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CERTIFICATES OF OFFICE.

WHAT will be regarded as a novelty in many Masonic quarters has just been inaugurated in one of the Provinces of the East coast, the Grand Master of which recently announced his intention of giving to each of his Provincial Officers a certificate of office on their appointment. There is much to be said in favour of the general adoption of such a system, and we shall not be surprised if the example is not speedily followed in other quarters. We know such a custom already exists in parts of the country, but we consider the practice worthy of more general adoption.

We are accustomed to hear that the Master's chair is the summit of a Mason's ambition, but surely there are few who reach that exalted station but immediately wish for something more, some appointment which will carry with it the right to wear the Purple, either of Grand or of Provincial Grand Lodge. In London Lodges ordinary brethren are not, perhaps, so ambitious in this respect as are the Provincials, from the fact that they know it is next to impossible for them to secure a place among the officers of Grand Lodge. On this account few London Masons ever give a serious thought to the matter, but in the Provinces it is different. There it is not only possible, but in many cases probable, that the principal craftsmen of the year will be rewarded with Provincial Grand Lodge honours. On this account more notice is taken of the appointments, and there are few Lodges but can number among its members one or more present or past Provincial Grand Officers. For all this it must not be supposed that country brethren look upon these distinctions with anything like the contempt which is bred of familiarity, or that they regard the privilege of wearing a Purple collar as being beneath their notice. In nearly all the Provinces the great difficulty which has to be faced is the distribution of the few available appointments among the many brethren of the district who fully deserve them, and as a consequence the few fortunate ones who secure the reward of office have considerable reason to be proud of it, and are looked up to by their fellows as most fortunate. The distinction of clothing makes it very easy for brethren when assembled in Lodge to make known the rank to which they have advanced, but in private life this is not so easy, and although there are few who care to make a boast of the honours they have achieved, there are not many who would object to be occasionally reminded of it by a certificate or form, which might be framed or otherwise placed in a conspicuous position in their home or other haunt of every day life. Besides this, many Lodges have rooms of their own, wherein might well be displayed the certificates of honour won by present or departed members, as well as other mementos of the past; and all this might be done without any approach to ostentatious

display or outside show. We do not approve of the Mason who introduces the emblems of the Craft into his business, in the hope of making profit thereby—in our opinion this is a crime which speedily brings its own punishment—but we think an occasional reference to Masonic brotherhood in private life, and especially of honours won in the Craft, is not only admissible, but within the limits of Masonic propriety.

The granting of certificates to the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge would also, in many cases, create a bond of union between the Provincial Grand Master and the Brother who received it, stronger even than now exists, while their possession would serve to recall pleasant memories much more frequently than is at present possible, because they would come more frequently under notice. This alone should recommend a general adoption of the system, which, however, must be protected from abuse. When we say abuse, we mean that it must be kept within reasonable bounds. What is here recommended for adoption in Provincial Grand Lodges must not be allowed in Private Lodges, or at least it must not be allowed to the same extent, even if it be tolerated at all. We already have a certificate of merit for the Master of a Lodge in the Past Master's jewel, and that is sufficient for private Lodges, for whereas in Provincial Grand Lodge a Brother seldom has a second office conferred upon him, in private Lodges it is the custom for brethren to work up, step by step, from the lowest office to the highest, without missing one of the many appointments available. Certificates of appointments to each of these would be absurd, and would only bring into disrepute a pleasing innovation, which appears to recommend itself for general adoption.

We shall watch, and no doubt some of our readers will likewise do so, for the results which will follow this principle of giving certificates of appointment, and have little doubt but that it will be found that the hope of winning such a certificate proves a yet further inducement for brethren to try and merit promotion at the hands of their Provincial chiefs. Such, we are sure, is the object with which they are being adopted, and as anything which can benefit a part of the Order must of necessity benefit the whole, we hope the desire of those who are introducing them will be gratified to the fullest extent.

SPECULATIVE FREEMASONRY.

MY article in the *Freemason*, on Elias Ashmole, the Anti-quary and "Freemason," does not seem to satisfy my friend Bro. Jacob Norton, for which I am most certainly sorry, but as the fault is not mine, no blame is attached.

All my statements can easily be verified, and so the objections raised can only be "a play on words."

It turns upon the use of the word *speculative*. As frequently explained before, my employment of the term is

to describe a class of men who joined the Freemasons ages ago, who were *not operative Masons*, and never intended to be, *i.e.*, those who were *theoretical Freemasons*, or adopted as such, just as we meet with the titles "Geomatic" and "Domestic," descriptive of the two classes of *Speculatives* and *Operatives*.

We meet with this term *Speculative* in reference to Masonry, or Freemasonry, as far back as the fifteenth century, so that four centuries of such a custom is a fair reason for its use now.

When Ashmole was initiated as a *Speculative Freemason* in 1646, it is not likely "there was a single *operative* Mason present," as Bro. Rylands has well-nigh demonstrated; so that this particular Lodge must have long existed to account for the elimination of the operative element. At Aberdeen, in 1670, the great majority of members consisted of noblemen, gentlemen, and men of other trades than the Masonic, even though the Lodge was used for operative purposes then, and so long since that year.

Bro. Randle Holme, in his "Academie of Armory," Chester, 1688, says, "I cannot but honor the Fellowship of the Masons because of its antiquity; and the more as being a member of that Society called Free-Masons." This is another instance out of many of *Speculative* Freemasonry in the 17th Century, and I fail to see what fair objection can be raised to my using such a term.

Far too much has been made of Dr. Plot's assumed *ridicule* of the Freemasons in 1686. Personally, I feel much obliged to the departed Historian for his numerous references and suggestive descriptions of the Society, which I believe to be, precisely the same as Ashmole joined. Indeed, it is inconceivable to me how any one can think otherwise.

How Bro. Norton can declare that the "London Lodge," to which Ashmole was summoned in 1682, "was no other than the London Masonic Guild, which, *as already shown* [?], had neither any sign, word, grip, or ceremony, save that of a dinner," passes my comprehension, for a more unfounded declaration could not be made.

How does our brother know that in order to gain admission to St. Paul's Lodge ["Antiquity"] in or about 1717, it was necessary "to show a sign, to give a grip, and to whisper a word?" We are quite ignorant of the esoteric character of this old Lodge in 1717, at least no evidence has transpired on this side of the Atlantic, so Bro. Norton will oblige us by forwarding the needful particulars, which are new to us.

I am sorry that Bro. Norton, after all my trouble to give the exact words of Ashmole's Diary, relative to his initiation, &c., quotes from a printed account which is erroneous, notwithstanding he had my reproduction before him. He might surely be a little more careful under the circumstances, as the sense of the extract is seriously affected by the interpolation, to which reference has more than once been made by Bro. Gould and myself.

As to my attempting to show that the Freemasonry of Ashmole's time was "Masonic, in accordance with *our ideas*" about the Craft, it is not likely Bro. Norton will induce me to try anything so Quixotic. He does nothing very extraordinary, or worth writing about, to set me an impossible task, and then go on to assume it will not be done. And yet, why erase Ashmole's name from the list of "Old Masonic Worthies?"

Supposing, from this date to 1950, changes were gradually introduced into our Lodges, on a par with those from 1646 to 1740, would the brethren be inclined to remove the name of friend Norton from its Roll of Worthies, simply because the degrees or ceremonies worked in 1889, known to him, differed so from those of 1950? I trow not. Whatever it was in 1646-1682, *it was Freemasonry*, and it is but that now. Not exactly the same as we have it, but none of us now know exactly what is the old, or what is the new in the Three Degrees, but we do know that Lodges have continued on the Scottish Roll through all the changes from *then to now*. Of course, three separate Degrees were unknown in Ashmole's time.

W. J. HUGHAN.

The Earl of Jersey has resigned the office of Provincial Grand Master of Mark Masons for the Province of Berks and Oxon, a position which he has held for some years. We hear also that Lord Valentia will probably succeed Lord Jersey as Grand Master of the Province,

THOUGHTS FOR THE THINKING MASON.

HOW many Brethren who spend evening after evening in the Lodge-room ever ask themselves to what end all the curious rites and ceremonies, which are the property of our mystic Brotherhood, are so frequently repeated? Who pauses in the midst of the ritual to ask himself its meaning, or stops to inquire in what way it relates to the every-day affairs of life? Too many look upon the work of the Craft as a mere meaningless repetition of words, which by infinite toil must be learned by heart by any one who wishes to become an officer in his Lodge, but to them it is a matter of no concern, demanding no thought or attention, and attracting them only as the words when uttered by a speaker of good delivery may have a sonorous roll, pleasing to the ear.

How seldom, indeed, we find that the pure radiance of the First Great Light is allowed to shine with its divine effulgence upon the Mysteries of our Craft. If our Brethren would but take the trouble to commit to memory, carefully and thoughtfully (not mere parrot learning) the entire ritual of the Fraternity, and then in the patient spirit of investigation look up, by means of reference Bible and Concordance, all those passages which seem obscure and meaningless to them, they will find themselves well rewarded for their trouble. Unfortunately for the good of the Craft, the Bible seems to be as much of a sealed book to not a few Masons, as if they were under the administration of the Romish Church, which forbids the laity to read the word of God for themselves.

If the Craft as a whole knew the work better, we would hear fewer complaints of bad grammar in the authorised work. Too many Americans get their only ideas of grammar from the dogmatic and empiric books on the subject which form the text books in most of our schools, both public and private, and which by arbitrary rules, that seem all important to the self-appointed authority, endeavour to straighten out the English language as if with a rod of iron, thereby seeking to remove from it all the force of character and wonderful strength and elasticity of expression that have kept the English of King James's version of the Bible, and of William Shakespeare, unchanged in all essentials, even down to the present day, while other languages, such as French and German, have suffered far more variation in the same length of time. If any well-read Mason will carefully examine the work as taught by the Temple School of Instruction, he cannot help being struck by the singular force and beauty of the language used. There is not one word too much, nor is there anything left out which should be there. The language is such as Goldsmith or Addison might have used, from the elegance and purity of its diction, though, perhaps, if tested by the petty standard of Hart's English Grammar, or some other such self-constituted authority, it might be found somewhat lacking.

So much for mere questions of diction, the outward clothing in which the beautiful symbolism of our mystic ceremonies is veiled. But there are far higher beauties to be perceived by every thinking Mason. Who can fail to be struck with the quaint spirit of mediævalism which seems to pervade the whole of Ancient York Masonry. One can almost fancy himself among those ancient builders who, protected by Papal bull, gathered together in companies wherever there was a cathedral or monastery to be erected, a close corporation protecting both their trade secrets and the mystic legends in their possession from the knowledge of the profane world, by the solemn obligations imposed upon any one who desired to unite with them and aid in glorifying God, by assisting in the erection of a Temple to His honour. For, the Freemasons of mediæval Europe were really the architects, sculptors and Mason builders of the religious edifices. The ordinary buildings, dwellings, castles, and the like, were built by common mechanics, who had never learned the secret Mysteries of our Craft, and who were but local artificers following out the rude, every-day practices of their immediate neighbours. The Freemasons, however, were not local workmen, in many cases were not even residents of the countries where they worked, but bound together by a common purpose, they travelled about from place to place, spreading abroad the knowledge of every new discovery in construction or design, so that it might become the common property of the Fraternity at large,

in the same manner that the architects of to-day spread broadcast, among the profession, every new constructive expedient or novelty in design in the pages of the professional journals. Can we not imagine our ancient Brethren gathered together in the precincts of the tyled Lodge and there, safe from the intrusion of the local builder who might otherwise discover their knowledge, working out these most complicated problems of the pressure and counter-pressure of groined vaults, mathematical computations so profound that when the monasteries were put down by Henry VIII., and the Freemasons lost their prerogatives, as well as their employment, the secret was lost, until this present age of engineering skill; and architecture from the lack of the requisite knowledge for the construction of Gothic buildings, took on the much simpler forms of the classic, and the world witnessed that mighty change in art, contemporaneous with the great religious upheaval of the times, the Renaissance.

But with all the mediæval spirit of this our ancient and honourable Fraternity, there seems, in its legends and traditions, in its symbols and emblems, a yet more ancient spirit, which would take us back to those remote ages of antiquity, earlier even than the building of that wondrous Temple at Jerusalem by Solomon, King of Israel, and would carry us in spirit within those sacred precincts of the temples on the borders of the Nile, whose priests gathered to themselves all the knowledge of the world, leaving to the common people naught but unceasing toil for their daily bread, and demanded of any one who would seek to penetrate into the mysterious realms of science or art, that he should give proof of the earnestness of his purpose by passing through ordeals where fear or hesitation would proclaim him unworthy of knowing the still greater mystery of the truth of nature's laws. We well know that in Egypt mathematics, from its absolute exactness, was regarded as of divine origin, and the triangle, from being the simplest figure into which all other plane figures can be resolved, was looked upon as a direct emblem of Deity. Can any thinking Mason fail to connect this fact with the many allusions to this figure in our work, and with the threefold character of all ancient Masonry? Or does he prefer to join the ranks of those petty scoffers, who seeing nothing beyond what they can fathom with the petty measuring rod of what they term exact science, deny to our mysteries any antiquity beyond the seventeenth or eighteenth century, and who imagine a set of men gathered together in a London coffee-house could have then and there originated mysteries which on their very face bear the stamp of antiquity? Truly such men could not be convinced though fire were to come down from heaven by a miracle, and illuminate the dim vistas of the past, so that they might see clearly what had gone before.—*Keystone.*

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE monthly meeting of the General Committee was held on Saturday last, in the Board Room, Freemasons' Hall. The Earl of Euston, Chairman of the Provisional Committee appointed by the Special Court held on the 6th June, presided. Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, and several members of the Provisional Committee were present, with a large number of Life Governors, Life Subscribers, &c. After the formal business had been transacted, and a list of 69 candidates for admission to the School settled, 16 vacancies in the School were declared for the October election. Brother the Earl of Euston then presented to the Committee the report drawn up by the Provisional Committee of its transactions since the 6th June, and his lordship read the report, as follows:—

The Report of the Provisional Management Committee appointed by the Special General Court on 6th June 1889.

This Committee has since its appointment held five meetings, one of which was at Wood Green. The Earl of Euston was elected Chairman, Bro. F. A. Philbrick Vice-Chairman, and Brother J. D. Langton Hon. Sec. of the Committee.

On the 12th June the late House, Finance, and Audit Committees passed a resolution handing over the management of the Institution to this Committee, and this Committee on the same day passed a resolution accepting the charge, and has since that day done all things necessary in carrying on the Institution.

The Matron and Steward of the Institution having resigned, this Committee has taken the matter into its consideration, and recommends that the office of Steward be not filled up for the present, but

that the Matron be at once appointed. It therefore asks that it be empowered to make the appointment, subject to the approval of the next General Committee.

The Committee is of opinion that a fresh Medical Officer is required, and recommends it be empowered to take the necessary steps to attain this result forthwith.

It appears to this Committee that, in the interests of the Institution, and in order to carry out the wishes of the Special Court, it is necessary there should be a change at as early a period as possible in the office of Secretary. The committee is unanimous in recommending that a retiring allowance should be accorded to Bro. Frederick Binckes, and asks the General Committee to authorise it to confer with Bro. Binckes on the terms of his retirement, and to arrange them, if possible, and report thereon to the next General Committee.

The Committee has under its consideration the various recommendations of the Committee of Inquiry, with a view to carry them out as desired by the General Court. It has not lost sight of the question of the Head Mastership, but deems it advisable to reserve this, with other important subjects, for further deliberation.

The Committee asks this General Committee to confirm what it has already done, and to depute to it the powers of the House, Audit, and Finance Committees, in order that it may be duly authorised to carry out the directions given by the Special Court, on the occasion of its appointment.

The various duties devolving on the Members of the Committee render it advisable in their opinion, that they should be enabled to add to their number, if found requisite.

The Committee has accepted the honorary services of Messrs. Kennedy and Hobbs, chartered accountants, and have appointed a Sub-Committee, which has received an interim report advising on the system of book-keeping, and that Sub-Committee is engaged in further considering the question of the financial condition of the Institution.

Dated the 6th day of July 1889.

(Signed)

EUSTON.

Bro. Philbrick, in moving:—

"That the report of the Provisional Management Committee now read be received and entered on the minutes, and that its proceedings and recommendations do receive the sanction of this Committee, which authorises the Provisional Committee to carry the same into effect,"

said the Committee found it necessary to ask that further members be added to their number; they, although now 21, did not all attend. Some of these, such as Bro. Gerard Ford, of Brighton, were not always able to attend, and the duties of the Committee were becoming many and arduous. The Committee, however, was anxious to continue its labours with the same zeal, assiduity, and thoroughness as heretofore, and would like more brethren to be conjoined with them. Bro. J. S. Cumberland seconded the motion. A short discussion arose on the Report, the different speakers expressing their approval of the manner in which the Provincial Committee had discharged the burden thrown upon them. Bro. James Motion wanted to ask whether the Secretary had resigned, in conformity with the wish expressed at the Special Court of 6th June? Bro. Binckes said he had not resigned. Bro. Motion then took exception to one paragraph in the Report, that relating to a retiring allowance to the Secretary. He strongly objected to any retiring allowance. It was explained that no recommendation by the Committee that a retiring allowance of any amount would bind the subscribers to the Institution in any way whatever. The Committee could only recommend, and whatever recommendation they might make would be submitted to a Special or Quarterly Court of Subscribers for their confirmation or rejection. The Report was then agreed to, without a dissentient voice, and a resolution was past authorising Lord Euston to sign cheques. Grants for outfits were made to some ex-pupils of the Institution, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

Since we published the lists of contributions at the recent Boys' School Festival, held on the 3rd instant, the following amounts have been received.—

LONDON

Lodge		£	s	d
49 Br	J Turner	-	-	15 15 0
534	G E C Jackson, additional	-	-	15 15 0
871	J G Thomas, additional	-	-	5 5 0
902	W C Smith, additional	-	-	5 5 0
1044	A J Higerty, additional	-	-	1 1 0
1348	Brennan	-	-	10 10 0

PROVINCES.

CHESHIRE.

1357	M Longridge	-	-	2 2 0
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SOMERSETSHIRE.

	Lieut.-Colonel A Thrane Perkins, additional	-	-	11 11 0
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PROV. GRAND LODGE OF SUFFOLK.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Suffolk was held on Wednesday, 3rd inst., at the Town Hall, Beccles, under the banner of the Apollo Lodge. The Right Hon. the Lord Henniker P.S.G.W., Right Worshipful Grand Master, presided, and was supported by :

W. Diver P.M. 305 P.G.J.W., Rev. J. B. Beck 81 P.G. Chaplain, N. Tracy P.M. 376 P.P.G.J.W. P.G. Secretary, W. Clarke P.M. 114 P.G.P. England P.G.D. of C., T. S. Tearne S.W. 1451 P.G. Organist, J. Hunt P.M. 376 Prov. G.P., J. Warren P.M. 332 P.A.G.P., T. W. Read P.M. 555, W. I. Mason W.M. 1422 Prov. G. Stewards, J. C. Norman P.M. 332 P.P.S.G.W., Rev. Richard Peek W.M. 936 P.P.G. Chaplain, John M. Canova P.M. and Treasurer 388 P.P.G.S.W., W. W. Walesby P.M. 929 P.P.G.S. of W., R. Barker P.M. 388 P.P.G.A.D. of C., B. Seaman P.M. 929 P.P.G.S.B., James Tennant P.M. 71 P.P.G.S. of W., F. A. Mann P.M. 1452 P.P.G. Organist, J. Napier P.M. and Secretary 225 P.P.G.J.D., J. T. Eccleston P.M. 305 P.P.G. Standard Bearer, F. Wheeler P.M. 1224 P.P.G. Registrar, T. J. Eastangh 1452 P.P.G.J.D., J. M. Harvey P.M. 936 P.P.G.J.W., E. Smith P.M. 81 P.P.G.P., G. F. Crane 305 P.P.G.J.W., Hugh W. H. Elwes W.M. 1452 P.P.G.J.D., B. W. Syer 376 P.G. Tyler; W. J. Wilton W.M., J. Russell P.M., J. Symes I.G., all of 71; G. Hall Tyler 81, R. Tidbury, M.D., W.M. 114; S. J. Morley W.M., W. J. Whitehead S.D., W. H. Cook J.D., all of 225; Chas. Buckland W.M., Jonathan Nobbs P.M., A. R. Scott S.W., F. J. Allen J.W., Charles Geer J.D., N. W. Pells I.G., H. J. Lane, H. Larrance, E. G. Watson, T. A. Woodroffe, H. A. Shervill, R. S. Norman Tyler, all of 305; Rev. E. A. Thelwall J.W. 332, F. C. Atkinson S.W. 376; P. M. Canova I.P.M., A. Caton P.M., J. O. Green P.M., W. P. Gale, all of 388; C. G. Hayward P.M. 516; W. Balls W.M., J. Marjoram P.M., Rev. C. A. Sinclair J.W., all of 555; R. H. Johnston W.M., Rev. G. W. Jones Chaplain, H. Martin S.D., J. E. Sales J.D., J. D. Botwright Treasurer, H. S. Mullinger, all of 929; A. R. Trew P.M., W. Leather Steward, A. E. Grounds, G. P. King, all of 959; G. Cornish I.P.M. 1008, H. Hills I.G. 1224, B. Bradbeer P.M., W. J. Roberts J.W., J. W. Brooke I.G., H. Rix Steward, C. W. Morris, all of 1452; W. Chapman P.M., J. C. Smith S.D., all of 1592; J. W. Bray W.M., J. Darrant, E. Harvey Tyler, all of 1631; J. Bardwell I.G. 1823, E. M. U. Adnams W.M., T. Sergeant S.W., W. J. Griffiths J.W., O. G. Rackham J.D., W. H. Elmy, all of 1983. Visitors—W. Pearl P.D.P.G.M. Madras, F. R. W. Hedges P.G. Sword Bearer (Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls), C. Thwaites P.D.G.J.W. Bombay, J. W. French P.M. 100 P.P.G.R. Norfolk, J. Blunderfield P.M. 1193 P.P.G.P. Norfolk P.G.S. Suffolk, H. Harvey George P.P.G.J.W. Norfolk, C. J. Ballen S.D. 100, J. S. Warren 979, W. W. Morgan jun., &c.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in regular form, the minutes were confirmed, and the roll of Provincial Officers was called over; this was followed by the calling over of the roll of Lodges, when it was found that all were represented, and were reported as being in a satisfactory state. Bro. Joseph Flintham, of Aldeburgh, was elected Provincial Grand Treasurer, and the thanks of the Lodge accorded to the retiring Treasurer, who had efficiently discharged the duties of the office for some years. The following were appointed as the Provincial Officers:—

Bro. J. C. Norman	...	Senior Warden
W. Bead	...	Junior Warden
Rev. J. B. Beck	...	} Chaplains
Rev. C. A. Sinclair	...	
C. G. Hayward	...	Registrar
N. Tracy	...	Secretary
W. Chapman	...	Senior Deacon
A. R. Trew	...	Junior Deacon
T. W. Read	...	Superintendent of Works
W. Clarke P.G.P.	...	D. of C.
Jekyll	...	A.D. of C.
Chas. Buckland	...	Sword Bearer
R. Tidbury, M.D.	...	} Standard Bearers
Bryan	...	
T. S. Tearne	...	Organist
H. J. Wright	...	Asst. Sec.
J. Warren	...	Pursuivant
Stokoe	...	Asst. Pursuivant
Jonathan Nobbs	...	} Stewards
A. R. Scott	...	
G. Read	...	
B. W. Syer	...	Tyler

The Report of the Board of General Purposes of the Province was read and confirmed, it being of a very satisfactory character. Next followed the Report of the Suffolk Masonic Charity Association, which, as we said last week, was also a most gratifying one. These regretted the Committee appointed to inquire into the affairs of the Boys' School had been obliged to pass such an unfavourable verdict on that Institution, but at the same time it was hoped the brethren of the Province would not, in consequence, withdraw their support from the Charity. The customary grants of ten guineas to each of the three Institutions were proposed, as also were other votes in the cause of benevolence, together with one of five guineas on account of the expense of issuing the Provincial Calendar.

Bro. W. Clarke, in proposing the adoption of the Report referred to the Boys' School Inquiry, the necessity for which was regretted on all sides. He was sure, however, the brethren of Suffolk would not be the first to stop their support of the Institution, but would rather aid in dispelling the cloud which was at present hanging over it. The annual Charity Report congratulated the Province on its hearty and continued support of the Charities, which was all the more encouraging after the special efforts which were made last year on behalf of the Girls' School Centenary. This year the Provincial Grand Master undertook the presidency of the Girls' School Festival and eighteen members of the Province gave their services as Stewards to support their chief. They all regretted the absence of Lord Henniker from the Festival, and sincerely sympathised with his lordship at the bereavement which had kept him away. The Deputy of the Province, who was ever ready to perform any good work, had stepped into the breach, and had carried out the duties most efficiently. The result of that Festival, so far as Suffolk was concerned, was that its members had taken up £577 19s 6d, the largest amount ever sent up by the Province, and considerably more than double what was contributed by any other Province to that Festival. At the Benevolent Festival Suffolk had 7 Stewards, who took up £337 1s, while at that of the Boys'—being held that day—they had two Stewards, with lists amounting to £137 18s 6d. Thus they had contributed £1052 19s to the three Institutions during the current year. The Provincial Grand Master then addressed the brethren, congratulating them on what had been done by Suffolk on behalf of the Charities of the Order. He considered benevolence the greatest feature of Freemasonry, and especially thanked the brethren for the assistance they had rendered him in his efforts on behalf of the Girls' School. He especially supported the views of Bro. Clarke in regard to the Boys' School. They had all heard of the Committee of Investigation and its report, but rather than take away any support from the Institution on account of that report, they ought to increase their subscriptions, for they might reasonably expect that all faults would be immediately remedied, now they had been pointed out, and funds would be needed to continue the work. He was very pleased to find the Province in so satisfactory a condition, and thanked the brethren of Beccles for the reception they had accorded the Grand Lodge that day. He had decided to give certificates in future to Provincial Grand Officers on their appointment, in order that brethren who were promoted might have something to show in years to come of the honour that had been conferred on them. As soon as the form had been decided upon he intended to give one to each of the officers it had been his pleasure to appoint since his installation as Provincial Master. Lord Henniker then proposed the vote of congratulation to be G. Master, on the approaching marriage of his daughter; this we mentioned last week. The brethren then attended Divine service at St. Michael's Church, and on their return the Provincial Grand Master proposed votes of thanks to the Mayor of Beccles, for the loan of the Town Hall; to the Rector, for allowing them to meet in his church; and to the Provincial Chaplain, for the excellent sermon they had just listened to. Lord Henniker announced that next year's meeting would be held at Bury, and that the succeeding year he hoped to do as he had wished ever since he had occupied the position of Provincial Master, entertain the Masons of the Province at his own house. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, arrived during the afternoon—he having been detained through alterations in the train service; he offered his apologies for being late, and was accorded a hearty welcome by those assembled. Provincial Lodge was then closed, and the brethren proceeded to the Corn Hall, where a banquet was partaken of, under the presidency of Bro. Martyn.

At the conclusion of the banquet the chairman proposed the usual toasts. The longer they lived the more they must feel the privilege of living under the rule of so Grand a Sovereign as Queen Victoria. They had that day offered congratulations on an event which he hoped would bring joy to Her Majesty and to the members of her family. The next toast was that of the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. The members of the Masonic Order were not only loyal to the Queen, but equally so to the Prince of Wales, their Masonic sovereign. All shared with His Royal Highness the joy he must feel at the engagement of his eldest daughter. The toast of the Grand Officers followed. This was a most important toast, one which embraced a great many good and worthy Masons. Bro. Martyn believed the visit of the Pro Grand Master to the Antipodes had been productive of great good to the cause of Masonry.

They had among them that day two Grand Officers—Bro. Hedges, whose name at least was known throughout the length and breadth of the land, and who had worked hard on behalf of the Girls' School, and Bro. Clarke, who was too well known in Suffolk to need any eulogy from him. Bro. Martyn was very pleased to again welcome these two brethren. Bro. Hedges replied, thanking the brethren for their reception of the toast, and also for the hearty way in which they had supported the Provincial Grand Master in his presidency at the recent Festival of the Girls' School. The health of the Provincial Grand Master was next given, and most heartily received. Bro. G. F. Crane then proposed the health of the chairman, their Deputy Provincial Grand Master, to which Bro. Martyn replied, in an effective speech. The brethren in all parts were very kind to him—in the words of the song they had just heard, they seemed to "remember" him wherever he went. His desire was so to act that when it pleased God to take him from them, they would still remember him. He loved the Craft so well that he rejoiced when it prospered as it had done in their Province of Suffolk; they all ought to be proud that their district had been able to send up as much as £1050 to the Charities during a single year. This was not a spasmodic effort, but the regular outcome of their love for the Institutions. The toast of the visitors was next given, and having been acknowledged, that of the Provincial Officers followed. They had in Suffolk so many excellent men that it became very difficult to promote all who were worthy of it. They had tried to act as impartially as possible, and, as the Provincial Grand Master had said, had had great difficulty in awarding the few collars among the many brethren who were deserving of them. The toast was heartily received, and ably acknowledged by Bros. Harvey and Bryan. Then followed the toast of the Charities. Bro. Martyn, in proposing it, said he had just received a telegram from Bro. Binckes, the Secretary of the Boys' School, saying that the result of the Festival then being held would be the receipt of about £13,000 on behalf of the Boys' Institution. They must all be delighted at such a result, and he hoped that it would be the commencement of fresh enthusiasm on behalf of that Charity. How on earth was it possible to prop up a sinking ship if every one deserted it? and how was it possible to keep on the work of the Boys' School if its friends refused to lend a hand? To desert the Institution just now would be most cowardly and un-English like—it was equivalent to kicking a man when he was down; he was sure there were none around him who would be guilty of such behaviour. It did them all good at times to take a little medicine, and no doubt the Boys' School would soon be all the better for the dose just administered. Each of the Charities was well deserving of their sympathy and encouragement, and he hoped the brethren of Suffolk would always be to the front in supporting them. Bro. Hedges replied. His presence there that day was to repay the debt of gratitude owing from the Institution of which he was Secretary; to say in person how much they appreciated, and how much they were indebted to the brethren of Suffolk for the help they had rendered at the last Festival of the Girls' School. All associated with the Institution were grateful to the Provincial Grand Master of Suffolk for his promise to take the chair at the Festival, and all sympathised with him that he was unable to fulfil the duties of that office. Bro. Martyn was deeply loved throughout the Craft, and most kindly acted as Deputy, in the absence of his chief. The London brethren claimed him equally with the Suffolk Masons, and were equally pleased at the success which attended his efforts. The £1052 contributed by Suffolk to the three Institutions did not represent all the good the Province had done this year, for its brethren had not omitted any chance of lending a helping hand wherever it was required. The money sent to London represented the steady work of a steady hard working Province, and the three Institutions were heartily thankful for it. Bro. Martyn now proposed the health of Bro. Tracy, Provincial Grand Secretary, whom he described as a most hard working official, doing his duty most efficiently and thoroughly. He had no more pleasurable feeling than to know that one of the large meetings he took such care to organise had passed off well. He must be pleased with the result of that day's meeting, for all had turned out so satisfactorily. Bro. Tracy replied. He did not like the feeling of envy, but he could not help envying the ability of their chairman, who was able to say just the right thing at the right time, and in the kindest possible manner. Bro. Tracy made one or two suggestions as to the way the work of the several Lodges of the Province should be carried on, in all matters which concerned the Province as a whole. He did not complain, and felt all would understand him when he said the work of the district should be as equally divided as possible. If the officials of all the Lodges would do all that lay in their power in their respective centres, they would not have occasion to trouble him with so many communications. Much as he loved Freemasonry the work he was called upon to perform at times came very heavy, indeed it often occupied his entire spare time. While thanking the brethren for their kindness, he knew they would not mind his asking them to render as much help as lay in their power. The toast of the Worshipful Master and the brethren of the Apollo Lodge was next honoured. The Provincial Grand Lodge was greatly indebted to these brethren for the very kind reception they had given them that day. With the toast Bro. Martyn associated the name of Bro. Crane, who, he said, if not actually an Officer of the Provincial Lodge, was at least one of its pillars. He remembered how Bro. Crane had, years ago, come forward at a time when the Apollo Lodge was not in a very happy state, and had worked most efficiently and satisfactorily on its behalf, with the result that now the members had a Lodge they were proud of, and a reputation throughout the Province. Bro. Buckland the W.M. of the Lodge was the first to reply, thanking the brethren for their hearty approval of what had been done that day. The Lodge had made rapid progress of late, and was, he was pleased to say, in a most satisfactory condition. Bro. Crane followed. It had been his desire that the Apollo Lodge should receive the Provincial Lodge at its annual meeting, and he was gratified to know that the day's gathering had resulted satis-

factorily. His association with the Apollo Lodge dated back to 1878, when he became a joining member. The night of his election he was appointed Junior Warden, and was elected Worshipful Master the next year. Then he became Secretary, a post he still had the honour to fill. He was indeed pleased, as a member of the Lodge, to know that the meeting that day had been a success, it had certainly succeeded far beyond their most sanguine expectations. Other toasts having been honoured, the meeting was shortly after brought to a conclusion.

FIDELITY LODGE, No. 555.

THE annual meeting was held at the Crown Hotel, Framlingham, on the 19th ult., when Bro. Wm. Balls was installed as W.M., the ceremony being impressively performed by Bro. J. B. Fraser. The W.M. invested his Officers, as under:—Bros. W. Parser S.W., Rev. C. A. Sinclair J.W., W. T. Brunger S.D., E. T. Drake J.D., T. R. Worthington I.G., W. Cocks Treasurer, Rev. J. Home Pilkington Chaplain, W. Vernon D.C., C. Goodwin Steward, J. Marjoram Tyler. The brethren voted to the retiring W.M. a life-vote in one of the Masonic Charities. In the evening the banquet was served in excellent style, in the Corn Hall, by Host Bro. W. Sewell. The usual Loyal and Fraternal toasts having been duly responded to, Bro. the Rev. J. Holme Pilkington in appropriate terms proposed the "Masonic Charities," coupling with it the name of Bro. S. G. Carley. During the past year the Lodge had been represented by Stewards at two of the Charity Festivals. A vote of money has also been made during the year towards a piece of work being done by Freemasons in connection with the restoration of Framlingham Church.

DOWNSHIRE LODGE, No. 594.

ON the 27th ult., at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, Bro. Edward R. Latham was duly installed as Worshipful Master of this Lodge, this being the thirty-eighth annual meeting. There was a large attendance of members of the Lodge and visiting brethren. The presentation of Bro. Edmund R. Latham for installation was made by Bros. W. Evans and W. Blumsum, the installation being performed by Bro. William R. Roberts, to whom a cordial vote of thanks was subsequently given. The following Officers were then invested:—Bros. E. A. G. Dow I.P.M., D. Dunkel S.W., B. Allonby J.W., Isaac Turner Treasurer, John Phelan Secretary, W. Hudson Organist, J. Edwards S.D., A. C. Gunn J.D., P. Roose I.G., Ernest Smart S., Haydn P. Cowell S., Joseph Howley Bellingham S., E. Jeffries S., John L. Houghton D.C., A. Pedersen P.M. C.R., and Thomas Malcolm Tyler. Before the business of the Lodge was concluded, the I.P.M., Bro. Dow, was presented with a costly jewel, in recognition of his services, and afterwards the newly-installed W.M., Bro. Edmund R. Latham, presented the Lodge with a beautiful silk banner, suitably inscribed. The members afterwards adjourned to the banqueting-room, where Bro. Casey had provided an excellent repast, to which ample justice was done. During the evening Bro. A. Pedersen was the recipient of a handsome Treasurer's jewel, subscribed for by the brethren, in token of his services during the past five years. The usual Masonic toasts were given, and an excellent programme was performed by Bros. W. Sweetman, H. J. Nicholls, J. Thierry, Busfield, Humphries, Barry Stuart, Wylie, Doubleday, and Howley; Bros. H. Cowell and W. Hudson supplying the accompaniments.

ST. AUBYN LODGE, No. 954.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held, on the 25th ult., at the Ebrington Masonic Hall, Granby-street, Devonport, when Bro. R. O. Polwhele, Lieutenant R.N., was installed W.M. for the year ensuing by Bros. C. Watson, T. Goodall, J. Jolliffe, and J. R. Dugdale. The Board of Installed Masters being closed, the Officers appointed were Bros. H. Haynes I.P.M., H. Nicholls S.W., T. Lannder J.W., J. T. Allingham Treasurer, Jas. Osborn Secretary, A. Willcocks S.D., R. Govier J.D., C. Coombes D.C., C. Newton Organist, W. J. Watson I.G., J. Ellis A.D.C., F. C. Huxham and H. Worth S. Stewards, T. Maynard, T. Ellis, J. Dewstone Junior Stewards, C. Farthing Assistant Organist, and W. Henderson Tyler. In the evening the annual banquet was held at Bro. Routley's Farley Hotel, Plymouth, where, under the genial presidency of the W.M., a most enjoyable evening was spent. The visitors included Bros. C. Spence Bates P.M. 189, E. Poor P.M. 1136, H. W. Pengelly W.M. 1099, and R. Carter W.M. 202. A capital musical evening was provided. Those who assisted were Bros. W. R. Rawling W.M. 1071 (who was in good voice and deservedly encored), W. Lavers, F. T. W. Curtis, Williams, W. Bettridge, C. Newton, and J. Bassett.

FERMOR LODGE, No. 1313.

BROTHER the Rev. Joseph Ashby was, on the 27th ult., in the presence of a large assembly of members and visiting brethren, duly installed as W.M. of this Lodge, the headquarters of which are at Bank-buildings, Southport. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. G. F. Roberts, Treasurer of the Lodge. After his installation, according to ancient custom, the Worshipful Master proceeded to the investiture of his Officers, as follow:—Bros. T. E. Chambers I.P.M., R. Sharrock S.W., A. B. Magson J.W., J. G. Ripley S.D., F. Wood J.D., G. F. Roberts Treasurer, T. Whitehead Secretary, Rev. R. J. W. Latimer Chaplain, H. B. Gough I.G., J. G. Emmison S., S. Fane S., F. Gresswell S., C. E. Bryan P.M. Organist, and G. Reckliff Tyler. The installation ceremony and the ordinary business of the Lodge being concluded, the brethren partook of supper. In this Lodge, the custom is to have a picnic instead of the annual installation banquet. This picnic will take place on Thursday, 11th inst., when the brethren and their friends will proceed by train to Marple, whence they will proceed in vehicles to view the surrounding country and visit Lyme-Park and other places of interest in the district.

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PROV. G. CHAPTER OF MIDDLESEX.

THE Annual Convocation was held on Saturday last, at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court. Comp. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., G. Supt., presided, and he was supported by

Comps. Raymond H. Thrupp Prov. G.H., J. F. H. Woodward acting Prov. G.J., W. H. Lee Prov. G.S.E., Bentley Haynes Prov. G. 1st A.S., W. G. Kentish Prov. G.S.B., F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Supt. Essex, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke G.S.E., Frank Richardson P.A.G.S. and G.D.C., Chas. Greenwood Prov. G.S.E. Surrey, W. F. Laxton P.P.G. Reg., J. M. Stedwell P.P.G.J., J. T. Briggs P.P.G.P.S., C. H. Webb P.P.G.S.B., D. P. Cama P.P.G.S.B., R. W. Forge P.P.G.P.S., T. W. Ockenden P.P.G.D.C., G. Cordwell P.P.A.G.S., E. Hopwood P.P.G. Reg., J. G. Langton J. 1194, Geo. Gregory P.Z., R. Vincent 1777, E. Y. Jolliffe, H. W. Roberts M.E.Z. 1293, G. S. Elliott P.Z. 1423, R. H. Blackford J. 1549, F. C. Austin 1793, Jas. Willing jun. P.Z. 1507 1000, A. C. Spaul P.Z. 382, A. A. Higerty II. 946, Simeon Jacobs P.Z. 946, W. J. Porter Org. 1793, W. M. Tegg P.Z. 1237, G. L. Wingate P.P.A.G.S., G. J. Dunkley P.P.G. Org., A. Lingard Z. 1691, R. R. Collick Z. 946, H. Sapsworth S.N. 946, W. W. Lee 1524, W. W. Morgan, &c.

After Provincial G. Chapter had been formally opened, the roll of Chapters was called, and the minutes of last Convocation were read and confirmed, and the Audit Committee's report received and unanimously adopted. Comp. Raymond H. Thrupp was re-appointed Prov. G.H., and Comp. E. Y. Jolliffe was invested as G.J., while Comp. G. Gregory was unanimously elected Treasurer. The following Officers were invested:—

Comp. W. H. Lee	...	S.E.
A. C. Spaul	...	S.N.
H. W. Roberts	...	Reg.
A. Lingard	...	P.S.
G. L. Elliott	...	1st A.S.
J. Willing jun.	...	2nd A.S.
Capt. J. R. Vincent	...	S.B.
Wm. Tegg	...	Std. Br.
R. Collick	...	D. of C.
F. C. Austin	...	A.D. of C.
C. Stevens	...	Organist
Gilbert	...	Janitor

After the Audit Committee had been appointed, the Prov. Grand Chapter was closed.

Later on an excellent banquet was served, under the personal superintendence of Bro. Mella. After the loyal toasts, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, replying for the Grand Officers said, the G. Superintendent had honoured the Grand Officers of England, and he begged, on their behalf, to say a few words. He assured the Companions that the G. Officers were highly honoured by holding their positions, and serving under the illustrious Prince whose great exertions and services in Masonry had been alluded to by the G. Superintendent. No matter in what Degree, H.R.H. evinced the same marvellous interest, and it was a wonder, considering the amount of extraneous work he had to perform, that he found the time he did for his Masonic duties. The Grand Officers were very fortunate in serving under so illustrious a chief. It was a pleasure to those present to witness the continued prosperity of the Prov. G. Chapter of Middlesex, and although he (Comp. Clerke) had not been in attendance for years, he felt great pleasure in being once again under the control of their dear old friend and most excellent Mason, Col. Sir Francis Burdett. So long—and let it be very long—as they had his genial sway, Masonry would be ungrateful if it did not carry on its work well, and progress, as it ought to do, under his auspices. Comp. Raymond H. Thrupp P.G. 2nd Principal, said he had next to propose what they in Middlesex considered a very important toast—it was the health of their Grand Superintendent. The G.S.E. had taken the bread out of his mouth by passing eulogiums upon Sir Francis Burdett, but any one who knew that distinguished Companion was ready to pay tribute to his good qualities as a Masou. He asked the Companions to greet the Grand Superintendent with that hearty welcome he always received in the Province; he had ruled over them for a number of years with the utmost kindness and success, and had done much to promote R.A. Masonry in Middlesex. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., in reply, said he could not express his gratitude for the manner, not only in which the Companions had received the kind proposition of the Prov. G.H., but also for the manner in which that Companion had spoken of him. The promotion of Royal Arch Masonry in Middlesex had been at his heart, but he could not have done what he had but for Comp. Thrupp and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers. He was grateful to them for many obligations. It was pleasing to find that the Officers of Grand Chapter visited them occasionally, and were kind enough to flatter them. It had taken a considerable time to make the Province what it is, and he trusted it would not only further progress, but that they would make it as prosperous and as good in working as any under the ruling of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. In speaking to the toast of the Visitors, Sir Francis said he would couple the name of Comp. Philbrick, who, though arriving late, had paid them a high compliment in showing he had not forgotten their Provincial Grand Chapter. Comp. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Supt. Essex, in response, said, there was an old adage that the end of a feast was better than the beginning of a fray, and there was a deal of wisdom in

it. He believed it was not on record for a Mason to respond for this toast before he had had his soup. On the present occasion he ventured on the unknown ground of endeavouring to express his thanks for the kind and hospitable welcome extended to the strangers, and for what he was about to receive he felt truly thankful. He hoped his dear old friend, the Grand Superintendent, would not think he had not been desirous of paying a proper respect to him and the Province; he had arranged to accompany the Grand Scribe E., but when he told them he had been detained at Freemasons' Hall with business connected with the Boys' School, he thought he should be pardoned. He was glad to see Royal Arch Masonry flourishing in the Province of Middlesex. As the Lodges, so the Chapters, for the Chapter was the quintessence of the Lodge, and drew the working brethren and put the copestone on the work of the Craft. He was glad to see their Grand Superintendent in the full enjoyment of health, and to know the Province was prospering under his beneficent sway. He (Comp. Philbrick) had something to do with Royal Arch Masonry in an adjacent Province, and speaking in the name of that Province he assured them they had a hearty and sincere regard to see the work thoroughly carried out. He wished to offer their best wishes and to express their congratulations on the state of this Province. For the kind and hearty welcome extended to the visitors, he feelingly tendered sincere and grateful thanks. The proceedings shortly afterwards were brought to a conclusion.

GUNDULPH CHAPTER, No. 1050.

THE annual festival was held on Friday, the 21st ultimo, at the King's Head Hotel, Rochester, Comps. T. Watson Z., V. Brown H., and F. Horman J., were duly installed in the principal chairs by Comp. T. S. Warne. Other appointments were afterwards made, as follows:—Comps. W. Watson S.E., F. Nicholls N., J. W. Nash P.S., E. Burrell and S. Brice A.S. The usual banquet subsequently took place, at the King's Hotel.

DUNDAS CHAPTER, No. 1255.

THE annual meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Princess-square, Plymouth, to instal Comps. Geo. Lee as Z., G. Diner as H., and S. J. Daniel as J., the principals for the ensuing year. The installing officers were Comps. J. R. Lord P.Z. 70, W. Allsford P.Z. 202, and Pillar. The other Officers invested were Comps. W. L. Lavers P.S., W. Wallis 1st Asst. S., W. S. Warren 2nd Asst. J., Hammond S.E., S. J. Hearle Treasurer, W. H. Phillips Janitor. At the close of the Chapter the companions adjourned to the refectory in the building, where an excellent supper was laid by Comp. Harvey.

DORSET MASONIC CHARITY.

THE ninth annual meeting of the General Committee was held at the Lodge Room, Wimborne, on Thursday, the 4th inst., Bro. W. D. Dugdale P.P.G.J.W., the Chairman of the Charity, being supported by Bros. Montague J. Guest P.G.M., R. Case P.G. Secretary Treasurer, S. R. Baskett P.P.G.R. Hon. Sec., W. Mortimer Heath P.G. Chaplain of England, L. H. Ruegg P.P.G.S.W., G. J. G. Gregory P.P.G.S.W., J. W. Luff P.P.G.S.W., J. Whitehead Smith P.P.G.J.W., C. H. W. Parkinson P.P.G.J.W., W. W. Stickland P.P.G.J.D., C. G. Targett P.P.G.J.D., T. Giles P.P.G. Supt. Works, J. A. Atkins P.P.G. Supt. Works, A. C. Todd P.P.G. Supt. Works, J. S. Stroud I.P.M. 417, C. J. Woodford W.M. 137, J. Harold W.M. 622, E. Mills W.M. 1037, and Bro A. Taylor J.W. 1146. Only three Lodges in the Province were unrepresented. The half yearly meeting of the Relief and Assistance Sub-Committee, consisting of one member from each Lodge, was first held, and investigated the Petitions for Relief, 5 in number. At the meeting of the General Committee several letters and telegrams, apologising for unavoidable absence, were read from various brethren, including Bro. Z. Milledge P.G.D.C. the Vice Chairman, Bro. C. J. Hambro P.D.P.G.M., and other distinguished brethren. On the recommendation of the Relief and Assistance Sub-Committee grants, varying in amount, were made to six Petitioners, amounting together to £85. The Draft Report to Provincial Grand Lodge was then considered, and showed a most satisfactory progress had been made, and it was ordered to be printed for distribution at the next Provincial Grand Lodge, viz., at Wareham, on the 26th September. Some slight alteration in the Bye Laws having been proposed and carried, it was arranged that the Midwinter meeting should be held at Dorchester, and the meeting closed with the usual vote of thanks to the Chairman, on the proposition of the P.G.M. On the invitation of Bro. J. Harold, the W.M. of the Wimborne Lodge, who had thoughtfully remembered that many of the brethren had come a long distance, the Committee then adjourned to a substantial cold collation, at his expense, under the presidency of the P.G.M.

INTER-MASONIC VOLUNTEER RIFLE MATCH.

ON Thursday, 20th ult., the annual match between the Masonic Lodges attached to several of the Metropolitan Volunteer Rifle Corps was held at the ranges at Caterham, in very fine weather, and resulted in a victory for the Queen's Westminster, with 610 points, made at the usual distances of 200, 500, and 600 yards, seven shots at each range. The London Rifle Brigade team was second with 571, and the South Middlesex third with 509.

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PROV. G. LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE NORTH-AMPTONSHIRE, DERBYSHIRE, AND RUTLAND.

A GATHERING of peculiar interest took place in Derby, on Monday afternoon, the 8th inst., under the auspices of the Derby Lodge, No. 302. His Worship the Mayor of Derby, Bro. Abraham Woodiwiss, J.P., who has for a considerable number of years taken an exceedingly active part in the affairs of various branches of the ancient Fraternity, was installed as Worshipful Mark Master in the presence of a numerous and influential assemblage. Two years ago Bro. Woodiwiss occupied the chair of that large and prosperous Craft Lodge, the Aboretum, No. 731, and towards the close of last year was appointed by Lord Hartington, P.G.M. of Derbyshire, as Senior Grand Warden of the Province. On Monday the P.G. Mark Master Mason Bro. Wm. Kelly, F.S.A., took occasion to hold a Provincial G. Lodge, under the banner of the Derby Lodge, and during the day conferred upon Bro. Woodiwiss the rank of Provincial Grand Senior Warden. Thus it happens that the Mayor, during his tenure of civic office, has been made the recipient of almost the highest honours the P.G. Masters in the Craft and Mark degrees have it in their power to bestow. The business of the Derby Lodge was commenced at half-past three o'clock, and Bro. Woodiwiss was installed by his immediate predecessor, Bro. Cawthorne Webster, who discharged that important duty with excellent taste and judgment. Subsequently the new Master appointed and invested his Officers in the following order:—Bros. C. Webster I.P.M., R. M. Homer Mole P.G. Standard Bearer S.W., J. Walker J.W., W. J. Piper M.O., W. B. Woodforde S.O., S. Taylor J.O., Rev. T. Orrell Chaplain, J. O. Manton P.P.G.S.O. Treasurer, T. Oldham Registrar of Marks, C. D. Hart Secretary, J. P. Fearfield S.D., T. E. Yeomans J.D., E. Horne Organist, E. J. H. Hoskyns D. of C., W. H. Wheel don I.G., and W. Stone Tyler.

At half-past four o'clock, the brethren received the Provincial Grand Master and his Officers, past and present, as well as a number of distinguished visitors; and the business of the Provincial Grand Lodge was proceeded with. Bro. Kelly, who, despite his great age, appeared strong and hearty, was supported by the Deputy D.G.M. Bro. Thomas Cox, and many other brethren. The roll of Lodges was called over, and every Lodge in the united Province was found to be represented. The usual reports from the Worshipful Masters, the Committee of General Purposes, the Registrar, and the Treasurer were submitted, and were, on the whole, considered favourable. In each instance the future was hopefully spoken of. The Provincial Grand Master then proceeded to invest his Officers for the ensuing year, as under:—

Bro. Thos. Cox	...	Deputy Master
Abraham Woodiwiss	..	Senior Warden
J. H. Thompson	...	Junior Warden
Brook Sampson	...	M.O.
J. C. Webb	...	S.O.
F. S. Preston	...	J.O.
Rev. S. W. Wigg	...	} Chaplains
Rev. Thos. Orrell	...	
S. Cleaver	...	Treasurer
S. A. Marris	...	Registrar
Miles J. Walker	...	Secretary
J. E. Whitehead	...	Senior Deacon
John Fletcher	...	Junior Deacon
R. Michie	...	Inspector of Works
J. Harcison	...	Director of Ceremonies
W. Prince	...	Assist. Dir. of Ceremonies
A. Oram	...	Sword Bearer.
R. L. H. Mole	...	Standard Bearer
Isidore de Solla	...	Organist
W. J. Curtis	...	Inner Guard
J. B. Waring	...	} Stewards
W. Frost	...	
Hon. C. W. Trollope	...	
Derrick	...	} Tylers
W. Stone	...	

The Provincial Grand Master then delivered a brief but interesting address to the brethren, favourably reviewing the work of the past year, and intimating that, as a consequence of the expiration of his patent as Provincial Grand Master (an office he had been privileged to hold for the long period of thirty-one years), it would be necessary to nominate a brother to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales for appointment to the post for the ensuing year.

Thereupon Brother Thomas Cox moved that their able and deeply respected friend, Brother William Kelly be once more nominated. The proposal was seconded, and carried with enthusiasm. Brother Kelly briefly acknowledged the compliment, assuring the brethren of his determination to discharge the arduous duties of the office as well as his advancing years would allow him. The Provincial Grand Lodge soon afterwards retired, leaving the Derby Lodge to bring the business of the day to a conclusion. Subsequently upwards of eighty of the brethren partook of a sumptuous repast, provided and admirably served by Brother Thomas Day. The Worshipful Master, who presided, dispensed his hospitality with his accustomed geniality, and an evening of great enjoyment was spent by all. The health of the Provincial Grand Master and of Brother Woodiwiss was honoured with the utmost cordiality, and wishes for the prosperity of the Derby Lodge were earnestly expressed by many speakers. The musical arrangements, which were under the direction of Brother W. L. Dodd, were exceedingly satisfactory. Nor should we omit to make mention of the valuable services rendered by Brother Percy Wallis, both in the Lodge and in the banqueting hall, in the capacity of Director of Ceremonies. Altogether the occasion will rank as a red-letter day in the history of Mark Masonry in Derby.

According to the *Liverpool Daily Courier* :—

A new secret order, the Chevaliers of Pythias, have established a Lodge in Liverpool. The headquarters of this new society, which in its broad features appears to resemble the Masonic, Oddfellow, and similar orders, are in Massachusetts, but the organisation, though only in its infancy, has already expanded beyond the small bounds of America. The Lodge initiated in this city on Monday is the third established in the United Kingdom, the others being at London and Aberdeen, and there is also one at Paris. The new society being, before everything else, a secret order, it is not possible to penetrate to its inmost purpose. It avowedly exists, however, as an "international" organisation, and its promulgators announce that it "will soon be introduced into every country in Christendom." The order is described as "a secret, beneficial fraternal, Christian, and semi-military organisation," the objects of which are the promotion among men of the true principles of benevolence and charity, the relief of its members in sickness and distress, the payment of a stipulated sum upon the death of a member, and care and protection of the widow and orphan, and the cultivation of fraternal relations among mankind. The eccentric designation of the society is explained by the fact that the history of Damon and Pythias furnishes the main subject for the "Drama of the ritual in this Pythian and chivalric brotherhood." The story, in brief, is this. Pythias having been condemned to death by the tyrant Dionysius I., obtained leave of absence to go home and settle his affairs, and his friend Damon pledged himself to endure the punishment in his stead if he did not return at the appointed time. Pythias, however, was punctual, and the king, pleased by such a rare proof of friendship, pardoned him, and begged to be admitted into their friendship. The story, is of course, efficiently suggestive of the lines upon which the ritual of a friendly society might be based, although if the two ancient friends had not been dead for considerably over two thousand years it might be worth while to discuss which of the pair was more worthy to be adopted as the corner-stone of the brotherhood. Damon had such a love for Pythias and so strong a confidence in his pledged word that he staked his life on it; Pythias redeemed his pledge at the right moment. Truly there is not much room to prefer the heroism of one to that of the other, though as Damon took the initiative he seems to have had a slight start of Pythias in the matter. The name of the latter has probably been preferred by the Chevaliers for purely euphonic reasons. The "Chevaliers of Damon" might become distorted into a less elegant classic. There is nothing in the story which suggests amusement, nevertheless it is mentioned as one of the peculiar advantages of the Pythian order that the fraternal benefits common to other societies of the same kind are supplemented by "the genuine amusement and instruction furnished by the exemplification of our ritualistic work, which has never been equalled by any other society." Membership also confers "the advantages of a thorough military drill," and the Lodges are compelled to pay weekly benefits in case of sickness, as well as a funeral benefit. The organisation is apparently based on a very solid foundation of real fraternity, despite its superficial whimsicality.

The Home Secretary, on the recommendation of the Commissioner of Police for the Metropolis, has raised Superintendent Fisher, of the A. Division, to the rank of Chief Superintendent, in recognition of his services in connection with the visit of the Shah to London. Brother Fisher is a P.M. of Lodges 834 and 1823; Senior Deacon 1512 and 2090. In the Royal Arch he fills the office of J. in 834, and P.S. in 1423; while in the Mark he is P.M. and Treasurer of 181, and P.P.G. Supt. of Works Middlesex and Surrey. We most heartily congratulate Bro. Fisher on his well deserved promotion.

PROVINCE OF SURREY.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER

OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS.

The M.E. Comp. **FREDERICK WEST, P.G.H.**,
In charge of the Province.

NOTICE is hereby given that a Provincial Grand Chapter will be held at the Public Hall, Caterham, in the County of Surrey, on Thursday, the 18th day of July 1889, at Half-past Two o'Clock in the afternoon precisely.

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

N.B.—Morning Dress.
Albert Institute Chambers, Charles Street, Blackfriars Road, S.E.

Dinner at 6 o'clock punctually. For tickets apply to Comp. H. E. Stenning, Greenlands, Caterham, enclosing 7s, which will not include wine.

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

The P.G.H., in Charge of the Province, requests the attendance of the Companions at Divine Service at St. John's Church, Caterham Valley, at 4'30 p.m.

By dispensation of the P.G.H., in Charge, Brethren will walk in procession to the Church in Craft Clothing.

Down trains from Charing Cross at 12'57 and 2'5; and from Cannon Street at 1'9 and 2'17, arriving at Caterham at 1'55 and 3'7.

Up trains from Caterham at 6'35, 7'40, 8'50, 10'10; arriving at Cannon Street at 7'35, 8'42, 9'45, 10'58.

Up trains from Caterham at 5'40, 6'35, 7'40, 8'50, 10'10; arriving at Charing Cross at 6'58, 7'47, 8'52, 9'57, 11'12.

SURREY.

Prov. G. Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons.

The Wor. Bro. **FREDERICK WEST, P.G.D.**
Deputy Prov. Grand Master, in Charge of the Province.

NOTICE is hereby given that a PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE will be held at the Public Hall, Caterham, in the County of Surrey, on Thursday, the 18th day of July 1889, at 3'30 o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

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

N.B.—Morning Dress.
Albert Institute Chambers, Charles Street, Blackfriars Road, S.E.

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

The Dinner will take place at 6 o'clock punctually. For tickets apply to Bro. Herbert E. Stenning, Greenlands, Caterham, Surrey, enclosing 7s, which will not include wine.

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

The Wor. Deputy Prov. G. Master, in Charge, requests the attendance of the brethren at Divine Service, at St. John's Church, Caterham Valley, at 4'30 p.m. A Sermon will be preached by the W. Bro. the Rev. Edward A. Chichester, P.G. Chaplain.

By dispensation of the Wor. the Deputy Provincial G. Master, in Charge, the brethren attending Divine Service will walk in procession to the Church in Craft Masonic clothing.

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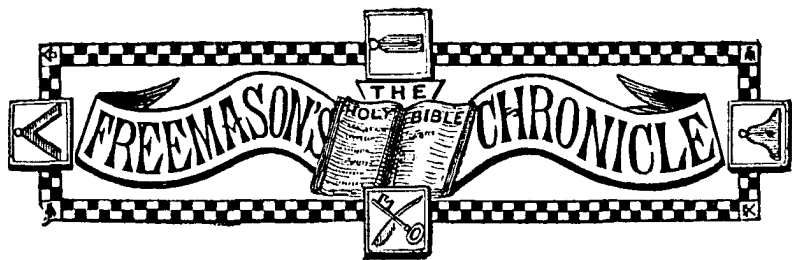
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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It is with the greatest reluctance that I break the silence I have hitherto so strictly observed during the unfortunate dissonances which have latterly arisen in connection with the government of this Institution. I had even resolved on passing by with the contempt it merits the malicious charge made against me at the Special Court on 6th June—a charge which disgraces him who made it, not me against whom it was made. But, in deference to opinions expressed by many old and valued friends, in whose judgment I have implicit faith, and who tell me their defence of my interests is greatly weakened by the absence of any contradiction by me of this baseless charge, I now offer the following explanation of a proceeding which, with a desire to damage my fair fame as much as possible, my accuser at the Court referred to has magnified into a case of forgery.

Every Governor is, or ought to be, aware that the Audit Committee was appointed to meet quarterly, to examine the receipts and expenditure for the past quarter, taking particular care to ascertain that the bills and accounts had been properly certified by the House Committee before they recommended them for payment; that the vouchers and cheques for the payments ordered by the General Committee agreed with one another; that all receipts and payments are correctly entered and registered by the Secretary, and all balances regularly brought forward. The report of their proceedings at each quarterly meeting is signed by the Auditors present in the cash book and laid before—and read to—the General Committee, and when adopted and approved by the latter body is regularly entered on the minutes. From the four quarterly reports thus submitted and approved is compiled the annual statement of receipts and expenditure, the various items under each head of service—wherever a head of service occurs in more than one quarterly report—being added together, and the names of the auditors who attended the several quarterly meetings appended in verification of its correctness. A transcript of this annual statement is then made for the use of the printer, and it was to this transcript that I appended the names of the auditors who had already certified to the correctness of the quarterly reports from which it was compiled, and to the MS. annual compilation in the cash book itself. In doing this I believe I am correct in stating that I did nothing more than is ordinarily done by Secretaries of other corporate bodies; but I am quite willing to concede that in following this course I may have laid myself open to a charge from those to whom an opportunity for censure is matter for congratulation.

This is the plain, straightforward explanation of a proceeding of mine which, as I have said, has been maliciously enlarged into an accusation of forgery; and I leave it to the impartial judgment of your readers to determine whether my act as described is not as far removed from "forgery" as the disgraceful conduct of my accuser is from that enjoined on him by the principles of Masonry.

It has been suggested that I should take legal proceedings against the slanderous author of this libel, but, apart from the months of anxiety which the progress of a lawsuit entails—to a far greater extent on a righteous plaintiff than on an unrighteous defendant—and the not encouraging experiences of recent legal proceedings, I prefer leaving the reputation for honour and integrity, which I have held during the whole of my past career, and which until now has never been defamed, to vindicate itself, as it will do before many months have passed, from this and similar foul aspersions. There is, however, one circumstance which I consider it right to mention. It is generally accepted that the present turmoil had, at least, its origin in the case of a boy who, by repeated acts of misconduct, culminating in quitting the school premises without leave, incurred the penalty of expulsion. The extreme sentence, however, was modified, at my intercession, the full penalty not having been exacted. For the consequences of this intercession I had to submit to the adverse opinion of the House Committee, while—in a wilfully blind perversion of the course I had recommended—the boy's relatives, friends, and partizans have pursued me with unrelenting, vindictive hostility. In this particular instance, however, I must say that I much prefer the hostility of a faction which, with a vivid recollection of the violent conduct of its members, the amenities of social life forbid me from describing in plain terms, to their favour.

Perhaps, also, it would be well I should take this opportunity—for I have no intention of allowing myself to be drawn into unseemly

protracted discussion—of explaining that my so-called claim to co-ordinate authority with the House Committee was not supported by the plea that I was a "permanent official." This term was never used by me. All I intended to convey was, that I was directly amenable to the general body by whom I was appointed, with duties to discharge in connection with the Sub-Committees, whose instructions I was bound to obey, and to whose resolutions it was binding upon me to give effect. Neglect in these particulars would justify a report to the General Committee, who had the power of dealing with such report as they might think fit. In fact, I did no more—intended no more—than to state that I regarded the appointment as one for retention "dum me bene gesserim." This was the very expression I used before the Committee of Inquiry, and is very different from a claim to be recognised as a "permanent official." I cannot at greater length trespass upon your space, however imperfectly I may have discharged a duty, as I have said, reluctantly undertaken.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

10th July 1889.

FREDERICK BINCKES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Bro. Greatbatch asserts that I am wrong in my contention on one point, "vermin," because he says he proved a case or two others, "chilblains and ringworm." This is a charming "non sequitur."

His calculations are equally peculiar.

Did Bro. Greatbatch ever hear of wear and tear, and depreciation of plant and machinery?

A great part of the machinery upon which the £4978 was laid out during the 21 years, and more, of the existence of the Institution became worn out and was replaced by other machinery, included in this same sum total. No allowance is made by him for this. It would be far more fair to take the number of the boys who have gone through the Institution during that time, and divide this capital expenditure by that. He would find that it did not average £2 a head, much less £15.

I fear that he will find that, with increased heating, the amount of expenditure will rise over the present £412 17s.

The West Yorkshire report was rejected at a Quarterly Court, by a majority, in the proportion of about 20 to 1.

As the whole question at issue will probably before long come before a Court of Law,—if any one can be found foolish enough to stand by the Report of the Inquiry Committee,—I do not propose to continue this discussion any further.

Yours sincerely and faithfully,

9th July 1889.

A. F. GODSON.

The *York Herald* states that Mrs. Cutt, of Belfort House, Harrowgate, has, in loving memory of her husband, qualified as a patroness of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, Battersea Rise, and contributed a donation of one hundred guineas to that Charity.

The following is a copy of a circular which Bro. Ralling Prov. Grand Secretary has sent to the Worshipful Masters of the several Lodges in the Province of Essex:—

WINNOCK LODGE, COLCHESTER,
9th July 1889.

WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BROTHER,—I beg to notify, for the information of yourself and the members of your Lodge, that the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master has fixed Tuesday, 6th August 1889, for the annual meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge, which, as you will recollect, is to take place at his Lordship's picturesque seat of Easton Lodge, near Dunmow.

The day's proceedings will include the usual business meeting, followed by a banquet, and in the evening there will be a garden party in the private grounds.

A detailed circular for distribution amongst the members of your Lodge will be sent as soon as possible.

I am, Worshipful Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

THOS. J. RALLING, Prov. G. Sec.

A writer in the *Glasgow Evening News* says:—

The keynote of alarm has been sounded in Masonic circles, but there is nothing really to scare. "He that entereth not by the door" has little to gain, and much to lose that he would have gained had he not "climbed up some other way." The cause of alarm dates from the assumption of a body at Melrose, some fifteen years ago, to grant charters for conferring degrees, which, however perfect, were for practical purposes nil. At that time those who became acquainted with the Order in this way soon found their mistake, and were glad to pay for their error and become associated with the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The same kind of spurious Lodges have kept cropping up from time to time, and the result has always been the same. Thus the chief harm done is to those who are being initiated, and it is my intention, in giving publicity to the system, to warn the unwary from becoming identified with an association which does not possess a power which one ignorant of the facts might suppose.

REVIEWS.

All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, Belvidere Works, Hermes Hill, Pentonville, London, N.

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"The Engraved List of Regular Lodges for A.D. 1734." In Facsimile. With an introduction and explanatory notes by WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN, Past Senior G. Deacon of England; Past S.G. Warden of Iowa, &c.; P. Prov. S.G.W., and P. Prov. G. Sec. of Cornwall, &c. &c. London: George Kenning, 16 Great Queen Street, W.C. 1889.

We have examined this last production of Bro. Hughan with great interest. In all he undertakes Bro. Hughan's work displays a heartiness and love for what he is engaged upon that is sure to have practical and beneficial results. In his introductory remarks our zealous brother says:—"Until quite recently scarcely any attention was paid to Registers or Lists of Lodges, whether printed or engraved, but since my sketches and reproductions of several of these curious and important souvenirs of the eventful past, a more satisfactory state of things is apparent." Personally, we fully endorse this statement; moreover, we may add, that we are in a position to "place" with collectors copies of any old works or records that can give reliable evidence as to the antecedents of any of the old Lodges on the roll of English Freemasonry. Indeed, the interest in these old records is increasing to such an extent that we may confidently anticipate many reproductions will be undertaken at an early date. Where the work is carried through in the perfect way in which the re-issue now under notice has been done, we are inclined to think the labour will not be unremunerative; still, we must bear in mind that the task is one that must not be undertaken by the novice; he who enters upon such a function, must bring to bear a vast amount of acumen and power of research. These qualities Bro. Hughan unquestionably possesses, and all who examine his latest effort, will give him credit for what he has achieved. We are proud to know the limited supply of copies issued has already been nearly disposed of, and look forward to an early date when the work will be at a premium on the price it was originally offered at.

"The Little Chatelaine." By the Earl of Desart. London: Swan Sonnenschein and Co., Paternoster Square.

We have thoroughly enjoyed our perusal of this work, one of the objects of which is to portray some of the evil effects of that curse of modern society—betting and gambling on the turf. Lord Desart takes us to the upper ranks of turf life—to the owners as well as the backers of race horses, and introduces us to some of the villainies peculiar to this section of the community. One of the characters, who risks his own and his two children's fortunes to support his mania, meets with a violent death while riding in a steeplechase. His demise, however, enables the author to show his readers the many good qualities of a Captain Carruthers, who, as guardian of the two orphaned children, is truly mindful of their welfare, and thoroughly devotes himself to their interests. He ultimately wins the elder as his bride, and all ends happily, after the complete discomfiture of those whose scheming and plotting have caused no small amount of trouble to the leading characters. The interest in the story is well maintained, the characters faithfully portrayed, and altogether an interesting work is presented.

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Mr. T. Beecham, the well known proprietor of Beecham's Pills, emboldened by the success attained by the Annual he published last Christmas, has just issued *"The Beecham Illustrated Holiday Number,"* which is one of the most extraordinary penny-worths we have yet seen. Comprised in one hundred pages we find twelve complete tales, by such well known authors as James Payne, G. R. Sims, Hawley Smart, James Greenwood, Sir Gilbert Campbell, Bart., Geo. Manville Fenn, Philip May, Howard Paul, &c., &c., each story having been written expressly for this work. Three months free insurance is also guaranteed to the purchaser of every copy. The book is well printed and in clear type, and is just what a holiday number should be. It is published by Messrs F. J. Lambert and Co, 18 Bouverie Street, E.C.

The members of the Masonic Club, Stockton, with their lady friends, had their annual picnic, on the 28th ult. The party numbered upwards of sixty, and selected charming Cotherstone for their outing.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Female Complaints.—On the mothers of England devolves much and serious responsibility in securing for their daughters robust health; frequently, alas! too lightly sacrificed by culpable bashfulness at a particular period of life, when all important changes take place in the female constitution, upon the management of which depends future happiness or misery. Holloway's Pills, especially if aided with the Ointment, have the happiest effect in establishing these functions, upon the due performance of which health and even life itself depend. Mother and daughter may safely use these powerful deobstruent remedies without consulting any one. Universally adopted as the one grand remedy for female complaints these Pills never fail, never weaken the system, and always bring about the desired result.

HOLIDAY HAUNTS.

POETS have sung the praises of new friends, and have recounted the veneration for old ones, but even without them it is no very difficult matter to soon learn to love the face of fresh companions, although next to impossible to show towards them the same feelings we entertain for the "dear, dear friends of old." This is as true of places as it is of persons, and however much we may travel, and however much we may enjoy the beauties of nature or the work of man, met with on every side, there always remains a feeling of veneration for home, or for those spots which, associated with our childhood or some special event in our lives, have become particularly dear. Great Yarmouth and the surrounding neighbourhood has such associations for us, and despite the many attractions we have met with in other parts, there seem to be special features which attract us to the old town, and fond memories which render a visit there more enjoyable than is usually the case when making a sojourn in other of the "Holiday Haunts" of the kingdom. But the Yarmouth of to-day is not the same as we knew it twenty odd years ago. Time has worked many changes, and yet nearly everything seems familiar. The town has grown, and has certainly improved, but above all this—from the holiday seeker's point of view—is to be noticed the many additional means of enjoyment that have been provided for the visitor.

Leaving the great metropolis by the Liverpool Street Terminus of the Great Eastern Railway Company an improvement soon makes itself apparent in the ease and comfort of travelling. The summer service of trains, now in full force, brings us through in 3½ hours, a time we expect will soon be further shortened, inasmuch as the return journey is completed in 3 hours and 5 minutes, and what is possible in one direction will not long remain unattempted in the opposite. This great acceleration, as compared with years gone by, is of the greatest benefit to Yarmouth and the surrounding country, as it relieves the journey of a great drawback, which previously affected the number of visitors, so many regarding an extra hour or two in a railway carriage as an insurmountable objection, and as a consequence selected spots within easier distance of home. But not only has time been economised, other and equally pleasant improvements have been made, notably in the accommodation provided, which is now of the very best description, and renders the journey as comfortable as is possible.

Having reached the end of our journey we find the fine old town has grown, and is still growing; new houses have been erected wherever there was room, while the builder is now at work in many quarters, extending the accommodation which, though apparently ample for all requirements, is frequently put to the severest test during the height of the Yarmouth season. We do not know what the enthusiastic preserver of London open spaces would say to the inroads of brick and mortar in this East Coast Holiday Resort, but there is ample compensation for this modern evil in the grand expanse of sandy beach which is to be found within five minutes walk of the centre of the town, and which can never be utilised for the permanent abode of the "rapacious landlord" or the "struggling tenant." Yarmouth Beach is as grand an institution as ever it was, and well deserves the reputation it enjoys as the happy hunting ground of the growing generation. But its attractions are not limited to the young alone, every amusement which can be provided for their elders is to be found here, while above all are the beauties provided by nature, which in themselves render it one of the most enjoyable "Holiday Haunts" of the present day.

Being of a roving disposition and withal a lover of fishing, we were not long in Yarmouth without making inquiry as to our old haunts—the Broads and rivers of the district, where we have enjoyed many a day's fishing and boating, and where we again hope to spend many happy hours. Here it was we found one of the greatest improvements which time has wrought. In days gone by the full enjoyment of these particular sports was somewhat restricted. It was not every visitor who could charter a yacht, and start on a circular tour up the river and around the Broads of the District, accordingly many had to content themselves with a journey by road or rail, and as much enjoyment as they could secure in a small boat when they reached the spot they started for. Now we find a number of cheap, circular trips, by Rail and Saloon Steam Boats, have been arranged by the Great Eastern Company, who give the Visitor the full benefit of their district main lines and branches, added to the enjoyment of river travel. Next week we intend to say something further of these circular trips, which are very inexpensive, thoroughly enjoyable, and among the healthiest it is possible to meet with anywhere. Until then we can but advise our readers to follow our example, and take a trip to the fine old East Coast watering place of Great Yarmouth.

The gathering of Freemasons of the Province of Berks and Bucks, at Reading, on Thursday, was a very successful one. In the absence, through illness, of the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., the meeting was presided over by the Deputy Prov. G. Master, V.W. the Rev. Studholme J. Browarigg P.G.C. We shall give a detailed report of the proceedings in our next issue.

The Ramsey brethren are doubtful about having their magnificent Hall ready for occupation in the early days of August, as they hoped, but the opening will take place at the earliest possible moment. It is expected that the Provincial Grand Officers will attend the inauguration ceremony, and no doubt the occasion will be marked by a large attendance of brethren.

NOTES FROM AN OLD FREEMASON PUBLICATION.

I CAME across a publication in book form the other day (writes a correspondent of the *Glasgow Evening News*) of the year 1809, written in a very quaint style, and purporting to be an "authentic key to the door of Freemasonry." The writer is what is known in Masonic circles as a "Cowan," but the work itself is entirely flattering to the Order. Although an eavesdropper, his finding on what he saw and heard is:—"I am inclined to think that the chief design of the establishment is to rectify the heart, inform the mind, and promote the moral and social virtues of humanity, decency, and good order, as much as possible in the world." Among other items of interest in the book I find that St. Alban formed the first Grand Lodge in Britain in A.D. 287. In 926 Prince Edwin formed a Grand Lodge at York, and though through a long vista of years there is little recorded of the Order, it seems to have been growing in power, for in 1425 Masons' assemblies were prohibited by Parliament. Twenty-five years later Henry VI. was initiated into Masonry, and in 1690 the secret of the Order was revealed to William III. privately. The Freemasons inaugurated the building of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, in 1657, and completed it in 1733. The office of Grand Secretary for England was first established in 1723, and the following year a Grand Treasurer was appointed. It was in the two succeeding years that a "general fund for distressed Masons" was proposed, and a "Committee of Charity" appointed, who founded a system which has grown till now it has assumed proportions of great magnitude. Indeed, so firm a hold has it obtained, that at a meeting held recently in London, over £50,000 was subscribed by those present for Masonic charitable purposes. The plans for a Freemasons' Hall, in London, were approved by Grand Lodge of England in 1769, but it is not till four years later that any definite steps seem to have been taken. A Hall Committee was appointed in 1773, and the year following a site for this building was purchased. The first stone of this building was laid in 1775, and the same year five thousand pounds towards the building of the hall was raised by means of a tontine. The hall was dedicated in 1776, and the following year the anniversary of the dedication was ordered to be kept. It was not always merry with the Masons, however. It is recorded that in 1757 fourteen persons were expelled the Order for irregularities, and that in 1762 several others shared the same fate. In 1777 several Masons had to submit to the indignity of imprisonment at Naples, but on what pretence it does not appear. His Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland was elected Grand Master in 1782, and during his tenure of office (1788) the Royal Cumberland Freemason School was instituted. At his death, in 1790, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, initiated in 1787, was elected to the vacancy. It is worthy of note that at the date on which the book was published (1809) H.R.H. George Augustus Frederick the then Prince of Wales filled the office of Grand Master of England, a position which is held in this year of grace, 1889, by Albert Edward Prince of Wales.

AN AMERICAN MASONIC DISPUTE.

A telegram from Scranton, Pa., says: Considerable excitement prevails in Masonic circles here over the condemnation, by the Grand Master M'Calla, of a Lodge belonging to the Cerneau rite of Scottish Masonry. The introduction of the Cerneau rite into this region was regarded by the ancient northern jurisdiction as a sort of Masonic schism. It is alleged against the new rite that it confers degrees easily, unworthily, and cheaply, and sometimes sold its honours for solid cash. As a result, men of no merit were found displaying evidences of Masonic dignity to which they were not entitled. These and other offences moved the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to declare the Cerneau rite clandestine.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, under the presidency of Bro. J. A. Farnfield P.A.G.D.C., Treasurer of the Institution. There were also present Bros. Cotter, Hubbert, Bolton, Perryman, Garrod, Mercer, Purchas, Dr. Jabez Hogg, Perceval, West, C. A. Cottebrune, Kempton, Forsyth, Making, Cox, Newton, Hill, Haslip, Brooks, Lacey, Tattershall, Mead, Smith, Brett and James Terry (Secretary). The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, the Secretary reported the death of three annuitants (one male and two widows). The Warden's report for the past month was read. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the House Committee of the Boys' School for their kindness in granting permission to the School Band to attend on the occasion of the Stewards' visit to the Institution. The report of the Finance Committee was read, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The recommendation as to the appointment of an Accountant was agreed to, and also that he be requested to examine the books of the Institution and report thereon. Bro. J. S. Cumberland gave notice of a motion for the next meeting, and the proceedings then concluded with the usual vote of thanks to the Chairman.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Adelphi.—The revival of Dion Boucicault's Irish drama "The Shaughraun" is certainly a happy choice; for these Irish revivals have proved attractive on previous occasions, and, judging from appearances, are likely to do so now. "The Shaughraun" is a capital piece, full of interesting and exciting situations, while the comedy parts are admirably conceived. The scenery has been painted by Bruce Smith, and it does this gentleman credit. The company that Messrs. Gatti have selected is one that can do ample justice to the play. Mr. William Terriss and Miss Millward are in the caste, and enact the parts of Captain Molineaux and Claire Ffolliott respectively. Needless to say these popular artistes do their work splendidly, and score well with the audience. Mr. J. D. Beveridge is an ideal Corry Kinchela, and Mr. W. L. Abington a good Robert Ffolliott. Mr. J. L. Shine, as Conn, is the favourite with the audience, and what with the fun that has been provided in the book, and his own "gag," Mr. Shine is most amusing. Messrs. John Maclean, Robert Pateman, Mrs. John Carter, Miss Clifton, and Mrs. Brunton, all render good service. "The Shaughraun" is nightly received with favour, and we hope this will continue for some time to come.

Messrs. Groves and Bacon's matinée of "My Uncle" takes place at Terry's, on Tuesday, 16th inst.; and at the same theatre, on Wednesday afternoon, 24th inst., Miss Muriel Wylford will produce "The Catspaw," a new play, by John Tresher.

"Sweet Lavender" will reach its 500th performance on Friday, 2nd August, when the following ladies and gentlemen will appear in it:—Messrs. Edward Terry, Alfred Bishop, Brandon Thomas, H. Dana, H. R. Smith, Sant Matthews, P. Miller; Mesdames M. A. Victor, Blanche Horlock, Annie Irish, and Carlotta Addison.

The oldest Lodge in the district of Dunedin, the Otago Lodge, E.C., passed a unanimous resolution on 1st May, "That it is desirable that a Grand Lodge for New Zealand be constituted," and appointed Bros. W. M. De Renzy, Dr. Fitchett, Barth, the Rev. Ronaldson, and M'Gregor as Delegates to the Convention in Wellington, during the next session of Parliament, to arrange the basis of the Union, proclaim a Grand Lodge, and elect the first Grand Master.

The annual excursion of the Freemasons of Paisley took place on Tuesday, under the most favourable auspices as regards weather. The brethren, to a large number, left Paisley early in the forenoon, and were conveyed by Brother Wm. Young, carriage hirer, by way of Glasgow, Milngavie, and Finnick Glen to Drymen. At the place the party halted and spent a short time in viewing that beautiful spot. In the course of the day, Buchanan Castle and grounds, the residence of the Duke of Montrose, were, by permission of his Grace, visited. In the afternoon the party sat down to dinner in the Buchanan Arms Hotel. The return home was made in the evening by way of Balloch, Bonhill, and Bowling, and Paisley was reached at a reasonable hour, after a day of thorough enjoyment.

On Wednesday, 26th ult, Mr. H. Phillips, who for a period of 34 years has been caterer and caretaker at the Masonic Hall, Portland St., Cheltenham, and Tyler for five Masonic bodies, was recipient at the hands of Bro. Baylis, W.M. of the Foundation Lodge, of a timepiece, and Mrs Phillips of a purse of gold, as a mark of esteem for their past services. Mr. Phillips is retiring from the position of caterer and caretaker, but retains the office of Tyler. The presentation was made in open Lodge by the W.M. in a brief but appropriate speech. The timepiece bore the following inscription:—Presented to Bro. H. Phillips by the brethren, present and past, of the Foundation Lodge, No. 82, as a token of their appreciation of his services to the Lodge during the last 34 years. June 26, 1889.

PRINTING OFFICE SECRETS.—It is an unwritten law of the printing office that all its operations shall be considered confidential, and in an experience of many years we have never known of a wilful violation of this rule. Yet its observance is, of late years, becoming more lax. It is not an unusual thing to hear printers from various offices talking together about the works that pass through their hands, and even discoursing them with outsiders. This is all wrong. No operative has any right to afford any information concerning a job to any one except his immediate superiors or the customer, and a cast-iron rule should be enforced to this effect. Though it may not be expressly stipulated that the work in hand is to be considered "confidential," it should be treated as such. No outsider should be allowed to know even that any certain work is in hand, much more what is its import, the number to be printed, or anything else concerning it. It is not unlikely that an unprincipled person might take advantage of the indiscretion of printers to obtain information concerning the affairs of a rival, to the great detriment of the latter. Certain it is that no business man is anxious or willing to announce beforehand what are his plans and purposes, or to have them discussed by uninterested parties, even though it may be his intention to give them, at the proper time, the widest publicity. It might seem to the unthinking printer that it could not make any difference if the matter should be mentioned, and yet at the same time it might work irreparable injury—as it certainly would great annoyance—to the customer. In many offices the sensible rule is observed of so keeping all copies, proofs, &c., that they cannot be inspected by casual visitors, and this should be adopted in all offices. The printer holds a confidential relation toward the customer; and he has no more right to betray that confidence than has the customer's book-keeper or clerk.

—The Printing Times and Lithographer.

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, 13th JULY.

- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (H)
 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)
 1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
 1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1923—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
 2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon
 R.A. —Sinai, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1923—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
 M.M. 234—Brixton, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
 410—Grove, Sun Hotel, Kingston
 453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
 1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
 1990—Hampshire L. of Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, Landport, Portsmouth
 2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
 2096—George Price, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon
 R.A. 1423—Era, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
 M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

MONDAY, 15th JULY.

- 22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 27—Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7. (In)
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction)
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
 1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8. (In)
 1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7. (Inst.)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30. (In)
 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, 40 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, Park Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
 2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 2060—La France, 68 Regent Street, W.
 77—Freedom, Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
 236—York, Masonic Hall, York
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
 302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
 307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hobden Bridge
 331—Phoenix Public Room, Truro
 359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
 382—Royal Union, Public Rooms, Uxbridge
 424—Borough, Half Moom Hotel, Gateshead
 523—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 927—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dowsbury
 925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
 934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield
 1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
 1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
 1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1973—Saye and Sele, Masonic Hall, Belvedere, Kent
 1977—Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon.
 R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
 R.A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
 R.A. 248—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, Bolton Street, Brixham
 R.A. 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Dullfield
 R.A. 954—St. Aubyn, Ebrington Masonic Hall, Granby Street, Devonport
 R.A. 995—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
 M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
 K.T.—Edmund Plantagenet, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury
 K.T.—Prince of Peace, Bull Hotel, Preston
 K.T. 39—Fearnley, Masonic Hall, Dowsbury

TUESDAY, 16th JULY.

- Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 25—Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst)
 65—Prosperity, City Arms Restaurant, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
 73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
 141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 198—Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 8. (Instruction)
 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst)
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Steeple (Instruction)
 704—Camden, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Ganton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 860—Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Daisten at 8. (Inst.)
 861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threapleedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1044—Wandswoth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
 1321—Emblematic, Mona Hotel, Henrietta-street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 1319—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge
 1446—Mount Edgecombe, Three Stars, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
 1540—Chancer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst.)
 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
 Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
 R.A. 791—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)

- R.A. 890—Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 2021—Queen's Westminster, 8A-Red Lion Square, W.C.
 M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

- 213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
 418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
 445—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
 452—Frederick of Unity, Freemasons' Hall, 105 High Street, Croydon
 510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
 667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidecup, at 7. (Instruction)
 960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
 1006—Tregulow, Masonic Rooms, St. Div, Storrer, Cornwall
 1052—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
 1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
 1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1353—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction)
 1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
 1473—Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction)
 1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
 1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
 1726—Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor
 1784—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
 1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugely
 2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
 R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
 R.A. 829—High Cross, Bull Inn, Dartford
 R.A. 970—St. Anne's, Masonic Hall, East Looe, Cornwall
 R.A. 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
 M.M. —York, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York
 M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
 M.M. 380—Temple, Masonic Hall, Folkestone
 R.C. 51—Albion, Concert Hall, St. Leonards-on-Sea

WEDNESDAY, 17th JULY.

- 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, Leaderhall 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)
 619—Beadon, Greyhound, Dulwich
 700—Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
 720—Panmure, Batham Hotel, Batham, at 7. (Instruction)
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Bardett-road, E. (Instruction)
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
 865—Dalhousie, Town Hall, Hounslow
 922—Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, at 8. (Instruction)
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park
 1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wembley
 1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Gleagall Road, Cuddeputon
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
 1521—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst)
 1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
 1601—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, Jay Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
 1731—Cholmeley, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill
 1922—Earl of Luton, Station Hotel, Chamberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
 1963—Duke of Albany, 151 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 192—Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
 R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
 R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 M.M. —Fidelity, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Town Hall, Saoreditch
 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Cusabatham
 121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Ponzards
 178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan
 200—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
 210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Dinton
 274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
 290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
 342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
 363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth
 581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
 591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
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 753—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
 795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead
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 962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Worthington
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 1988—Mawddack, St. Ann's Buildings, Barmouth, N. Wales
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 R.A. 344—Beauty, Bull's Head, Redcliffe
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 R.A. 539—Vernon, Dragon Hotel, High Street, Walsall
 R.A. 550—Unity, Wheat Street, Ormskirk
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 R.A. 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth
 R.A. 1323—Talbot, Maskworth Hotel, Swansea
 R.A. 1359—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 1375—Architect, Dalsbury Hotel, Dunsbury
 M.M. 135—Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Clayport-street, Maccick

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- 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
- 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
- 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
- 701—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
- 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
- 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
- 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
- 1017—Montofiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
- 1227—Upton, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.
- 1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bothnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct)
- 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
- 1321—Emblematic, Horns Tavern, Kennington
- 1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
- 1380—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (Inst)
- 1385—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton
- 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst)
- 1553—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
- 1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1802—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
- 1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (Instruction)
- 1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
- 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
- 1623—West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
- 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In)
- 1744—Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
- 1791—Creaton, Wheatshaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shophords Bush. (Inst)
- 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1963—Duke of Albany, Masonic Hall, Shaftesbury Park, Lavender Hill
- 1996—Priory, Berrymead Priory Constitutional Club, High-st., Acton. (Inst.)
- R.A. 63—St. Mary, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
- R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8.
- R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury at 8: (Instruction)
- M.M. 7—Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
- M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)

- Provincial Grand Chapter of Surrey, Public Hall, Carshalton, at 2.30
- Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey, Public Hall, Carshalton, at 3.30
- 56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
- 98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
- 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
- 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
- 343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
- 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
- 367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
- 600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
- 971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Babbly
- 1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
- 1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
- 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
- 1320—Blackheath, Green Man, Blackheath
- 1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
- 1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Creighton, Devon
- 1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Linlley
- 1580—Cranborne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1817—St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shoe Lane, London
- 1872—St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton
- R.A. 116—Cana, Swan Hotel, Colne, Lancashire
- R.A. 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
- R.A. 248—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- R.A. 253—Wisdom, Swan Inn, Haslingden
- R.A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
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- R.A. 339—Regularity, Crown Hotel, King Street, Penrith
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- R.A. 913—Pattison, Freemasons' Hall, Plumstead
- R.A. 1324—Okeover, Mar Hotel, Ripley, Derby
- M.M.—Canynges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol

FRIDAY, 19th 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)
- 975—Rose of Denmark, Greyhound, Richmond
- 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
- 1118—University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1228—Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
- 1293—Royal Standard, Builders Arms, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
- 1385—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
- 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
- 2030—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W. at 7.30. (Instruction)
- R.A. 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)
- 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
- 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 516—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
- 541—De Lorraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
- 993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
- 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
- 1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
- 1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
- 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
- 1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
- 1993—Wolseley, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester. (Instruction)
- 2005—Brooke Forest Hotel, Chingford
- 2194—Royal Victorian Jubilee, Forest Hotel, Chingford
- General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
- R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
- R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Muldersfield
- R.A. 712—St. James's, Masonic Hall, Rosemary Lane, Louth
- R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
- M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- R.C.—Talbot, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

SATURDAY, 20th JULY.

- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
- 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
- 1276—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
- 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
- 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
- 1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
- 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
- 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith at 7.30. (In)
- R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air-street, Regent-st. W., at 8. (Instruction)
- M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
- 1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton
- 1494—Felix, Clarence Hotel, Toddington
- 1556—Addiscombe, Masonic Hall, 105 High-street, Croydon
- 1597—Musgrave, Angel and Crown Hotel, Staines
- 1861—Claremont, Crown Hotel, Chertsey
- 2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
- 2228—Dene, King's Arms Hotel, Cookham, Berks
- R.A. 68—Royal Hotel, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
- R.A. 1194—Royal Middlesex, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
- R.A. 1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton
- R.A. 2043—Henry Lovander, Railway Hotel, Harrow
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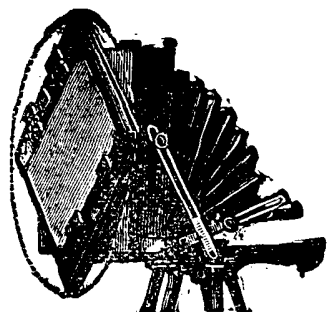
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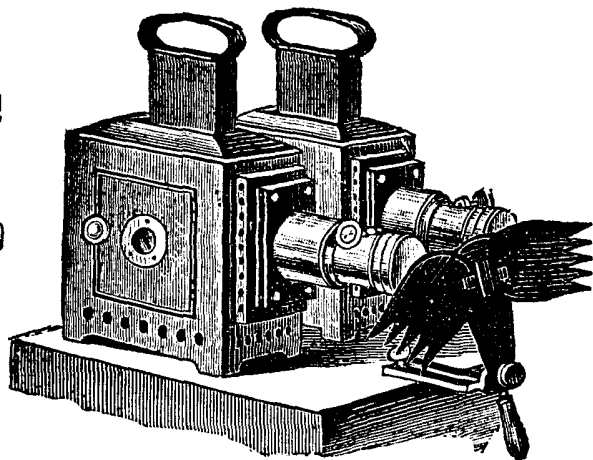
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