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PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS.

FEW who have not had an actual experience can form any idea of the amount of work which devolves upon the Secretary or Worshipful Master of a Lodge, outside of what we may term their public performances. An ordinary member of the Craft is accustomed to take his place at the regular meetings of his Lodge, and witness, from the time of opening until the Tyler gives the concluding toast at the supper or banquet, a succession of events following one another with clock-like regularity, and all apparently running their own natural course, without let or hindrance. But is it reasonable to suppose all this happens without previous arrangement? or that the business of a meeting can be carried through without skilful guidance and manipulation somewhere? Previous attention is essential, and the more successful the meeting, and the more regular the proceedings, the greater the credit due to those to whom is due its preparation. In many cases we need not go further than the Secretary of a Lodge to discover who has had the arrangement of affairs, and to that Officer is due, more often than otherwise, the success or failure of an assembly. This is giving the Secretary credit for a great deal, but as our readers are aware, we entertain the feeling that a good Secretary is an all-important factor in a Lodge, and we do not think that too much credit can be accorded the Brother who faithfully discharges the work attached to the appointment. We do not mean that the Secretary performs the lion's share of the actual Masonic work of a particular meeting, but he has so much to prepare, that on him, to a marked extent, depends the result of a gathering. If everything is properly arranged beforehand, success is more than half assured; but if, on the other side, all, or a part of the work, has been left to chance, then it is we feel the want of a guiding hand, and learn to appreciate the work of those whose forethought ensures comfort and success. In this respect the Secretary of a Lodge doubtless receives considerable assistance from the Worshipful Master, but as the one is often a sort of permanent official, while the Master only holds the office for a single year, the work can hardly be said to equally divide itself, the one knowing everything associated with his office, the other being removable, as soon as he begins to get used to the duties of his appointment. But it is not only in arranging for the regular meetings of a Lodge that the Secretary is called upon to show his ability. There are many other matters which really depend on him, and on his capacity immediately to decide on a course of action. Not the least important in this respect is the correspondence addressed to his Lodge. He must be able to form an opinion as to which are privileged communications, and which of a general character; which he shall announce in Lodge, and which he shall pass over without comment.

In this respect we cannot help the feeling that most Lodge Secretaries are very loth to consider a communication so far "privileged" as to deserve notice in open Lodge. The majority—a very large majority—of communications received are dismissed without public comment, or without being officially brought under the notice of the Lodge members, and, as a consequence, it has now become very difficult to address the members of the Craft, as a body, except through the columns of the public press. We do not wish that every circular or every letter sent out broadcast should be read in open Lodge, but, as we have said, we think that Lodge Secretaries have too much power in their hands when the question of communications addressed to their Lodges is considered, and one of the results of such a system is, that mistaken ideas arise as to what is going on throughout the Order. As an example of what we mean, we may refer to the work of canvassing for the Masonic Charitable Institutions, and concerning which so much has been said and written during the last few years. We were recently present at a meeting when conversation turned on this topic, when one brother, well known in Craft, Arch and Mark Masonry, gave his experience. He said he had been a member of one of the best London Lodges for upwards of fifteen years, during which time he had regularly attended, but during the whole of that period neither one of the Charity Secretaries had ever sent a circular or a letter to the Lodge. We tried to convince him of his error, but he was not to be convinced, as he felt sure every communication sent to the Lodge was regularly announced to the members. It is quite useless to argue against such ideas as these; unless we had heard them ourselves we should never have believed it possible any one could entertain them, but that we have stated is actually what occurred, and of course the only explanation of such a statement is to imagine the Lodge Secretary never looked upon Charity appeals and circulars as "privileged" communications. The question is,—what other letters and other matters were treated in the same manner? while it behoves us to ask,—how far does such a system extend?

We were aware that many communications which we should regard as essentially of a public character never went beyond the Secretary's table, but we were certainly taken aback at hearing what we have just recounted, and we think the subject is worthy of something more than passing notice at the hands of the Craft. It is not for us to dictate what shall be done, but it seems to us that some alteration is desirable, or it will soon be quite impossible to communicate with the individual members of the Order in anything like an official manner, for if the appeals of the Masonic Institutions are not to be considered as privileged, what communications are to become entitled to that distinction?

MASONRY AND EVERY-DAY LIFE.

Address given by Past Grand Master the Rev. W. N. Ackley, at the Dedication of Memorial Statue of Thomas A. Doyle, in Providence, 3rd June 1889.

EVERY institution, like the individual man, must expect to be judged on a twofold basis—upon the ground of its inherent character and its relations with that with which it is surrounded, its power to perform for the world those offices suggested in its principles. To be entitled to recognition as a factor in our busy life it must demonstrate its ability to touch society with vital influence. Great truths may be engrossed upon enduring materials, sealed and laid away, securely guarded from the eye and touch of men. But to guard truth so is to insult its dignity, to invest it with that too common royalty which is simply impotent isolation from the throbbing life of man. That alone is truly royal which can tolerate the strong gaze of the world, can respond to the demands of society upon it. In this, as in our religion, the servant is nobler than the Law. The truth is not worth the seeking which has, as it takes shape in our thoughts, no service to render to mankind. And, inasmuch as our Masonic Institution is a monument to truths that are fundamental, so, to warrant our presence, as its representatives here to-day, must it be a living, working force, bringing its embodied truth into vital connection with the world's life. The eye of the loyal Mason glances back into the past, only that it may more keenly take account of the present, of the needs which may guide into hopeful channels the influence at our command.

As to-day we cluster about this memorial to our honoured chief, whose personality touched with such potent influence the hearts of the people of this great city, and made itself felt not seldom in the larger commonwealth, because the interests of the people were his own, are there to be seen any features of our institution, with whose stately words we consecrate this statue, that may, like him we honour, touch the weal of the every-day lives of men? If the life we revere and the body whose offices we bring are in accord, then are we fitly gathered here.

Suffer me for a brief period to centre our thoughts upon those features of our Masonic institution, which manifest its inherent character and its practical influence upon life, leaving meanwhile those numberless qualities which may indeed interest the curious, but which are accidental rather than inherent. It is the symbol on which the eye rests. The fundamental truth is that which takes possession of the discriminating mind. So, they who find in the sign and ceremony and symbol the essence of Masonry mistake the colour for the texture of the fabric. Just as in a man the wealth of power is in the character and the ability to bring that character into vital connection with the interest of men, so it is with our ancient institution. It is a life, a developed life, trained in the school of human necessity. Its soul is found in the unflagging championship of those immortal truths which underlie even religion, which are the sanction of all moral conduct, which are the stay of men's hearts in life's extremest hours. We need not linger to set forth anew here those old truths, ever new to each new life, to each life newly awakened to the highest things—the truth about God, eternity, immortality, responsibility; truths echoing through all the language of our forms, flashing out in our varied ceremonial. It has been said that persons dwelling in close intimacy with strong and noble souls grow by degrees into their likeness. The Mason dwells in the presence of embodied truth, whose voice speaks ever the same unvarying counsel, and appeals to him with the same eternal sanctions. Something of truth's glorious features should shine out ere long in the lineaments of his character. And need we wonder, in the light of these facts, that so often the silvery-haired veteran in our ranks, to whom long ago life's playthings had lost their charm, and who is growing more and more to value things according to their essential qualities, should enter our asylums with fresh, warm devotion to a brotherhood he has known so long. He has dwelt in the presence of truth personified in our stately ceremonial and been suffused with its lofty spirit. The life of the man and of every lasting institution must anchor itself in those immutable truths which lie at the root of all religion and of all morality. And so, while Masonry never intrudes itself unbidden within the sacred domain of religion, never

assumes to do more than second and further that work committed especially to the Church of Christ, never haughtily frowns upon other groups of men seeking the same noble ends, it plants itself solidly upon the immutable doctrines of God, of eternity, of a resurrection to the immortal life, of responsibility to the God of heaven for the lives we live. Upon these foundations rises our Masonic structure, and they who dwell within its sacred precincts dwell where God is, where truth reigns, are guilty of profaning the sacredness of heavenly things when word or act fails to accord with the spirit of the divine law. Symbolic ceremony, traditional and historic illustrations combine within our walls to implant indelibly those divine teachings upon the hearts of our disciples.

But they are guilty of grave error who pronounce Masonry a thing of the past, because its lessons are couched in ancient symbolism and because it deals in eternal verities. Eternity reaches forward as well as backward—forward always to every soul truly awake to the grandest things. The conservative tenacity of Masonry for immutable truth is its safeguard, the ground of its power to be a sure and lasting help to the interests of men. Only the spirit of anarchy would change that which ought to be counted immutable. But, just as eternity touches time by including it within itself, so these eternal principles touch the ever-varying interests of humanity. They who are well versed in the teachings of Masonry will wonder at their breadth of range, at their vivid setting forth of the facts and experiences of life. And what does this reveal? Why, the fact that Masonry has been a growth, that it has grown out of a keen appreciation of those changeless truths we have catalogued, and, in addition to that, a clear, sympathetic knowledge of the longings and needs of humanity. Through unnumbered generations the handicraft of speculative and symbolic Masonry has been exercised in working into its structure the varied experiences, the drama of human life—setting the whole story to the keynote of principle. What men need and feel most keenly it has made the subject of its thought and study; so that, while the world outside may think of us as secluded within a shrine where everything is an ancient, our practical relations are with the living realities of to-day; just as love and sympathy and sense of mutual obligation are but empty words, except as they deal with the real life of the present with which we come in contact. Does society desire to learn a wholesome lesson in the rightful relation between the so-called highest and lowest among its ranks? We will teach them that he who, as our Grand Master, holds the highest office in the gift of Masonry, and with it, an authority extremely exceptional in this modern age; nevertheless, as far as his fraternal relations with his fellows and personal character are concerned, stands for what he is worth as a man, on a level as a brother among brethren with the humblest brother moving in the ranks. Come hither and learn among our impressive lessons—oft repeated during the Masonic life—this wholesome lesson upon the equality of human rights, upon the duty of respecting men according to their inherent worth. Sense of brotherhood must rest upon this conviction. And it is the sense of brotherhood that lifts love, sympathy, fellowship, generosity, helpfulness out of the low realm of the artificial and the conventional into the domain of the real and the true. True, courtly manners are flavoured with the spirit of a real respect for one's fellows. And all those virtues, which are but courtly manners wrought into more substantial shape, become princely in the sterling reality given them by the sympathetic spirit. It is no wonder that the founders of Masonry, schooled so well in the needs of men, should have wrought the great, inclusive duty of charity all through our ceremonial teachings. This virtue, so slowly learned by a cold humanity, becomes the natural, logical deduction from a conviction of the brotherhood of men. The man who sees in man his brother, and is keenly sensitive to the fact, cannot do less than love his own. So we teach first the lesson of brotherhood. Generosity of spirit and of deed is its angelic sequel. You are teaching an impotent law of conduct, when your charity of heart is not put before, as a cause, that charity of act, whose symbol is the open hand, the helpful deed.

We have time to do scarcely more than say how this great lesson of brotherhood deserves to be first always, to be oftenest repeated in the ears of men and how in it we touch all the duties of man to man. Let the spirit of brotherhood and consequent charity of heart find a wel-

come amid the busy throng, where competition rages, where suffering and want intrude their hard presence, aye, within the hallowed precincts of the home, more and more; and, verily, the life, the motley throng are living would feel the genial sunrise of a new joy, and the spirit of antagonism with which men view one another so often now would be counted an intruder upon the peaceful life of the society. To intensify the spirit of human fellowship, of that charity whose fountain is in the heart, is one of the leading offices of our Masonic Institution. If, in our teaching, if, in the communion of brother with brother within our walls, if, in the nearer contact of man with man in the common interests of Masonry, we can develop in our hearts a keener sensitiveness, widen our sympathies, sweeten our spirits, train ourselves in thought and acts of charity, giving to them all that supreme sanction growing out of a sense of solemn responsibility; then are we one of the factors for good in the world; then are we touching vitally the most sacred interests of every-day life. Our Institution, even as it does so stand in tradition and organic structure, should in our convictions and lives stand for nobility of manhood, championship of the right, love and fellowship wider than the limits of our brotherhood, the heart and deed of a true fraternal love. As this noble statue, wrought into artistic form the more forcibly to remind the throngs that through generations may cluster about it, and ask its meaning, stands as symbol of the character and deeds of the man whose heart beat responsive to his fellows' needs, so may our institutions stand as something lasting and immovable, yet speaking of life, standing for something instinct with life, a symmetrical building indeed, yet, in its practical activity and influence, in touch with all that is noble and sweet in the life of the world. Our office is to speak these lessons of humanity and fellowship with all their eternal and divine sanction into the ears of unwilling men. In this we are not indeed alone. We only join the voice from many an institution, many an earnest, great-hearted spirit. As a man alone you may engage in the lofty work of bringing about the reign of great thoughts and loving deeds. The voice, however, should take on a more determined emphasis when uttered in the unison and harmony of our fraternal fellowship. The individual, under the inspiration of a loving heart, may indeed

"Join hands with God to make a man to live."

But as a compact body, linked in that strength which comes of united forces and purposes at one, fired with the electric power of that brotherly love fostered in the fellowship of kindred spirits, we may in very deed "join hands with God" and with one another, to bring strength and purpose, and power, and richness, and gladness into the world's every-day life.

"There is no greater factor in the elevation of our moral natures than the knowledge that one whose opinion we value believes in us; and nothing will so soon drive a soul downward as the conviction that this confidence is withheld. You must give what you would receive; show love, sympathy and truth yourself if you would find them in others. If you look out on the world from soiled or clouded spectacles, all objects will appear to you blurred and distorted."—*Liberal Freemason.*

THE PORCH OF THE TEMPLE.

MOST striking and beautiful was the porch of King Solomon's Temple, worthy in itself of a journey to Jerusalem to behold. King David gave to King Solomon the pattern of this porch (1 Chronicles xxviii. 11), and Solomon was chosen by the Lord to build it—together with the entire Temple. The two chief features of the porch were the two famous pillars, named by Solomon Jachin and Boaz. Whether these two pillars stood *in* the porch, or *in front* of it, has always been a vexed question—1 Kings vii. 21 stating, that "he set up the pillars in the porch of the Temple," and 2 Chronicles iii. 17, that "he reared up the pillars before the Temple." We think the pillars were *in* the porch, supporting its roof, for while so situated they were also in reality *in front* of the Temple. These two pillars, of brass, were the work of Hiram, the architect of Tyre, and cast under his direction, with chapiters of molten brass upon the tops of the pillars as capitals, with nets of checker work and wreaths of chain work, and upon their tops was lily work. This porch was twenty cubits in length, and

the same in breadth, and at its entrance was a gate made entirely of Corinthian brass—the most precious metal known to the ancients. Such, in brief, was the porch of the Temple, "a thing of beauty," and through its verbal delineation "a joy for ever."

Suppose a stranger had come to Jerusalem after the completion of the Temple, on purpose to see it, and had viewed and admired its wonderful porch, but after doing so had turned his back on the Temple itself, after having been invited to enter it and behold all of its wondrous beauties! What would be thought of the good sense, or the fine taste, of such a one, and if he were a mystic disciple of King Solomon, what would be thought of his Freemasonry? Standing in the porch, with the privilege of familiarizing himself with all the marvels of construction and ornamentation of the Temple interior, and refusing to enter, such a one might be denominated intellectually blind, morally lame, and Masonically dumb.

Brother reader, have you not seen this blind, lame and dumb man, this blind, lame and dumb Freemason? More than the schoolmaster he is abroad in the world. "The woods is full of them." Men who have eyes and see not, ears and hear not, minds and understand not. Men who have feet and walk not from the outer porch into the inner temple. Men who are initiates but not adepts. Brethren who are familiar with the exoteric but ignorant of the esoteric. None of these things should be. The eye was constituted to be the organ of sight, the ear to hear, the feet to walk, the mind to think. He who abridges his physical, mental or Masonic ability drags around with him for life a dead member, and makes himself a spectacle for men and angels.

Now we have reached the heart of this subject. Every Freemason is entitled, completely entitled, to enter not only the porch of the mystic Temple of the Craft, but to penetrate into its holy place, and its holy of holies. The entire triad is his. Especially is it his privilege to enter the penetralia, the adytum, the most holy place. No Masonic secret is lawfully denied him. The complete secret, art and mystery is his, to master and enjoy—if he will; but *he must will* if it is to be his. "Whosoever will" is the language of Freemasonry, as well as of Holy Writ.

What a rich reward does the Fraternity bestow upon every initiate who seeks to know the entire mystery! We would that it were in our power to make this so clear that every Brother might comprehend its truth and force. We would that every initiate might understand that one may be a Master Mason without being a Master of Masonry. To be the latter is the work, the pleasure, the reward of a lifetime's study. The student of the mystery of Freemasonry is no mere book-worm, no antiquated pedagogue, but an intelligent tourist through an intellectual paradise, which is watered with silvery streams, flowing through flowery meads, shaded with stately trees, through which balmy zephyrs play, birds of rich plumage sing, and every prospect is one of enchantment and beauty. This is the interior of the Masonic Temple. Those who remain in the Porch of the Temple never behold it. The porch is the sign, *it* is the thing signified. The porch is the type, it is the anti-type. The porch is the symbol, it is the symbol's hidden meaning.

Yes, the joys of the porch are great. All the initiated resort there. There are social pleasures, and there is Masonic recognition. But why remain there. Why be satisfied with these? Why not *enter* the Temple? Why not become more than mechanical Masons? Why not discover the hidden beauties and excellences of Masonry? Why not understand and enjoy the meaning of our symbolism? If you are a Mason, why not be a thorough one?

There is a sublimity in Freemasonry which justifies the phrase "sublime degree of a Master Mason." Every Brother should be a sublime Mason, and he may be if he will. There is rapture for the sight, enchantment for the imagination, satisfaction for the understanding. All are invited to this intellectual banquet. The gates of Corinthian brass in the Porch of the Temple are thrown wide open, and every Master Mason is invited to enter the Temple itself.—*Keystone.*

A MASON'S FREE BED.—By the will of the late Bro. James E. Gale, of Haverhill, Mass, the sum of 3000 dollars is to be paid to the Master and Wardens of the Lodge in Haverhill, for the establishment and maintenance of a free bed in the Haverhill Hospital, for the use of such Masons as they may deem worthy. This is a practical Charity, and an enduring monument to the memory of an intelligent and eminently worthy Freemason.—*Liberal Freemason.*

ENTHUSIASTIC WELCOME OF THE GOVERNOR OF NEW ZEALAND.

THE formal reception of His Excellency the Governor, the Earl of Onslow, and the Countess of Onslow, took place on Monday, the 22nd April. The arrangements by the Freemasons were admirable. The brethren of the three Constitutions assembled in the Freemasons' Hall, shortly after nine o'clock, and here they were suitably arranged in their respective Lodges, and proceeded to Government House. The entrance through the verandah to the house was lined by the District and Provincial Grand Lodge Officers. The English Grand Lodge was represented by Bro. G. S. Graham D.G.M., Bro. W. Lodder D.D.G.M., Bro. H. G. Wade D.G.S., Bros. Rev. C. M. Nelson and W. Tebbs (the latter also appearing as Past Grand Chaplain of Somerset), and Bros. Clark and Warren. The Irish Constitution was represented by Bros. G. P. Pierce P.G.M., Bros. Powley, Mitchell, Dr. Kidd, and A. Brock. The Scottish Constitution was represented by Bro. the Hon. Sir Frederick Whitaker P.G.M., and Bro. M. Niccol D.P.G.M., the other Officers of the Grand Lodge taking up their positions with their respective Craft Lodges. The bands and troops marched past Government House, and when His Excellency's carriage arrived a halt was made, and Lord Onslow was at once received on the verandah by the District and Provincial Grand Masters, and Bro. G. S. Graham said that to him had been entrusted the pleasing duty of presenting an address from the Freemasons of Auckland. He then read the address, as follows:—

To the Right Worshipful Brother the Right Honourable the Earl of Onslow, P.G.S.W. of England.

Right Worshipful Sir and Brother,—On behalf of the Freemasons of Auckland, we beg to offer you a cordial and fraternal welcome to New Zealand. We hail with great pleasure the advent of so distinguished a brother in Freemasonry as yourself, and we cannot but feel that your residence amongst us will tend to promote the welfare and prosperity of the Craft throughout the colony. With hearty good wishes for the health and happiness of yourself, Lady Onslow and family, and trusting that your sojourn amongst us may be every way agreeable and enjoyable.

We have the honour to subscribe ourselves, Right Worshipful Sir,

Yours truly and fraternally,

G. S. GRAHAM, D.G.M. E.C., G. P. PIERCE, P.G.M. I.C., FREDK. WHITAKER, P.G.M. S.C.

His Lordship made the following reply:—

Worshipful Brethren,—It has afforded me sincere pleasure to receive in your name, representing as you do the important District Grand Lodge of Auckland, so cordial and fraternal a welcome on landing on the shores of New Zealand. It shows, if proof were wanting, that brotherly love, the first principle of Freemasonry, is as strong in this important Province of the Empire as in the heart of the Grand Lodge of England itself. As a Grand Warden of that Lodge it will be a pleasure to me to express to His Royal Highness, the Grand Master, the satisfaction which I feel in learning that Freemasonry in New Zealand does not yield in vigour, in prosperity, or in loyalty to any of her sister colonies in Australasia.

Auckland, 22nd April 1889.

ONSLOW.

The Rev. C. M. Nelson then presented an address from the Mark Master Masons:—

To the R.W. Bro. the Hon. the Earl of Onslow, K.C.M.G., P.G.S.W.

Right Worshipful Sir and Brother,—It affords us great pleasure, on behalf of the Mark Master Masons of Auckland, E.C., to welcome you to New Zealand. The great interest you have always taken in Mark Masonry, and the exalted position you occupy in connection with that degree, is already well known to and highly appreciated by us. You come amongst us, Worshipful Sir, not as a stranger, but as a brother, who has made such a mark in our Order as can never be effaced, and whilst we honour you as the representative of our Gracious Majesty the Queen, we would beg you to accept our most sincere and fraternal regards as a representative of that Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of which we have the honour to be humble but loyal members.

(Sd.) F. W. E. Dawson, P.G.M., C. M. Nelson, D.P.G.M.,
W. P. Moat, P.G.D., P.G. Treasurer,
T. W. Kitt, P.G. Swd. Br., P.G. Secretary.

Lord Onslow replied, as follows:—

Worshipful Brethren,—I have received your friendly and fraternal address with feelings of no small gratitude. To be welcomed, not as a stranger, but as a brother, in a land where I am not personally known, adds another proof of the value to all men of being included within our degree. Cemented by this common bond, I am led to hope that my brethren of the Craft, who are so numerous, so influential, and so widely spread throughout the colony, will be favourably predisposed towards my humble efforts worthily to represent Her Gracious Majesty. That they will not readily mark whatever may be done amiss, but will rather seek to interpret all actions in the spirit suggested by the principles inculcated by our Order.

Auckland, 22nd April 1889.

ONSLOW.

Lord Onslow then retired into Government House, and the brethren, reforming procession, returned to Freemasons' Hall, where, after disrobing, they separated for the day.

LONDON AND SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY.

AT this time of the year when it is the earnest desire of parents to seek out a healthy resort whereto to send their children, it would be well for them to inspect the arrangements made by the London and South Western Railway Company. These arrangements are on a most liberal scale. The tariff of fares is as low as it consistently can be, while the service of trains is both frequent and well regulated. It is unnecessary for us to describe the different places of interest that this line traverses, but when we mention Exeter, Plymouth, Devonport, Barnstaple, Ilfracombe, Channel Islands, Southampton, Portsmouth, Isle of Wight, Bournemouth, Swanage, Dorchester, Weymouth; this year's centre of attraction—France; not to enumerate Hampton Court Palace, which can be inspected at a few hours' leisure, it will be seen there is abundance to choose from. To these several resorts, tourist and excursion tickets are issued on most reasonable terms,—to first, second, and third class passengers. Moreover, these tourist tickets are available for two months. To Exeter, the railway runs fast express trains, the journey being completed in four hours; while to that charming sea-side resort Bournemouth, the journey is completed in two and a half hours, by the new direct line. Other places reached by this line are Plymouth, in six and a quarter hours; and Ilfracombe, in six and a half hours. Visitors to Paris have certainly had their comfort looked after by this Company. Trains leave the terminus (Waterloo Station) every Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, while the Company's steamers leave Southampton Docks the same day, for Havre. The average time in crossing the Channel is about six and a half hours, and about two additional hours in the river. These Mail Steamers are fast travellers, and, what is more essential, are most comfortable. Germany is also to be reached easily by this line, via Southampton and the Norddeutscher Lloyd Ocean Steamers. The voyage to Hartz Mountains, Berlin, Hanover, and North East Europe, is accomplished in twenty-five hours by the Atlantic steamers, of 5,500 tons. These Mail Steamers call at Southampton every Thursday and Sunday, on their way from New York to Bremen, and take first and second class passengers for the trip through the North Sea. The facilities for picnic or pleasure parties are also adequate. During the summer months, return tickets are issued at reduced rates, and this opportunity should be taken advantage of, for a more enjoyable outing than that afforded by a run through the Thames Valley could not be wished for; frequent trains for which are run by the London and South Western Railway. In conclusion, if further information is needed, we can refer our readers to the Guide Book, issued by the Company; or better still, to the General Manager of the line, at the Waterloo terminus; he will readily give further information if it be required.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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

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

We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

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CERTIFICATES OF OFFICE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Ament your remarks on certificates of honour, you will be interested to know that it has been for many years the practice for the Provincial Grand Master and Grand Superintendent of the Province of Essex to give such certificates, and they are much appreciated by the fortunate possessors.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

THOS. RALLING, P.G. Sec.

15th July 1889.

We have been asked to insert the enclosed letter, from the *Toronto Mail*:—

FREEMASONRY AND CHRISTIANITY.

To the Editor of *The Mail*.

SIR,—Recently, at a Masonic demonstration at Wellington, Ontario, Rev. Mr. Stratton, G. Chaplain, &c., who was one of the speakers of the day, stated, during the course of his remarks, that Freemasonry would be made use of to sustain Christianity and to put down infidelity. Having gained so much information from the rev. gentleman, we would take it as a great kindness if he would now go a little further, and give us a little more light upon the subject. For instance, would the rev. gentleman tell us when and by whom was Masonry so designed? How does Masonry propose to accomplish this end? Do they purpose using force? What particular sect do they intend to take in hand to guard? Is Christianity founded on Masonry, or is it only recently that it has turned to Masonry for a little assistance? If the Church rests in any manner upon Masonry, how shall we render the old familiar hymn that says—

“The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord?”

Would not this hymn and many others, and the Bible also, all have to be re-written? Is it not a fact that Freemasonry numbers within its ranks Jews, Mohammedans, Hindoos, and others who do not believe in the Christian religion? And yet they are Masons. But they could not be Masons if Masonry is what you say it is—that is, synonymous with Christianity.

Yours, &c.

Prince Edward County, 1st July.

G. A. G.

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PROV. GRAND LODGE OF SURREY.

THE Annual Meeting was held on Thursday, the 18th inst., at the Public Hall, Caterham, where the arrangements made by the members of the entertaining Lodge, the Caterham, No. 2095, resulted in an eminently satisfactory day's proceedings. There was an exceptionally large attendance, and the capacious room where the meeting was held, when set out, and decorated with the banners of the several Lodges, presented a very picturesque and elegant appearance. At 3.30 o'clock the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened by the Wor. Brother Frederick West P.G.D., Deputy Provincial Grand Master, in charge of the Province, who was supported by the following Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers and Brethren:—

D. P. Cama S.G. Warden, H. M. Hobbs J.G. Warden, George Price Grand Treasurer, Charles Greenwood G. Secretary, Alfred Bishop, Fountain Meen, F. T. Ridpath, C. H. Woodward. Amongst the Past Provincial Grand Officers were: F. A. Guimaraens, Henry J. P. Dumas, H. G. Thompson, H. C. Leigh Bennett, G. T. Lister, A. T. Jeffery, Hugh D. Sandeman, H. E. Frances, J. E. Street, W. H. Hatton, T. F. Phillips, J. W. Jolly, F. Cambridge, Charles Sheppard, W. J. Mason, Thos. Clark, W. D. Francis, E. C. Mulvey, R. C. H. Goffin, G. W. Filmer, R. T. Elsam, S. P. Catterson, W. Chapman, W. P. Catterson, C. T. Tyler, W. G. W. Bultz, T. G. A. Burns, R. E. Catterson, A. Wilson, A. Machell, S. Hewitt, J. Hill, W. F. Hawes, G. S. Horsnail, F. C. Walker, A. C. Storr, Ralph Neville, C. C. Greenwood, J. D. Langton, F. Carter, A. Lambert, T. Rhodin, J. O'Connell, F. S. Arnold, F. J. Hayward, M. Spiegel, A. Watson, J. W. Manby, T. L. Heward, A. Verdon, J. H. Jones, H. E. Vickers, Herbert E. Stenning, J. Edmonds, B. Cooke, F. P. Hill, M. W. Dodge, T. Jennings, S. Straker, T. Dayth, Anthony Trevannon, H. W. Humphreys, E. L. Caron, J. Easterbrook, T. F. Charlton, W. H. Gardner, W. H. Mayhead, Jos. Parry, J. T. Broderick, Thomas Johnson, W. M. S. Jackson, T. Mayhead, Dr. C. Gibbes, G. C. Burns, W. A. Larter, R. Williams, J. B. Tomkinson, J. Cater, G. S. Graham, J. List, G. F. Spencer, G. E. Todd, C. K. Heather, R. Killick, Hugh Dumas, A. Luntz, D. Hughes, J. Hughes, E. H. Gibson, W. E. Fenn, C. W. C. Webb, G. Balcombe, R. T. Haws, F. G. Smith, D. Hughes, F. Hughes, Thos. Pennington, J. H. Sumner, A. Laurence, H. H. S. Linley, the Rev. E. Houndle, F. W. Mansell, F. Neale Arnold, G. Mansell, the Rev. Lord Victor A. Seymour, W. W. Morgan, G. A. Eady, W. P. Morrison, Geo. Yaxley, H. Burgess, W. D. Young, Dr. H. J. Strong, W. Lane, S. H. Parkhouse, J. S. Fraser, W. J. Murlis, G. H. Martin, D. M. Corrie, H. M. Lemon, J. Sawyer, W. H. C. Cornhill, J. Manners, Joseph Latham, C. Hogg, J. J. Slade, W. Pile, G. Moorman, R. Piper, J. Churchill, A. F. Asher, F. Honeywell, A. F. King, J. T. Dodd, J. H. Thompson, H. J. Shelley, Thos. Weaver, G. H. Chapman, Sova Ram, P. H. Ball, J. W. Thompson, Joseph Pollard, H. J. Dumas, C. A. Smith, Raymond H. Thrupp D.P.G.M. Middlesex, Magnus Ohren P.G.A.D.C., &c.

Before commencing the general business of the day, W. Bro. Frederick West told the brethren that immediately on his receipt of the mournful tidings conveying the particulars of the decease of their late Provincial Grand Master, General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., he, on behalf of the Province, sent Mrs. Brownrigg and other members of her family an expression of their sympathy, and condolence in their bereavement. To this communication he had received replies,—from Mrs. Brownrigg, and from the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, Deputy Prov. G. Master for Berks and Bucks. The Rev. Bro. Brownrigg had signified his intention to join them in Provincial Grand Lodge that day, but, at the last moment, in consequence of pressing business engagements, had been compelled to forego the pleasure of meeting the brethren of Surrey on this occasion. Brother West, continuing, said that later in the day he would propose a resolution that he thought would convey the sentiments of all those present. The first item was to call over the roll of Lodges, and it is satisfactory to state that one Lodge only was unrepresented. A fair proportion of the Provincial Grand Officers were in attendance. The minutes of last Prov. Grand Lodge, held at the Public Hall, Carshalton, on the 18th July 1888, were read and adopted. The Report of the Finance and Audit Committee was unanimously adopted; the balance standing to the credit of Provincial Grand Lodge being declared at £283 18s 10d. The following sums were voted to the Masonic Institutions:—Twenty guineas to the Boys' School; Ten guineas to the Girls' School; and Ten guineas respectively to the Male and Female Funds of the Benevolent Institution. In accordance with previous custom, Provincial Grand Lodge also voted £10 10s to local Charity, the amount to be disbursed by the Vicar of St. John's Church, Caterham Valley. Brother George Price was re-elected Provincial Grand Treasurer, by acclamation, and then the following Brethren were invested with the collars of office:—

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| Bro. J. E. Street | ... | Senior Warden |
| Dr. Gibbes | ... | Junior Warden |
| Rev. E. Chichester | ... | } Chaplains |
| Rev. W. W. Martin | ... | |
| Geo. Price (re-elected) | ... | Treasurer |
| J. K. R. Cama | ... | Registrar |
| Chas. Greenwood | ... | Secretary |
| Dr. F. Nicholls | ... | } Senior Deacons |
| R. Piper | ... | |
| C. Smith | ... | } Junior Deacons |
| F. T. Ridpath | ... | |
| J. K. Thompson | ... | Superintendent of Works |
| A. Lamb | ... | D. of C. |
| J. Hughes | ... | Deputy D. of C. |
| Geo. Moss | ... | A.D. of C. |
| A. Tremearne | ... | Sword Bearer |
| T. T. Phillips | ... | } Standard Bearers |
| Jas. Hill | ... | |
| J. O'Connell | ... | Organist |
| A. C. Greenwood | ... | Asst. Sec. |
| F. R. Croaker | ... | Pursuivant |
| R. Killick | ... | Asst. Pursuivant |
| G. Fox Spencer | ... | } Stewards |
| F. Carter | ... | |
| J. T. Broderick | ... | } Stewards |
| E. C. Mulvey | ... | |
| W. H. Gardener | ... | } Tyler |
| C. E. Omerod | ... | |
| R. Potter | ... | |

Bro. Frederick West then addressed those present, in the following terms:—

Brethren,—It has been our custom to meet together, once in every year, in different places, for the purpose of electing and appointing the Officers and transacting the business of the Province. On these occasions we have taken a retrospect of what has happened in the past year of interest to the Province, and generally considered the position of Masonry in it. The first thought is a sad one, for as you are too well aware we have lost our Provincial Grand Master. Immediately I heard the sad news I, as the head of the Province, in your name conveyed our sympathy with his family in the great loss they had sustained. We cannot, however, allow this opportunity to pass without testifying to the invaluable services of our late Provincial Grand Master in raising the Province to the position it now holds. When he was appointed, in 1871, there were 10 Lodges and 5 Chapters. Since then 24 new Lodges and 7 new Chapters have been consecrated, so that now we have no less than 34 Lodges and 12 Chapters. I am glad to say the name of our late chief has been perpetuated in the Province, there being a Lodge and a Chapter named after him. The enthusiasm thrown by him into the work, and the encouragement given to deserving Masons, did much to enhance the success of his ruling over us. The Brethren in the Province, too, appreciated the high Masonic Standard he fixed, and did their best to maintain it. Thus we find to-day that not only is the Province flourishing, but there is good Masonic feeling throughout it. Our late Provincial Grand Master was a strict disciplinarian, but notwithstanding this, his kindness and geniality created an affection for him, which did much towards the success of his Masonic career in Surrey. But his work did not end here, he advocated strongly and carried into practice the great principles of our Order. Twice did he preside at the Festivals of our Noble Institutions, and loyally did the Province support him. You will remember, when he took the Chair at the Festival of the Girls' School, in the year 1886, the liberal contributions of this Province, amounting to no less a sum than £1,300. I might also remind you of the interest he took in promoting the success of Surrey Candidates for the benefits of the Institutions. He was always to be found presiding at the Charity Committee Meetings, when candidates were selected, and he encouraged us to work for their return, which he materially assisted by the large number of votes he could always control. Our late Provincial Grand Master was equally earnest in his other duties of life. Whether it was in the Playing Fields of Eton, in Canada, or the Crimea, John Studholme Brownrigg was equally successful. The early discipline he learnt at Eton, and the Public School spirit which he acquired there, were his best friends throughout life. He was an Englishman in every respect, and a true Mason. Well may those nearer and dearer to him mourn his loss, but we share it with them; and, brethren, if we desire to perpetuate in this Province his valuable services to us, let us follow his example, and persuade others to do the same. It will be my duty, at the close of this address, to submit to you a resolution bearing on the subject of these remarks. I will now turn for a few minutes to the position of the Province. Since we last met one of the best Lodges in the Province, *i.e.*, the East Surrey Lodge of Concord, has celebrated its Jubilee, and I was very pleased to have been present on the occasion, and take part in the installation of our W. Bro. Geo. Price Prov. G. Treasurer, who filled the office of W.M. in the same Lodge 48 years ago, an event which, I believe, is almost, if not quite, unique in the history of Masonry. I think I am safe in saying that we all wish Bro. Price a very prosperous year of office. Brethren, I think we may fairly say we are in a flourishing condition; good work is being done, and there is an excellent Masonic feeling prevailing. Not only do the Lodges carry out the Ritual well in most cases, but I am glad to add that they assist materially to swell the funds of our Institutions. I think we ought to be thankful that both our Surrey candidates, one Boy and one Girl, have been elected, and now we have undertaken to assist in procuring the admission of a son of the late Bro. Samuel Andrews (P.M. of St. Andrew's Lodge) to the Boys' School. I ask for your united assistance for this object. It is determination of the Committee to have only one candidate at a time, so that the full strength of the votes of the Province may be given from all sources. It would materially strengthen the hands of the Committee,

which is thoroughly representative of the Province, if brethren would more loyally support them than heretofore. You will agree with me, Brethren, I am sure, when I say, that without loyalty to the cause continued action becomes useless. I must appeal to Secretaries of Lodges, and more especially to Scribes of Chapters, to assist the work of the Province by conforming to the spirit of the Rules of the Province with respect to returns. Some are absolutely useless and are hardly creditable to the experienced Masons who send them in. Without proper information, the Rulers of the Province cannot succeed, and the want of it on the present occasion has been to the detriment of some brethren who would otherwise have been promoted. I am glad to find that several Lodges have Lodges of Instruction attached, which are of great assistance to the proper working of the ceremonies. I must urge upon Masters of Lodges the desirability of punctuality. There are some Lodges in which this appears to be of no object, and the consequence is that the ceremonies suffer, and comfort of visitors at the subsequent banquet is impaired. I would urge Lodges not to try and do too much on one evening, especially on installation nights, when, if the Installation ceremony is fully and properly rendered, it is a good evening's work. Our muster roll is rapidly increasing, but from what I have seen during the past year I must seriously call your attention once more to the fact, and remind you that however zealous you may be to bring candidates forward, you are not promoting the best interests of the Craft by introducing those whose position in life does not warrant the necessary expenses of Masonry. Our noble Craft is not a benefit society, but it will soon become one unless a better discrimination is displayed in admitting members. I have to thank you for the kind support you have always loyally accorded me, and I can assure you it very much assists me in carrying out my somewhat arduous duties, especially under the present circumstances. I trust that as long as I take any part in the ruling of this Province, that the same assistance will be extended to me. The resolution which I ask you to adopt and allow to be entered on the minutes, and copy sent to Mrs. Brownrigg, is:—

"That this assembly of the members of Provincial Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Chapter, desire to express to Mrs. Brownrigg and her family their sympathy with them in the great loss they have sustained by the death of the late General Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., P.G.M., and P.G. Superintendent of this Province, and at the same time to testify to the great debt of gratitude this Province owes to him for his invaluable service to the cause of Masonry for a period of 18 years, during which time the Lodges increased from 10 to 34, and the Chapters from 5 to 12; and further this assembly wish to mark their appreciation of his advocacy and encouragement of the principles of Masonry, and the valuable assistance he rendered as ruler of the Province to the great Masonic Institutions."

Bro. West then formally proposed the resolution, which was seconded by Bro. H. J. P. Dumas, and received the cordial assent of Prov. G. Lodge. Bro. Charles Greenwood Prov. G. Secretary drew the attention of the Masters and Secretaries of the various Lodges to the desirability of their being prompt in making their annual returns. Much difficulty was entailed where this neglect prevailed. Shortly afterwards Prov. Grand Lodge was closed. The brethren then repaired to the Church of St. John, Caterham Valley, where a short service was held; the sermon being preached by the Rev. E. A. Chichester Prov. G. Chaplain. Subsequently a banquet was served, and the after proceedings were of an essentially agreeable character. A full toast list was honoured, and the brethren of the entertaining Lodge were congratulated on the success that had attended their efforts to entertain Provincial Grand Lodge.

PROV. G. LODGE BERKS AND BUCKS.

IN the unavoidable absence, through indisposition, of the Prov. G.M. Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart. the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Berks and Bucks held their annual meeting in the Assembly Rooms, Reading, on Thursday, the 11th inst., under the presidency of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg. The brethren were summoned for one o'clock, when Prov. Grand Lodge was opened by Bro. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.C., assisted by Bro. John Tomkins P.P.S.G.W. and a fair attendance of Present and Past Prov. G. Officers. After P.G. Lodge had been formally opened the Deputy Provincial Grand Master expressed great regret, which he was sure was felt by all the brethren, that their esteemed Provincial Grand Master Sir Daniel Gooch was unable to attend, owing to the state of his health. Sir Daniel had not been well for some time, and it was undesirable that he should overtax his strength by undertaking duties which involved a certain amount of toil, as well as pleasure. They all entertained the hope that Sir Daniel's ailment was merely of a temporary character, and that when they next assembled they would have the advantage of his presidency. According to custom, the minutes of

the last annual Prov. Grand Lodge, held at High Wycombe, on the 25th June 1888, had been printed and circulated; these were taken as read and unanimously adopted. Bro. Bradley Past Grand Sword Bearer of England Prov. Grand Secretary, read letters he had received; these included communications from Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. Grand Master Middlesex, Colonel Shadwell Clerke Grand Secretary, Bro. F. West Deputy Prov. Grand Master Surrey, Bro. F. Binckes, &c. The list of Lodges in the Province was then called; nearly all were represented; while the roll of Provincial Grand Officers was also adequately answered. The Treasurer's financial statement and the report of the Charity Committee were presented, and adopted; while sums of money were voted to several Lodges in the Province, to be applied to aid the Masonic Charities. A lengthy discussion ensued in reference to the working of the Charity Committee. It seemed to be the desire of many of the brethren that, the Lodges in the two counties having so materially increased, the time had arrived when the Province should be divided. The Provincial Grand Secretary gave his report upon the condition of the several Lodges. From this it appeared there were 899 members and 221 Past Masters. During the past year 158 regular Lodges and 12 Lodges of emergency had been held, and during the same period there had been 33 joining members and 63 initiations. The increase in the membership during the 12 months had been about 70. A new Lodge (the George Gardner) was consecrated, at Datchet, by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, on the 13th May, the number of the Lodge being 2309.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master congratulated the brethren upon the progress which Masonry had made in the Province during the past year, as shown by the gratifying report just read by the Provincial Grand Secretary. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master also alluded to the satisfactory state of the finances, and the valuable services of the Prov. Grand Treasurer, Bro. Charles Stephens, whose re-election he proposed with much pleasure. Bro. E. L. Shepherd P.M. P.J.G.W. seconded the motion, which was unanimously agreed to. The D.P.G.M. then invested the following with the Provincial Charity jewel: Bros. John W. Martin P.M., Maurice Wheeler P.M., Charles E. Belcher P.M., Charles Stephens P.M. (with bars); and M. J. Withers P.M. (with ribbon). The following officers were appointed for the ensuing year:—

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| Bro. E. Margrett 1101 | ... | Senior Warden |
| E. H. Cox 1639 | ... | Junior Warden |
| Rev. R. Williams 574 | ... | Chaplain |
| Chas. Stephens 414 | ... | Treasurer |
| G. H. Charsley 1894 | ... | Registrar |
| R. Bradley 414 | ... | Secretary |
| T. T. Fountaine 948 | ... | S.D. |
| J. W. H. Thompson 2228 | ... | J.D. |
| J. E. Sydenham 2043 | ... | Supt. of Works |
| W. Sherwood 414 | ... | D.C. |
| M. H. Palmer 574 | ... | A.D.C. |
| Raymond Tucker 1899 | ... | Sword Bearer |
| Maurice Wheeler 945 | ... | } Standard Bearers |
| Chas. A. Bennett 1787 | ... | |
| G. F. Slade 1887 | ... | Assist. Sec. |
| T. Page 771 | ... | Purst. |
| Chas. Slaughter 1101 | ... | Asst. Purst. |
| J. T. Dodd 414 | ... | } Stewards |
| B. W. Bennett 2043 | ... | |
| A. Turner 1894 | ... | |
| Stubbington 2043 | ... | |
| W. Hommings | ... | Tyler |

After some few other matters had received attention, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed. The arrangements for the refreshment of the inner man had been entrusted to Bro. Flanagan, of the Great Western Hotel. As a caterer, Bro. Flanagan has deservedly acquired a high reputation. He furnishes his tables in no niggardly spirit, and a general feeling of regret was expressed that a larger proportion of those who attended Prov. G. Lodge did not avail themselves of the opportunity Brother Flangan offered them. After the toast, the Queen and the Craft, had been honoured, the Deputy Prov. G.M. proposed the health of the Grand Master of England. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was not merely a Grand Master in name, but in deed, and there was no detail connected with his high office of which he was not cognizant. Indeed, the Prince took a deep and active interest in everything that concerned the welfare of the Craft, and this was a circumstance which must be highly gratifying and satisfactory to Freemasons. With the next toast, the Pro G.M. the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom,

and the rest of the Grand Officers of England, Present and Past, was associated the name of the estimable Grand Secretary of this Province, Bro. Robert Bradley, Past G.S.B., who in reponse said, that to have his name associated with this toast was regarded by him not only as an honour to himself, but also to the province with which he had had the pleasure of being connected for so many years. They all knew how much they, as Masons, owed to the Prince of Wales. Since his Royal Highness had held office as Grand Master there had been a vast increase in the number of Masonic Lodges throughout the country. The Prince took a warm personal interest in the prosperity of Masonry, and there was no Mason who had worked harder or more assiduously to promote the welfare of the Craft than did the Grand Master himself. As Masons they must all feel anxious that the interesting event in the Prince's family which was soon about to take place would prove a source of satisfaction and happiness to the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the other members of the Royal Family. In speaking of the Grand Secretary, Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Bro. Bradley said that zealous brother gave most thoughtful and careful attention to all matters affecting the welfare of Masonry. In speaking of the R.W. Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Brownrigg expressed the regret all the brethren must feel that Sir Daniel was not able to be present. They entertained the hope, however, that Sir Daniel's illness was merely of a transitory character, and that when they next met the Prov. Grand Master would be in his usual place. On Bro. Tompkins P.M. devolved the duty of proposing the next toast, the health of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, who acknowledged the compliment, and proposed the toast of the Masonic Charities, to which Bro. Terry, the Sec. to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, replied. For the Prov. Grand Officers, Bros. Margrett and Cox responded. For the W.M.'s and Officers of the Reading Lodges, Bros. Sherwood and Slaughter replied. Other toasts given were the health of the Prov. Grand Treasurer and Prov. Grand Secretary, and Bros. Stephens and Bradley replied; the latter announced that the next Prov. Grand Lodge would be held at Aylesbury. The health of the Caterer, Bro. Flanagan, and the Stewards, with the Tyler's toast completed the business. The singing throughout displayed a high order of cultivation. The musical arrangements were carried out by Bros. L. Richardson, H. O. Crane P.M., and W. E. Kuowles, under the direction of Bro. A. Rowley P.M.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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SINCERITY LODGE, No. 189.

THE annual meeting was held on the 8th inst., at the Sincerity Masonic Temple, St George's Hall, Stonehouse, Bro. Frank R. Thomas W.M. presiding. Bro. Surgeon Major Allan May having been passed to the second degree, and Bro. W. Thomas (brother to the W.M.) passed to the third degree, the W.M. elect, Bro. J. B. Moulder, was impressively installed. The ceremony was ably performed by Bros. the Rev. T. W. Lemon M.A., Charles Croydon, and Frank R. Thomas the retiring W.M. The Board of Installed Masters being closed, the W.M. invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. F. R. Thomas I.P.M., Dr. J. Harrison S.W., George Stawell J.W., the Rev. T. W. Lemon Chaplain, George Hawken Treasurer, A. S. Hendry Secretary, S. Graves S.D., George Dunsterville J.D., C. Dunsterville D.C., F. E. Sach A.D.C., W. Blight I.G., J. Parker and Harcourt Foden Senior Stewards, C. Massey and T. Pearn Junior Stewards, and Gidley Tyler. The Treasurer presented a most satisfactory balance sheet, which was unanimously adopted. The brethren then sat down to a capital supper, supplied by Bro. Dixon.

RURAL PHILANTHROPIC LODGE, No. 291.

A MEETING was held on Friday, the 12th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, at the Railway Hotel, Highbridge, when Bro. T. H. Bailton S.W. was duly installed W.M. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. R. C. Else. The W.M. afterwards appointed his Officers. There was a goodly attendance of Officers and brethren. The customary banquet was afterwards held, under the presidency of the W.M.

APOLLO LODGE, No. 305.

AT the anniversary meeting, held at the Town Hall, Beccles, on the 4th inst., Bros. A. R. Scott was installed W.M., C. Buckland I.P.M., F. J. Allen S.W., Captain Blake J.W., J. T. Eccleston Treasurer, F. G. Crane Secretary, C. Geer S.D., N. W. Pells J.D., G. Lane I.G., W. H. Cutting Steward, R. S. Norman Tyler. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the King's Head Hotel for the installation banquet.

MARINERS' LODGE, No. 249.

BRO. William Hewson was, on the 4th inst., in the presence of a very large assembly of members and visiting brethren, at the Masonic Temple, Hope Street, Liverpool, duly installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The W.M. elect was presented for installation by Bros. R. G. Bradley and J. Whalley, the ceremony of installation being performed by the retiring W.M., assisted by Bro. J. Hayos. The Officers invested were as follow:—Bros. J. C. Spurr I.P.M., Duncan C. Davidson S.W., W. B. Bridge J.W., J. Hayes Treasurer, E. Shacklady Secretary, Alfred B. Ewart Organist, H. F. Neale S.D., T. Bash J.D., H. Brown I.G., Edmund Rontledge S., T. I. Roberts S., F. G. Saunders S., Christopher Fowles S., and H. J. Pye D.C. The brethren subsequently sat down to a banquet, excellently served by Bro. Casey. A capital programme was contributed to by Bros. Nicholls, Fargher, Latham, Basfield, Sweetman, and Shaw, Bro. Ewart furnishing the accompaniments.

AIRE AND CALDER LODGE, No. 458.

ON Friday evening, the 12th inst., this Lodge celebrated its Jubilee. It first met at the Lowther Hotel, on the 12th July 1839, when Bro. Jacques was elected W.M. The brethren had read to them the record of the minutes of the first Lodge. On the motion of Bro. Cawthorn a resolution was ordered to be inscribed on the books, congratulating the W.M. of the Lodge (Bro. R. Dayson) on the attainment of the Jubilee, and expressed the hope that under his guidance, and that of succeeding masters, the principles of Freemasonry would continue to flourish in Goole. Several members spoke to the motion, comment being made on the fact that all the original members had passed away. Congratulatory telegrams were received from several Lodges in the neighbourhood.

ST. PETER'S LODGE, No. 481.

AT the annual festival, held at the Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle, on Monday, the 8th inst., Bro. John Spearman was presented by the Brethren and Companions of St. Peter's Lodge and Chapter with a very handsome and valuable sterling silver tea and coffee service, in recognition of his able and valuable services as Treasurer for a period of ten years. The presentation was made by Bro. E. Turnbull W.M., and Bro. Spearman very suitably and feelingly responded.

BENEVOLENCE LODGE, No. 666.

THE annual meeting was held at the Masonic Rooms, Princetown, on Wednesday, the 10th inst., when Bro. E. M. Ellis, the unanimously elected Master, was installed. The interesting ceremony was well performed by Bro. W. Holdstock, assisted by a Board of Installed Masters, amongst whom were Bros. Major M. Tracey P.M. 2258, J. R. Lord P.M. 1247, J. B. Gover P.M. 70, J. J. Daw P.M. 282, C. H. Cooper P.M. 105, George Roseveare P.M. 1254, William Male P.M. 110, William Orchard P.M. 164, T. Kerslake W.M. 282, Captain O. W. Every, W. H. Gray, T. Bennett, J. Adams, J. Delaney, and J. Stapleton. The Officers invested were:—Bros. W. H. Johns I.P.M., J. Geake S.W., C. Whiter J.W., O. W. Every Treasurer, Holdstock Secretary, J. Weeks S.D., R. Baker J.D., R. Leak I.G., and T. Balkwill Tyler. Captain O. W. Every was appointed as the reporter on the Committee of Petitions. The Lodge was reported to be in a very good position financially. The brethren adjourned to the Duchy Hotel, where an excellent dinner was served and well appreciated, the hostess, Mrs. Rowe, being especially thanked.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 673.

BROTHER J. O. Mallabar was, on the 2nd inst., at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, duly installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. There was a very large attendance of members, and amongst the visiting brethren were Bros. A. D. Hesketh, Walter Ervin, R. Foote, W. H. Smith, H. M. Molyneux, Rev. H. G. Vernon, J. M. Tunstall, J. C. Robinson, W. J. Jarman, E. R. Latham, J. B. Galloway, H. Round, G. A. Harradon, R. Warriner, W. M. Lunt, E. Shaw, R. G. Bradley, R. Robertson, R. H. Leake, and J. G. Hassell. The presenting Officers were Bros. J. T. Callow and T. Clark, and the W.M. elect was installed by Bro. J. B. Parker I.P.M. After his installation Bro. J. O. Mallabar W.M. proceeded to invest his Officers, as follow:—Bros. J. B. Parker I.P.M., R. Rawlinson S.W., W. E. Morton J.W., D. Jackson Treasurer, James Williams Secretary, Rev. W. H. Hurpur Chaplain, J. T. Callow D.C., Albert E. Workman Organist, W. H. Williams S.D., Joseph Jones J.D., J. Wylie I.G., W. R. Roberts S., T. H. Youds S., W. H. Jones S., and W. H. Ball Tyler. The musical service at the installation was performed by Bros. Kirkham, Hoginbotham, Burt, Hindson, and Poulson, Bro. A. E. Workman presiding at the organ, and these brethren also supplied the musical programme after the banquet, which was served in the large dining-hall, by Bro. Casey, the House Steward. During the evening, Bro. J. B. Parker was presented with a Past Master's jewel.

ST. OSWALD LODGE, No. 850.

THE annual festival took place on the 8th inst. The Lodge was opened at two o'clock, by Bro. G. M. Bond, the retiring W.M., and the ceremony of installation was admirably performed by Bro. T. Cox. The new W.M., Bro. J. R. Rigby, appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. G. M. Bond I.P.M., H. Twigg S.W., W. Davenport J.W., J. Young Chaplain, P. R. Littleton Treasurer, J. Howell Secretary, H. Brambles Almoner, W. A. Lytle S.D., A. M. Wither J.D., R. Beardmore D.C., W. H. Tutt Organist, T. O. Farmer I.G., J. T. Marple and W. H. Smedley Swards, R. Brown Tyler. At the conclusion of the Lodge the brethren adjourned to the Green Man Hotel, where a banquet was provided, Bro. Rigby, the newly-elected W.M., presiding.

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Grand Patron:
HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

President:
HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., M.W.G.M.

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

To receive and approve a list of Sixty-nine Candidates (or Seventy in the event of a deferred case being accepted by the Court) on the recommendation of the General Committee, from which Sixteen Boys shall be elected on Friday, 25th October next, to fill that number of Vacancies.

The chair will be taken at Four o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

By order,
FREDERICK BINCKES (P.G. Std., V.-Pat.), Secretary.
OFFICE—6 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
10th July 1889.

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, ST JOHN'S HILL, BATTERSEA RISE, S.W.

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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Saturday, the 27th July 1889, at Twelve o'clock precisely, on the general business of the Institution, to place Candidates on the list for the Election in October next, to declare the number of Girls then to be elected, and to consider Notice of Motion as under:—

NOTICE OF MOTION.

By Bro. HERBERT DICKERTS, Vice-Pres., upon recommendation of the House and Audit Committees, and with a view to carry out the various alterations in the Laws rendered necessary by the recommendations of the Joint Committees, as under:—

- In Law 35, omit words "and audit."
- In the first heading, on page 32, omit the words "and audit."
- In Law 47, in first line, substitute "twelve" for "nine."
- In third and fourth lines, after the word "finance," omit words "and audit."
- In sixth line, substitute "three" for "two."
- In Law 49, after word "meet" in first line, omit words "in the months of January, April, July, and October," and substitute "monthly, or oftener, if necessary."
- After word "payment" in sixth line, omit all up to the word "report" in the twelfth line.
- Add, as a fresh paragraph, headed "Audit," "the accounts of the Institution shall be annually audited by a Chartered Accountant to be elected annually by the General Committee at the meeting in May."
- In Law 79, add, after the word "Trustees," "and be annually examined by the Accountant."

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

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20th July 1889.

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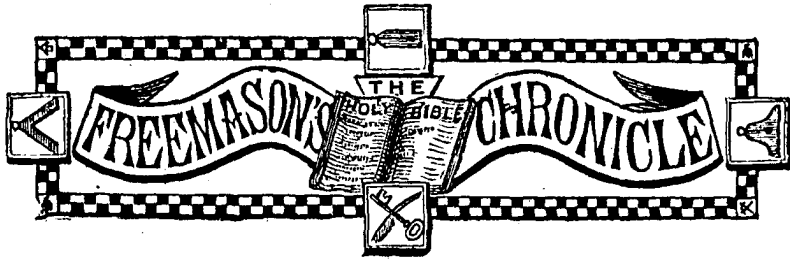
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SATURDAY, 20TH JULY 1889.

AMERICAN MASONIC MANIAS.

BY BRO. JACOB NORTON.

WHEN I first came to Boston, I heard for the first time the phrase "Masonic Jurisprudence." When I asked whether Masonic jurisprudence is not embraced in the Masonic Constitutions? I was answered that we have written and unwritten laws, and Masonic jurisprudence means both kinds of laws. But the joke is, there is no agreement among our learned expounders of unwritten laws. I have here a book called "Digest of Masonic Law, being a complete code of Regulations, Decisions, and Opinions," &c., by Geo. Wingate Chase, which is full of contradictions. The mania of Masonic jurisprudence was magnified into a science. Symbolism also had its day. In 1846 (I believe) Mackey gave an outline of about two dozen Masonic landmarks, which he afterwards amplified and enlarged, and which were quoted as "Gospel truth." Since then the mania for expelling Masons for not believing that every word in the Bible was inspired, raged in several Masonic jurisdictions. Still more recently, laws were enacted in some jurisdictions to expel saloon keepers from Masonry, but the most absurd mania which afflicts some jurisdictions is the *anti-Cerneauite mania*.

To make the subject clear to new subscribers or readers of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, I must inform them that there are in existence some thirty ceremonies or degrees, which are variously called "Scotch Rite," and "Ancient and Accepted Rite." In reality, however, the said degrees are neither Scotch nor ancient. These degrees, wherever they were introduced, always gave rise to splits, divisions, and discord. Now, in the United States, there are two Sovereigns of that Scotch rite, one is in the South and the other is in the North, but the sovereignty on each side of the dividing line is disputed; the descendants of Cerneau claim jurisdiction over all the "United States and its Territories." These antagonistic factions abuse each other in Billingsgate style, each swears to be the *Simon Pure*, and denounces the opponent, as bogus, illegitimate, &c. Now, the leading members of the respective Grand Lodges North and South belong either to what is called the "Northern Jurisdiction" of the A. and A. rite, or to the "Southern Jurisdiction" of the same rite. As a rule, the leading dignitaries of the Grand Lodges North and South never paid a cent for the honours of being *thirty-thirded* or *thirty-seconded*; these degrees are conferred upon them merely as a bribe to enlist their influence in behalf of the faction; getting, as they do, these degrees for nothing, they are bound to swear through thick and thin that their organization is of the *true blue blood*, while the other organizations are mere Masonic bastards. For a time their squabbles were confined among

themselves, and were only made known through their own publications. But a few years ago a mania began to rage in certain jurisdictions, among the leading members of its Grand Lodges, to pass laws for expelling from Masonry all those who belong to the Scotch rite of the opposite or Cerneau faction. The excuse of the said leaders of Grand Lodge is, that it was the duty of the Grand Lodge to prevent imposition among Masonic brethren. The fact, however, is simply this: both factions are alike worthless, but one faction sells its stuff for one hundred dollars, while the other faction charges for the same stuff only twenty-five dollars. Now our worthy *conscientious* Grand Lodge members have no objection to our Masonic brethren being cheated out of one hundred dollars, but they are ready to expel a brother Mason who allowed himself to be cheated out of twenty-five dollars.

Bro. Parvin P.G.M., and now Grand Secretary, and also Chairman of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence of Iowa, seemed to have been for some time the champion for *Masonic rationalism*; he bravely fought, right and left, with all believers or pretended believers in the old nonsense written in bygone times, and he does so still. But even Bro. Parvin has lost his balance on the *Saloon Keeper question*. I do not think that he pretends to be a total abstinence man; at least he does not seem to insist that Masons must be teetotallers. It seems that he does not object to moderate drinking by Masonic brethren, but he is fiercely opposed to the man who sells them the liquor. This notion seems to me inconsistent, for if a man may drink, he surely must buy the stuff, and if he may buy it, then why may not another man sell it?

They say that in ancient times Masons used to meet on high hills and in low vales. If so they could not have been either English, Scotch, Irish, or American Masons, for, as far as I know, English speaking Masons, from the remotest antiquity, always met in public houses. "The four old Lodges" we read of, who formed the first Grand Lodge, met in public houses. The Grand Lodge of England was originally constituted in a public house, and for many years it continued to hold its meetings in public houses. The engraved Lodge Lists of the last century prove conclusively that Lodges were principally known by the names and signboards of the public houses where they held their meetings, and even to-day a majority of the English Lodges meet in public houses. Henry Price constituted the first regular chartered Lodge in America in a Boston public house, and Franklin's unchartered Lodge in Philadelphia, from its very start in 1731, used to meet in a public house. Now, as a rule, the keepers of public houses where Masons meet are, and always were, Masons, and I never heard that public house keepers behaved worse in Lodges than brethren who follow other trades do. In 1739, that is one hundred and fifty years ago, Bro. Luke Vardy, the keeper of a public house wherein the Boston Lodge used to hold its meetings, walked in a public St. John's Day Masonic procession, in Boston, side by side with Henry Price, Andrew Belcher, and other founders of American legitimate Masonry; and if a public house keeper was worthy of being a Mason then, why cannot one of them be worthy of Masonry to-day? Besides, for a number of years after my arrival in America, the Grand Lodge of New York used to hold its meetings in a public house, and so did every Lodge in New York and Brooklyn. The Grand Lodge of England lets part of its premises for a tavern, or public house, and the manager of Freemasons' Tavern is a Mason, and a worthy one too. In short, public houses may be claimed to have been, in olden times, the hot-houses and nurseries of ancient Freemasonry, and I believe that if there had been no public houses in England for hundreds of years past, we should have been to-day without Masonic Lodges both in England and America.

But that is not all. I was verbally informed (I hope it is not true) that my philosophic friend Bro. Parvin was recently attacked with the now spreading *anti-Cerneauism mania*. Now, I can understand the reason of extreme teetotallers for opposing the admission or even expelling the Saloon Keepers from Masonry, but I cannot conceive what Bro. Parvin can say against Cerneauism that cannot with equal justice be said against Gourgasism, Pikeism, Templarism, and all other kinds of high *degreecism*. One is not better than another, and no Grand Lodge has a right to patronise or to recommend either kind of humbug.

But with all Bro. Parvin's new notions, we are still indebted to him for the good he has done, and is still doing, in his efforts to cure our deluded American Masonic writers of

their various Masonic manias. In his report of Foreign Correspondence for 1888, Bro. Parvin says, that he had devoted considerable time in preparing an exhaustive attack on the "Ancient Landmark" mania, but he found that it was too long for the space allotted for his publication, but he happened to get hold of some orations delivered by Bro. Albert Pike, at Washington, which answered his purpose completely.

Now, Bro. Pike, though he is an out and out high degree, and claims to be Sovereign Grand Commander of *Great Grandmother* Consistory of the World, is, nevertheless, apt now and then to astonish the Masonic noodles with some truth. Now, among these orations one treats on the absurdity of believing in Mackey's 25 ancient landmarks. This oration Bro. Parvin republished in his Proceedings. There may be a few faults in it, but upon the whole *it is very good*, and, as to the best of my belief, no American Masonic papers have noticed it, I have copied it (merely adding a few notes between brackets) for the benefit of all who are still afflicted with the ancient landmarks mania.

BOSTON, U.S., 28th June 1889.

ROYAL ARCH.

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WALTON CHAPTER, No. 1086.

THE Companions of this Chapter met in the Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Westminster Road, Liverpool, on Friday evening, the 28th ult., for the annual installation of principals and investiture of officers. The Chapter was opened by Companion F. Ewart Z, Companion R. T. Britten H., and Companion J. Unsworth J., there being present upwards of 40 members and visitors, amongst whom were Companions W. Goodacre, J. Hounsdel 203, D. Davies 823, George Eyton 823, &c. Companion Goodacre having taken the chair, Companion F. Ewart presented Companions R. T. Britten, J. Unsworth, and John Lunt, the three principals elect, for installation. Companion Goodacre having given the opening addresses, the installing principal, John Lunt 1086, proceeded with the ceremony, and in a very able manner installed Companion R. T. Britten as first principal, and Companion J. Unsworth as second principal, after which Companion Britten placed Companion John Lunt in the third principal's chair for the ensuing year, and invested the following Companions, viz.:—Companions C. Johnson S.E., W. Young S.N., W. Bushell P.S. (second time), J. Walker A.S., Williamson being re-elected Janitor. The Companions afterwards dined together in the large hall. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and cordially received. The "Standard Quartette"—Companions Fargher, Williams, Griffiths, and Pugnaire—under the conductorship of Professor G. Eyton, discoursed an excellent musical programme.

Israel Chapter of Improvement, No. 205.—A new Chapter of Improvement will be inaugurated at Tupp's Restaurant, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C. (Oxford Street end), on Monday, 22nd July. The ceremony of consecration will be rehearsed by E. Comp. Frederick Binckes P.G.S.B. as M.E.Z., assisted by E. Comp. C. F. Hogard P.A.G.D.C. as H., E. Comp. S. V. Abraham M.E.Z. 1017 as J. The proceedings will commence at 6 o'clock precisely, and at the conclusion of the ceremony a supper will be provided, tickets 3s 6d. In order that the convenience of the Companions attending may be studied, Bro. E. H. Norden, the Secretary, will esteem it a favour if Companions will let him know if it is their intention to be present. The regular meetings of the Chapter of Improvement will be held at 8 o'clock on every Monday evening throughout the year. Companions will be heartily welcomed. Preceptor, Comp. H. J. Phillips M.E.Z. 205.

The following sums, on behalf of the recent Festival of the Boys' School, have been received since our issue of last week:—

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ROYAL STANDARD LODGE, No. 498.

THE annual festival was held on the 10th inst., at the Dudley Arms Hotel, Dudley. Bro. Dr. J. Bellingham was installed W.M. for the year, the installation being performed by Bro. W. J. Gilliver. The following brethren were invested:—Bros. J. W. Roberts S.W., F. G. Thompson J.W., H. H. Hughes S.D., W. Richardson J.D., W. B. Palethorpe Organist, W. Shepley Secretary, A. Green Treasurer, M. Robinson and Prichard Stewards, King I.G., Timmins Tyler, the Rev. J. W. Wilsbaw Chaplain, J. Fisher Assistant Chaplain D.C. There was a very large number of visiting brethren, and the ceremony was followed by a banquet.

THE WILLIAM PRESTON LODGE, No 766.

THIS Lodge had a summer outing on Tuesday, the 16th inst. The brethren and their ladies and visitors met at Paddington Railway Station, where a saloon carriage, attached to the 10 o'clock train, conveyed them to Windsor. On arrival there, the commodious steam launch "Fashion" was in waiting, which took them to Caversham. The weather was lovely, and the water trip most enjoyable. An excellent banquet was prepared at Bond's Hotel. The brethren returned by train from Reading, after having had one of the most enjoyable days possible. Amongst those present were:—Bro. G. F. Edwards W.M. and Mrs. Edwards, Bro. W. Worrell P.M. and Sec. and Madame Worrell, Bros. W. J. Heath P.M., W. J. Collens P.M., Bro. J. F. Haden J.D. and Mrs. Haden, Bro. J. G. Kemp and Mrs. and Miss Kemp, Bro. R. C. Wilson and Mrs. Wilson, Bros. M. Woolf, W. Pierson, &c. Visitors.—Bro. G. W. Marsden P.M. 1329 and Mrs. Marsden, Bro. R. J. Voisey P.M. 1329, Bro. J. Hart No. 65 and Mrs. Hart, Bro. J. H. Hawkins P.M. 65, Bro. H. Von Joel P.M. 857 and Mrs. and Miss Von Joel, Bro. C. T. Artaud S.D. 1305 and Mrs. Artaud, &c.

DALHOUSIE LODGE, No. 865.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 26th ult (by dispensation from the Provincial Grand Master), at the Church Room, Mordant Road, Hounslow. The Lodge having been opened and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, Bros. F. A. Barth and T. W. Barth, and Bros. Thomas and Papworth, of 1585, were passed to the degree of F.C. Bros. Emery, Boyce, Robinson, and Haynes, were raised to the third degree. Bro. Keene then vacated the chair, for Bro. W. C. Williams to act as Installing Master. Bro. R. H. Williams having presented Bro. W. H. Causton W.M. elect, he was most impressively installed into the chair of K.S. by the Installing Master. The following brethren were appointed and invested as the Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. S. W. Keene I.P.M., G. Swann S.W., P. J. Davies J.W., C. A. Walter Treasurer, W. C. Williams Secretary, C. Woods S.D., John Davies J.D., J. Doble I.G., R. H. Williams D. of C., E. Clare Organist, J. M. Long Steward, and T. Bowler Tyler. The charges were then given in Bro. W. C. Williams' best manner. The account of the audit was given, and it was resolved to adopt and print same for circulation amongst the members. The Secretary having given a notice of motion for the next meeting, it was resolved that a committee be formed for the purpose of carrying out the details for an excursion from Hounslow, on the 17th inst. There being no further business, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Red Lion Hotel. The banquet was served in Host Bull's usual sumptuous manner, everything being of the best in quality and quantity, while the tables were beautifully decorated with flowers. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M., with a very appropriate speech to each. During the evening Bro. T. W. Heath played a solo on the cornet, which was most vociferously encored, and Bro. Heath kindly played "The last rose of summer." The members of the Lodge may well congratulate themselves on the acquisition of Bro. Theodore Barth, who contributed some beautiful music, vocal and instrumental. Bro. A. J. Turner gave a very laughable recitation, entitled "The quack doctor," and last, though not least, came Bro. Spraggs, who for comic songs is a host in himself. The Lodge will soon be one of the most prosperous Lodges in the Province—within the last four years there have been 30 initiated and 10 joining members admitted.

MERIDIAN LODGE, No. 893.

THE annual installation meeting was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Millbrook, on the 8th inst., when the following were installed for the ensuing year:—Bros. W. E. Marchant W.M., J. Duckett I.P.M., E. Price S.W., G. B. Nicoll J.W., R. H. Frizell Chaplain, Borseley Treasurer, W. H. Bickford Secretary, S. B. Stanton S.D., Wilton J.D., Cowling Inner Guard, Veale Organist, John Price D.C., Ewens S.S., Morey J.S., Fisher Tyler. The installing officer was the I.P.M. (Bro. James Duckett), assisted by the other P.M.'s present, who were:—Bros. W. Harris 893, J. Pearn 893, J. Hocking 893, E. J. Worth 893, Cause 893, Bickford 893, H. J. Barter 1247, N. Radmore 159, A. H. Whidden 122, J. Leonard 202, and several visitors. A handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. J. Duckett, the retiring W.M., in appreciation of his Masonic zeal and ability, and he in turn presented the Lodge with a pair of silver wands. The Brethren adjourned to the Commercial Hotel, where a splendid repast was laid. During the evening some capital songs were sung by Bros. Barter, Leonard, Sawdy, Pemberthy, and Whidden, Bro. Veale accompanying on the piano.

ROYAL VICTORIA LODGE, No. 1013.

ON the 3rd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, Bro. Frederick Evans was duly installed as Worshipful Master of this Lodge. The Worshipful Master elect was presented by Bros.

T. W. Edwards and W. F. M'Donnell, the Installing Officer being Bro. T. K. Hughes. After his installation, the new W.M. proceeded to invest his Officers, as follow:—Bros. W. F. M'Donnell I.P.M., H. W. Thornton S.W., W. M'William J.W., W. Warburton S.D., J. W. Glendinning J.D., G. Broadbent I.G., Squire Chapman Treasurer, T. K. Hughes Dir. of Cers., J. W. Napton Secretary, E. Earnett, P. B. Warburton, T. P. Bethell and G. Proudman Stewards, J. Jones Org., Peter Ball Tyler. Subsequently the brethren sat down to a banquet, provided by Bro. Casey, the House Steward, and the proceedings were enlivened by the musical contributions of Bros. T. W. Edwards, S. Howard, G. Broadbent, W. H. Outram, Geo. Proudman, J. D. Cockerton and R. Woods, Bro. J. Jones presiding at the piano. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. W. F. M'Donnell, the retiring Worshipful Master.

KENNARD LODGE, No. 1258.

ON Thursday, 27th ult., the annual installation festival took place at Pontypool, when Bro. Capt. D. R. Jones, the W.M. elect, was installed as W. Master for the ensuing year, the ceremony being very ably performed by Bro. J. Holloway, assisted by Bro. Dr. Mulligan. After the ceremony, the W.M. invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Dr. Edmunds I.P.M., D. E. Williams S.W., H. Griffiths J.W., H. Feather Secretary, W. H. Haskins Organist and Treasurer, H. J. Parkhurst S.D., A. H. Watkins J.D., D. M. Llewellyn I.G., R. Herbert and W. S. Mends Stewards, Winkworth and Johnson Tylers. The Lodge having been closed in due form, the brethren adjourned to the Crown Hotel, where a sumptuous repast was partaken of, under the presidency of Bro. Capt. D. R. Jones, the newly-installed Master. The tables having been cleared, the toast list was proceeded with, the loyal toasts being, as usual, heartily honoured. Bro. J. W. Mulligan, in proposing the health of the newly-installed W.M., said he had known him for many years in many walks of life—as a Mason, as a Brother-Officer in the Volunteers, as a civilian, and as a neighbour—and everything he had known of him redounded to his credit. He was sure that Bro. D. R. Jones would make an excellent Master for the Kennard Lodge, and had great pleasure in proposing the toast of his health. The toast was heartily received, and was accorded musical honours. The W.M., in responding, said he deeply felt the great honour that had been done him that day. It was his intention to follow in the footsteps of those who had gone before him in the office, and to do all he could for the prosperity and advancement of the Lodge. The W.M. afterwards proposed the toast of the Right Worshipful Col. Lyne P.G.M., the Very Worshipful Capt. Geo. Homfray D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, a toast which was received with acclamation. Bro. G. Homfray D.P.G.M., in responding, expressed the great pleasure he had in being present that day, and stated that he had never missed attending the annual festival at Pontypool since the Lodge had been opened. He was glad to say that at the last Festival of the R. M. Institution for Boys the Province of Monmouth stood well, and he had been enabled to take up a large sum of money. Bro. D. E. Williams J.W. next proposed the health of the Immediate Past Master, Dr. R. Edmunds, remarking that he was sure that during the Past Master's year of office he had done all that he could to advance the interests of the Lodge, and that during his term of office he had only been absent on two occasions. He felt sure that his non-attendance on those occasions was due to no fault of his own. The toast having been received with musical honours, Bro. R. Edmunds responded in appropriate terms for the compliment paid him, after which Bro. D. Williams proposed the health of the Installing Masters, Bros. Holloway and Mulligan, stating in the course of his remarks that he had been, and he was sure every Brother in the Lodge had been very much impressed with the manner in which the installation ceremony had been gone through that day. He felt sure they could not find in the Province of Monmouth two brethren who could have gone through the ceremony in a more able and impressive manner than the brethren named had done that day. Bro. J. Holloway responded on behalf of himself and Bro. Mulligan (who had just left), and said he thanked Bro. D. Williams for the kind way in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren generally for the heartiness with which they had received it. It had been a great pleasure to him to have had the honour of installing their Worshipful Master, as he felt sure that they had that day placed a worthy Mason in a very honourable position. In wishing him a happy and prosperous year of office, he begged to assure him that if there was anything he could do, as far as his limited ability would allow, he should be only too pleased to place his services at his disposal. The time-honoured toast of to all Poor and Distressed Masons, proposed in fitting terms by Bro. Winkworth, brought the toast list to a close. The proceedings, which were of an enjoyable character throughout, were enlivened at intervals by some capital songs by Bros. W. H. Haskins, H. Fox, D. Williams, &c., and recitations by Bros. D. R. Jones, J. Holloway, D. E. Williams, &c.

TOXTETH LODGE, No. 1356.

ON the 10th inst., the brethren celebrated their annual festival at their commodious hall in North-hill Street, Liverpool. The only Lodge situated at the south end, it is a great favourite with the Craft. It has had several years of prosperity, and it was formerly known as the "De Grey and Ripon," but after the retirement of the Grand Master whose name the Lodge bore, it was felt desirable to give it a local character by changing its name. After the installation, which was very effectively performed by Bro. B. Holgate, the candidate, Bro. Lawrence Phillips, being presented by Bros. T. Nickson and John Ashton, the following Officers were appointed and invested:—Bros. A. H. Hughes I.P.M., D. M'Farlane S.W., R. W. Chatham J.W., J. J. Williams P.M. Treasurer, James Rankin Secretary, H. Bridger S.D., Theo. Williams J.D., W. Hudson Organist, A. Jones I.G., J. Lloyd S.S., Phipps Williams J.S., J. A. Glover A.S., R. Watt A.S. Bro. F. De Chemin was re-elected Tyler. The brethren afterwards dined together, when the usual loyal and patriotic toasts were duly honoured, and during the evening the I.P.M. Bro. H. H. Hughes was presented with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, on behalf of the Lodge, accompanied by a

valuable silver tea and coffee service (on the part of the Officers) for Mrs. Hughes. The picnic this year is to be held at Bolton Abbey.

SACKVILLE LODGE, No. 1619.

THE annual installation festival took place at the Masonic rooms East Grinstead, on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., when Bro. George Mitchell was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. Bro. Hoskin W.M. performed the ceremony, in a very able manner. The Officers appointed were:—Bros. W. H. Brown S.W., G. Wilson J.W., F. J. Baker S.D., G. D. Woolgar J.D., R. White I.G., Evelyn A. Head Treasurer, and A. M. Betchley Secretary. Following this ceremony a banquet was held in the large room at the Crown Hotel, Bro. George Mitchell, the W.M., presiding. The usual loyal and fraternal toasts were given. The toast of health to the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Sussex, and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, was acknowledged by Bros. Metcalf, Denman, and Betchley. Bro. Hopkins, in felicitous language, submitted the toast of the W.M., who replied. The toast of the visitors elicited very warm approval from the visiting brethren of the manner in which the business of the Lodge was conducted, and in which Bro. Hopkins had conducted the installation ceremony that day.

TILBURY LODGE, No. 2006.

THE brethren of this lodge assembled at the Tilbury Hotel, at the early hour of "high twelve," in order to dispose of the business of the Lodge previous to embarking for an excursion down the river Thames, on the 13th inst. The W.M., Dr. S. J. Kirby, presided, and was supported by the following Officers:—Bros. W. W. Barber S.W., W. J. Crump J.W., J. Burton S.D., Dr. Fred. H. Davies J.D., A. G. Dudgeon Treasurer, and W. L. Dudgeon Secretary. Bro. A. N. Hughes acted as I.G. There were also present Bros. F. C. Ahlfeldt, John Lowe, W. H. Barber, Bradshaw Brown, Orlton Cooper, and several others. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the Treasurer presented his report, which showed a satisfactory balance. Mr. Watter Christie and Mr. Wm. Ed. Newcombe were then nominated, balloted for, and accepted, after which the W.M. proceeded to initiate them, and performed the ceremony in a highly impressive manner. The newly-made brothers having received the congratulations of those present, the Lodge was adjourned till October. The brethren then embarked at the Tilbury Dock Basin, and the weather proving propitious, they enjoyed a very pleasant trip. A cold collation was provided on board by Bro. J. W. Smith, of the Tilbury Hotel.

On Tuesday, the 9th inst., the half-yearly meeting of the Charities Committee of the Province of Durham was held at the Masonic Hall, Durham. Bro. C. S. Lane presided. The officers of the Committee were re-elected, as follows:—Bros. C. S. Lane Chairman, T. Bradley Secretary, M. Corbitt Treasurer, C. S. Lane, M. Corbitt, S. Fenny, T. Coulson, D. P. Huntley, T. Bradley, and R. Singleton, Sub-Committee. Some applications in regard to the London Schools and two county applications were considered. The latter the committee were unable to deal with in a satisfactory manner. The former were deferred, owing to prior claims. The Durham Masonic Education Fund was reported to be progressing satisfactorily.

The twenty-first Anniversary Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund will be celebrated on Wednesday next, the 24th instant, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Field. R.W. Bro. Sir Lionel E. Darrell, Bart., G.J.W., will preside. Dinner will be served at 5.30 for 6.

The *Family Churchman* has the following in regard to the forthcoming visit of the Queen to North Wales:—

"It has been arranged that the Princess Beatrice will lay the foundation stone of Barmouth Church. The Masonic ceremonial, we are sorry to see, is again to be dragged into the function. No doubt it is picturesque enough, but it is a pity that the Church's own ceremonial should be put aside in favour of that of a purely voluntary secular society.

By the kind permission of Mr. George Edwardes, Mr. George Stone will take his first benefit at the Gaiety Theatre, on Saturday morning, 27th July, when, in addition to an act from "Faust up to Date," and one from "Esmeralda," most of the prominent artistes on the London stage will assist.

The Vaudeville will re-open on Monday, 29th inst., with a new play, entitled "In Danger," by Messrs. W. Lestocq and H. Crosswell. The piece will be produced by arrangement with Mr. John Hare.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—The stomach and its troubles cause more discomfort and bring more unhappiness than is commonly supposed. The thousand ills that settle there may be prevented or dislodged by the judicious use of these purifying Pills, which act as a sure, gentle anti-acid aperient, without annoying the nerves of the susceptible or irritating the most delicate organs. Holloway's Pills will bestow comfort and confer relief on every heartily, dyspeptic, and sickly sufferer whose tortures make him a burden to himself and a bugbear to his friends. These Pills have long been the popular remedy for a weak stomach, for a disordered liver, or a paralysed digestion, which yield without difficulty to their regulating, purifying, and tonic qualities.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 20th JULY.

- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
 198—Peroy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
 1275—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1320—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith at 7.30. (In)
 R.A. Sinai, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8. (Instruction)
 M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton
 1494—Felix, Clarence Hotel, Teddington
 1566—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—Done, King's Arms Hotel, Cookham, Berks
 R.A. 68—Royal Hotel, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
 R.A. 1194—Royal Middlesex, Mitre Hotel, High-street, London
 R.A. 1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton
 R.A. 2048—Henry Levander, Railway Hotel, Harrow
 M.M. 354—Rose and Lily, Four Swans, Waltham Cross

MONDAY, 22nd 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)
 648—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
 1426—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)
 1607—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1685—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)
 1608—Kilburn, 48 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gatoshead
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
 7999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1446—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 189—Sincerity, St. George's Hall, East Stonehouse
 R.A. 210—Faith, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton.
 R.A. 331—Loyal Cornubian, Masonic Hall, Truro
 R.A. 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham
 R.A. 1222—Inkerman, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare

TUESDAY, 23rd JULY.

- Audit Committee Girls' School, 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.)
 141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst.)
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 188—Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 8. (Instruction)
 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 880—Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Dalston at 8 (Inst.)
 861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
 1321—Emblematic, Mona Hotel, Henrietta-street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1441—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road
 1446—Mount Edgumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
 1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst.)
 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 6.3
 R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons Hall, Graun-fer-st., Newcastle 7.30 (In)
 253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
 7788—Crescent, Island Hotel, Twickenham
 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 1353—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction)
 1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1675—Ancient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 2025—St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, Devon
 2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
 R.A. 47—Abbey, George Hotel, Nottingham
 R.A. 94—De Lambton, Freemasons' Hall, Queen Street, Sunderland
 R.A. 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
 R.A. 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
 R.A. 510—St. Martin's, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
 R.A. 815—Blair, Town Hall, Hulme, Manchester
 R.A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 M.M. 262—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
 K.T. 114—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds

WEDNESDAY, 24th JULY.

- General Committee Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 1
 Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 8
 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst)
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)

- 228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (Inst)
 533—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
 764—High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Page Green, Tottenham
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
 902—Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, at 8. (Instruction)
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
 1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
 1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (In)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
 1963—Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
 R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 778—Bard of Avon, Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
 1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
 1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley Street, Bury, Lancashire
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
 1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1967—Beacon Court, Gluzee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent
 R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Hockley-road, Woking
 M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Mable-street, Newcastle
 M.M. 19—Fowke, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
 M.M. 373—Ilkerton, Rutland House, Ilkerton
 K.T. 16—Prudence, Freemasons' Hall, Ipswich

THURSDAY, 25th JULY.

- General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 871—Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford
 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
 1017—Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. (Instruction)
 1159—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
 1278—Burdett Courts, Swan Tavern, Botolph Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruc)
 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
 1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (In)
 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)
 1902—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)
 1822—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
 1626—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
 1777—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, Wheat-sheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
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- Quarterly General Court Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 1
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
 167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
 697—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
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 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
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 1223—Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
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 1581—Kennington, The Horus, Kennington. (Instruction)
 1692—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
 1612—E. Curzon, Ladbrooke 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. 95—Eastern Star, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street. (Instruction)
 R.A. 134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Instruction)
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
 M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In)
 K.T. 74—Harcourt, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond
 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
 2030—Londonderry, Y.M.C.A., John Street, Sunderland
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 K.T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 27th JULY.

Quarterly General Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
 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)
 1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
 1541—Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Via luct
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
 1679—Henry Muggeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
 1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
 R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8. (Instruction)
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 1402—Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
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 R.A. 1777—Royal Hanover, Town Hall, Twickenham

THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW YORK.

THE delegates to the 108th Annual Communication of the State of New York met in the Masonic Temple, at Twenty-third-street, and Sixth-avenue, on the 4th ult. At 2 o'clock the order was given to fall in line, and the 700 representatives of the various Lodges throughout the State, wearing their glittering jewels and beautiful regalia, proceeded to the council chamber, where they were received by the resident members. During the interval taken up in seating the delegates, the organist, George W. Morgan, assisted by the St. Cecile Lodge, furnished appropriate music. Prayer was then offered by the Rev. Dr. Robert Collyer, after which the "New Jubilee March" was played.

After receiving a number of distinguished visitors from England, Scotland and Ireland, and several States in the Union, Grand Master Frank R. Lawrence delivered his address, which was interrupted frequently by applause from the hearers. "For the first time in its history, the Grand Lodge assembles to-day in a home which is absolutely its own," said the Grand Master, "a home over which no debt casts its shadow, against which no man holds the smallest claim. The sounds of our recent rejoicing have scarcely died away when we come together, to take sober account of the doings of the past and to develop further plans for the future." The Grand Master then devoted considerable time to the commemoration of deceased members, to the dispensations and appointments. Referring to the Washington Centennial, he said:

At about the beginning of the year I was invited to designate, and did designate, three members of the Grand Lodge as members of the General Committee, having the celebration in charge, understanding the invitation as signifying a desire that the Masonic Fraternity should take part in the proceedings. Although the brethren designated by me were appointed as members of the General Committee several months before the celebration their views were not requested upon any subject connected with the purpose for which the Committee was organised. They were never notified of the holding of a meeting of the committee, nor, so far as they are aware, was such a meeting held subsequently to their appointment. The ceremonies, I am happy to say, were altogether successful. The subject is here mentioned only in order that the omission of our Fraternity to take an appropriate part in them may not remain without explanation.

He added further, as to the policy of the Grand Lodge in granting dispensations for new Lodges, that it had been to discourage such applications, and he believed rightfully. Touching upon the relations with sister Grand Lodges, the Grand Master gave a protracted history of the difficulty with the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, regarding the Lemm brothers. "As the matter stands," continued the Grand Master, "the regular initiation of a candidate in a Lodge under our jurisdiction has been branded as 'unlawful, without Masonic virtue, null, void and of no effect,' and one whom we recognise as one of our brethren is denied that fraternal intercourse which must be enjoyed by all Masons of this State. Our request for the arbitration of the question has been assented to, after a delay of many months." It would, he added, soon be amicably settled.

The Grand Master then spoke of the Hall and Asylum Fund, which amounted, all told, to 140,000 dollars. The bonds, he said, had been completely paid off, and the improvement which had taken place in the financial affairs of the Grand Lodge amounted to more than 600,000 dollars in the last four years.

The report of the Grand Secretary, E. M. L. Eblers, showed a balance on hand, after all expenditures, of 30,921.81 dollars. There will be meetings this morning at 9 o'clock, and this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, met in the Grand Commandery room, Masonic Temple, on the same morning. Sister Martha W. Travers, Most Worthy Grand Matron, presided. Members were present from all parts of the State. A Chapter meeting was held at the Crescent Chapter Rooms, Masonic Hall, East Brooklyn, last evening. The order will meet to-day at 9 a.m. and at 2 p.m.

Kane Lodge No. 454 gave a reception to the visiting delegates of the Assembly, at its rooms in Masonic Hall, last evening. The programme was interesting and varied. The prominent features were: Reception of Grand Officers and visitors by Rollin M. Morgan, Master; presentation of testimonial to Thomas E. Stewart, Past Master; introduction of Arctic explorers by Charles J. Bliven; address of welcome by J. Edward Simmons, Past Grand Master; an address "The Abandonment of the Brig 'Advance,'" by J. Wall Wilson, and the presentation of a historical painting entitled "Farewell" to Kane Lodge, by Albert Operti, the artist.—*New York Tribune.*

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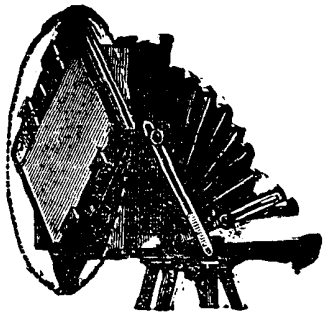
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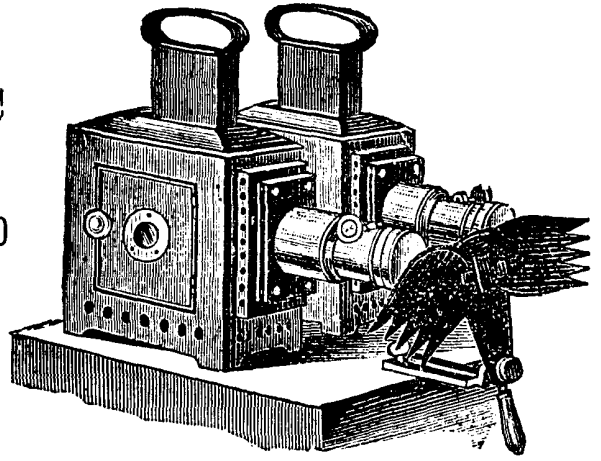
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