones, 3028; L. E. Macguire, 3035; J. C. Mecredy, 2338; E. Midgley 900; M. M. Newburn, 2171; M. Niblock, 2785; M. J. Porter, 3087; E. M. Rockford, 1265. Johnston, Porter, Macguire, Jones, Niblock, Newburn, Mecredy, Charles, and Caddy were accordingly declared elected.

We beg to call the attention of our readers to the fact that the day fixed for the distribution of prizes at Wood Green stands for Thursday, the 27th instant, and not for Saturday, the 29th, as originally announced by us. The change of date was necessitated through the adjourned meeting of the General Committee being fixed for the 29th June, and it is to prevent these two events clashing that the alteration of date has been made.

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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CONSECRATION OF THE ST. ALKMUND LODGE,  
No. 2311.

ON Thursday, the 6th inst., this new Lodge was consecrated, at the Town Hall, Whitchurch. Amongst those present were the Right Worshipful Bro. Sir Osley Wakeman Bart. Provincial Grand Master, Bros. Rowland G. Venables Deputy Provincial Grand Master, W. H. Spaul P.G. Secretary, W. Bull, G. T. W. Claridge, R. Lucas, A. E. Hicks, T. Whitefoot, A. T. Ackroyd, F. Cox, W. Belton, O. Townsend, J. Avery, H. Major, S. Bennion, T. Roberts, D. Smart, J. Salmon, H. Cooksey, W. Putman, William Norton, T. Pratt, T. W. Thomson, J. Giuders, H. C. Wise, William Dunning, R. Finlow, T. H. Tait, all representatives of the Provincial Grand Lodge; and there were also present about sixty other brethren. The Right Worshipful Bro. Sir Osley Wakeman performed the consecration ceremony, and the Worshipful Bro. Rowland G. Venables, assisted by Bro. W. H. Spaul, the installation. The following Officers were invested:—Bros. V. C. L. Crump W.M., M. H. Davenport S.W., John Brayn J.W., T. B. Stevens Treasurer, Barrow Jones Secretary, W. Belton D.C., W. A. Powell S.D., Arthur Joyce J.D., T. T. Chubb I.G., W. C. Joyce and W. Adams Stewards, Thomas Evans Tyler, Barrow Jones Almoner, and William Baxter Charity Representative. After the transaction of the remaining business, the members and visitors went to the Fox and Goose Hotel, where a banquet had been provided. About seventy of the brethren sat down, the W.M. elect being in the chair.

## ST. PETER'S LODGE, No. 1024.

THE annual installation ceremony, which took place on Tuesday, the 11th inst., had been looked forward to with more than ordinary interest by the Masonic fraternity, not only in Maldon, but in all parts of the Province of Essex, owing to the fact that the W.M. elect was no less a personage than his Worship the Mayor of Maldon, Bro. Joseph Sadler, and that the Provincial Grand Master of Essex Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Brooke, M.P., had signified his intention of honouring the Lodge by his presence on the auspicious occasion. Lodge was opened at 3.30 p.m. by Bro. Arthur Barritt W.M., who afterwards, in a most impressive manner, performed the installation ceremony. The spacious Lodge room was crowded, among the Visitors being Bros. Lord Brooke, M.P., H. J. Ward 650, W. H. Scarlett 1799, F. J. Motum 697, H. Harper 160, F. Quilter 51, J. F. Wiseman 160, A. Buck 453, P. S. Buck 1702, W. H. Saunders 1503, G. A. Eustace 1977, John G. Renshaw 697, W. Langham 276, Rev. E. H. Crate 697, T. J. Ralling, H. J. Skingley 697, W. E. Sutton 1799, W. A. Rigden 160, Jas. Holt 1977, Thomas Sadler 25, E. A. Basham 1977, W. Strut 1977, M. W. Mead 1977, and Arthur Gibbs 1678. The W.M., Bro. Joseph Sadler, having been duly installed, proceeded to appoint and invest his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Arthur Barritt I.P.M., W. Gower S.W., C. Dibben J.W., W. Clover S.D., C. R. Finch J.D., C. R. Gowers I.G., C. F. Rush Organist, F. H. Bright and W. Howard Flanders Stewards, Rev. E. R. Horwood Chaplain, H. J. Sansom Treasurer, F. Geo. Green Secretary, George Huxtable Tyler. The W.M. was elected as representative on the Essex Charity Committee. Subsequently the brethren, numbering over 50, sat down to a sumptuous banquet at the King's Head Hotel; the W.M., Bro. Joseph Sadler, presided, having Lord Brooke on his right.

## HIGH PEAK LODGE, No. 1952.

ON the 10th inst. the annual festival and installation ceremony took place, in the Town Hall, Chapel-en-le-Frith, when there was a large gathering of the Craft from Buxton, Glossop, Chapel-en-le-Frith, New Mills, and other places. Bro. John Hallam was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year by Bros. T. E. Jones and J. Lingard, and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Major Lingard I.P.M., J. St. Leger S.W., Dr. W. S. Anderson J.W., Rev. W. P. Stamper Chaplain, J. Broadhurst S.D., E. Walker J.D., W. Ward I.G., R. H. Hyde Treasurer, James Whitehead Secretary, R. Longden Tyler.

## STRIGUEL LODGE, No. 2186.

ON Wednesday, the 29th ult., Brother Alexander Miller was duly installed as W.M., the ceremony taking place in the new Masonic Hall, Nelson-street, Chepstow. The installation was performed by Brother G. Yockney. The newly installed W.M. appointed the following brethren as his Officers:—Bros. C. W. Wnalley S.W., C. J. Ludham J.W., Rev. Watkin Davis Chaplain, A. Price Treasurer, W. T. Garrett Secretary, J. A. Miller S.D., T. S. Davis J.D., S. Callaghan D.C., J. S. Evans I.G., A. E. Kingsford Organist, T. Coombs Tyler. There was a large number of distinguished brethren present, including Bros. Colonel Lyne P.G.M., Captain S. G. Homfray D.P.G.M., George Higgins P.M. 457, &c. After the installation was over 50 of the brethren sat down to a banquet at the Beaufort hotel, provided by Hostess Garrett. The W.M. presided, being supported by his officers and the distinguished brethren present.

## HENDON LODGE, No. 2206.

AN ordinary meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday last, at the Old Welsh Harp, Hendon. There were present:—Bros. James Thom W.M., W. A. Scurrah I.P.M. and Secretary, Fraser S.W., A. H. Scurrah J.W., W. M. Stiles P.M. Treasurer, G. H. Lewis S.D., A. A. Nottingham J.D., W. Langley I.G., A. J. Hearne D.C., E. W. Wheeler Organist, W. B. Parsons A.D.C., F. W. Hearne Assistant Organist, C. H. Watts A.W.S., Whiting Tyler, and a full muster of members and visitors. The Lodge was opened in due form, and

minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. King and Davies, candidates for passing, answered the usual questions and were entrusted. Lodge was then advanced and Bros. King and Davies were duly passed to the degree of F.C. The brethren then proceeded to the election of a W.M. for the ensuing year, Brother Fraser, the S.W., being unanimously chosen to fill the office. The W.M. elect thanked the brethren in suitable terms for the high honour they had conferred upon him. Bros. Stiles and Whiting were re-elected Treasurer and Tyler respectively. Bros. King, Davies, and Hudson were appointed members of the Audit Committee. A P.M.'s jewel was voted to the retiring W.M., in recognition of his valuable services during the past year. There being no further business the Lodge was closed according to ancient custom. The brethren subsequently assembled at the banquet table, which Host Warner had furnished in capital style, worthily sustaining the reputation of the Old Welsh Harp. The usual toasts were duly honoured and responded to. The Hendon Lodge is well provided with musical talent, and several songs and recitations were given, which were much enjoyed by the members and visitors. The brethren separated at an early hour. The installation of the W.M. elect takes place on the second Saturday in September. The Lodge of Instruction meets every Wednesday at the Old Welsh Harp, at 8.30; visitors will be heartily welcomed.

Perseverance Lodge of Instruction, No. 1743.—At the meeting on Monday, the 27th May, at the Old Cheshire Cheese, Adde-street, E.C., Bros. C. G. Sparrow W.M., J. L. Mather S.W., Park J.W., Coxon S.D., Martindale I.G. This was the last meeting before the recess, and at the special request of the brethren, Bro. C. G. Sparrow P.M. 1743 (Secretary of the Perseverance Lodge of Instruction) occupied the chair. The Lodge was opened and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge opened to the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Lloyd acting as candidate. The W.M. gave the traditional history and explanation of the tracing board. In accordance with the Bye-laws, the Lodge was closed and adjourned until the first Monday in September, when it is hoped a goodly muster of the brethren will attend.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday. Bro. J. A. Farnfield P.A.G.D.C., Treasurer of the Institution, presided, and there were present Bros. Brett P.G.P., Bolton, Masters, Daniell, Cotter, Smith, Fairchild, Hubbert, West, Lacey, Berry, Daniel, Perryman P.G.P., Strugnell, Kempton, Stedwell, Perceval, Dr. Mickley, Dr. Jabez Hogg P.G.D., Haslip, Mead, Webb, Tattershall, Durrant, Dixon, Hobbs, Cumberland, Money, Newton, Bullen, Purchas, Making, Maudslay P.G.D., Scurrah, and James Terry (Secretary). The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, the Secretary read a list of the Committee of Management for the year, and reported the death of two male and one widow annuitants. The Warden's report for the past month was read, and the receipt of cheques, for £29 5s from Brother Sir J. B. Monckton, in respect of the John Hervey Memorial Fund, for distribution amongst four highest unsuccessful candidates (two men and two widows), and Brother Thomas Fenn on behalf of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, for £10, for division between the next highest unsuccessful candidates, was reported. Thanks to Sir J. B. Monckton and the Emulation Lodge for the remittances were unanimously passed. Bros. Tattershall, Murlis, Hogard, Brooks and Lacey were re-elected to serve as a Finance Committee for the ensuing year; and Bros. Raynham W. Stewart, J. A. Farnfield, C. J. Perceval, T. Cubitt, and J. Newton were re-elected as the House Committee. It was resolved that the Summer Entertainment to the residents of the Institution at Croydon should be arranged for by the House Committee, the cost to be defrayed by the Institution. Eight petitions (five male and three female) were duly considered and accepted, and the names ordered to be entered on the lists of candidates for the election in May 1890. The usual vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

The House and Audit Committees of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls seem to be alive to the exigencies of the situation in which their confrères of the companion School are placed. On Wednesday a joint conference was held, with a view to see what changes may be effected that will advantage the Institution.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Middlesex and Surrey will be holden at the Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadnall-street, E.C., on Friday next, the 21st instant. The Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened at 5.30, and a banquet will be served at 6.30 o'clock. Further particulars will be found in our Advertisement columns.



# 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 Free masonry 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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Names and addresses of Candidates, with name of Lodge and Chapter, must  
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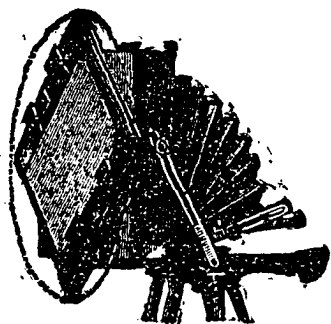
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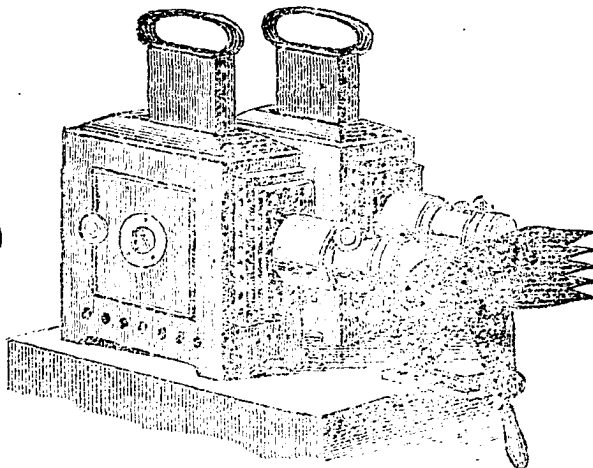
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THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS of the Province of Middlesex and Surrey will be holden at the Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall Street, E.C., on Friday, the 21st June 1889, when all the Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers, together with the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters and Acting Wardens of Lodges in the Province, are summoned to attend, and all Mark Master Masons are invited to be present.

The Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened at 5.30 o'clock.

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

By command of the R.W. P.G.M.M.,  
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Brethren intending to be present at the banquet should notify their intention to the Provincial Grand Secretary, on or before 18th June.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE will be held at the TOWN HALL, Twickenham, on Saturday, 29th June, at Three o'clock p.m.

By command of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master,  
HOWARD H. ROOM, P.M.,  
Provincial Grand Secretary.

30 Eardley Crescent, Earl's Court, London, S.W., 15th June 1889.  
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Banquet at the Town Hall at 5.30. (Cold). Tickets 8s 6d each (exclusive of wine).

Brethren intending to dine are requested to apply for Tickets (with a remittance) to the Prov. G. Secretary on or before 26th June, otherwise it will be impossible to make satisfactory arrangements, and in order to secure the comfort of those brethren who have obtained tickets, none can be issued after that date.

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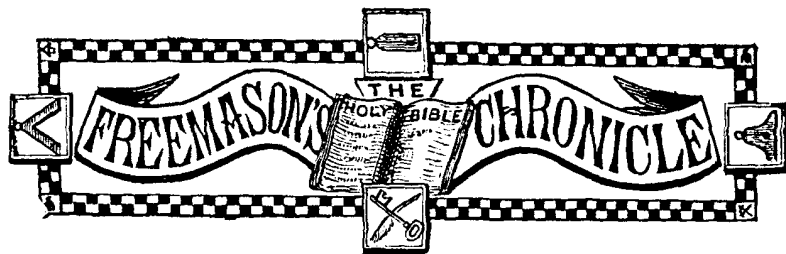
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THE BOYS' SCHOOL INQUIRY COMMITTEE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I extremely regret I was not able to be present at the meeting on the 6th instant. From what I have read and heard, I fear that on that occasion any appeal to the sense of justice of the meeting, or any defence of the House Committee of 1888-9 would have received scant hearing. It is impossible, in any letter that I could expect you to print, to go into one-tenth of the points raised by the Report of the Committee of Inquiry. Still, with your permission I propose to touch upon some few of the most important matters therein advanced.

We, the House Committee of 1888-9, are blamed for the sins of omission and commission of all our predecessors, while no praise is given us for what we and they have effected in the last few years. The improved educational tests and discipline in the School, the establishment of a New Hall and Preparatory School, the improved heating, &c., are all passed by without a sign of recognition.

It is well the Craft should understand that, owing to the fact the members of the House Committee are engaged in business, and that the Inquiry Committee naturally consulted their own convenience as to the time of sittings, it so happened that more than one witness gave his evidence in the absence of any representative of the House Committee. The Secretary appeared for himself. It would, therefore, have been fairer and more in keeping with ordinary justice if, when I offered, on behalf of the House Committee, to give any explanation or information on any point the Inquiry Committee might wish for, that questions should have been put to me on all the points on which they have reported so strongly against us and our predecessors. Most confidential communications, respecting the future government of the Institution, passed at that interview, no reporter being present during a great part of the time. Had any hint been given me that censure would be attached to any member of the House Committee, past or present, I should have asked for time to produce evidence to rebut the charges now fulminated against us. Unfortunately, I was completely deceived; and, at the next meeting of the House Committee, I stated that no charge had been formulated against us by the Inquiry Committee. The few notes that were taken will show that I was justified in so believing. I may therefore claim to deal as shortly as I can with the most important among the many points raised.

1st. The Inquiry Committee state (Report, p 17, par. 3) that "our conduct in dismissing all the Assistant Masters at once, in June 1887, subjected the discipline of the School to a severe strain." Now, on p 18, par. 6, they state that, "The Masters who inflicted corporal punishment, against the rules, were dismissed, and the rules are now adhered to." They forget to state that several of the Masters the House Committee dismissed (as mentioned on p 17) were those who broke through such rules. They consequently blame us and praise us for the same thing. We supported the Head Master in the dismissal of three of these, but we found that others he did not dismiss had also broken through the School Regulations. We applied an equal measure to all. That we were right is proved by the admission of the Head Master—"that he never had so good a body of Assistant Masters as he has now, and that the discipline of the School has much improved since they came."

2nd We are accused of being a "one man" Committee. This is not complimentary; in fact it is equivalent to saying of a barrister that his clerk writes his opinions. One telling instance to the contrary can be deduced in the calling into existence of the Inquiry Committee itself. This, although it is not mentioned in the Report, was brought about by a resolution proposed by me, on behalf of the House Committee. There were differences of opinion in our Committee, and the Secretary was appealed to on several of the points raised. The Secretary thereupon gave his opinion, and though that coincided with the adverse views previously expressed, yet the proposal was carried. Had the "one-man" prevailed, the Inquiry Committee would never in all probability have been called into existence. Not one instance of the House Committee allowing their opinions to be over-ruled has ever been proved.

3rd. The great "vermin" question (Report, page 21, paragraph 1), "We had evidences of neglected heads—cases of vermin." As I read the evidence, only two cases are suggested. It is difficult to say what number of cases the evidence refers to, inasmuch as no witness could give any time, date, or name of boy affected, nor was any boy produced who suffered, so it was impossible to test this evidence.

The Masters (two) who said they detected the cases were among those dismissed by the House Committee. Until the Inquiry Committee sat, the House Committee had not heard a word of any such thing happening. It was every Assistant's duty, if he saw such a thing, to at once communicate with the Head Master. These dismissed Masters never pretended that they had said a word to him, and the Head Master denied that he knew of any such cases.

The first Master called, after he had made his statement, was interrogated by me. After a question or two he showed such a malignant feeling against the House Committee that the Inquiry Committee told me I need not ask another question, and that his evidence "was unreliable," and "should be struck out." I did not ask another question, and the witness left the room. Now comes the curious part of this case. This "struck out" evidence appears in full in the transcript of the shorthand writer's notes, without any comment to show that it was struck out, and it is clear that this "struck out" evidence was used in preparing the Report.

On the other hand,—no boys in the School, the Head Master, the Matron, the Steward, the members of the House and Audit Committees, the Secretary, the Surgeon, the Hon. Surgeon Oculist, the hairdresser and his assistants ever saw such a case.

The next witness on this point was also a Master. The "vermin" case, therefore, as reported upon against the House Committee, depends upon the evidence of one dismissed Master, which was ordered to be struck out, and of one other dismissed Master. Both these were examined by the House Committee, "before their services were dispensed with," and the then unanimous conclusion arrived at was, that; any statement of theirs was absolutely unreliable. The Inquiry Committee agree with us as to the "unreliability" of one witness; we now ask the Craft to agree with us as to the other, and we call upon our brethren to conclude that the Inquiry Committee have committed an error of judgment in lending the weight of their authority to this unfounded stigma upon our boys and the Institution.

4th. The Inquiry Committee report (page 21, par. 6) that though many complaints were made about the bad heating of the school-room, "nothing was actually done until July 1887." Let the Craft compare with this assertion the following accounts (laid before the Inquiry Committee) of monies actually expended in improving the heating apparatus during the time that "nothing was done." Up to 1884 about £2000 had been spent upon the heating apparatus. In 1884 we spent £136, and in 1885 £468. In 1886 we spent £300. Again, it was known to everybody concerned that the old boiler power was weak and worn out, and that until the new boilers for the new School and Laundry could be put in, the system of warming the School, &c., could not be perfected. This was accomplished, in 1888, at a final expenditure of £374. And yet it is asserted "that nothing was done up to 1887." Moreover, these amounts do not include the sum of £1700 expended with the same object in connection with the New Buildings.

5th. As to the bad sight prevalent among the boys. Complaint was brought to the House Committee on this subject, and immediately we heard of this the Medical Officer was instructed to make inquiries and report to the House Committee. This was done, and then new lights were put in, and in some of the rooms the lights were lowered. The boys complained that this caused great heat to their heads. I may add, further efforts were under consideration.

But a most damaging and erroneous statement has been circulated in the Report, which has been brought before the notice of the Inquiry Committee in a letter of our Treasurer, a fortnight ago, but to which no answer has been vouchsafed. The Report asserts (p 14, par. 2) "that the Hon. Surgeon Oculist told us that double the ordinary per centage of defective sight occurs among the pupils." During the last few days I have been obliged to consult Bro. Dr. Jabez Hogg professionally, and I learnt that this assertion of the Committee had "astonished him." As he allows me to refer to his evidence given to the Inquiry Committee, I will quote what he did say:—

Question:—There was a larger per centage (of short sight) than you would expect in boys in such a school?

Answer:—Just so; but the shortness of sight was not a bigger per centage than we get in such like schools, and in Germany it is double what we get in England.

He explains the amount of bad sight prevalent as partly due to constitutional causes, to which causes he more especially refers.

I have now examined cases which show, 1st, that some of the Inquiry Committee's conclusions are negatived by convincing proofs; 2nd, in other cases their conclusions have been founded upon rotten and tainted evidence, contradicted by all who could testify to facts; 3rd, in others assertions are contradicted by documentary evidence; and 4th, in another case the authority they quote in support of their conclusion directly negatives that conclusion.

One word as to the bathing arrangements. The Head Master should have seen that the boys had their baths in divisions, on different nights, and then there would have been plenty of water for all.

So much for the past. As to the future—in my opinion, expressed to the House Committee and others—that if the Inquiry Committee did their duty they would report in favour of an expenditure approaching £10,000 to bring the Institution up to modern requirements. They have done so, and more, inasmuch as their recommendations will, unquestionably, in addition to this capital sum, entail an increased annual outlay of some £100.

The House Committee have, for a long time, considered the necessities referred to, and are glad to find that their views have been generally accepted by the Inquiry Committee.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

A. F. GODSON.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—On the 25th ultimo you were good enough to insert—though in a "maimed" fashion—a communication from me. May I again trouble you?

"'Old' Binckes is to go!" everybody says this; so, it must be true. Yet, I ask—Why, why; why? Has he committed "Forgery?" Is he worn out? Or, has he lost interest in his work?

He has laboured for us, consistently, for nearly thirty years—have we already had too much of him? Or is it to "new blood" that we must look for success in the future?

Oh! that horrid cockroach in the bread.

Oh! the dreadfully unsatisfactory condition of the meat.

Poor half-starved, over-worked boys.

Head Master,—So curbed he cannot govern the unruly element.

Inhuman House Steward,—Likes flowers, does he? The villain.

Secretary,—Monarch of all he surveys. Crush him!

I would suggest, in the words of a popular author,—"All's a muddle."

Yours fraternally,

A LOOKER ON.

[We recognise our correspondent as a staunch supporter of the Masonic Institutions, but while we plead guilty to the "maiming" he refers to, he must pardon us if we exercise our prerogative and occasionally use the "curb" over his utterances.—Ed. F.C.]

The following Circular has been sent out to the members of the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928:—

93 Chancery Lane, W.C.

15th June 1889.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—You are aware that I have undertaken the office of Steward to represent our Lodge at the forthcoming Festival which will celebrate the completion of the ninety-first year of the existence of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. This Festival will be held at the Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, on Wednesday, 3rd July, when Very Worshipful Brother Richard Eve, Past Grand Treasurer, Past Provincial Grand Senior Warden Hants and Isle of Wight, Patron of the Institution, and of the Girls' School, and of the Benevolent Institution, will preside, and dinner will be on the table at six o'clock. Ladies will dine with the brethren on the occasion.

I am anxious—very anxious—to take up to that Festival as large a total as possible on my list, knowing from a personal experience of a quarter of a century the extreme value of the Institution, and, I may add, its extreme wants. My interest in it has never faltered since I first became acquainted with it, and I rely upon the Brethren of the Gallery Lodge, who may not know so well as I do its merits, to take upon trust, from a Brother who has always received from them the utmost confidence, the assurance that whatever amount they may please to honour him with will be applied towards advancing the best interests of a charity which has not only done much good work in the past, but is destined to take a far higher place in the immediate future as an educational establishment, and as a home for the sons of Freemasons, than ever it has attained before.

I enclose for your careful perusal some particulars which are issued from the office of the Institution, and I shall be happy to receive your name as a contributor to my list.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Very faithfully and fraternally yours,

H. MASSEY,

P.M. 619, P.M. and Treasurer 1928.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Somerset and the various Lodges in the Province will go into mourning for six months in memory of the late Bro. Brigadier-General Adair P.P.G.M., and the late Bro. Sumner Toms P.G.J.W.

The s.s. "Herald," which now runs twice a-week, on Tuesday and Saturday, from Blackwall to Boulogne, offers a pleasant and economical means of visiting the Paris Exhibition and other attractions on the Continent, and we anticipate it being well patronised during the present season. A call is made on each journey at Margate, and the fares charged are so moderate that, for this service alone, we imagine the accommodation of the vessel will be taxed to the utmost. The command is entrusted to an experienced seaman, while one of the most enthusiastic brethren of the metropolis is interested in the venture, which on this account alone should recommend itself to the general body of the Craft. A list of the fares and other particulars will be found among our advertisements.

## Obituary.

BRO. CAPT. W. H. FIELD.

THIS worthy Brother, who was a member of Vitruvian Lodge, No. 87, and of the Royal Savoy, No. 1744, departed this life on the 31st ultimo. At his funeral, which took place at Brompton Cemetery, a number of Brethren and personal friends and comrades assembled to pay their last tribute of respect to a kind and genial companion. The proceedings were carried out with military honours.

## MARK MASONRY.

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## PROV. GRAND LODGE OF LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Lincolnshire was held in the Masonic Hall, at Grimsby, on Thursday, the 6th instant. The Right Worshipful Bro. W. H. Smyth, D.L., Provincial Grand Master, was present, and was supported by a very large number of past and present Provincial Grand Officers. Every Lodge in the Province was represented, about 260 brethren being present. The statements of the Prov. Grand Treasurer Bro. C. M. Nesbitt, the P.G. Registrar Bro. H. Watson, the P.G. Secretary Bro. P. Vickers, and the P.G. Steward Bro. H. E. Consens, having been received, the Grand Master announced that the office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master had been rendered vacant by the resignation of Bro. Major E. Locock, whose failing health compelled him to relinquish the duties. He had intended investing Bro. Sissons with the office, but a family bereavement had rendered that impossible, and he had therefore selected Bro. James Fowler as his Deputy. Bro. J. Fowler, having been duly installed into the office, was presented with the hearty good wishes of all the Lodges in the Province. It was resolved to present Bro. H. E. Consens with a jewel, in recognition of his services as Charity Steward during a period of two years. Bro. C. M. Nesbitt was re-elected Treasurer. It was decided that the Girls' Institution should be the Charity to receive the support of the Province during the year, and Bro. H. T. Bellamy and Bro. J. Ward were elected Stewards. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master then appointed and invested the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year. It was announced that Provincial Grand Lodge would next year be held at Sutton Bridge. The Lodge was opened and closed by Bro. J. B. Morton W.M. and the Officers of the Pelham Pillar Lodge, who entertained the visiting brethren in a most hospitable manner. By the permission of the Provincial Grand Master the brethren were subsequently grouped and photographed in their Masonic clothing. The usual banquet took place in the Town Hall, 178 brethren being present.

## THE THEATRES, &amp;c.

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**Princess's.**—The nautical drama by Henry Byatt, entitled "True Heart," has proved a success. We need not wonder at this, the piece is a good one of its kind and deals with exciting events. These are well put together, and with the excellent comedy parts supplied the work cannot fail to amuse and interest an audience. The author has not found much that is new to build his plot upon; the villain has everything his own way, except when he desires to get rid of the heroine. She, with the help of a brave skipper lover, and the help of her mother, manages to brave the troubles heaped upon her by the enemy. Such items as a woman falling from a balcony, drugged champagne, with a ship-wreck and rescue by the lifeboat, are happily brought in, with result that the hero and heroine are eventually made happy and the villain defeated. The balcony scene is effective, but puts us in mind of the scaffold scene in "Drink," while the lifeboat business is capitally managed, under the direction of Mr. Richard Douglass. When the company get into better order, and work closer, this scene should prove very effective, but on the first night it was marred by lack of vigour. The company is all that can be desired, and each individual does credit to the author. Mr. Leonard Boyne makes a brave skipper of the barque "True Heart," while in the love scenes he is in his element. Mr. Bassett Roe presents the villain who causes so much trouble to the young couple, and he does his work well; while Mr. Julian Cross also scores as a rascally marine store dealer. Mr. Yorke Stephens has a part that suits him—a kind of Mr. Barnes of New York—and his "repose" denotes careful study. A very objectionable task is cleverly got through by Mr. H. H. Morell, while other parts are splendidly played by Mr. E. W. Garden and Miss Helen Leyton. Miss Grace Hawthorne, as the heroine, makes the most of her opportunities in the more serious parts; she is seen to best advantage, however, in the love scenes. Mrs. Frank Hantley has but a small part, but, as usual, enacts it creditably. Excellent scenery has been painted by Messrs. Bruce Smith and Richard C. Durant. We hear the piece now runs much closer, and during the week has secured popularity. It deserves to do so for some time to come.

**Novelty.**—A great deal has been, and doubtless will be written on Mr. William Archer's translation of Henrik Ibsen's play, "A Doll's House." That it will hardly suit the present taste of playgoers we are ready to admit, but now the management has decided to keep the piece on for another fortnight, we advise our readers to see it. The moral of the play is hardly likely to become a popular one, while the idea of the wife giving up both husband and children because she has deceived her husband, who does not shield, but, on the contrary, upbraids her, is hardly true to nature. Still these faults are not to be attributed to Mr. Archer; he has simply translated the work. It is in three acts, and from start to finish is interesting. The quarrel is worked up to in masterly fashion, and makes one anxious to know the end. Still, when the play is over, the audience leave with an unpleasant feeling, and the reflection suggests itself could a mother be found who would leave her home as does Nora Helmer in this case? What is the all-important cause? True, it was brought about by her, and with the husband's honour at stake, one can easily conceive him being annoyed. When he learns the secret is safe he is willing to forgive, but this his wife will not listen to. The skill shown by the interpreters of the piece is of the highest order. Miss Achurch, as the wife, in the earlier scenes is capital, and when trouble comes to her she rises to the situation

admirably. This portraiture will advance her a rung on the ladder of fame. Mr. Royce Carleton's villain is another sterling piece of acting, carefully studied and well brought out. Mr. Herbert Waring makes the husband an interesting character, one much to be pitied; and his last scene is especially good. Mr. Charles Charrington realizes the peculiarities of an old doctor with marked success; while Miss Gertrude Warden is painstaking with the small part that has been allotted her. We conclude by saying "A Doll's House" is worth seeing.

**Shaftesbury.**—The new lessees of this theatre have preferred the prudent policy of presenting to the public an assured success to the bolder policy of putting on the boards a new play, and the enthusiastic applause which greeted Mr. Willard on his first appearance, and at every suitable opportunity during the play, as also at the conclusion, showed that the lessees were not mistaken in their opinion as to the drawing powers of the late Sir Charles Young's drama, "Jim the Penman." The play is too well known to need description or criticism. The same may almost be said of Mr. Willard's impersonation of James Ralston the Forger. It is a masterly performance, and not less so when the actor is compelled to be silent as when it is his province to speak. It says a great deal for Mr. Willard's art that although Ralston began his successful career by ruining a friend and depriving him of his intended wife, and ends by thieving his future son-in-law's diamonds, and is, in fact, a thorough-paced blackguard, yet the prevailing note is one of pity for a hunted, conscience-stricken man, whose every gesture reveals the depth of his mental anguish. The present writer had the pleasure of seeing Mr. Willard on his first appearance in London, when he supported Miss Helen Barry at the ill-starred Imperial Theatre. His acting then gave promise of a successful career, and he has more than justified the impression he made. To return to the play. The honours of the performance were shared with Mr. Willard by Lady Monckton, who repeats her impersonation of the forger's tortured wife. This is Lady Monckton's best part, if we may except her acting at the Opera Comique, when she almost saved Mr. Tristram's unfortunate play from being laughed off the stage. Miss Henrietta Lindley adequately resumes the rôle of Lady Dunscombe. For the rest the cast is new. Mr. Mackintosh takes Mr. Beerbohm Tree's part of Baron Hartfeld, but gives an independent reading of it, and presents the Baron as a Dutch Jew. Mr. Mackintosh acted well, but suffers by comparison with Mr. Tree. Mr. Herbert is not yet quite at home as Lewis Percival. Mr. Elwood as Captain Redwood, Mr. Fred Terry as Lord Drolincourt, Mr. Crofton as George, Ralston's son, Mr. Keith as Dr. Pettywise, Mr. Watson as Dr. Netherby, M.P., Mr. Blatchley as Mr. Chepstow, Q.C., and Mr. Rimball as a servant were adequate exponents of the parts allotted to them. Mr. Fred Terry, perhaps, deserves special recognition, and there is a future before him if he will but seize his opportunities. Mrs. Brooke as Mrs. Chepstow, a lady as inquisitive as her husband is loquacious, and Miss Mabel Hardinge as Agnes, Ralston's daughter, who did her love making prettily and without affectation, completed an adequate cast. Mr. Willard, in returning thanks at the end of the performance, promised the production of new plays by popular authors. One of these may be a social study by Mr. H. A. Jones. But as far so one can judge from first night appearances a new play will not be needed yet awhile.

**Gaiety.**—Cordial support continues to be extended towards the French company now in possession of the boards of this theatre, and, in spite of the present changeable weather, the house shows each evening those appearances so devoutly wished for by the managers. Playing in a different piece each evening must be very trying to the performers, but no sign of slowness or inaccuracy is perceptible, and each play is presented as smoothly as though it had been some time in rehearsal. Although comedy forms the principal portion of the programme, it is exhibited in various phases. Thus, in sequence, we have had "Les Précieuses Ridicules," "L'Etraogère," "L'Aventurière," "Les Surprises du Divorce," and the dramas "La Dame aux Camelias" and "Denise." In each of these plays Madame Jane Hading and M. Coquelin sustain the principal characters, and though several of them are widely different in thought and action the spectator still enjoys with satisfaction a perfect presentment of the authors' ideas. Several of the pieces have been adapted to the English stage, and it is interesting to note the different conceptions of the personages from a French and English point of view. We may add that for the benefit of those of the audience whose French is rusty, an admirable translation of each piece is obtainable at the theatre.

We dropped in here on Tuesday evening to see M. Coquelin play the rôle of M. Perrichon in M. Labiche's comedy, "Le Voyage de M. Perrichon." There was some discontent at the long waits between the acts, but this was unreasonable considering the elaborate nature of the scenery. But for this the play went merrily enough, and M. Coquelin, as M. Perrichon, kept the audience amused from beginning to end. The plot of the play is somewhat thin. M. Perrichon's daughter has two lovers, and prefers the one whom her father through a misunderstanding dislikes. But all comes right in the end. Those who wish to see an exemplification of the statement that the highest art is to conceal art should go and see M. Coquelin.

"Æsop's Fables," by J. P. Hurst, will be produced at the Strand, on Wednesday evening next, with Mr. W. S. Penley in the cast.

A Provincial Grand Lodge of Gloucestershire was held at Tewkesbury, on Wednesday, the 5th inst., by the Provincial Grand Master, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P. It was attended by nearly one hundred and fifty of the principal Freemasons of the province. A banquet followed.



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, 15th JUNE.

- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (Inst.)
- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
- 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
- 1275—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
- 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
- 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
- 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)
- M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
- M.M. 357—Chiswick, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge
- 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
- 410—Grove, Sun Hotel, Kingston
- 453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
- 1194—Villiers, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
- 1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton
- 1494—Felix, Clarence Hotel, Teddington
- 1861—Claremont, Crown Hotel, Chertsey
- 1897—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow
- 2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
- R.A. 1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton
- R.A. 2096—George Price, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.
- M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Tottenham
- M.M. 205—Beaconsfield, Chequers, High-street, Walthamstow
- M.M. 354—Rose and Lily, Four Swans, Waltham Cross

MONDAY, 17th JUNE.

- 22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 27—Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
- 45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
- 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
- 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
- 648—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
- 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
- 975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst.)
- 1159—Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
- 1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8. (In)
- 1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
- 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
- 1506—White Horse of Kent, Holborn, Viaduct Hotel
- 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
- 1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Patney, at 8. (In)
- 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
- 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
- 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
- 1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
- 1743—Perseverance, 23 Adde Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
- 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
- 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
- 1910—Shadwell Clarke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
- 2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
- R.A. 1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- M.M. 224—Menatschin, Criterion, Piccadilly
- K.T. 131—Holy Sanctuary, 33 Golden-square, W
- 77—Freedom, Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
- 236—York, Masonic Hall, York
- 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
- 331—Phoenix Public Room, Truro
- 359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
- 424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
- 466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
- 622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
- 623—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dowsbury
- 925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
- 934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield
- 1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Hutton Norris, near Stockport
- 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
- 1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
- 1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
- 1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
- 1238—Gooch, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
- 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
- R.A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
- R.A. 345—Perseverance, Old Ball Hotel, Blackburn
- R.A. 482—St. James, New Inn, Hantsworth
- R.A. 557—Valletort, Masonic Hall, Callington, Cornwall
- R.A. 779—St. Augustine, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
- R.A. 1284—Brent, Masonic Hall, Toppam
- M.M. 141—Skelmersdale, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyao

TUESDAY, 18th JUNE.

- Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
- 25—Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., at 9. (Instruction)
- 56—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bags, Tottenham, at 7 (Inst)
- 65—Prosperity, City Arms Restaurant, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
- 141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst.)
- 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
- 198—Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 8. (Instruction)
- 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst)
- 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
- 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
- 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
- 830—Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
- 861—Finsbury, King's Head, Three-needle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
- 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
- 1321—Emblematic, Mona Hotel, Horse-chaise-street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
- 1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
- 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Cannon Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge
- 1446—Mount Edgecumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
- 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
- 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
- 1510—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1695—New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
- 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst.)
- 1339—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)

- 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 9 (Instruction)
- Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
- R.A. 11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- R.A. 186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
- R.A. 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
- R.A. 1348—Ebury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
- R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
- R.A. 2021—Queen's Westminster, 81 Red Lion Square, W.C.
- M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
- R.C. 45—Oxford and Cambridge, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square

- 213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
- 418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Huxley
- 448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
- 452—Frederick of Unity, Freemasons' Hall, 105 High Street, Croydon
- 510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
- 667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, at 7. (Instruction)
- 960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
- 1006—Tregulow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scourier, Cornwall
- 1052—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
- 1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
- 1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 1353—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction)
- 1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
- 1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
- 1473—Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction)
- 1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
- 1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
- 1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
- 1726—Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor
- 1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
- 1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugely
- 2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
- R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
- R.A. 80—St. John's, Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, Sunderland
- R.A. 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
- R.A. 792—Oliver, Masonic Hall, Osborne Street, Great Grimsby
- R.A. 1151—Unity, Town Hall, Tywardroath, Cornwall
- M.M.—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate

WEDNESDAY, 19th JUNE.

- Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6
- 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
- 30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
- 73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst)
- 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
- 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. (Inst.)
- 865—Dalhousie, Town Hall, Hounslow
- 902—Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glogall Road, Cubitt Town
- 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
- 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
- 1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (In.)
- 1682—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
- 1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
- 1731—Cholmeley, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill
- 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
- 1963—Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8. (Instruction)
- R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Inst.)
- R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
- R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
- M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
- R.C. 44—Bard of Aron, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square
- R.C.—St. Andrew, Cafe Royal, Regent Street, W
- 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Cshatham
- 121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
- 178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigau
- 200—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
- 210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Doughton
- 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
- 216—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.
- 274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Huddersfield
- 290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
- 325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Suffolk
- 342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Lewport
- 363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth
- 581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
- 694—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
- 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
- 633—Ya-borough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
- 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
- 750—Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Railway-street, Clockcaseam
- 758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Raucora, Cheshire
- 795—St. John, Ray Meal Hotel, Maidenhead
- 816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
- 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tisbury Wall
- 962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Worthing
- 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
- 1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Woking
- 1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
- 1086—Watton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkstall, Liverpool
- 1206—Cinque Ports, Leith Hotel, Sandwich
- 1255—Dunans, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
- 1301—Brighthouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighton
- 1353—Duke of Lancaster, Anemeton, Newcastle
- 1366—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
- 1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ouseburn
- 1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
- 1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe
- 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Norwich, Norfolk
- 1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Putney
- 1644—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Rensselaer
- 1638—Browning, Sun Hotel, Kingston on Thames
- 1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
- 1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
- 1971—Adersnot Army and Navy, Imperial Hotel, Aldersnot
- 1988—Mawddack, St. Ann's Buildings, Barmouth, N. Wales
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- R.A. 1357—Chorlton, Masonic Hall, High Lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy

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- House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4  
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)  
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)  
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)  
 740—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)  
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)  
 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)  
 1017—Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1227—Upton, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.  
 1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)  
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bothnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct)  
 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)  
 1338—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)  
 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)  
 1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1802—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (Instruction)  
 1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)  
 1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)  
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In.)  
 1681—Londesborough, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.  
 1744—Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1791—Creton, Wheatshaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (1st)  
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1996—Priory, Berrymead Priory Constitutional Club, High-st., Acton. (Inst.)  
 R.A. 63—St. Mary, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge  
 R.A. 733—Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood  
 R.A. 763—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In)  
 R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8: (Instruction)  
 M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)

- 56—Howard, High-street, Arundel  
 98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem  
 100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth  
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden  
 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne  
 343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston  
 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn  
 367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge  
 523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester  
 600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford  
 871—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley  
 1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford  
 1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds  
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool  
 1320—Blackheath, Green Man, Blackheath  
 1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town  
 1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon  
 1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton  
 1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley  
 1580—Cranborne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1817—St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shoebury-ness  
 1872—St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton  
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 M.M.—Canynge, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol  
 M.M. 17—Portsmouth, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth  
 K.T.—William de la More, Masonic Rooms, St. Helens, Liverpool

## FRIDAY, 21st JUNE.

- House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4  
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 6  
 6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's  
 167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)  
 765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)  
 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)  
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)  
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)  
 975—Rose of Denmark, Greyhound, Richmond  
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1228—Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)  
 1293—Royal Standard, Builders Arms, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)  
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)  
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)  
 2030—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 70—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst.)  
 R.A. 92—Moira, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.  
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Instruction)  
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)  
 M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In)  
 K.T. 6—St. George's, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.

- 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 271—Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
 347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel Tipton  
 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 516—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket  
 541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle  
 993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme  
 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal  
 1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds  
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1644—Alma Mater, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
 1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton  
 1993—Wolseley, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester. (Instruction)  
 2005—Brooke Forest Hotel, Chingford  
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8  
 R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham  
 R.A. 52—Royal George, Norfolk Hotel, Norwich  
 R.A. 403—Hertford, Shire Hall, Hertford  
 R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield  
 R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon  
 M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 R.C.—White Rose of York, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

## SATURDAY, 22nd JUNE.

- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)  
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1275—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cook Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1541—Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct  
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)  
 1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow  
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith at 7.30. (In)  
 R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
 R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe  
 1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst  
 1982—Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom

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