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## THE BOYS' SCHOOL CRITICS.

WITHOUT for one moment wishing to imply that Bro. Philbrick and those who were associated with him in the inquiry they recently conducted into the affairs of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys are unable to answer the criticisms which have followed on their Report, we unhesitatingly characterise the reply of Bro. Philbrick, which appeared in the *Freemason* last week—and we presume he acts on behalf of the whole Committee of Inquiry—as no response to the challenge of Bro. A. F. Godson, who, in our issue of the 15th inst., touched upon some few of the most important matters advanced in the Report. We know that a full copy of Bro. Godson's letter was addressed to our contemporary, the *Freemason*, the editor of which journal, in the exercise of his discretion, mutilated it by cutting out the paragraphs relating to the evidence which Bro. Godson says was considered "unreliable," and which was ordered to be "struck out." This was really the most important item in the communication; at least we so regarded it, and our opinion has been endorsed by many supporters of the Institution. Bro. Philbrick is too good an advocate not to take advantage of this mutilation, and we can only hope that on some future occasion he, or some other member of the Inquiry Committee, will give the Craft their version of the point at issue. Of course we must give Bro. Philbrick the benefit of the doubt, and accept his view when he tells us—as he probably will—that the omitted paragraphs never came under his notice, but we can scarcely believe he was unaware that Bro. Godson especially challenged this "unreliable" and "struck out" evidence, for, in addition to the publication of Bro. Godson's remarks in our pages, some thousands of copies of the complete letter have been circulated throughout the country. We suppose Bro. Philbrick and the other members of his Committee do not read everything that is addressed to them, else we should be convinced they had a knowledge of this particular matter. However, as it stands, there is a charge against the Committee of having acted on evidence which they considered unreliable, and which they had ordered to be "struck out," and as they are in a position to at once set at rest all doubt on this point, it is not asking too much to expect from them an early explanation.

In other respects the reply of Bro. Philbrick reads very much like the work of a man who feels he has "might" at his back, and who treats those who question his views as being on the losing side; accordingly, open to all and to any taunts he may choose to level at them. He and his fellow workers on the Committee of Inquiry have made out a case for themselves, and have won the approval of the "mob;" we have yet to see what benefits will result from the very high handed way in which they

drew up their Report, or whether the actual supporters of the Institution will stand by and give these conclusions the full measure of their encouragement. We are told the Committee of Inquiry undertook a laborious and a thankless office, and that it would have been easier, and far more agreeable for them, to make matters pleasant all round. This latter they were not asked to do, but we still question the expediency, or the justice, of attacking men and Committees, as they have done, without first telling those men what they intended to do. They were not supposed to be a bench of judges, trying a band of hardened criminals, but an assemblage of gentlemen, inquiring into the actions and duties of other gentlemen, equally entitled to consideration as themselves; and, for all we at present know, as likely to be right as their "savage critics."

If the work of inquiry was laborious and thankless, how much more so is that which devolved on the House and other Committees, month after month, in the management of the Institution. It would have been far different if a number of paid officials alone had to be considered; then, perhaps, hard words might be used by those who regarded themselves, for the time being as masters of the situation; but when one Honorary Committee takes upon itself to severely condemn the actions of another Honorary Committee, we think a little common courtesy might be introduced, even if we leave out of the question any consideration of Masonic spirit, or brotherly regard. The members of the Committees attacked have shown their feeling in the matter, by throwing up all responsibility in regard to the future, and were it not that silence on their part might have been misunderstood, we should have advised them to say nothing in reply to the Committee's Report;—they should simply have resigned their offices, and have left the Craft to find out whether or no they deserved the severe, and, in a manner of speaking, harsh criticisms heaped upon them. The Report is most unjust; it makes grave charges against a number of individuals, which charges have been widely circulated, while it is next to impossible to ensure similar publicity for any defence, unless indeed the men who are attacked care to spend a matter of £100 or £150, in printing and postages, to place their views with equal prominence before the Craft. If this is meting out justice with an even hand it is certainly a surprise to us, and we do not wonder that those who have been attacked should feel annoyed at the treatment they have received.

The annual meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge of Suffolk will be held at the Town Hall, Beccles, on Wednesday next, the 3rd July. Prov. Lodge will be opened at 12.30. The Great Eastern Railway Company will issue "privilege" tickets for Beccles, at a reduced rate, at any of their principal stations, on production of the summons.

## MASONRY LIVES IN ITS PATRONS.

*Address of Bro. W. D. Todd, Most Worshipful Grand Master, at the Laying of the Corner-Stone of the New Masonic Temple, in Denver, Colorado, 8th April 1889.*

**M**EN and brethren here assembled, be it known to you that we are lawful Masons, true and faithful to the laws of our country, and engaged by solemn obligation to erect magnificent buildings to be serviceable to the brethren and mankind, and to fear God, the Great Architect of the Universe. We have among us, concealed from the eyes of others, secrets we do not divulge; but these secrets are lawful and honourable, and not repugnant to the laws of God or man. They were entrusted, in peace and honour, to the Masons of ancient times, and, having been faithfully transmitted to us, it is our duty to convey them to the latest posterity.

In the morning light of sunshine men forget the long hours of preceding darkness and the small beginnings that lead to complete fruition. We see here to-day not merely the sturdy labour of a few weeks or months, but the foresight, the patience and the waiting of many years. The Fraternity to-day could not erect the stately edifice destined to grace this corner had there not a generation ago been men equally zealous, who made it possible by laying the foundation for the fund which you are now expending. Most of those brethren have gone to their eternal reward. They sowed and we reap. They laid a corner-stone which we may well recall on this pleasant occasion, for Masonry loves to be true and give unto every man his just dues, without distinction. The foundation stone of this temple was laid down deep in the ground many years ago, and it has been our privilege to perfect the work thus modestly begun. Our ceremony to-day is but brief, but not too brief to deprive us of a kindly thought for the services of our pioneers and those who followed on, fostering and caring for the ultimate end, through a long series of years.

It is not necessary to more than allude to the foundation of a Fraternity whose origin is more or less uncertain, but as to whose antiquity there is no division of opinion; nor to the ceremonies with which you are familiar. But among our customs, which have come to be recognised as well beyond as within our precincts, none is more general than that the corner-stone of important public buildings should be laid by the Fraternity of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, and according to their time-honoured ceremonies; and if this is desirable in public buildings, it is still more so in edifices to be devoted to Masonic purposes as this is to be.

But, my brethren, it is not of the character of Masonry as an operative art, or its ceremonies as they appear to the uninitiated, that I shall briefly address you, but in its speculative character. We do not now attempt the erection of buildings such as King Solomon's Temple, whose practical workmanship, architectural skill and effects, as seen through the long vista of ages which have rolled by, has never been excelled or even approximately equalled; but an attempt to emulate the character of the Grand Master, whose temple is not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. So that as we can no longer as a Craft lay claim to operative workmanship, our reputation must be established on a speculative foundation. This magnificent building, with no architectural superior in our beautiful city, and not many if any in our great country, and which will stand as a monument to the character and liberality of the Masonic Fraternity in Denver when we now present shall have so long smouldered into dust that the living shall have never heard our names, is after all a mere mass of brick and stone, differing only from other buildings in various details of material and arrangement.

But Masonry, as it is now practised, is moral and not physical. While it is true that the great temple erected by our ancient brethren has long since passed into the elements or been buried deep in the rubbish of ages, and its very existence, perhaps, to the cynical, a mere myth of history, not so with its builders, for though dead they still survive as then. Our ancient Grand Masters still live—live in the love and veneration of the thousands upon thousands of their brothers, scattered all over the habitable globe, and not only do they live now, but will continue to live until time shall be no more.

Nor is Masonry kept alive by mere empty forms and

ceremonies, or by such exercises as we have held to-day, nor by the work that is done within our tyled Lodges; if that were true the mould would long since have been heaped over its grave; it would long since have taken place amongst the forgotten orders and societies of the past. While it is quite unnecessary to attempt to trace our Masonic antiquity or to feel that our existence in any degree depends upon the truth or fiction of its origin, yet we do know that this is the oldest living organisation, and that its members are yearly increasing. Then, if that much be true, which is unquestionable, there must be some reason for it, and that reason is its inner character.

The world at large can see its public ceremonies, can read its public rituals, can see its members in their daily walks of life, but Masonry, as it is, is reserved for you, my brethren, and that which is not seen by men is that to which Masonry owes its present and future existence. Masonry is the character of its members, and this the world sees, quietly measures and understands at its true worth. Its effects the world sees; its causes they can only surmise.

Now, my brethren, if this corner-stone has been successfully laid, not merely as a trifling part of a material structure, but if its moral application has touched the hearts of the Masonic Fraternity of Denver, the future of Masonry here will exhibit it, and I will be proud of the humble part I have had in these ceremonies. Perfection is not earthly, has never been attained by man, and we do not pretend to claim impossibilities for ourselves or Masonry, but if we continually strive to make each day better than the next preceding, we shall come as near perfection as men or organisations ever reach.

A few words to you, my brethren of Denver, who are building the magnificent temple dedicated to Masonry. The higher our pretensions the more scrutinising the public examination, and therefore the greater the necessity of conduct in the daily walks of life that shall be above just criticism, that the cause we represent may not suffer. Strive to keep in mind that the Masonic character should be in keeping with this temple—broad, generous and towering upwards. Let it not be said that hearts and hands are less ready to be stretched forth to a needy brother than when our home was more humble and less pretentious. Never forget that it is the giver in this brief walk of life who most enjoys gifts bestowed and kindly acts performed, provided he be influenced by love and not by display.

Remember, too, that as you preserve the high character of Masonry, you elevate the community in which you live, and so unconsciously become better citizens, and by example and influence elevate the standard of general society. Remember, again, that although you are but an infinitesimal part of the great brotherhood, existing in every clime and speaking every tongue, who appreciate and honour the proud title of Master Mason, yet every part of every machine, however humble, influences and affects the character of the whole, and is essential to its universal harmony.

But I have already gone beyond the limit which I fixed. To you, my brethren of Denver, and especially my brethren of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Temple Association, I tender my congratulations, and I feel that I am authorised to say as much from every citizen of our city. Your proposed temple will not only be a credit and source of pride to yourselves, but to all our citizens as well. Colorado is almost a wonderland. It does nothing by halves, and your temple will lose nothing by comparison with those of the few most important ones in the United States; and yet our young State has just entered her teens.

I will close by expressing the hope that, as you will receive the commendation of my successor, when your labours on this temple are completed, so may you win by equal zeal in the moral work before you the commendation of the Grand Master of all, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."—*Voice of Masonry.*

**HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.**—Those who have given these remedies a fair trial freely admit that they inherently possess every property suitable for healing and removing eruptions, ulcerations, piles, abscesses, sores, bad legs, gathered breasts, and all disorders of the glandular system. When carefully rubbed in the Ointment relaxes the swollen muscles, diminishes inflammation, assuages pain, and even alleviates dangerous maladies which may have lasted for months, or even years. Holloway's excellent preparations are effective singly, resistless in combination, and have been recommended by grateful patients to be resorted to as alteratives when all other means of regaining health have failed. Their action is temperate, not violent or reducing.

## DID ASHMOLE EVER RIDE ON OUR MASONIC GOAT?

BY BRO. JACOB NORTON.

BEFORE Bro. Findel's History of Masonry was published no one doubted in Anderson's list of pre-1717 Grand Masters, but now no intelligent Mason believes that either of the dignitaries in the said list were even in any way connected with a Masonic organization. Again, within four or five years no one doubted the statement of Bro. Fellows, printed at Leipsic, in 1848, that the German operative Masons in the middle ages used to open their Lodges every morning in due form before they went to work, and closed their Lodges in due form after their day's work was finished. Bro. Speth, in the first part of the Proceedings of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, has, however, demonstrated that the German Masons in the middle ages knew nothing of opening or closing a Lodge, or about any other kind of Masonic ceremony. Still again, we all believed that Chevalier Ramsay was the manufacturer of Masonic "High Degrees;" but Bro. Gould clearly proved that Ramsay was not the maker of High Degrees. The above facts should satisfy every one that Masons can be deceived for a long time. Now, it seems to me, that we have been deceived in claiming Elias Ashmole as a Brother Mason.

The doubt about Ashmole's Masonry entered my mind when I was writing my criticism on Bro. Fellow's theory about "Speculative Masons," as he called Ashmole, and his conclusion that the "upper ten" class of Masons in the middle ages must have invented some kind of high degrees. Well, I had some conversation about my doubt in Ashmole's initiation into Masonry with a well informed brother, who seemed to agree with me. I should, however, not have troubled the public with my doubts, at least for some time, if I had not happened to read an article by Bro. Hughan, in the *Freemason* of 1st June, headed "Ashmole as a Freemason." As Bro. Hughan refers to the best informed writer upon the question, viz., to Bro. Ryland's article in the *Masonic Magazine*, December 1881. I re-perused the said article, which, however, failed to remove my doubt. Briefly, then, the evidence of Ashmole's initiation into Masonry rests upon two paragraphs in Ashmole's Diary; 1st, he says:

16th October. Hor. 30 minutes *post merid.* I was made a Freemason at Warrington in Lancashire, with Colonel Henry Mainwaring, of Karticham, in Cheshire. The names of those that were then at the Lodge, Mr. Richard Penket Warden, Mr. James Culler, Mr. Richard Sankay, Henry Littler, Richard Ellam, and Hugh Brewer.

About the said Warrington Lodge, Bro. Ryland says:

If I were asked to express an opinion on the Warrington Lodge of 1646 [when Ashmole joined it] I should feel obliged to say that, so far as I am able to judge, there is not a scrap of evidence that there was a single operative Mason present on the afternoon of the 16th October 1646. In fact, the whole of the evidence seems to point quite in the opposite direction.

That a town guild in 1646 consisted of *non-operatives* is not very surprising, for in a recent published book on English Guilds (I forget its name) I found that Alderman Cotton (I believe) stated, before a Parliamentary Commission, that even five hundred years ago the majority of the members of each guild were not of the trade which the guild represented, and I doubt very much whether the London Guild of Masons in the days of Charles 2nd numbered many who were connected with the building trade, and it is not impossible that when Ashmole visited the London Guild, in 1682, that not even one of its members was an operative Mason or builder. But be that as it may, it is certain that the London Masons' Guild, since the days of Charles 2nd, were an *un-Masonic body*, according to our notions of Masonry; hence, I have not the slightest doubt that the Warden and even the Master of the said London Guild of the 17th century could never have been allowed to visit a Lodge of our progenitors, merely because they were dignitaries of the London Masons' Guild"; for in order to gain admission into a Lodge, of our progenitors, such, for instance, as the Lodge in St. Paul's of 1717, it was necessary to show a sign, to give a grip, and to whisper a word, but the London Masons' Guild was *signless, gripless and wordless*. In short, the mysteries appertaining to riding the Masonic goat were unknown in *Masons' Hall* in the City

of London. While, on the other hand, the mystic Masons, our forefathers, as described by Dr. Plott, a friend of Ashmole, were so skilled in Masonic science that a sign given by a Mason would bring another Mason down from the top of a Church steeple to inquire what he wanted. Now Dr. Plott, who was a great friend of Ashmole, and was under obligations to Ashmole, was the first man who undertook to *ridicule Masonry*. As he wrote during the lifetime of Ashmole, it seems to me that the Masonry which Plott ridiculed must have been a different kind of Masonry to that which Ashmole received at Warrington in 1646.

In order to satisfy myself about the above suggestions, I consulted about half-a-dozen histories of the guilds, but found very little about *Masons' Guilds* in either of them. I next rummaged here and there in Bro. Gould's History of Freemasonry, and in the 2nd Volume, on page 305, I found as follows. Bro. Gould says:

"Also it does not seem clear whether the building trades generally [meaning the *Goat Riding Masons*] had any connection with the Masons' Company of London, and I should be inclined to think that the building trades associations [meaning those Masons who had grips, words, signs, and secret ceremonies] were trades union societies, differing from the guilds, which partook more of a corporate character, and which, hence, more closely resembled the *Collegia*."

The second entry in Ashmole's Diary about Masonry is as follows:—

"1682, Mar. 10. About 5 *Hor. post merid.* I received a summons to appear at a Lodge to be held the next day at *Masons' Hall*, in London.

"11. Accordingly I went, and about noon was admitted into the Fellowship of Freemasons, by Sir William Wilson, Knight; Captain Richard Borthwick, Mr. William Wodman, Mr. William Grey, Mr. Samuel Taylour, and Mr. William Wise.

"I was the *Senior Fellow* among them (it being 35 years since I was admitted). There were present, besides myself, the Fellows after named:—Mr. Thomas Wise Master of the *Masons' Company* this present year, Mr. Thomas Shorthose, Mr. Thomas Shadbolt, Waidssford Esq., Mr. Nicholas Young, Mr. John Shorthose, Mr. William Hamon, Mr. John Thompson, and Mr. William Stanton. We all dined at the Half-Moon Tavern, in Cheapside, at a noble Dinner, prepared at the *new* accepted Mason.

The reader will see now that the London Lodge, which summoned Elias Ashmole to a dinner in 1682, and of which he claimed proudly the title of "Senior Fellow," was no other than the London Masons' Guild, which, as already shown, had neither any sign, word, grip, or ceremony, save and except that of a grand dinner (the last, however, was not peculiarly a Masonic ceremony). The inference, therefore, is, that the Lodge at Warrington, where Ashmole was Masonized (after a fashion), in 1646, was also minus of Masonic words, grips, signs, and the Masonic essential of riding upon the goat. Such being the case, Elias Ashmole is no more entitled to be called by us "Bro. Mason" than the gentleman who was Masonized by the London Guild in 1682, and who paid for the grand dinner, as above stated, can consistently be called our "Bro. Mason." The members of the London Masons' Guild, of 1682, did not recognise our "ancient brethren" as Brother Masons, their successors of to-day do not acknowledge us of the "mystic tie" as Brother Masons, and *vice versa*. In short, except the name, there was no sympathy or connection then, any more than there is now, between the said Masons' Lodges. Hence, unless either Bro. Hughan or Bro. Ryland can prove that the Warrington Lodge, in 1646, as well as the London Guild, in 1682, when Ashmole claimed to be its "Senior Fellow," were *Masonic* in accordance with our idea about *Masonics*, it would be high time, in my opinion, to erase the name of Elias Ashmole from our list of "Old Masonic Worthies."

Boston, U.S. 14th June 1889.

A Lodge, established upon a temperance basis, in connection with the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, having proved so satisfactory, the Royal Arch Masons have established a Chapter upon the same basis.

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

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NOTTINGHAM.

THE annual summer meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Nottingham was held at the Pelham Lodge, Work-sop, on the 20th inst. The ordinary meetings of the Lodge are generally held at Nottingham, and the summer meetings in one or other of the smaller towns in the county. The members present numbered about 120. The members met at the Lodge, Criterion Hall, at two o'clock, the room having been specially decorated for the occasion, the various implements, &c., of the Craft being arranged round the room, and the entrance draped with flags and lace curtains. The principal business was the installation of the Very Worshipful Brother the Rev. Frederick Vernon Russell, as Deputy Provincial Grand Master. The installing Officer was the right W. Bro. Tew, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire. Amongst the other brethren present were Brothers the Rev. E. St. John Morse P.G. Chaplain, E. C. Patchet P.C.T., John Hously P.G.R., H. R. Hatherley P.G. Secretary, J. P. W. Marx P.G.A.D.C., Joseph Derry P.G.S.B., Evan Powell P.G.S., Henry Saxton P.G.S., W. Allen P.M. 939, R. F. Watson P.M. 939, H. E. Wilson W.M. 47, J. H. Runge W.M. 909, C. B. Truman P.M. 411, J. Walker P.M. 1882, J. Sansom P.M. 1852, J. H. Tomlinson P.M. 1661, J. M. Perry P.P.G.S.W., G. H. Cullen I.P.M. 1493, W. Sibley 852, J. T. Spalding P.M. 1909, A. T. Mitchell P.P.S.G.D., S. Green S.W. 1485, J. Severn S.D. 1405, W. Shepherd P.M. 287, G. S. Fish W.M. 411, G. G. Carver W.M. 1,493, B. F. Stiebel P.P.G.J.W., A. Lawson P.P.G.T., W. Hickling P.M. 411, H. Walker W.M. 1434. The banquet was served in the Town Hall.

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### PROVISION FOR POOR MASONS.

THE Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Frank R. Lawrence, called the Grand Lodge of New York to order promptly at nine o'clock, on the 5th instant, and after prayer by Grand Chaplain Bacon, and the reading of the minutes, the Grand Secretary announced that he had received checks from Tessler Lodge, 50 dols.; Ancanthus Lodge 100 dols.; Hope Lodge £100 dols.; and Tabernacle Lodge 200 dols., to be forwarded to the Masonic sufferers by the Johnstown floods. With Bro. Brodie in the chair, Bro. Page nominated Bro. Frank R. Lawrence as Grand Master, and he was elected by a unanimous vote, but declined on the score of his need of rest. Bro. John W. Vrooman, of Herkimer county, the Deputy Grand Master, was then elected Grand Master unanimously. William Sherer, of Brooklyn, was nominated and elected Deputy Grand Master. James Ten Eyck, of Albany, was re-elected Grand Senior Warden, and John Hodge, of Lockport, was re-elected Grand Junior Warden. John J. Gorman was elected Grand Treasurer in place of Washington E. Connor, who refused a re-election. E. M. L. Ehlers was re-elected Grand Secretary, and E. B. Harper was elected a member of the trustees of the hall and asylum, to take Justice Gorman's place. The new Grand Master, John W. Vrooman, was born in Herkimer county in 1844. He is a lawyer by profession, and has been for ten years clerk of the Senate at Albany. Last year he was elected vice-president and manager of the Herkimer Bank. He has been elected nine times to positions in the Grand Lodge, and is a member of Herkimer Lodge, No. 423; Iriquois Chapter, No. 236; Utica Commandery, No. 3; Zigara Temple of the Mystic Shrine; Helmer Post, No. 404, G.A.R.; Holland Society, and of the Republican State Committee. A telegram was received from Clifford B. McCalla, Grand Master of Pennsylvania, conveying the thanks of the Grand Lodge of that State for the 2000 dollars sent on Tuesday for the sufferers from the flood. M.W. William A. Brodie Chairman of the Committee on the Asylum, presented an elaborate report. Sites were offered at Auburn, Binghampton, Ithaca, Lockport, Rome, Syracuse, Unadilla, and Utica. All these were visited, and the unanimous opinion of the Committee was that the Citizens' Driving Park, at Utica, was the best place seen. Its value is about 80,000 dols., but the asylum trustees can get it for 20,000 dols. cash. The Committee recommended that this site be chosen, and the report was adopted unanimously without debate. The second half of the report speaks of the objects of the new asylum. It must be a home for indigent Masons and a school for the orphans of Masons. From the best information the committee could obtain it will cost 200 dols. a year to maintain each adult or child. This includes all charges. With the present income 250 persons can be provided for—100 adults and 150 children. The Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star, on the 5th inst., elected as Officers for the coming year:—Helen E. Robins Grand Worthy Matron, Edwin Selvage Grand Worthy Patron, Rachel Steifel Assistant Matron, J. W. Merriam Assistant Patron, Pauline J. Isaacs Grand Treasurer, and Christina Buttrick Grand Secretary.

The Grand Lodge of New York resumed its session on the 5th inst. with the Grand Master in the chair. During the session the follow-

ing sums were subscribed by the various Lodges for the sufferers from the Pennsylvania floods:—Corner Stone Lodge, 50 dols.; Joppa, 100 dols.; City 25 dols.; Puritan 50 dols.; Lodges of the First District, 210 dols.; Herman, 100 dols.; Montauk, 50 dols.; R.W. John J. Gorman, 50 dols.; Empire City, 250 dols.; Stony Point 50 dols.; Continental 50 dols.; Umland, 50 dols.; Polar Star, 100 dols.; Anglo Saxon, 50 dols.; a member of the Grand Lodge, 15 dols.; Pythagoras, 20 dols.; Chancellor Walworth, 50 dols.; Lebanon 25 dols.; Reliance, 100 dols.; Covenant 25 dols.; Elmer 25 dols.; representatives of the Eleventh District, 25 dols.; King Solomon's 100 dols. The report as presented by the special committee on the Asylum was unanimously adopted without debate. De Witt C. Smith moved that a committee, consisting of one member from each judicial district of the State, be appointed, and that this committee, with the trustees, be known as the Asylum Building Committee. It shall be authorised to secure deeds of the site selected, plans and designs for the grounds and main buildings in accordance with the report of the special committee. It shall advertise for proposals to carry out such plans and have power to reject or accept those offered. It may proceed to erect the main building, provided the cost does not exceed 100,000 dols.; and provided also that the approval of the Grand Master be given to the plans. Referred. A telegram from the Grand Master of Pennsylvania was received, acknowledging the receipt of the money sent on Wednesday. The report on exemplification of the work was presented by R.W. Brother Howard, and adopted. M.W. Jesse B. Anthony, from the Finance Committee, reported as follows:—

	Dols.
Balance on hand at the beginning of the year	36,261
Received to May 6	24,367
May 6 to June 3	7,826
Interest received by the Grand Treasurer	400
Disbursements	60,660
Balance on hand	38,798
Due from Lodges	1,783
Deposits—Union Trust Company	30,921
Garfield National Bank	7,876

The Committee on Jurisprudence recommended that recognition of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales be deferred until official notice has been received of its recognition by the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland. An enthusiastic vote of thanks was extended to M.W. Frank R. Lawrence for his work as Grand Master. A discussion took place about the number of trustees for the Masonic Home and School, and it was finally decided to increase their number to seven, and not to restrict the Grand Lodge in its choice. The committee of one from each judicial district was made an advisory to the trustees. It was suggested that the Legislature be applied to to increase the limit of property to be held by the trustees. The new Grand Officers were installed and the Grand Lodge closed. A fine painting of M.W. Frank R. Lawrence was presented to the Grand Lodge, and Grand Secretary Ehlers received a set of resolutions from Kingston Lodge.—*New York Herald.*

### MASONIC TEMPLE REOPENED.

THE Masonic Temple on Toronto Street was crowded to the doors last night with members of the Craft assembled to witness the opening of the Lodge-room since its renovation, and to listen to a lecture by R.W. Bro. John Ross Robertson, Deputy Grand Master, on meeting places of the Craft from the earliest times, with an account of the early Lodge-rooms in Canada. The chair was occupied by V.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, and the Hall Board formerly turned the Lodge-room over to the city Lodges. Among those present were V.W. Bro. F. Manly, W. Bro. T. Sargent, W. Bro. D. Rose, W. Bro. M. Gibbs, V.W. Bro. Hovendon, a number of the city masters, and a host of past masters and members of the association. The lecture was of a very interesting character, and at the same time instructive. The temple is now decorated in a style becoming the Craft in Toronto. The walls are blue, with the three Masonic pillars, the Corinthian, Doric, and Ionic, on each wall. The ceiling and cornice is frescoed with the symbols, emblems, and working tools of the Order. The carpet is tessellated, and woven in are the symbols of the Craft. The predominating colours are green and gold, the colours of a Blue Lodge. The work was done under the supervision of Bro. Hovendon, and after original designs furnished by him. The members of the craft in Toronto now congratulate themselves on the possession of a Lodge-room second to none in beauty on the continent.

### CONNECTICUT'S MASONIC MESS.

ON Thursday night, the 16th ult., there was a special and memorable meeting of Hiram Lodge, No. 1., F. and A.M., at their lodge rooms, which lasted from eight o'clock until nearly midnight. It was an effort on the part of a large number of the members to accept the conditions of the Grand Lodge for the restoration to Masonic privileges of the largest and most prominent Masonic Lodge in the State. Had it been a young and weak Lodge it would probably have stayed out until the beginning of the 20th century. But in warfare or difference of opinion between two bodies of nearly equal importance and power there must be some concessions made by both sides. The membership of old Hiram contained men who were too powerful and influential to be treated with contempt and harshness.

So after being in a peculiar position for about two years, and having made over one hundred and fifty members in the meantime, it was finally concluded by a large majority that Hiram should accept the charter recently granted by the Grand Lodge. Hiram's old charter is safely guarded, it is said, and a refusal to surrender it and other important records to the Grand Lodge by Secretary William A. Beers started the trouble. He and the other seven form the eight expelled Masons of whom so much has been said and who are not yet healed as are the other members of Hiram, who were raised over two years ago.

But it is quite probable that at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge a petition for their reinstatement, unanimously signed by the members of Hiram, will be favourably considered. Their names are James D. Dewell, H. Lynde Harrison, John R. Hutchinson, F. M. Wiser, Julius Twiss, N. F. Burritt, George E. Frisbie and William A. Beers. Then the new members that have been made since Hiram has been going on her own hook will probably all be healed in the twinkling of an eye, or as soon as the Grand Master can sign a proclamation to all interested Masons that they are to be recognized as upon the same footing as other Masons.

There was a lively discussion of nearly four hours' duration, but most of the speakers favoured the restoration of the charter. The eight expelled Masons were nearly all willing to be left out in order that matters might be harmonized. Judge Harrison sent word from Hartford that his personal interest must not stand in the way of a settlement and that he could wait until January 1890, for his case to be acted upon. James D. Dewell expressed the same sentiment. John R. Hutchinson stood out against the present acceptance of the charter. F. M. Wiser wished to see the case settled at once by an affirmative vote. Julius Twiss and N. F. Burritt wanted the charter accepted. George E. Frisbie was not enthusiastic, and Secretary Beers said that he would do as most of the others had done and was in favour of settling it at once.

Of other prominent members of the lodge ex-Mayor Henry G. Lewis counselled his brethren to go slow and postpone the ballot rather than act without due deliberation. Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas Benton wished to accept the charter. Lucius Hinman said that Hiram ought not to surrender, and ought not to take the charter at the expense of their eight expelled fellow members. And so it went pro and con. There was a good deal of the feeling that Hiram had been unjustly and harshly treated, but that many concessions must be made for the sake of peace. They believed in the ancient work and not in the new methods, as laid down in Lockwood's work. Finally, toward half-past eleven, when most of the members began to grow tired and sleepy, a vote was reached, and out of about one hundred and fifty voters one-twentieth perhaps were opposed to any surrender or concession on the part of Hiram.

After the meeting there were many adverse opinions expressed. One member did not hesitate to say that old Hiram had ignominiously surrendered to the Grand Lodge, and the action taken meant that George E. Frisbie and William A. Beers would never be taken back. There is no doubt but that this Masonic trouble has put back all the higher Masonic business in the State.

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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### MERCHANTS LODGE, No. 241.

**B**RO. WILLIAM M'LACHLAN was, on the 24th inst., at the Masonic Temple, Hope Street, Liverpool, installed as Worshipful Master of this Lodge. The installation ceremony was ably performed by Bro. Captain J. M'Nab W.M., the presenting officers being Bros. T. Salter and T. Whitehead. After his installation, Bro. W. M'Lachlan proceeded to invest his Officers, as follow:—Bro. Captain J. M'Nab I.P.M., Joseph Cornish S.W., R. Prud'ah J.W., Joseph West S.D., J. Moore J.D., F. Norris I.G., T. D. Jones S., Dr. Philpot S., A. E. Povey S., A. B. Ewart Org., Roger White D.C., Ralph Robinson Treas., Ralph Capper Sec., Peter Ball Tyler, for the twenty-fifth year. The brethren subsequently proceeded by special train from the Central Station to Southport, where the installation banquet was partaken of at the Prince of Wales Hotel.

### SUN AND SECTOR LODGE, No. 962.

**T**HE installation meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Portland-square, Workington, on the 19th inst., for the purpose of installing Bro. Isaac Dickinson as Worshipful Master for the year. The Lodge was opened by Bro. Dr. Charles M'Kerrow W.M. The minutes of last Lodge were read and confirmed, and Brother Dr. M'Kerrow presented the W.M. elect to Bro. J. Paterson, who discharged the duties of Installing Master in an able manner, assisted by Bro. G. Dalrymple. The following brethren were invested as Officers, viz.:—Bros. Dr. M'Kerrow I.P.M., A. Ashmore S.W., G. B. M'Kay J.W., J. Paterson Treasurer, J. Wood Secretary, Rev. E. M. Rice Chaplain, Ed. Loach S.D., J. J. Little J.D., Jas. Cooper Organist, A. D. Holliday Dir. of Cers., B. M. Uawin and P. Whitehouse Stewards, W. Whitehead Tyler. There has not been such a muster since Bro. J. C. Thompson was installed, when to all appearances it was more like an annual Provincial gathering. We could not but remark the number of old Past Masters that attended to do honour to the Worshipful Master, that are now the chief supporters of the Eden Lodge, the infant of the Province, No. 2285, and it speaks well for the spirit of Freemasonry in Workington, and is worthy of imitation by the sister Lodges of Cumberland and Westmoreland. On the ceremony of installing the Master being completed, and a ring of compliments from Lodges 119, 371, 872, 962, 1002, 1400, 1660, 1989 and 2285, the Lodge was closed, and at the Worshipful Master's invitation all adjourned to the Assembly-room, where an excellent banquet was prepared by the host and hostess of the Central Hotel (Mr. and Mrs. Morris), and ample justice was done to the good things provided. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair.

### CONCORD LODGE, No. 1135.

**T**HE usual monthly meeting was held on Wednesday, 12th inst. Bro. H. R. Grover was unanimously elected W.M. for the year ensuing. Bro. A. St. Paul P.M. then addressed the Lodge on past difficulties and successes, and thanked the officers for their valuable assistance, especial reference being made to the secretary, Bro.

Ivimey. Bro. Grover thanked the brethren for his election, and Bros. Catford and J. Blackford were elected treasurer and Tyler respectively. The sum of 5 guineas was voted to the Devon Masonic Educational Fund. At the conclusion of the business, the W.M. was heartily thanked for his diligent services during the past year.

### ABBEY LODGE, No. 1184.

**O**N Thursday, the 20th inst., the installation meeting took place in the Masonic Hall, Battle. There was a large gathering of Masons. The incoming W.M. was Bro. Rashell Thomas Davison, M.D. The ceremony of installation was impressively rendered by Bro. W. T. Jordan, the retiring W.M. Bro. Davison then appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. W. T. Jordan I.P.M., W. A. Raper S.W., J. B. Foster J.W., the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, D.D., Chaplain, H. G. F. Wells Treasurer, R. Hughes Secretary, B. H. Thorpe D.C., J. W. Pepper S.D., D. White J.D., J. Fielding Organist, Avis I.G., C. Leary Tyler. The brethren subsequently sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided at the Star Hotel, when the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

### STANLEY LODGE, No. 1325.

**O**N the 24th inst., at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, Bro. Thomas James Jarman was duly installed by the present Grand Senior Warden of West Lancashire, Bro. T. M. Shuttleworth, as Worshipful Master. The presenting officers were Bros. J. H. Bradshaw and R. B. Burgess. The new Worshipful Master proceeded after his installation to invest his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Bros. T. Guile I.P.M., E. Collister Jones S.W., J. Woodward J.W., T. Guile Treasurer, W. H. Hodges Sec., W. Evans S.D., Martin Nicholas J.D., W. Carson I.G., T. A. Bradshaw S., J. Barrett S., T. Jones S., W. Hudson Org., W. H. Ball Tyler, and J. H. Bradshaw D.C. The brethren afterwards partook of a banquet, served by Bro. Casey, the house steward.

### HAMER LODGE, No. 1393.

**B**ROTHER JAMES R. HANKEY was, on the 20th inst., at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, duly installed as Worshipful Master. The W.M. elect was presented by Bros. W. C. Erwin and James Pilling, and was installed by Bro. F. A. Rainbow, the retiring master. Brother J. R. Hankey W.M. subsequently invested his officers:—Bros. F. A. Rainbow I.P.M., J. C. Brookes S.W., J. A. Hignett J.W., R. J. L. Kynaston Treas., G. W. Baron Sec., R. B. Nisbet S.D., T. A. Laidlan J.D., T. Pierrepont P.M. D.C., E. A. Pugh Org., Dr. J. Pinkerton I.G., J. O. Jones S., J. Pearson S., N. Christensen S., Dr. J. M. Murray S., and M. Williamson Tyler. The brethren afterwards sat down to a banquet, excellently served by Bro. Casey, house steward, and during the post prandial proceedings a very handsome Past Master's jewel and gold Albert were presented to the retiring W.M., together with a handsome gold brooch and earrings, set in diamonds, and a gold chain for Mrs. Rainbow. The musical programme was furnished by the Cambrian Quartette (Bros. D. J. Davis, D. Williams, J. T. Jones and O. J. Rowlands), W. Lane and W. H. Latham, with Bro. E. A. Pugh as accompanist.

### ALEXANDRA PALACE LODGE, No. 1541.

**T**HE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday last at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel, when a large amount of Masonic business was transacted. The brethren assembled at three o'clock, and it was nearly half-past seven before the Lodge was closed. This fact speaks well for the sincerity and hard work of the members that they could endure a ritual extending over four hours on a sultry summer's afternoon without exhibiting any signs of weariness. Bro. W. W. Snelling W.M. presided, and was supported by Bros. E. Wilding S.W., H. H. Shirley J.W., J. R. Stacey P.M. Sec., Larchin P.M. Treasurer, H. Gush, H. Sammon, Kearney P.M., Hoadley, Newton, Braby, Gardner, Wright, Arnott, Neale, Linton, Tustin, Lockhard, Mayo, Drummond, Toovey, Browning, Snowdon, Bryant, Lansdowne, Stubbins, and R. J. Ward P.M. Among the visitors were Bro. Colonel Wilson of New York, Bros. Rough, Cruickshanks, W. Gibson, and Orilton Cooper. The first business was to pass Bros. Harris and Tustin, who had been initiated at the previous meeting, and subsequently Bro. Neale was raised to the sublime degree, both ceremonies being admirably worked by the Worshipful Master. The installation of Bro. E. Wilding into the chair next took place, and the brethren afterwards saluted him in due form, according to ancient custom. Bro. W. W. Snelling I.P.M. acted as installing master, and Bro. Gush was director of the ceremonies. Mr. Moritz Iumich having been duly balloted for, the newly-elected master proceeded to initiate him, and proved by his working that he was well qualified to perform the duties he had undertaken. The following Officers were appointed for the ensuing year: Bro. H. H. Shirley S.W., Bro. J. E. Richardson J.W., Bro. Gush was invested as treasurer for Bro. Larchin (absent abroad), Bro. P.M. Stacey secretary, Bro. W. Newton S.D., Bro. Walter Braby J.D., Bro. H. Lansdowne I.G., Bro. H. Sammon D.C., Bro. Browning organist, Bros. Linton and Snowdon stewards, and Bro. B. Banks Tyler. Before the Lodge was closed the W.M. presented on behalf of the brethren a past master's jewel to Bro. W. W. Snelling in recognition of his services during the past year. The labours of the afternoon being finished the brethren adjourned for refreshment, and a very enjoyable evening followed.

### BLACKWATER LODGE, No. 1977.

**T**HE sixth anniversary of the consecration occurred on Thursday the 20th inst., and as an emergency Lodge happened to be summoned for that evening, an unusual amount of interest was evinced in the proceedings. Bro. M. W. Meade W.M. opened the Lodge, and was supported by Bro. W. Rudram S.W. and J. Groat J.W., and about 20 brethren. Bros. West and Ward were raised to the sublime degree of M.M., the ceremony being impressively performed by Bro. Robert Smith P.M. 697. After labour an adjournment was

made for refreshments, and a pleasant evening was spent in toast and song. The Visitors included Bros. R. Smith P.M. 697, and Walter H. de Caen P.M. 1024.

#### DAGMAR LODGE, No. 2262.

THIS new Lodge, consecrated twelve months back, when Bro. Williams was installed W.M., held its first anniversary on Thursday, the 13th inst., at the Anglers' Rest Hotel, Wraysbury, on the banks of the Thames, near the Bell Weir, when Bro. Hattersley was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. There was a very large attendance of members and Visitors, among whom were Bro. J. Terry Secretary R.M.B.I., several Provincial Grand Officers, and many well known South London brethren. The W.M. having invested his Officers, proceeded to work the third degree, and afterwards performed the ceremony of initiation in favour of four candidates. He was very much complimented for the admirable manner in which he worked. There being no room in the Hotel large enough to seat the brethren, a large marquee had been provided by Bro. Robins, in which the banquet was served. The usual toasts were given, and the evening enlivened with songs by Bros. Eidle, Malham, C. Williams, Miss Adeline Skegg, &c. Amongst those present were:—Bros. W. Wingham, H. W. Clemow, F. Croaker, L. J. Dunham, R. E. Catterson, T. Youldon, G. Millson, G. Skegg, W. G. Cannon, C. G. Hill, E. W. Lewcock, W. Colbrook, H. A. Bridges, W. Pottinger, W. T. Harrold, P. Johns, Mitchell, R. Forster, H. Dawkes, J. Walker, &c.

#### PRIZE DAY AT WOOD GREEN.

NOTWITHSTANDING an exceptionally fine day, the attendance at the School on Thursday was nothing near as large as we have been accustomed to in past years. True, the day (Thursday) was not so convenient to business men as the Saturday, which had become almost the recognised day for this gathering. Still the air of gloom that pervades the minds of those more immediately connected with the management had its effect, and the surroundings were not so agreeable as we had hoped to find them. We missed familiar faces; we saw but two members of the old Committees present, viz., Bros. Thos. Hastings Miller and C. F. Hogard. Bro. Edward Terry (Grand Treasurer) was present, while Bro. James Terry (Secretary of the Benevolent Institution), Charles Lacey, and many other friends of the Institution and supporters of the Boys were in evidence. The chair was taken by Bro. Richard Eve, who was supported by Bros. Frederick Binckes (Secretary), and the Head Master, the Rev. Dr. Morris. At three o'clock, the proceedings commenced, and the following is the official

#### PROGRAMME.

Chorus - "Britons, arise!"—(Bellini) - The Choir.  
Conductor—Bro. H. Dutton.

#### PRIZES PRESENTED BY THE INSTITUTION.

First Class—Scripture, F. W. Lewis. Shakespeare, H. R. Graves. Geography and History, J. P. Seagrave. French and Latin, F. F. Coleman, W. B. Macqueen. Mathematics, H. R. Graves, S. Gibson. General Improvement, F. K. Manning, E. B. Hickinbotham, F. H. France.

Second Class—Shakespeare, G. E. Haines. History and Geography, J. D'Oyly. French, G. E. Haines. Latin, G. W. Figges. Mathematics, H. Beaumont. General Improvement, H. Lewis, F. Higgison.

Third Class—English, F. A. Moorcroft. French, L. J. T. Harvey, M. B. Jones. Latin, H. R. Lane. Mathematics, H. N. Angier. General Improvement, B. H. Robey, O. L. Brister, J. H. Oscroft.

Pianoforte Solo - "Scherzo" - (Schubert)  
F. W. Higgison.

Part Song - "Departure." - (Mendelssohn)  
The Choir.

Fourth Class—English, F. C. Boulter. French, A. L. Pedley. Latin, R. A. Fortune. Mathematics, C. Campbell. Mapping, F. C. V. Basham. Good Conduct, G. H. Sutcliffe.

Fifth Class—English, J. B. Marless. French, A. O. Crompton. Latin, J. M. Macmillan. Arithmetic and Algebra, H. M. Harrison. General Improvement, F. Carter, J. D. Davis.

Sixth Class—French, G. R. H. Aitken. Latin, C. Staden. Arithmetic, W. Collinson. Writing, W. D. Pronger. General Improvement, C. Green.

Seventh Class—General Improvement, A. H. Grimsey, R. T. G. Biggs.

Chorus - "Allegiance we swear."—(Bishop) - The Choir.  
Solo—W. E. Cordingley.

#### PREPARATORY SCHOOL.

First Class.—General Proficiency, A. Stephenson, R. T. Groombridge. General Improvement, W. Land. Efficiency as Monitor, G. Thaw.

Second Class.—General Proficiency, F. Bland. General Improvement, A. E. Davey, P. Parker.

Third Class.—General Proficiency, R. Chinneck. General Improvement, R. G. Bindley.

Pianoforte Trio "Extract from the First Concerto." (Mendelssohn)  
F. W. Higgison and J. Heinke.

Part Song - "Song to Spring." - (Berger)  
The Choir.

#### SPECIAL PRIZES.

Writing, 1st F. C. Basham, 2nd J. Heinke. Dictation, 1st C. W. Limpricht, 2nd H. R. Graves. History, 1st G. E. Haines, 2nd F. W. Lewis. Geography, 1st F. W. Lewis, 2nd F. F. Coleman. Mental Arithmetic, 1st J. P. Seagrave, 2nd H. R. Graves. Shorthand, 1st H. R. Graves, 2nd J. Heinke, F. Coleman. Vocal Music, 1st W. E. Cordingley, 2nd J. A. M. Baily, R. D. Williams. Instrumental Music, 1st J. Shaw, 2nd F. B. Kent, H. J. Lillywhite, R. D. Williams. Efficiency as Monitor, 1st A. W. Wyatt, 2nd C. J. G. Roddam, J. A. M. Baily. Proficiency in Drill, F. P. Salter. Band, E. A. F. Mayne. Pianoforte, J. Heinke.

#### PRESENTED BY PRIVATE DONORS.

By Mrs. Bowyer, Bookkeeping, J. Heinke.  
"Charles Greenwood Memorial Prize."—Interest on £103 13s to a boy on leaving the Institution at Christmas, for Good Conduct during the whole of his school career.

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By Mr. Sylvester (Drawing Master), Mapping, A. Warner. Free-hand, S. H. Anderson. Shading, F. F. B. Kent. Modelling, A. Moore. Etching, F. W. Lewis. Painting, G. H. Sutcliffe.

Song - "Cherry Ripe" - (Horn)  
W. E. Cordingley.

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Silver Medal for Good Conduct—Presented by the Institution.—J. P. Seagrave.

Canonbury Gold Medal.—Presented by the late Bro. Edward Cox, V.-Patron.—F. B. Salter.

Silver Watch and Chain for General Good Conduct.—Presented by the Supreme Council of the 33° to a Pupil on leaving the Institution.—L. Taylor.

#### The Chairman's Address.

Part Song - "O, hush thee, my baby" - (Sullivan)  
The Choir.

Pianoforte Solo - "The Rivulet." - (Mendelssohn)  
J. Heinke.

#### Musical Drill.—By the Pupils of the Preparatory School.

Quartette - "Softly fall the Shades of Evening." - (Weber)  
Cordingley, Gay, &c.

"God Save the Queen."—The Choir.

The athletic sports resulted in a very satisfactory display; the programme was a full one, and some keen rivalry resulted. The potato race, the charioteers, the sack race, and finally the obstacle race, evoked much enthusiasm. The boys leave school for their holidays on Monday next.

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THE General Committee met at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, 27th inst., Bro. J. H. Matthews, Patron of the Institution, in the chair. Among those present were Bro. Peter de Lande Long, Wm. Morley, C. H. Webb, Herbert Dicketts, W. M. Bywater, Wm. Bailey, W. G. Kentish, H. F. Nash, Henry Cox, A. E. Gladwell, S. H. Parkhouse, and others. After reading the minutes, the following report of the Joint Committee of the House, Audit, and Finance Committees were received and unanimously adopted:—

The Joint Committee have, as a result of several meetings, resolved upon an improved system of book-keeping.

They have called in chartered accountants (Messrs. Schöler and Chappelow), and instructed them to open a new set of books, commencing 1st January 1889, and make out a balance-sheet at the end of the year.

They make the following recommendations:—

- 1.—That the Audit and Finance Committee be resolved into a Finance Committee only, and meet monthly, or oftener, if necessary; and that their number be increased to 12; three to form a quorum.
- 2.—That in future the accounts be audited, and the annual balance-sheets prepared by a firm of chartered accountants.
- 3.—That the cheques for all payments ordered by the General Committee be signed by two members of the House Committee and countersigned by the Secretary; that the signatures be given to the bankers, who are to be instructed accordingly.

It was resolved that Bro. Dicketts give the necessary notice of motion at the meeting of the General Committee for the next Quarterly General Court, to carry out the various alterations in the laws rendered necessary by the recommendations of the Joint Committee.

(Signed) PETER DE LANDE LONG, Chairman.

26th June 1889.

Bro. Dicketts then handed in several notices, which were of a technical character. On the report of the Sub-Committee appointed to examine petitions, 11 petitions in all were approved and one deferred, making 50 candidates in all for the October election, for which nine vacancies, caused by girls leaving, were recommended. After other matters had been dealt with, the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

# 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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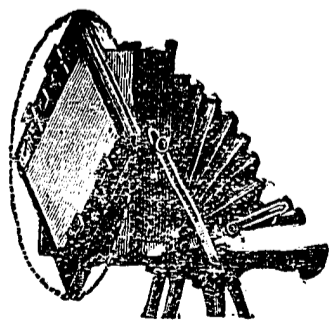
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*Grand Superintendent in Charge.*

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By Command,  
**CHARLES GREENWOOD, P.Z.**  
*Prov. Grand Scribe E.*

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

The Grand Superintendent in Charge requests the attendance of the Companions at Divine Service at St. John's Church, Caterham Valley, at 4.30 p.m.

By dispensation from the Grand Superintendent in Charge, Brethren will walk in procession to the Church in Craft Clothing.

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By Command,  
**CHARLES GREENWOOD, P.P.G.R.**  
*Prov. Grand Secretary.*

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P.S.—The reception and entertainment of the Provincial Grand Lodge has, by command of the R.W. Grand Master in Charge, been placed under the direction of the Caterham Lodge, No. 2095, Caterham.

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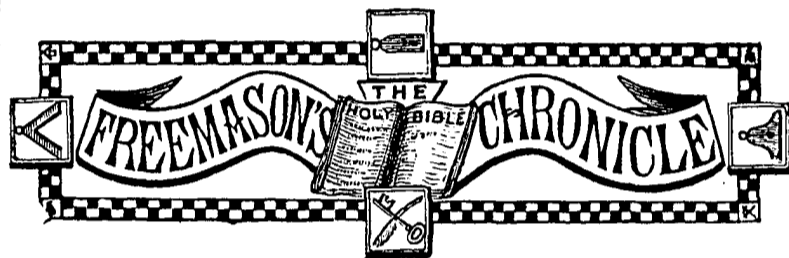
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**THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.**

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I will not be led astray from the main issues by following the Chairman of the Inquiry Committee in his travels on personal matters. The Chairman's letter has put before the Subscribers the Inquiry Committee's idea of their authority and the mode in which they proceeded to work. Truth we all seek for, but the House Committee do not think it will be found by searching for it through unreliable and tainted witnesses, verbal correction of statements, and the partial setting out of facts. Putting it shortly, their view appears to be that they were to be a secret Old Bailey tribunal, governed by "Crown's-quest Law," throwing to the winds the spirit of Masonry with its traditions and sympathies. "Tace" used to mean be silent of a fault of a brother. The Inquiry Committee's new rendering is wash all your dirty linen in public. The idea of those who appointed them was, that the Inquiry Committee should act in open Court as Masons, investigating the affairs of a Masonic Institution, taking care that no injury came to the Institution, which they were bound to protect. No one can deny that their Report has done an incalculable amount of harm, and has unjustifiably raised the bitterest personal feeling against the members of the Old Committees, and has turned aside from the Institution many of the oldest and hardest working subscribers.

Let us then sum up the vermin case. The House Committee are pleased to find that the Inquiry Committee, by their Chairman, now say "that on the vermin question the House Committee was not implicated." Why did they not say this in their report? How does the case stand even against the officials?

The Inquiry Committee admit now that they have affixed this stigma of vermin on the School on the evidence of one man. He is a Master, dismissed by the House Committee, and his evidence is tainted with a most malignant bias against them. He could not say whether he saw one or two cases; he could not mention the time, place, or name of the boy affected, or the name of any boy who had seen vermin on any other boy in term time. He only launches this trumped-up lie when before the Inquiry Committee, to delude them, and he was entirely uncorroborated except by the "unreliable" witness.

The matron denied that this state of things ever did occur at any time when the officials were responsible. She is corroborated in this denial by the head master, the surgeon, the hair cutter (with

20 years' monthly experience), the surgeon-oculist, and everybody who must have known of such a thing had it occurred in term time. Shortly, then, the Inquiry Committee (seven in number) believed the "tainted" witness against all the others.

The House Committee (12 in number) believe, and with confidence ask the subscribers to believe, the respectable witnesses who contradict this uncorroborated maligner of our boys and the Institution.

2. As to the badness of sight, Dr. Hogg's evidence is perfectly consistent in itself. He says: "I did not expect to find so high an average of badness of sight, but, finding it, I can only say that it is but the average of similar Institutions."

This allegation, that it was double the average, did us great harm in the minds of the subscribers, and now that it is shown to be "directly negated" by evidence, it is attempted to be explained away by "a verbal correction" that "the average" may be understood to mean "double the average."

In my last letter I pointed out what the House Committee did to mitigate this evil (unfortunately too prevalent everywhere now-a-days, and when they did it; yet the Chairman says (paragraph 27) that "I preserve silence on the point." Certainly, in paragraph 30 he contradicts his own assertion, for he says, that I "told the Inquiry Committee what was done to alter the lighting, to which this evil is attributed, and when it was effected."

3. As to the heating apparatus, in my last letter I mentioned the sums spent by the House Committee in 1884-5-6-7 on this. The Chairman objects that a sum of £300 had nothing to do with this matter. This is not so,—but let that pass. The objection to this £300 admits that the other sums had been paid for this purpose. How, then, were we "doing nothing?"

The Chairman says, "The first complaint was 19th November 1885. The first notice on the books of the House Committee is 12th July 1887." What a pity the Inquiry Committee did not read the minutes of the House Committee for 1885.

In April 1885 the House Committee considered the question of heating, and on the 27th May 1885, at a special meeting, the question of new boilers was thoroughly discussed, and contracts for the same were accepted. At a special meeting, on 11th June 1885, this question was again before them, and on the 19th June a special meeting was held for the purpose of considering the same question of proposed improvement to boilers, among other things.

The Chairman says that new boilers were not put in till 1887, and yet the accounts show that they were completed on 21st November 1885.

The resolution of 12th July 1887, which has misled the grossly careless draftsman of the report and the Chairman, refers to some final alterations made to some of the old heating apparatus, which originally we had every reason to believe would do its work properly after the new boilers had been started, but which, unfortunately, had to be altered at the cost mentioned. The heating apparatus has worked well ever since.

"There are 43 recorded complaints," says the Chairman. The House Committee only met 33 times between Nov. '85 and July '87, and five of these were special meetings for matters outside this question, and one-third of the remaining 28 would be summer meetings, when the heating apparatus would not be at work. This leaves an average of over two for each meeting. The Head Master's report and complaint book is produced at each monthly meeting.

I have, in another way, now proved that this Report is founded upon "unreliable" and "struck-out" evidence, upon "tainted evidence," upon a "direct misrepresentation" of the evidence of a scientific witness given on the most important of all the allegations (having as a lad suffered much myself with my eyesight, I think so), and upon a direct charge of gross negligence. The last is contradicted up to the hilt by a class of evidence to which the Chairman refers, but which, it is clear, the Inquiry Committee never read.

So much for this precious Report, which has hounded on the noisiest of the subscribers against the governing bodies of the Institution, which in turn have indeed received "their support," as shown at the quiet and truly Masonic meetings of 1st June and 6th June.

Is it not a fact that all the personal statements as to condition of the boys, &c., is founded upon a few hours' visit of the Inquiry Committee (one absent) on a cold Saturday afternoon in November.

"Cui bono," to whom has the Report done good? It has disgusted a large number of brethren by the spirit in which it is penned, it has done more to assist those who wish the local funds to be distributed in each locality than 50 years of propagandism would have done; and, finally, it has affixed a stigma on our boys and the Institution, which, though foundationless, will never die away.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

A. F. GODSON.

#### CLASS LODGES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—With reference to your quotation from the *Daily Telegraph*, in your last issue, to the effect that "those members of the National Liberal Club who are Freemasons are proposing that they should have a Lodge of their own," &c., seems to me to invite the serious consideration of every Craftsman who treasures the traditions of the Order as hitherto regarded in our country. The suggestion that a Lodge should be instituted for any political section of men who are Masons is to my mind a dangerous innovation, and not in keeping with the spirit of British Freemasonry.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

P.A.G.D.C. England.

London, 25th June 1889.

## MARK MASONRY.

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### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MIDDLESEX AND SURREY.

THIS Grand Lodge met, for their annual meeting, at the Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., on Friday, the 21st inst. Among those present were Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. G. Master who presided; he was supported by:—

Bros. G. Gordon Robbins, Rev. Jas. Hutchins, C. Hammerton, W. A. Sourrah, W. G. Brighton, P. Dakin, Jno. Larkin, C. Slater, S. Fontaine, F. R. Hales, W. Potter, P. Saillard, G. J. Dunkley, C. Pullman, D. P. Cama, J. K. R. Cama, G. H. Newington Bridges, W. Poore, H. Lovegrove, T. Clark, J. M. Klenc, Egbert Roberts, E. Hoare, J. T. Briggs, Ernest Flower, J. H. Clare, John Barnett junior, George Graveley, T. C. Edmonds, W. T. Heath, Hugh M. Hobbs, H. J. Sparks, C. W. Mapleton, S. H. Parkhouse, H. E. Vickers, J. Cater, J. S. Fraser, Rev. G. W. Weldon, J. T. Calloway, J. Barrett Lennard, R. H. Cowan, G. Gregory, H. Burgess, H. H. Wells, W. S. Neale, C. W. J. Bird, W. G. Wise, E. Storr, E. C. Bliss, H. Tipper, J. T. Griffith, W. M. Stiles, R. A. Hose, J. N. Forge, Chas. Lee, J. H. Thomson, E. H. Wilkinson, W. H. Forge, R. J. Chitson, Nelson Prower, T. Rushby, J. T. Rowe, W. W. Lee, &c. &c.

After the Provincial Grand Lodge had been duly opened, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed, the roll of Lodges was called, and goodly response made. The report showed an increase both in number of members and in Lodges. The Treasurer's accounts showed a satisfactory balance, and on motion made and duly seconded, were unanimously adopted. The warrant of re-appointment of the Prov. G.M. for the ensuing period was read. This document dates from the 29th December 1870, from which period Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., has regularly been re-appointed every three years, and the warrant endorsed accordingly.

The following Officers were invested to serve during the ensuing year:—

Bro. F. Davison	-	-	Deputy Master
Henry Lovegrove	-	-	Senior Warden
J. F. Griffith, M.D.	-	-	Junior Warden
G. H. Wilkinson	-	-	M.O.
J. Hugh Thomson	-	-	S.O.
Nelson Prower, M.A.	-	-	J.O.
Rev. R. W. Joseph Cater, M.A.	-	-	Chaplains
Rev. G. H. Weldon	-	-	
C. Hammerton	-	-	Treasurer
Phillip Saillard	-	-	Registrar
W. G. Brighton	-	-	Secretary
William Heath	-	-	Senior Deacon
J. H. Clare	-	-	Junior Deacon
Wm. Lloyd Wise	-	-	Inspector of Works
T. C. Edmonds	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
F. R. Hales	-	-	Assist. Dir. of Ceremonies
W. F. Potter	-	-	Sword Bearer.
R. J. Chitson	-	-	Standard Bearer
Charles Lee	-	-	Organist
Harry Tipper	-	-	Inner Guard
Hy. Burgess	-	-	Stewards
J. T. Briggs	-	-	
John Barnett jun.	-	-	
J. N. Catley	-	-	
J. Byford	-	-	Tyler
John Gilbert	-	-	

Bro. Dunkley was appointed a Steward for the Mark Benevolent Fund, and on the proposition of the Provincial G. Secretary, seconded by Bro. Storr, the sum of ten guineas was voted to his list. The Lodges in the Province having the privilege of nominating Stewards for the Grand Lodge are taken in rotation, and the following were accorded the honour for the forthcoming year:—Croydon Lodge, Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, Temperance-in-the-East Lodge, and Royal Savoy Lodge. Bros. Scratchley, Robbins, Stiles and Newington Bridges were elected as members of the Committee for General Purposes. The Prov. G. Secretary stated that the brethren had every reason to be satisfied with the year's progress; although the increase in numbers was small it was in the right direction, and there was also a good balance to the credit of the Provincial Funds. In conclusion, he congratulated them on the re-appointment of their esteemed Prov. Grand Master, who he hoped would reign over them for many years to come. This completed the business of Provincial Grand Lodge. The brethren now adjourned to an excellent banquet. In giving the toast the Queen and Mark Masonry, the Prov. Grand Master said there was nothing he could say in Her Majesty's favour of which the brethren were not already aware. This toast

was always accorded the foremost place, and there was no body of men who drank it more enthusiastically than the brethren of the Province of Middlesex and Surrey. The next toast, Col. Burdett said—that of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M.—would be received with equal enthusiasm; his Royal Highness had for a considerable time ruled over them, and during that time the brethren had been perfectly satisfied with what he had done. They hoped his Royal Highness would continue to rule over them for many years to come, he had done what he could for the Order, and had induced his son and others to become M.M. Masons. In giving the Pro G.M. and the rest of the G. Officers, the Prov. G. Master remarked that the brethren knew what those Officers were, and what they had done for the Order, and how they were always ready to come forward to assist. They had had some excellent Grand Masters, who had performed their duties in a most satisfactory manner. Without trespassing upon the time of the brethren, he would ask them to drink the toast, with which he coupled the name of Bro. Brighten. Brother W. G. Brighten said that as the virtues of those whom the brethren had honoured were so great and his own so small, and as the brethren were waiting for the fragrant weed, they would take the will for the deed, as far as his speech was concerned. He fully acknowledged the manner in which the brethren had recognised the merits of the Present and Past Grand Officers. Brother Rev. J. Hutchens proposed the health of the Provincial Grand Master, and said the honour devolved upon him in consequence of the regrettable absence of Bro. Davison, who should have occupied the Deputy's chair. He was quite sure the toast would be received by all present with the honour which should be accorded to it. Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.M., who was heartily received, said he would not hesitate to rise quickly, after the toast so kindly proposed and received, and thank them most sincerely for the kindness they had shown, not only that night, but on many previous occasions when they had had the pleasure of meeting together. For nearly 20 years he had been Provincial Grand Master, and they might begin to think he was getting too old, but as long as he was able he would do all he could for the interest of the Province, particularly when he found he was so kindly supported by all. He had found so many kind friends that he could not express the feelings of gratitude he owed to the whole of the Brotherhood in the Province. He had been re-elected for terms of three years until nearly 21 had elapsed since his first appointment, and he began to find he was an old man; but, at the same time, wherever he was, he should always look with the greatest gratitude upon the kindness he had received. He thanked them sincerely for the enthusiastic manner in which they had received his health.

The Provincial Grand Officers was proposed by the Provincial Grand Master, who referred to them as a body of brethren who had always exerted themselves and done much, not only to support him, but for the good of the Province in general. On this occasion he had the honour of calling upon a brother who had exerted himself not only in this Degree but in all others—one whom they all loved and honoured, and whom they all felt glad to have the opportunity of seeing in the chair. He asked them to drink the health of Bro. Lovegrove and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers.

Bro. H. Lovegrove Prov. G.S.W. said he felt very proud at being able to respond for the Prov. Grand Officers. Middlesex and Surrey comprised a very large Province, being practically London—with the exception of some few Lodges which for some reason stood aloof. He had laboured considerably in Middlesex and Surrey, where Ark Masonry had taken firm hold, but in the Provincial towns they required assistance. On all occasions in the Mark he spoke upon one subject—the Mark Benevolent Fund—in which he was a firm believer, and for which some years ago he represented this Province. It was a fund which had no expensive buildings or officers, and practically the whole of the sum subscribed was devoted to Charity. A certain portion went to indigent Masons and their wives, and another part to assist in the education of the children of Mark Masons without taking them from their homes, which was a very praiseworthy object. He was never tired of advocating this fund, and only hoped the brethren would do their best to send their Steward—Brother Dunkley—with a good sum, for

the money would be thankfully received and faithfully applied. The officers appointed that night thanked the Provincial Grand Master for his kindness in promoting them, and they would do their best to perform their duties to the best of their ability. Every Prov. G. Lodge sent up one Grand Steward, but they sent four. They could not speak too highly of their P.G. Master, for, wherever they met him, he was not only a thorough Mason, but a courteous English gentleman. He felt sorry the Dep. Prov. G.M.—Bro. Davison—was not present, but he hoped that brother would yet be with them. Of their great Executive Officer—Bro. Brighten—he could only say, if some of the Craft Provinces were managed in the same way as theirs, greater success would ensue, for Bro. Brighten left no stone unturned, and kept the entire Province in a first class state. Bro. Rev. J. Hutchens gave the Visitors, which was replied to by Bro. Sparks, and the Tyler's toast then closed the proceedings.

## THE THEATRES, &c.

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**Vaudeville.**—"The Old House," a new comedy-drama by Mr. Robert Buchanan, has been favourably received here. The play appears to be an Angloised version of the comedy above mentioned, "Le Gendre de M. Poirier." In the present instance the father-in-law is Septimus Porter, a wealthy colonist, whose only child has married Sir Charles Fenton (le Marquis de Presles) a ruined baronet, much against the wish of Matthew Bramble (Verdelet), a hard headed man of business, and Poirier's (we beg pardon) Porter's partner. Sir Charles has been restored to his estates and position in the world by Porter's kindness, which he repays by neglecting his wife and flirting with Mrs. Waldegrave (la Comtesse), a former sweetheart. His friend Major Dashwood takes advantage of this state of affairs, makes love to Lady Fenton, and causes her to believe that Sir Charles has betrayed Mary Mason, one of his father's tenants. His overtures are rejected, but Lady Fenton decides to leave her husband and return to her old home in Australia. Mary is found, and confesses it was Dashwood who deceived her; Sir Charles is forgiven, on promise of amendment; and the Major is rewarded by a severe horsewhipping, inflicted by the indignant Porter. Underlying the main interest in the story is a scathing satire on the follies and privileges of modern society, and for this purpose the Honble. John Hackabout, a young man of the "masher" type, and Dolly Drew, a burlesque artiste, are brought on the stage. These characters, evidently the reflection of certain personages in real life, are cleverly portrayed by Mr. Cyril Maude and Miss Edith Bruce, and caused considerable amusement. Mr. Tom Thorne gives a fine representation of the simple minded old squatter, but the frequent use of the big, big D, might be toned down with advantage. Miss Winifred Emery gives a graceful and pathetic rendering of Lady Fenton, and Mr. Wallace Erskine does well as the weak-headed Sir Charles. Mr. C. W. Garthorne looks and acts admirably, as the wicked society man, Mr. Fred Thorne is excellent as Bramble, while Misses Marion Lea, Fanny Robertson, Ella Banister and Mr. F. Grove must be congratulated on their assumption of the minor characters. Mr. Sydney Alport, the courteous and capable acting manager, announces his annual benefit for Saturday next, 6th July, when the Vaudeville Company will appear, and several eminent artistes will take part in a miscellaneous entertainment. We heartily wish him success.

**Gaiety.**—The engagement of the French Company at this theatre came to a brilliant termination on Tuesday last, when a crowded audience assembled to witness and enjoy the final performance of these clever artistes. The piece selected was "Le Gendre de Monsieur Poirier," the part of the old bourgeois being undertaken by M. Coquelin. This is a character he plays to perfection; it is full of minute artistic touches, while his facial expression and tone of voice are so precise that even persons not conversant with the French language might readily follow the action of the play. M. Coquelin was admirably supported by his son Jean, as Verdelet, the friend and partner of Poirier—another artistic performance, when it is considered the actor is so young a man, and which sufficiently proved him to be a worthy follower in his father's footsteps. Mdle. Alice Lody, as Antoinette, and M. Duquesne as le Marquis de Presle, also played with considerable spirit, and materially assisted in the success achieved. The comedy was received throughout with acclamation, and the curtain had to be raised again and again at its conclusion to enable the performers to witness the enthusiasm of their admirers. The Company will certainly not regret their short visit to London. The regular Gaiety troupe return here this (Saturday) evening, with the successful burlesque "Faust up to date."

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 29th JUNE.

- Meeting of Old Scholars, Girls' School, Battersea Rise
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (I.)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
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)
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8. (Instruction)
Prov. Grand Lodge of Middlesex, Town Hall, Twickenham
1462—Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penitons
1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent
R.C.—Stanhope, Queen Hotel, Chester

MONDAY, 1st JULY.

- 22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
46—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.)
1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8. (In)
1446—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (In)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1924—Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Wickham Park, Brockley
1996—Priory Lodge of Acton, Royal Oak Assembly Hall, High Street, Acton
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
R.A. 91—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 139—Panmure, 8A Red Lion Square, W.C.
K.T. 127—Bard of Avon, 33 Golden Square, W.
37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston.
119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple
375—Lambton, Lambton Arms, Chester-le-street, Durham
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
597—St. Cybil, Town Hall, Holyhead
694—Oakley, Masonic Hall, Church Street, Basingstoke
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
350—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax
1350—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1798—Zion, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
2163—Jersey, Coffee Tavern, Southall
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.A. 404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
M.M. 12—Minerva, Masonic Hall, Dagger Lane, Hull
M.M. 37—Wyndham, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.

TUESDAY, 2nd JULY.

- Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
25—Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
66—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
95—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.)
171—Amity, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
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)
564—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
763—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
880—Daihouise, Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Dalston at 8 (Inst.)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Mona Hotel, Moor e ta-street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgecumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
1171—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1172—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
1519—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst.)
1739—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)

- R.A. 1538—St. Martins-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbrooke Hall, Motting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, at 7. (Instruction)
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Loughton Buzzard
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley Street, Bradford
995—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market Place, Cockermouth
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar
1310—Harrow, King's Head, Harrow
1322—Waveley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
1353—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction)
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6 (Instruction)
1619—Sackville, Crown Hotel, East Grinstead
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
1993—Wolsley, Masonic Hall, Town Hall Buildings, King Street, Manchester
2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
M.M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Chatham.

WEDNESDAY, 3rd JULY.

- Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Alexandra Palace, N.
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, Leadonhall 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. (Instruc.)
992—Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, at 8. (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (In)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
1707—Eleanor, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
1827—Alliance, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Chamberwell 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. 55—Constitutional, Private Rooms, Leytons one
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)
R.A. 1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
K.T. 129—Holy Palast, 33 Golden-square, W.C.
Provincial Grand Lodge of Suffolk, Town Hall, Beccles
74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moir, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Market-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
615—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Corporation Street, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton
839—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Water-street, (Instruction)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broad-street
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction)
1055—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Dorset
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1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Corporation Street, Manchester
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
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1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucesters.
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore.
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Weymouth
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
1736—St. John's, St. John's Rooms, Halifax
1993—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
2042—Apollo, Masonic Hall, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool
R.A. 54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham Street, Rochdale
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R.A. 778—Bard of Avon, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond
R.A. 1125—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Fore Street, Fiverton
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Bury-on-Humber
R.C.—Palatine, Palatine Hotel, Manchester

THURSDAY, 4th JULY.

- 10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
61—Vitruvian, White Hart, Corporation-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
111—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Coates, at 7.30. (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
335—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
70—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
74—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
75—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
879—Southwark, Sir Gannet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
1017—Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. (Instruction)

- 1155—Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-road
- 1156—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
- 1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruction)
- 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
- 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
- 1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instructor)
- 1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (Inst)
- 1361—United Service, Greyhound, Richmond
- 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst)
- 1445—Prince Leopold, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.
- 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
- 1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
- 1612—West Middlesex, 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, Clor konwell, at 9. (In.)
- 1724—Kaisir-i-Hind, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W
- 1744—Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
- 1765—Trinity College, 61 Weymouth Street
- 1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
- 1791—Creton, Wheatshaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shophords Bush. (Inst)
- 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate
- 1996—Priory, Borymead Priory Constitutional Club, High-st., Acton. (Inst.)
- R.A. 753—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. 197—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
- M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)
- 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
- 123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
- 248—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 266—Naphthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Haywood
- 269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
- 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
- 294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
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- 300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyae
- 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
- 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
- 446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
- 508—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
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- 792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsty
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- 976—Royal Clarence, Blue Hall, Bruton, Somerset
- 1081—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
- 1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland
- 1252—Anclolme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
- 1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
- 1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster
- 1384—Equity, Alforde Chambers, Widnes
- 1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
- 1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Palitua, near Burnley
- 1513—Fidelity, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
- 1580—Cranborune, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1594—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomery
- 1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
- 1829—Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham
- 2050—St. Trinians, Masonic Hall, Loch Parade, Douglas, Isle of Man
- R.A. 187—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
- R.A. 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
- R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
- R.A. 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
- R.A. 1074—Bective, Masonic Rooms, Kirkby, Lonsdale
- R.A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- M.M. 10—Cheltenham and Keystone, Masonic Hall, Cheltenham
- M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 5th JULY.

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
- 187—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
- 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
- 765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
- 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
- 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
- 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
- 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
- 1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 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)
- 1815—Fenge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
- 2030—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W. at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 2233—Old Westminsters', 68 Regent Street, W.
- R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
- 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)
- 44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
- 81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
- 219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
- 242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
- 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
- 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Hallowes Hill.
- 566—St. Germain, Masonic Hall, The Crescent, Selby
- 837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
- 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
- 1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Green, Wirry
- 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
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- 1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
- 1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
- 1648—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
- 1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth
- General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
- R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
- R.A. 170—All Souls', Masonic Hall, Weymouth
- R.A. 271—Lennox, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

SATURDAY, 6th JULY.

- General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
- 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, 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 (Instruction)
- 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith at 7.30. (In)
- R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8. (Instruction)
- Provincial Grand Chapter of Middlesex, Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court
- 304—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
- 1223—Amherst, Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverhead, near Sevenoaks
- 1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham
- 1929—Mozart, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon
- 2148—Walsingham, Masonic Hall, Walsingham, Kent
- 2205—Pegasus, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend, Kent

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