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REJECTING A CANDIDATE.

THE Masonic Order is essentially a cosmopolitan brotherhood, and yet, at the same time, it is one of the most exclusive combinations to be found anywhere among the human race. Its benefits are open to the whole world, the only qualifications being that a candidate shall be of good character, of full age, and a free man. On the other hand, two or three members of a Lodge can exclude any person they may consider unsuitable to become one of their number, or against whom they may entertain feelings of animosity. We are aware it is most un-Masonic to keep a man out of the Order simply on account of personal disagreement, but at the same time we know such a course is adopted, and no doubt we shall continue to hear of instances for all time.

In spite of what may be urged to the contrary, there is something to be said in support of those who consider that in some cases the use of the ballot for the purpose of rejecting a candidate on merely personal grounds may be excused, or certainly tolerated; it is really the only method available, in some quarters, to ensure a continuance of peace and harmony in a Lodge, or at least among a section of its members. But it must not be imagined we are in favour of its general adoption—on the contrary, we consider great harm is likely to follow whenever it is practised, but, as we have said, it is sometimes the only course open, and as such it fully deserves careful consideration. We have recently received "A Paper on Voting," read by Brother E. V. Greatbach, at the Menturia Lodge, No. 418, of which Bro. Greatbach is a Past Master, and from this we gather one of the strongest, if not the only argument, that can be used in favour of rejecting a candidate on the ballot. In using it, however, we do not by any means wish to support it, except as showing what is sometimes necessary, and as offering a word of excuse for those brethren who at times find themselves compelled to depart from ordinary procedure. Bro. Greatbach asks, "What have we to submit as a step whereby an objectionable candidate may be prevented gaining admission without the use of the blackball?" and he replies, "Simply this—there has for years past existed an honourable understanding amongst us that any brethren having objections to a candidate, who has been, or is about to be proposed, shall tell the Worshipful Master that such an objection exists; it is optional whether or not the grounds of the objection are stated, though personally I should specify them. The Worshipful Master then informs the proposer that an objection or objections exist, and that, consequently, his nominee may not be accepted; after that it is for the friends of the candidate to decide whether or not they will force him to the ballot. If they do so, it is done with their eyes

wide open—they know the indisputable right of every brother to emphasise his objection, in a way not to be resisted, so that if the candidate is then taken to the ballot by his friends, they must accept the result, and the blame, if any, afterwards rests upon their shoulders." The course here set out by Bro. Greatbach is certainly the best, and we think it is the one most generally adopted, but it has certain drawbacks; at times it is absolutely impossible to adopt such a line of action, however much a brother may desire it. Bro. Greatbach knows of one of the drawbacks to which we refer, as later on he says:—"I know it is alleged that these objections (the existence of which has been communicated to the W.M.) have not been held sacred by Worshipful Masters, but I think that must be due to a misapprehension of facts." To support the argument we allude to, let us take a typical case: a gentleman is proposed, against whom certain objections exist in the minds of one or two of the Lodge members. To make these known to even the Worshipful Master might do the candidate far more harm than his ultimate rejection on the ballot, even if worse results were not likely to follow, and in such cases blackballing is resorted to—and we consider fairly so. Let us suppose the member or members who object to the candidate communicate with the Worshipful Master, simply saying that an objection did exist, they might expect to be called upon to give full particulars, and, on their considering it unwise to do so, might lose the respect and esteem of their fellow members, although they might be actuated by the best of motives. It is very well to argue that the communication addressed to the Master should be held sacred by him, but how often is such really the case? We do not say that Masters intentionally betray the trust reposed in them, but somehow or other the facts get known all round, and, occasionally with far more disastrous results among the members themselves than would have been the case if the objection had been kept back until the time of ballot. This, then, is one of the arguments that may be used in support of the principle of blackballing a candidate, when that course unfortunately becomes absolutely necessary, but we do not give it here merely to encourage Masons to adopt that most unmasonic proceeding; in ninety-nine cases out of every hundred it can, and should be avoided, but in the one remaining case it is perhaps absolutely imperative, and this being the fact, we should not too harshly condemn the brother who has to resort to it.

In his "Paper" Bro. Greatbach considers this question of blackballing, and voting generally, from other standpoints; indeed he seems to thoroughly exhaust the subject, and in such a way that his lecture might well be repeated in other Lodges. For this we have no doubt he will willingly grant permission. Later on we may have occasion to refer at greater length to his remarks.

ABOUT OUR AMERICAN SCOTCH RITE CRANKS, ONCE MORE.

BY BRO. JACOB NORTON.

THE late Bro. W. S. Gardner P.G.M. of Massachusetts, though he was formerly an admirer of Masonic high degression, finally came to the conclusion that all the so-called high degrees were "mere Masonic excrescences," and that no Grand Lodge should encourage or interfere with high degression whatever. I have more than once described the American Scotch Rite factions, and more especially the battles between the Gourgasites and Cerneanites, since 1813. Common sense proves conclusively that if one of these factions is a humbug, so is the other. But, nevertheless, the Gourgasites have somehow managed to capture some of our Grand Lodges. Of these the most conspicuous are, 1st, the Grand Lodge of Ohio; 2nd, the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts; 3rd, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. How many other of our Grand Lodges are tainted with more or less of high degree *crankiness*, I know not. In Massachusetts a Cerneanite *may be expelled* from Masonry. In Ohio, Cerneanites must be expelled from Lodges, Commanderies, &c., &c.; and I recently noticed that my friend Bro. MacCalla, Grand Master of Pennsylvania, was compelled (I believe against his will)

warn all the Cerneanite sinners in his jurisdiction that, if they do not discard Cerneanism on a certain day, they must be expelled from all the rights and privileges of Masonry. I am, however, glad to perceive that though the high degree *mania* is spreading in American jurisdictions, there is at least one jurisdiction where common sense still prevails, as the following address of Bro. Ingersoll, Grand Master of Tennessee, and the approbation it received from the Committee of Jurisprudence, which was unanimously approved by the Grand Lodge, on 1st February 1889, will show. Grand Master H. H. Ingersoll said:—

"Last month the Grand Master of Ohio notified me that he had withdrawn the Commission of Bro. Wilbur F. Foster as representative of the Grand Lodge of Ohio near this Grand Lodge; and our Representative near the Grand Lodge of Ohio having departed this life, and the Grand Master of Ohio having refused to receive a Representative, hence, diplomatic relations between the two Grand Lodges may be said to be in abeyance.

"The cause of this I presume to be the Scottish Rite war in Ohio, and my request to the Grand Master of that State to nominate for our Representative near the Grand Lodge of Ohio some worthy brother who had not been conspicuous in bitterness and intolerance in that war,—as none such could properly represent the liberal, generous spirit of Tennessee Masonry. To this the Grand Master [of Ohio] responded: 'The majority of Masons in Ohio do not tolerate treason and rebellion,' and recommended a brother much esteemed in Ohio; but, as I was left to infer, fully in harmony with the proscriptive spirit of the majority. Having no connection or relation with either of the Scottish Rite factions, whose contention has disturbed the peace and harmony of our Order in Ohio, and knowing that Tennessee Masons should be represented by a brother conspicuous for his loyalty to Ancient Craft Masonry, rather than to any Scottish Rite, I requested him to name some other brother, of high character and good standing, not tainted with 'treason or rebellion,' but opposed to the policy of the dominant majority of that State. I also suggested the name of a worthy brother, a Past Grand Officer, and a member of the Scottish Rite body orthodox in that State, but liberal and tolerant in his views, and asked if he would be accepted as our Representative. The suggestion was not favourably received, because, as the Grand Master wrote, the brother named was then the Representative of the Grand Lodge of New York. This mistake of the Grand Master he afterwards corrected, by saying the brother's term had expired, and another brother had been appointed in lieu, as Representative from New York. But no change of view appeared from the discovery of the mistake; and I inferred that the reason for declining to accept my suggestion was, the very liberality of views and opposition to Masonic intolerance which had caused me to suggest his name. With a courteous and considerate reference to Ohio loyalty and Tennessee rebellion, the Grand Master assured me, in plain terms, that no Representative would be received from

us unless he was not only an orthodox Scotch Rite Mason, but also an active and prominent supporter of the locally dominant faction in its policy of using the great power of the Grand Lodge to support an order of the Scottish Rite.

"Such a Mason, however high and respected at home, I could not knowingly appoint as our representative. Such an one could not correctly represent the Grand Lodge of Tennessee. Whatever may be the views and opinions of the Tennessee Masons upon the merits of the Scottish imbroglio, or whether we sympathize with either of the three or four factions claiming legitimacy and contending for supremacy in that Order. One thing we can and do agree about.

"Ancient Craft Masonry—comprising the three symbolic degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason, universal and uniform throughout the world—is absolutely free and independent of all orders, and should not be, and cannot lawfully be allied with, or dominated by, any order of Scottish Rite Masons. Nor can we, as Freemasons, be called upon, through our Grand Lodges, to hear and decide any controversy between the various claimants to legitimacy in that Rite. If they pretend—any of them—to confer our degrees, then they are clandestine Lodges, and their votaries are to us as heathens and publicans. We know them not, and can hold no sort of Masonic communication with them. If they do not lay claim to symbolic degrees, then they are not of us. We have no knowledge or standard by which we can test their claim, try their cause, or decide their rights. As well might we interfere with Odd Fellows, United Workmen, Knights of Honour, Knights of Pythias, or Knights of Labour. If they claim the right to base their Order upon our Triune Temple, we cannot forbid them; and one, two, ten or twenty different and even belligerent bodies may indulge in this pastime; we can endure them all without harm or fear—on the outside . . . But *outside* is their place and their sphere; *outside*, they are impotent to injure Freemasonry; *outside*, they cannot destroy our peace and harmony; and *outside* they must remain, and not profane our sacred precincts.

"Standing to and abiding by the Ancient Charge, 'that it is not in the power of any man or body of men to make innovations in the body of Masonry,' I earnestly protest against the introduction of this foreign element into our perfect and symmetrical body . . . believing that Lodge membership makes a brother a member of the whole Masonic family . . . I protest against the external conditions imposed by the Grand Master of Ohio, upon worthy brethren of his own Jurisdiction, to receive an honourable commission from the Grand Lodge of Tennessee. Nay, more, believing that a Freemason is a free man, I deny the right of any Lodge, subordinate or Grand, to dictate to him whether he shall, or shall not, become a member of any other Society . . . whose purposes and practices are not immoral, and saving only clandestine symbolic Lodges, it is not the function—nay, it is not within the scope of the powers of any Lodge, Subordinate or Grand, to hold an inquisition over, and pronounce upon legitimacy, regularity, orthodoxy or loyalty of any such order, society, or fraternity.

"These I believe to be the cardinal doctrines, and vital principles of Ancient Craft Masonry . . . In this spirit I addressed the Grand Master of Ohio a brief reply to his note, requesting me to appoint a representative near that Grand Lodge, and asked him to nominate some worthy brother, in good standing, who agreed with these views, who was an orthodox Craft Mason, and esteemed our Order above any Scotch Rite. He declined an exchange of Grand Representatives, until he could have the assurance that the spirit of Tennessee Masonry, as expressed by its Grand Master, was not in favour of rebellion.

"This means, my brethren, that Ohio not only intends to accept and establish a foreign dynasty in her own limits, but to compel her sister States to recognise it, and to approve of its dominion, at the peril of a loss of fraternal relations."

After expressing regret for the necessity of giving the above explanations, Bro. Ingersoll goes on to say:—

"The Ohio Grand Lodge prescribes by edict what Order of the Scottish Rite [or, rather, which of the Scotch factions] Freemasons may unite with, and not only expels them, but forfeits Lodge Charters, if they join any other Order of Scotch Rite. This, of course, we cannot prevent, but we are not bound to approve of such pernicious policy, directly or indirectly. Such resolutions and conduct are unwise, as our Committee of Correspondence has more

than once said." (See Proceedings of the G.L. of Tenn. of 1883, p 407, and of 1885, p 113).

After administering a few more lashes to the benighted Grand Lodge and Grand Master of Ohio, and after expressing an earnest hope that the Ohio Masons will become wiser, freer, and better than they are now, the Committee of Correspondence presented the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted.

"While earnestly deploring that such a condition of affairs should exist, we cannot but feel, after carefully studying the Correspondence, that the Grand Master of Tennessee has truly reflected the sentiments and wishes of the Masons of this jurisdiction, in insisting that he who shall be commissioned as *our* Representative shall be one who is willing to ignore outside organizations, and to preserve unbroken the integrity of peace and goodwill, which should, and we trust will ever, prevail in the great brotherhood of ancient Craft Masonry.

"The three degrees of our beloved Fraternity . . . comprising all over which the Grand Lodge claims jurisdiction, . . . embrace within their triple lines all which concerns our welfare. Let us not be drawn into disputes which may arise between organizations of which we have no legal knowledge, and in which, except as reluctant spectators of their trouble, we have no interest.

"In Tennessee, God willing, we are determined that no such strife shall disturb our Councils . . . We are of opinion that those who may be selected and commissioned as the Representatives of the Masons of Tennessee, even in those Grand Jurisdictions where that unfortunate controversy may exist, shall be of like conviction with ourselves. This being so, and the Grand Master of Ohio being unwilling that any but partizan in the struggle, in which his jurisdiction is unfortunately involved, shall hold our commission, and receive courteous fraternal reception from the Grand Lodge of Ohio, it would be undignified that we should insist, and still less true to our convictions and self respect, that we should consent to the appointment of one, however otherwise worthy, who would on so important an issue hold opinions at variance with our own."

I have given sufficient extracts from the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee to prove that Tennessee at least is not infected with the high degrees mania, and I have reason to believe that the unvarnished rebuke given to the pervertors of Masonry in Ohio by the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, will eventually tend to bring the whole system of the so-called "High Degrees" into well merited contempt. Indeed, if I am not mistaken, the leading men in the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts are now sorry for having suffered themselves to become the tools of a high degree faction, and even Bro. MacCalla, though he is in duty bound to the high degree Pennsylvania pervertors of Masonry, to expel some unfortunate Cerneauites for sticking to the Cerneau faction, yet, in an article, reprinted in this paper of 13th April, from the *Keystone*, he says:

"Three and only three degrees are ancient; and whatever more than these is an excrescency, a superaddition, and ultimately and surely a seed of conflict and evil."

Putting aside Bro. MacCalla's notion, that "Three degrees are ancient," I heartily endorse the remaining part of the above paragraph, thus showing, what I intimated above, that the warning he issued to the Cerneauites in his jurisdiction, was not in harmony with his own common sense.

BOSTON, U.S., 26th April 1889.

EVER SACRED.

An Oration by Bro. Thomas Henry Laine, before the Grand Lodge of California, F. and A. M., 10th October 1888.

CONVENED in this sacred place, surrounded by the mystic symbols and emblems of our Order, and having constantly before our eyes the whole insignia of the Craft, all vocal with lessons of wisdom and beauty, the mind, intoxicated with their perfume, is loth to wander from Masonry to any other subject. For Masonry, as a theme, like unto the Holy Writings as a book, is always new, inspiring and exhaustless; a fountain, for ever pouring forth the pure waters of wisdom, love and truth—the true waters of the river of life that flows from the throne of

God. Our loved Fraternity is hoary with age, yet full of the vigour and beauty of youth, knowing no decay.

"Revolutions sweep o'er the earth,
Like troubled visions o'er the breast of dreaming sorrow."

Nation rises against nation, and system rises against system, in the great work of change and destruction. The world's arena is strewn with ruins, bones and blood. But, amidst these mighty scenes of passion, war and ruin, the Lodges of our Craft have stood as beacons upon the highest hills and lights in the deepest vales, offering places of shelter and repose. In those sacred precincts there has been for ever taught the lesson of all lessons, that there is one Almighty Father, the Architect of all things seen and unseen—most holy and loving—in whose sight all men are brethren, equally under His protection—a Living God, who, "discerneth deep things out of darkness, and bringeth to light the shadow of death," and of whom it is said, "Hell is naked before Him, destruction hath no coming."

Whence came this puissant and venerable Order? What corner of the globe can claim to be its birth-place? At what point in the tide of time came it into being? Geographically considered, it came not into being in the frozen and sterile North Land, nor from the parched and burning equatorial regions, but in some temperate clime where the physical needs and strength of man gave him the desire and power to use the twenty-four inch gauge, the common gavel, the setting maul, the square, the plumb-line, the compass and the trowel. Not only did it originate in the temperate regions of the earth, but at some point north of the equator. This is apparent to the Masonic mind without learned arguments to support it; the situation of the Lodge and the location of its lights is enough—the North being the place of Masonic darkness. To narrow further the limits, we claim that it could not have been born of atheism, barbarism or ignorance. No! She bears upon her brow and in her body and spirit the unmistakable evidences of her high birth. That only hearts and minds, pure and God-fearing, laid her foundations and wrought upon her in the beginning, is evident from her landmarks and foundation principles.

Some have inconsiderately contended for an Egyptian origin of our Craft, as that ancient people had much of learning and art. But such a contention is without foundation. Its grand moral and theocratic system could not have been the outgrowth of the brute-worshipping Egyptian people. No! Search her monuments from Monæ to disemboguing Nile; examine every inscription, statue and structure, whether it be sphinx, temple, tomb, or mighty pyramid; and nowhere is there to be found the slightest trace of Israel's God, Who in the beginning created the heavens and the earth. Search other lands, their records and monuments, and nowhere will you find a civilisation from which such an Order could spring or find nourishment in infancy, except in that land in which was erected that wondrous temple on Mount Moriah, within whose walls no graven image, no statue of man, bird or beast is found, but only the altar from whose brazen top there ascended the sweet-smelling odours of sacrifice to the invisible God, and where, day and night, blazed the mystic Shekinah—that fire fed by no human hand or earthly fuel. That holy temple has fallen; over its ruins long since were heard the screams of the godless Roman's eagles. Yet neither the tread of armies, the shock of battle, the breath of pestilence, or the tooth of all-devouring time, have been able to remove from those ruins the evidences that it was the work of Masons—of a civilised, God-fearing people. The foe and the elements have dug down on its foundation, lasting as the eternal hill of which it forms no inconsiderable part, and found the sure evidences of Masonic work that every well-instructed Mason knows how to read. We have thus fixed the place and time of Masonry's birth. It is a Royal Order, brethren. Hiram of Tyre and Solomon of Israel exalted the widow's son, whose royalty was labour, wisdom and fidelity.

The Craft itself has been as well built and enduring as this mighty foundation was. The ruthless hand of man, with blast, pick, crow and shovel, May remove Mount Moriah, or cast Mount Zion into the sea; it may pull up by the roots the cedars of Lebanon; but the God-planted institution of Masonry is beyond his powers. Its roots are too deep and strong to be dug out or pulled up; they are beneath every land and clime, and the nations rest in the shade of their great tree.

But Masonry, like all sublunary things, has had and still has its enemies. Those enemies, in the times now past, were powerful and often cruel. But I care not to open these barbarous records of the past, either to arrange our enemies or to vindicate our sublime Craft. Suffice it to say that Masonry, in the ages that are past, with charity for all and persecution for none, has borne with becoming fortitude its trials and perils, biding its time with patience; and that, when her secrets were demanded by the base or the powerful, she has answered with the firmness and devotion of the widow's son, and the secrets remained sacred—the would-be destroyer getting nothing but dust and ashes. When her principles were assailed or challenged, she answered her accusers with the royal dignity and wisdom of Hiram of Tyre and Solomon of Israel, and the world listened. When her devoted leaders were placed on the burning pile, they fearlessly summoned their persecutors to meet them before the throne of the Eternal Father. When her sons, as a last insult, were denied burial in consecrated ground, she proudly answered that any ground is holy and consecrated in which is planted by Masonic hands the sprig of acacia, and on which rests the eye of God.

But, despite the war upon her, she now stands forth sovereign of the ascendant, clothed in royal purple. For she has this day in her ranks more presidents, kings, princes, governors, rulers, bishops, statesmen, generals, judges, law-givers, and great ones, than any other body of men upon the earth; and none dare lay in anger their finger "upon the hem of her garment." She has enemies yet—but who are they? They may be set forth in two classes. First, that class of men, confined to no clime, and called and best described by the word "crank." This class proudly numbers in its fold the criminal, the fool and the idler—an unsavoury trinity of political cranks, social cranks, and religious cranks—a body of men who never begin or advance any good work, but are always trying to pull down something erected by others. As their cranky disposition renders them incapable of organising for any good work, it makes them doubt the capacity of others; so also it renders them almost powerless as enemies. True, they are for ever jabbering about the perniciousness and uselessness of secret societies, ever contending that all good things should be made public to everybody. But we, remembering the wise and ancient injunction, "Give ye not thou that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine," regard them as the idle wind and pass on with our work. The second class is composed of pseudo-religionists from all creeds—Catholic, Greek, Protestant, Hebrew, Mohammedan, Buddhist, Mormon and Spiritualist—those who are more righteous than their brothers in the several denominations of the earth, a zealous, fuming, frothing lot, that would light again the torch and fagot, bring forth again the rack, the wheel, and the instruments of torture; but the wise and good of every creed stand with us against the whole motley herd of self-righteous fanatics, and we laugh at their fury.

—Voice of Masonry.

THE UNAFFILATED MASON.

THE gentleman whose designation heads this article is a sore thorn in the side of some Grand jurisdictions, who are constantly legislating, with more or less success, with a view to improving him off the face of the earth. The Grand Lodge of England, true to its traditional ostrich-head-in-sand policy, lets things slide, closes both eyes, and passes by on the other side, whilst the Grand Lodge of Scotland treats the unaffiliated on very much the same footing as the subscribing member. And yet the "Mason" who is not sufficient of a Mason to keep up a connection with any one Lodge, is an anomaly of the most flagrant character, and Grand Lodges ought to get rid of him or perish in the attempt. It is perfectly true, no doubt, that in a certain sense a man once a Mason is always a Mason, in so far as the modicum of esoteric knowledge he has obtained cannot be taken away from him, but it does not follow as a necessary corollary that every man who has managed to slip through the very loose portals of the ballot box, and has paid his moderate initiation fees, should ergo acquire the right for the remainder of his natural existence of enjoying the privileges and pleasures of an

institution built up and kept together by the self-denying labours of more energetic men. In this colony of ours, and if we may judge by our exchanges in every part of the Masonic world, there are numbers of Masons, save the mark, who for years have never paid one single cent of money, or contributed one single hour of labour to the Craft, but who nevertheless roll up regularly at a banquet or a ball, flaunt themselves in Masonic regalia at any big ceremonial, or make their Masonic existence known should unfortunate circumstances render them dependent upon charity. For some there is every excuse. It may happen that after doing their Masonic duty for a certain period, untoward circumstances have prevented their fulfilling their financial obligations to the Craft. To them we can only extend our fraternal sympathy. But they only constitute a small minority of the unaffiliated. The bulk of those who are Masons minus Lodge membership, have dropped working connection with the Craft from other and less excusable causes. Either their enthusiasm does not rise to the financial high water mark of ten or twelve shillings per quarter, or they are of the wrong stuff, and never should have been admitted, or the Lodges have failed to interest and retain hold of them. For the first class we have nothing but contempt. For the second the loose notions now so prevalent about the use of the blackball are responsible. For the third, Lodges have to blame themselves. As we have before pointed out, Lodges fail grievously in their duty if they do not give their initiates some more solid metal pabulum than stale repetitions of ceremonies which lead to nothing. But at the same time the neglect of Lodges in this respect does not justify members in ceasing to subscribe to them. The great army of unaffiliates is so numerous that if disgust at the methods of Lodges were the real moving spring of their abstention they could have worked a beneficial revolution ages ago. And, broadly speaking, for a brother who is not a member of a Lodge to show himself as a Mason at all is a disgrace and a piece of meanness of which no honourable man should be guilty. The English Constitutions lay down a rule that non-affiliates should visit no one Lodge more than once, but this rule is flagrantly and constantly disregarded, and the non-affiliates rise to the surface (on grand occasions) as constantly as ever. Our American friends, with their customary "level headedness," keep a much sharper watch on the non-affiliates, and some of them have made these gentry pay dues to Grand Lodges or lose their Masonic status altogether. Some such provision, drastic though it may seem, we should cordially welcome, but failing it, we should say that the first W.M. who has the moral courage to refuse admittance to a non-affiliate who visits his Lodge a second time would prove himself a true exemplar of the Constitutions which he has solemnly pledged himself to observe.

Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., Prov. G.J.W. of the Province of Devon, P.S.G. Warden of Prov. Mark Grand Lodge of Devon, and Prov. Prior of the Knights Templar of Devon, presented a donation, on the 19th ult., of one hundred guineas to the Masonic Institution for Boys, and completed his gift of one hundred guineas to the Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons. He had previously constituted himself a Vice Patron of the Masonic Institution for Girls, and by his present donations is now Vice Patron of all three of the great London Masonic charities.

The half-yearly meeting of the Annuity Fund Board of Grand Lodge of Scotland was held on the 18th ult., Bro. Elliot, of Wolflee, presiding. Petitions were read from 41 applicants for election as annuitants. After carefully going over the list a short list of fifteen were elected—twelve of £10 each, two of £15 each, and one of £20.

Bro. Brackstone Baker has been nominated representative of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania at the United Grand Lodge of England. He has received a similar appointment from the Grand Lodges of Ohio and Michigan. Bro. Baker is now the accredited delegate of twenty United States Grand Lodges, besides two of the Dominion of Canada, viz., New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF N. AND E. YORKSHIRE.

BY invitation of The Humber (57), the Provincial Grand Lodge of North and East York held its annual assembly at the Public Room, at Hull, on the 24th ult. The Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, the R.W. Provincial Grand Master of North and East Yorkshire, was supported by Bro. Lieut.-Colonel the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett P.G.W., Deputy Prov. Grand Master; the R.W. Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire, and his Deputy Bro. Henry Smith. The Lodge was opened about two o'clock in the afternoon. There must have been nearly 200 brethren present, and the magnificent hall of the Public-rooms presented a striking and most picturesque spectacle whilst the Lodge was in session. After the formal opening, an address of congratulation was presented to the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master on his appointment to the post of Viceroi of Ireland, and this compliment was acknowledged by Lord Zetland in a most appropriate speech. The usual business was then transacted, and after the transaction of other formal matters, the Provincial Grand Master invested the following brethren as Officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. Dr. J. A. Malcolmsen	...	Senior Warden
Wm. Ascough Dennison	...	Junior Warden
Rev. H. Lowther Clarke, M.A.	...	} Chaplains
Rev. R. Blakeney	...	
Walter Reynolds	...	Treas.
F. Fullerton	...	Registrar
M. C. Peck	...	Secretary
J. Clark	...	Senior Deacon
W. Coltman	...	Junior Deacon
F. Blackburn	...	Supt. of Works
A. W. Walker	...	D. of C.
Jas. Bordas	...	A.D. of C.
Mackail	...	Sword Bearer
R. H. Sootheran	...	} Standard Bearers
John Chappell	...	
Jas. R. Stringer	...	Organist
T. Oates	...	A.S.
Geo. Chambers	...	Pursuivant
John Macfadden	...	Assist. Pursuivant
Fred J. Lambert	...	Tyler

Subsequently a large number of the officers and brethren sat down to a banquet, in the lecture-hall of the public-rooms. The R.W. the Prov. G.M. (Lord Zetland) presided, and after the repast the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair. The R.W. the Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire (Bro. T. W. Tew) submitted the toast of "The Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland R.W. Grand Master of North and East Yorkshire." For fifteen years Lord Zetland had presided over the Masonic destinies of that most historic province, which had been ever loyal to the Throne, to the family of Zetland, and which would ever be loyal to the present R.W. Grand Master of the Province. Nothing had given those from West Yorkshire greater pleasure than to be present at the Grand Lodge, and to echo in every respect the noble sentiments expressed in the address which Lord Zetland had been graciously pleased to receive. He was present to show how beloved Lord Zetland was to those in West Yorkshire, and to add his feeling testimony to the joy they all felt at his lordship's patriotism in accepting the important office of Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland, and that the choice of her Most Gracious Majesty had fallen upon so popular an English nobleman and noble English gentleman. He hoped that when his term of office had expired Lord Zetland would return to his beloved Province, with health and strength to preside over it with that ability which had distinguished him in the past. He wished his lordship God-speed in the arduous duties he was about to undertake, and he doubted not that so popular a Yorkshireman would make their friends in Ireland more peaceable subjects to law and order than they had ever been before. Lord Zetland, in replying, thanked those present for the exceedingly kind manner in which the toast had been proposed and received. The proposer had referred to that high office he had accepted in her Majesty's present Government. He could assure them that he should thoroughly appreciate the honourable position of being her Majesty's representative in Ireland, and he could only repeat what he had said when he was presented that afternoon with that magnificent address, that when it became his duty to go across the Channel, he would endeavour to do his duty in Ireland as became a Briton and a Yorkshireman. He would feel one great regret in going to Ireland, and that was that for a time

possibly he should have to sever the connection, which had now existed for fifteen years, between the Province of North and East Yorkshire and himself, so far as to render it impossible for him to reside so continuously within the Province as he had hitherto done. That regret, however, was alleviated very much by his feeling that he should not only enjoy the sympathy of the Freemasons of the Province, but that, under the guidance of the Deputy Grand Master, the interests of Freemasonry would be as safely guarded as if he himself were among them. In conclusion, his Lordship proposed the health of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire (Bro. Tew). Bro. Tew, in responding, assured those present that his brethren in West Yorkshire were only too anxious to co-operate with North and East Yorkshire in everything that was for the benefit of Freemasonry. Bro. J. Todd P.P.G.S.W. submitted the health of Lieut.-Colonel the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, R.W. Past Grand Warden, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of North and East Yorkshire. Brother Lieutenant-Colonel Orde-Powlett replied, and said he would try, with the help of the Officers, to undertake his duty to the best of his skill and ability. It had given him very great pleasure to come to Hull; it always did, for Freemasonry was increasing in popularity in Hull, and in the right way. They should not ask men to become Masons for the sake of filling Lodges, but they should ask good and true men to join the Craft. It was only by electing proper people that they could expect Freemasonry to flourish. It was now more than 20 years since the Provincial Grand Lodge assembled under the banner of the Humber Lodge, which was, he believed, the senior Lodge in the Province, and which set a good example in everything it undertook. In Hull a number of Lodges had sprung up round about the Humber; they were all most anxious to do their duty, and he thought they had succeeded uncommonly well. He returned thanks for the way in which the toast had been received, and proposed the newly-appointed Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge. The toast was replied to by Bro. J. A. Malcolmsen P.S.G.W., who said he and his fellow Officers would do their duty to the best of their ability. They had no doubt but that Masonry would go on well during his Lordship's temporary absence. Lord Zetland proposed the health of the W.M. of the Humber Lodge. Bro. J. Rutter W.M. of the Humber Lodge responded. The other toasts were the Visiting Brethren, and the Masonic Charities. The proceedings were interspersed with harmony. Next year's Provincial Grand Lodge will be held at Malton.

MARK MASONRY.

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PROV. G. LODGE BERKS AND OXON.

THE Annual Meeting of the Officers and Brethren of the Berks and Oxon Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons was held at Oxford, on Wednesday afternoon, under the banner of the Alfred Lodge, and the proceedings were more than usually interesting on account of the installation of Viscount Valentia as Provincial Grand Master, in the room of the Earl of Jersey, who recently retired from that office, which he had held, with great advantage to the Province, from the date of its foundation, ten years ago. Another interesting feature in the day's programme was the presentation of an address to the retiring Provincial Grand Master. Lord Jersey opened the Provincial Grand Lodge shortly after mid-day, assisted by the Deputy P.G.M. Bro. Stephens, and the P.G. Officers. Several distinguished Grand Lodge Officers honoured the gathering with their presence, including:—

The Earl of Euston President of the Board of General Purposes P.S.G. Warden, Sir Lionel Darell G.J. Warden, Bro. Matier Grand Secretary, Bro. Berridge Grand Director of Ceremonies, Bro. Leon P.G. Deacon, Captain Airey and Bro. S. Knight Grand Steward, Major Cook, Bro. Cousans G.J. Deacon, Bro. the Rev. J. H. Jenks Past Grand Chaplain, Bro. Baynes P.G.M.O., Bro. Tomkins P.G. Steward, Bro. Ravenscroft P.G. Secretary, Bros. Margrett and Pulley Past Grand Deacons, and a number of Past and Present Provincial Grand Officers and Brethren.

The reports presented by the P.G. Secretary as to the Lodges in the Province and the progress of Mark Masonry, were of a satisfactory character. Bro. Tomkins was

unanimously re-elected Provincial Grand Treasurer. The Patent, signed by the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, having been read by the Grand Director of Ceremonies, appointing Viscount Valentia to the office of Provincial Grand Master, his Lordship was introduced, and suitably addressed by Lord Jersey, who proceeded to install the noble Viscount, whom he invested with the regalia of Provincial Grand Master, amidst the hearty applause of the brethren. The newly installed P.G. Master then appointed and invested the P.G. Officers for the ensuing year, as follow:—

Brc. C. Stephens	...	Deputy
H. G. W. Drinkwater	...	Senior Warden
H. Creed...	...	Junior Warden
W. Dunning	...	M.O.
A. C. Hewitt	...	S.O.
J. B. King	...	J.O.
Rev. R. W. Pope	...	} Chaplains
Rev. J. M. Guilding	...	
John Tomkins	...	Treasurer
E. A. Bivess	...	Registrar of Marks
W. Ravenscroft	...	Secretary
C. L. Lovett	...	J.D.
C. E. Hewitt	...	Inspector of Works
R. Canning	...	D.C.
R. Maples	...	Sword Bearer
W. Fenton	...	Standard Bearer
H. G. Sherwin	...	Organist
W. C. Long	...	Assist. Sec.
J. W. Messenger	...	I.G.
W. W. Wyatt	...	} Stewards
S. C. Wakefield	...	
A. E. Preston	...	
A. J. Kersley	...	
W. Hemmings	...	} Tylers
G. Norwood	...	

The P.G. Secretary then read the following address, which was presented to Lord Jersey:—

Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, Berks and Oxon.
To the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Jersey.

Right Worshipful Sir and Brother,—With most sincere regret this Provincial Grand Lodge has to record your resignation of its Chief Office. In so doing, the hearty wish of the brethren is that expression shall be given to the deep sense felt by all as to the able, efficient, and genial manner in which your Lordship has carried out the duties devolving upon you during the past ten years in the capacity of Grand Master, contributing thereby so largely to the prosperity enjoyed by the Province from its formation in 1879 until the present time.

We beg therefore respectfully that you will accept this address as testifying our grateful appreciation of your rule over us, and our hope and trust that it may please the G.O.O.T.U. long to spare your life, and if so it may be, that we may long retain your interest and influence amongst us.

On behalf of the Province, we beg to subscribe ourselves,

Right Worshipful Sir and Brother,
Yours faithfully and fraternally,

VALENTIA, Prov. Grand Master.
C. STEPHENS, Dep. Prov. Grand Master.
W. RAVENSCROFT, Prov. G. Secretary.

31st July 1889.

Lord Jersey, in a feeling speech, expressed his thanks to the brethren, and congratulated them upon the appointment of Viscount Valentia as his successor. The Provincial Grand Lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and a number of the brethren subsequently drove to Blenheim Palace, and inspected the principal apartments, by the kind permission of the Duke of Marlborough, and also visited the famous orchid houses, after which they returned to Oxford, and partook of a banquet, when the usual Mark Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured.

CHARITY LODGE, No. 76.

THE annual meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Princes-square, Plymouth, on the 26th ult., to install Bro. W. Stenlake as Worshipful Master for the year ensuing. The Officers invested were Bros. W. J. E. Hannaford I.P.M., J. A. Lavers S.W., A. Revill J.W., D. S. Stanbury M.O., P. Hannaford S.O., L. A. Court J.O., T. W. Lemon P.M. Chaplain, W. Browning P.M. Treasurer, S. Yeomans Reg. of Marks, J. M. Hifley P.M. Secretary, J. G. Tozair S.D., G. B. Gale J.D., J. W. Cornish I.G., T. Lillcrap Dir. of Cers., T. A. Stephens Asst. Dir. of Cers., W. Biscoombe Std. Br., C. H. Soper Organist, T. Taylor Steward, and W. H. Phillips Tyler.

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CONSECRATION OF THE SCOTS LODGE, No. 2319.

ON Saturday, 27th ult., a most important function in connection with the Craft was held at the Scottish Corporation Hall, Crane-court, Fleet-street. This was the consecration of the newly-founded Scots Lodge, 2319, by V.W. Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary of England, who was assisted by R.W. Bro. Sir John Monckton P.G.W. as S.W., V.W. Bro. the Rev. G. W. Weldon P.G. Chaplain as Chaplain, and W. Bro. Frank Richardson P.G.D. as D.C. A most brilliant gathering of eminent Masons had assembled to bid Godspeed to the new Lodge, amongst those present being Captain Sir Henry Morland, Grand Master of All India (Scottish Constitution), W. Bro. Mullet P.G.D., W. Bro. Sir Lionel Darell, Bart., G.J.W. of the Mark Degree, W. B. Fenwick Grand Registrar of Queensland, Bro. Tilden, from America, and many other Grand Officers and Provincial Grand Officers, including W. Bros. R. Berridge P.M., C. O. Driver P.M., Shoppee P.M., Levick P.M., E. C. Mulvey P.M., and R. H. Dillon P.M. Grand Standard Bearer Middlesex. There were also present Bros. Colonel T. Tully W.M. of the Centurion Lodge 1,718, Capt. C. Probyn P.M. Old Dundee Lodge 18, J. R. Stacey P.M. and Secretary Alexandra Palace Lodge 1541, W. W. Snelling P.M. Alexandra Palace Lodge 1541, J. Edmeston P.M., P. H. Jones P.M., D. Forbes P.M., A. A. Pendlebury A.G.S., besides Bros. Pozatti Prince Fred. William Lodge 756, Gilbert Marsh Lewis Lodge 1185, Massey of the *Freemason*, and many other brethren. Amongst the founders were the Earl of Euston Prov. Grand Master Northampton and Hunts, W.M. designate of the Scots Lodge, W. Bro. Charles F. Maties P.G. Standard Bearer England and Scotland, P.G.S.W. Aberdeenshire, and G.S. of the Mark Degree, who was appointed D.C. of the new Lodge, Bros. Vero Shaw S.W. designate, John Whitehead P.M. 1425 J.W. designate, George Shaw P.M. 59 Treasurer, George Henderson Secretary Designate, John Page W.M. 753 S.D. designate, Thomas Grant J.D. designate, and James Thomson Steward. Amongst the others founders of the Scots Lodge who were at the ceremony were Bro. D. F. Gellion P.M. 1425, D. Charteris, J. Plenderleith, and Roderick Mitchell, but unfortunately Sir Michel R. Shaw Stewart, Bart., Past Grand Master of Scotland, Bro. George Edward and Bro. H. Campbell-Beaver I.G. designate, were prevented from taking part in the proceedings. The Scots Lodge having been duly consecrated by Colonel Shadwell Clerke, in his usual admirable manner, and the Earl of Euston having been installed as W.M., Bros. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary of England, Sir John Monckton, Thos. Fenn, the Rev. G. W. Weldon, Frank Richardson, R. Berridge, Captain Sir Henry Morland, and D. Murray Lyon Grand Secretary of Scotland, were elected honorary members of the Scots Lodge. The W.M. next, on behalf of the Founders, presented a Founders' jewel in 18-carat gold to the Grand Secretary, as a memento of the ceremony, and the Secretary, Bro. George Henderson, having read a letter of apology from the Grand Secretary of Scotland, who was prevented at the very last moment by his Masonic duties from attending, the Lodge was closed in due form.

A most *recherché* banquet, accompanied by the music of the pipes, was served in the lower hall, the menu including a variety of Scottish courses, such as the traditional cock-a-leekie, hotch potch, sheepheads, and haggis, the wines provided being sherry, hock, champagne (Koch Fils 1884, in magnums, and Damant and Co., 1884, in rehobams), and, of course, whisky. The usual patriotic toasts having been drunk with enthusiasm, the Grand Secretary of England, in proposing the health of the Earl of Euston, took the opportunity of congratulating him upon the brilliant prospect that lay before the Scots Lodge, and most heartily drank his health as its Worshipful Master. Sir Henry Morland, in replying for the Grand Lodge of Scotland, expressed his profound conviction that a great future lay before the Lodge, which has for its main object the drawing closer of the bonds that bind English and Scottish Masons together, and Colonel Clerke having responded for the Consecrating Officers, and the S.W. Bro. V. Shaw, for the Officers, a most enjoyable and instructive evening, which had not been marred by the vestige of a hitch or *contretemps*, was brought to a termination. In fact it may safely be prophesied that a great future lies before the Scots Lodge, which, it may be observed, is the only central Lodge in London that can boast of having its own premises, kitchen, and cellar of wine. It may, however, be added that the *cuisine* on Saturday was in the hands of Messrs. Hill and Son, of Bishopsgate-street, as the large number of guests necessitated special arrangements being made for the occasion, whilst the music was being superintended by Brother E. Bryant, of Messrs. Novellos, with the happiest results. It should likewise be stated that Bro. Charles Thomas, Provincial Grand Tyler of Herts, was elected Tyler of the Scots Lodge.—*Morning Advertiser*.

PRESENTATION OF AN ADDRESS TO THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT.

AT a meeting of the Bombay Lodges, held on St. John's Eve, was exhibited the casket which is to contain the address presented to H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught by the Freemasons. It was universally admired, which is no matter of surprise, as it is a perfect little gem of the jeweller's art, and redounds the greatest credit on the workers, Messrs. Weber and Schenck, jewellers and watchmakers. The casket itself is of finely polished bamboo, capped at either end with silver, wrought into elegant designs. Its supports are two combinations of the square and compasses, the point of the square being embedded in the rich dark blue plush with which the pedestal is lined. The pedestal is of walnut, with rosewood inlaid. The inscription is on a silver scroll, placed in the centre of the casket. Taking it as a whole, the ornament is unique and artistic, and we are sure that the Royal Mason will cherish it as one of the dearest souvenirs of his visit to the capital of the chief Native State in India.—*Indian Mail*.

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Oban ...	9 20	—	—	4 45	4 45		10 16	12 25	2 0	—
Perth ...	6 40	—	—	8 45	11 50	6 35	6 50	8 15	11 10	3 35
Dundee ...	7 35	—	—	9 35	12 40	8 20	8 20	9 40	11 55	4 35
Aberdeen ...	10 0	—	—	11 20	3 5	9 55	9 55	12 0	2 15	6 40
Inverness ...	—	—	—	—	6 30	11 50	11 50	2 45	6 5	10 5

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OFFICE—6 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
31st July 1889.

To the Governors and Subscribers of the

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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

Dr. Hall having resigned the post of Medical Officer to the above Institution, I crave your suffrages for appointment to the vacancy caused thereby.

Within the course of a few days I hope to place in your hands, by means of testimonials, proofs of my abilities.

To those whom it may interest, I may state that I am a member of the Craft.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

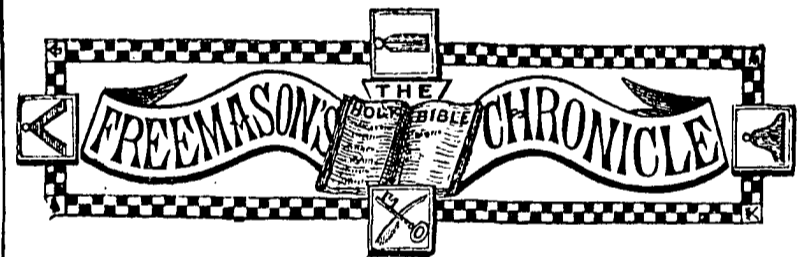
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SATURDAY, 3RD AUGUST 1889.

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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

A QUARTERLY Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday, the 7th day of August, at six o'clock in the evening.

BUSINESS.

The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 17th April 1889, to the 16th of July 1889, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Balance Grand Chap.				Disbursements during			
ter	123	13	7	the quarter	304	14	0
Unappropriated Ac-				Balance	175	3	7
count	192	19	7	„ Unappropriated			
Subsequent Receipts	358	11	6	Account	195	7	1
	£675	4	8		£675	4	8

which balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

The Committee have to report that they have received the following petitions:—

1st. From Companions Colonel Henry Platt as Z., Donald Cameron as H., William Hugh Thomas as J., and eight others for a Chapter to be attached to the St. David's Lodge, No. 384, Bangor, to be called "The Star of Gwynedd Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Bangor, in the Province of North Wales.

2nd. From Companions George Joseph Westbury as Z., Thomas Edward Lucy as H., Edward Arthur Hicks as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Lodge Semper Fidelis, No. 529, Worcester, to be called "The Semper Fidelis Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, High-street, in the City of Worcester.

3rd. From Companions Alfred Rixon as Z., Walter Galt Gribbon as H., Thomas Blanco White as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 34, London, to be called "The Moriah Chapter," and to meet at Freemasons' Hall, London.

4th. From Companions Jehanghir Kursetji Rustomji Cama as Z., Nathaniel John Goodchild as H., Ebenezer Charles Mulvey as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Regent's Park Lodge, No. 2202, London, to be called "The Regent's Park Chapter," and to meet at the York and Albany Hotel, Gloucester Gate, Regent's Park, London.

The foregoing petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the Prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee have also to report that they have received memorials, with extracts of minutes, on the removal of the following Chapters, and being satisfied of the reasonableness of the requests, recommend that the removal of these Chapters be sanctioned, viz. :—

The Joppa Chapter, No. 188, from the Albion Tavern, to the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, London.

The Westbourne Chapter, No. 733, from St. John's Wood, to the Holborn Restaurant, Holborn.

The Phoenix Chapter of St. Ann, No. 1235, from the Court House, to the Town Hall, Buxton.

The Committee have further to report that in consequence of the formation and recognition of a Grand Lodge of Victoria, there are with the exception of the Meridian Lodge of St. John, No. 729, and the Combermere Lodge, No. 752, Melbourne, which have not yet signified their intention of joining the Grand Lodge of Victoria, no longer English Craft Lodges in that colony to which the Chapters meeting in the District of Victoria can be attached, as required by Article 45, Royal Arch Regulations.

The Committee, therefore, recommend that the Charters of the undermentioned Chapters be withdrawn and cancelled, and that the Chapters be erased from the Register of the Grand Chapter.

- No. 474, Australasian, Melbourne.
- 530, Victorian, Melbourne.
- 641, Royal Golden of Bendigo, Sandhurst.
- 692, Enreka, Castlemain.
- 713, Yarrowee, Ballarat.
- 727, Collingwood, Melbourne.
- 728, St. John, Beechworth.
- 747, Melbourne, Melbourne.
- 930, South Yarrow, Melbourne.

(Signed) ROBERT GREY,
President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
17th July 1889.

SUMMER EXCURSION OF THE QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE, No. 2076.

A MOST enjoyable trip, which even the showery weather of the forenoon was unable to seriously mar, was undertaken by this Lodge on Saturday, 20th July. We have it on good authority that "absence makes the heart grow cold," and the chief object of the brethren in undertaking the excursion was, possibly, to break the long interval between the stated Lodge meetings in June and October, thus, by a timely outing, renewing the pleasures of social intercourse. True, however, to the antiquarian tastes and studies encouraged by the Lodge, a spot of abiding interest to Freemasons was chosen, the city of St. Alban, England's proto-martyr, and the traditional founder of the Craft in these isles. Does not the Grand Lodge MS. of the Old Charges (which is dated 1583) state distinctly "Inglaude in all this season stoyde voyd of any chardge of Massonrie untill St. Albon's tyme, and in his dayes the Kyng of Ingland that was a paynym he did wall thee towne aboute that is called St. Albons. And St. Albon was a woorthy Knyght & Stewarde of the Kyng's householde, and had the gou'ment of thee realme, & also of thee towne walls, and loved Massons well and cherished them muche, and he mayde their paye right good (standing as the realme did) for he gave them ijs vjd a weeke and three pence to their cheire, for before that tyme threwe the lande a Masson toke but a peny a daye and his meate, untill St. Albons amended yt, and gave them a charter of thee Kyng & his Counsell for to houlde a gen'all Counsell, and gaue it the name of an Assombyle, and was thereat himself and healped for to make Massons and gave thee chardges as yee shall heare afterwarde righte sone." Bro. W. Simpson, the W.M., was unfortunately detained at Balmoral, on business, and a few other brethren, who rarely miss a Lodge meeting, were unavoidably absent, but the following members assembled at St. Pancras, under the S.W., Bro. Col. S. C. Pratt, viz., Bro. W. M. Bywater P.G.S.B. J.W., Professor T. Hayter Lewis S.D., Dr. W. W. Westcott J.D., G. W. Speth Secretary, Professor W. Mattieu Williams, and Dr. W. J. Chetwoode Crawley (of Dublin). With these were the following members of the Correspondence Circle, viz., Bros. Dr. W. R. Woodman P.G.S.B., S. Richardson, C. B. Barnes, F. A. Powell, J. S. Cumberland, C. E. Ferry, Col. J. Mead, and G. H. Piper (of Ledbury) D.P.G.M. Herefordshire, and the following visitors: Dr. Benj. W. Richardson, F. Pogler, Sydney T. Klein, C. Bowley (of Belfast), Mahaim (of Liège), and Reg. T. Webster (of Margate). A saloon

carriage, attached to the 11.10 a.m. train, took the party comfortably to St. Albans, where a frugal lunch awaited them at the Peaben Hotel, after which a visit was first paid to the Church of St. Peters. Here they were met by the Curate, Bro. Rev. Valentine Faulkner, under whose auspices the Church was inspected, the chief point of interest being the monument of Edward Strong the elder, for whom Dr. Anderson claims the honour of having been appointed Junior Grand Warden under Grand Master Sir Christopher Wren, in 1685. The truth of this can scarcely be admitted, but the Strong family appeals to our sympathies, as Masons, in a high degree. Timothy Strong was a quarry owner and builder in Gloucestershire and Oxfordshire. His son, Valentine, was a notable builder in his day, and on his tomb, at Fairford, Oxfordshire, 1662, is described as "Valentine Strong, Freemason." Valentine's son, Thomas, was engaged at Trinity College, Oxford, in 1665, under Sir C. Wren, and in 1675 made the first contract with the Commissioners for rebuilding St. Paul's. According to the family memoirs, written in 1716, he laid the first stone in the foundation with his own hands. Dying in 1681, he was succeeded by his brother Edward,—buried at St. Peter's, St. Alban's,—who associated with himself his son Edward the younger. The "Memoirs" state, "About the year 1706 Edward Strong, junior, began the lantern in the Dome of St. Paul's, London, and on the 20th October 1708, Edward Strong, senior, laid the last stone upon the same." This last claim is re-asserted on the monument in question. Skirting the City, the old Church of St. Michael's was next visited. Apart from its high architectural interest, the Church is noticeable for containing the body and statue of Lord Bacon, "the wisest, greatest, meanest of mankind." Sauntering through the fields, along the banks of the river and under the spreading elms, a typical scene of English rural beauty at its best, the brethren made their way to the Abbey, where they were met by the Rev. W. Urwick, who has made the register and archives of the edifice his special study for years. Under his capable guidance, every part of the structure was visited and its history explained, the old works admired, and the restorations criticised. Some difference of opinion was apparent as to the taste, but none as to the solidity and thoroughness of the restored parts, or as to the public spirit and generosity of Lord Grimthorpe, who for years has borne the enormous cost of what is more than restoration, for it was necessary in many parts to entirely re-construct. Lord Grimthorpe himself now joined the party, and kindly submitted to a course of "heckling"; the reasons for this and that alteration being fully explained by his Lordship in answer to home questions, and he incidentally supplied many details as to the structure of the Abbey, its foundations, vaults, &c., which were of great interest. The party having been generously admitted by the Rector, the Venerable Archdeacon Lawrence, free, thus entailing a loss on the Restoration Fund, a collection was made, which, we are glad to say, considerably more than covered the charge for admission. Lord Grimthorpe was thanked for his explanations, and there being still an hour to spare before dinner, the brethren struck once more across the fields, visiting the old Roman walls and moat, and reached an eminence whence a beautiful view of the Abbey and its surroundings was obtained. Dinner was served at the Pea Hen at 6 o'clock, after which votes of thanks were moved and carried to Brother Rev. V. Faulkner and to the Rev. Mr. Urwick for their kindness in affording the brethren so much instruction and the pleasure of their company, and suitably acknowledged, Mr. Urwick eloquently pointing out that St. Albans was the scene of more than one martyrdom, interesting in ecclesiastical history. Bro. Speth was thanked for making the arrangements, and indicated that Bro. Klein would be their guide next year, through a district of great interest around his own residence, at Stanmore, whilst in 1891 he (Bro. Speth) hoped to introduce them to Sandwich, the City of the dead; the Roman ruins of Richborough Castle, Miuster Church and Abbot, Danudolion Gateway, near Margate, and other monuments in the Isle of Thanet. The party returned by the 8.32 train, to which a saloon carriage had been added for their separate use, it being unanimously admitted that the day had been most enjoyable.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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A MASON'S FREE BED.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—Will you please find room for this very short epistle? My attention has been directed to a paragraph, which appeared a few weeks since in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, viz. :—"By the will of the late Bro. James O'Gale, of Haverhill, the sum of 3000 dollars is to be paid to the Masters 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, adds the *Liberal Freemason*, to the memory of an intelligent and eminently worthy Freemason."

Allow me to ask the question,—are there any similar beds in this the mother country? If there be not,—why not? No doubt there are innumerable instances in which a bed may be available. Allow me to inquire, if any brother can inform me of the fact. A brother, while in the execution of his duties, may at once be struck down when far from home, or friends, without the means which a Mason's free bed bestows. Are there not at the present moment many brethren who are suffering acutely from afflictions, to relieve which they are unable to apply remedial measures? This will be effectual for the present. In all probability I have stated enough; I hope, however, that the brethren who have the means within their reach will exercise them, to the alleviation of suffering humanity.

THE MASTER OF A LODGE.

30th July 1889.

THE QUARTERLY COURTS.

WE, generally, are prepared for a quiet time of it at the July Quarterly Courts of our Scholastic Institution, and, notwithstanding the excitement that has lately prevailed as to the working of the system of management in vogue, the meetings of last week may be said to present no special features.

The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys held its Quarterly Court on Friday, the 26th ult., when there was a fair attendance. Bro. Eve P.G. Treasurer was elected Chairman. Among those present were Bros. E. Terry G. Treasurer, J. D. Langton, W. Lake, Bourne, Plucknett, Smithson, Cubitt, Scurrah, Brett, Cohen, Jones, Marwood, Hastings Miller, Mather, Hogard, Carter, Kidder, Dicketts, Morgan, J. Terry, Powell, Dr. Morris, John Stevens, Hemming, Soppet, Paas, Storr, Still, Blyth, Spaul, Dixie, Webb, Cumberland, Binckes (Secretary). The advertisement convening the meeting, and the minutes of the last Quarterly Court were read and confirmed, after which the minutes of the Special Court of 6th June were read and passed as correctly entered. Minutes of the General Committee of 4th May, 6th and 29th June, and 6th July were also read. One petition, deferred by the General Committee for further information was considered and accepted, making a total of 70 candidates, for the election in October, from which 16 boys are to be elected. The Chairman, as a member of the Provisional Committee, and as their Chairman at the meeting held that afternoon, had only further to state, in addition to the report already presented, which was in print (and which he now moved might be taken as read), that the Provisional Committee had appointed as Matron, to enter on her duties on 1st August, Miss Harcombe, Matron of the Royal St. Ann's Society, Red Hill. They had also made an *ad interim* appointment of a doctor for two months, during which time advertisements would be issued for applications for the post. The gentlemen appointed pro tem was Dr. John Joseph Lock, who practised in the neighbourhood of Wood Green. Further, in accordance with the authority conferred on the Provisional Committee, they had conferred with Bro. Binckes in regard to the terms on which he should retire, and that matter was still under consideration. It was proposed by Bro. Bevir, Prov. G. Sec. Wilts, and seconded—"That the report of the Provisional Committee be received, and that its proceedings and recommendations do receive the sanction of this Quarterly Court, which authorises the Provisional Committee to carry the same into effect." The motion was opposed by several brethren, who considered the Provisional Committee should complete their report on all matters before them before asking the approval of the Committee; but, after some discussion, Bro. Bevir's motion was put and carried. The usual vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

The Royal Masonic Institution for Girls Quarterly Court was held on Saturday, 27th ult., at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall P.G.T., Treasurer of the Institution, was in the chair. There were also present Bros. George Powell, J. S. Cumberland, Herbert Dicketts, James Brett, C. H. Webb, Charles G. Hill, H. Massey, W. M. Bywater, Col. F. Gadsden, J. Terry, Arthur E. Gladwell, and F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary). After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the meeting of 27th April, and the reading of the minutes of the Special Court of 30th May, and summaries of minutes of General Committees, for information, the Court agreed to the recommendation of the General Committee, that the 32 eligible candidates remaining from the last election, together with the 17 whose petitions have been since approved, be placed upon the list for the October Election, and that nine vacancies, caused by girls leaving the School, be declared. On the motion of Bro. Herbert Dicketts, Vice President, seconded by Bro. C. H. Webb, the following alterations were made in the laws of the Institution:

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 word "Trustees," "and be annually examined by the Accountant."

On the suggestion of Bro. James Terry, the words "and audit," occurring in Law 43, were also struck out. With reference to the new paragraph respecting the auditing of the accounts by a chartered accountant, Bro. Cumberland said he hoped the auditors would go through the accounts quarterly, as well as yearly. Perhaps they might not be able to examine them monthly. If there were errors, they would be more easily discovered in a tri-monthly investigation than in a yearly. Bro. Hedges said it was in contemplation that there should be a quarterly examination. Bro. Dicketts said the accounts would be audited monthly. Bro. Cumberland observed that he did not mean examined by the auditors—he meant audited by the chartered accountant. He wanted that the accountant should go through the accounts quarterly, as well as annually. Bro. Webb said that, anyhow, the chartered accountant would be responsible. Bro. Marshall intimated that they might now carry these resolutions, and then afterwards make an additional regulation. Bro. Cumberland moved that the auditor go through the accounts quarterly, and once a year make out a balance sheet, and examine the documents of the Institution. Brother Marshall: And securities. Brother Cumberland: Yes, whatever is in the bank concerning the monetary affairs of the Institution. Brother Dicketts: In law 79 it says:—"All deeds and securities shall be deposited for safe custody with the bankers of the Institution in the names of the trustees," and add to that, "and annually examined by the accountant." The motion having been seconded, was carried, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the meeting.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex will be held on Tuesday next, the 6th inst., in the Library at Easton Lodge, Dunmow, the seat of the Right Hon. the Lord Brooke, M.P., Provincial Grand Master. The meeting is called for 2 o'clock, Prov. G. Lodge being opened punctually at half-past, but previous to this (at 1:30) the Finance Committee will meet to audit the Provincial Grand Treasurer's accounts, and report thereon. The business to be transacted is of the usual character, and will embrace the reception of various reports, of the auditors, of the Charity Committee, and in regard to the publication of the Provincial Calendar. A motion will be made that a Committee be formed to revise the By-laws of Prov. G. Lodge, and another that a grant be made to one or other of the Royal Masonic Institutions. We anticipate a very pleasant day's meeting for our Essex brethren, many of whom have for some time past looked forward to this visit to the home of the Provincial Grand Master; all that will be required is fine weather to ensure a thorough success. Easton Lodge is four miles from the Dunmow Station on the Great Eastern Railway, and carriages will be provided to convey the brethren to and fro. Admission to the library will be by ticket, and must of necessity be restricted to members of Provincial Grand Lodge, but the extensive and picturesque Park, Pleasure Gardens, &c., will be thrown open to all members of Lodges in the Province, who may also be present at the banquet. A band will be in attendance, and the grounds will be illuminated in the evening. The Great Eastern Railway Co., besides consenting to issue return tickets at single fares to brethren attending the meeting, on production of summons, have kindly made special train arrangements, running additional trains to and from Dunmow Station, in connection with regular trains on both the Colchester and Cambridge lines.

In connection with this meeting there is one matter we may refer to. On the last occasion when Prov. Grand Lodge assembled, a keen competition arose when the question of re-electing the Prov. Grand Treasurer was brought forward. A section of the members of Prov. Grand Lodge were decidedly in favour of a change; not that they were dissatisfied with the way Bro. Andrew Durrant (who has been re-elected year after year) has discharged his functions, but they claimed the honour of Provincial rank should be conferred on as many worthy Craftsmen as present themselves, having due regard to the limit that binds the Prov. G. Master. We are told that the question will again be brought forward on Tuesday, and we can but express the hope that the question will be considered in a fraternal and truly Masonic spirit.

THE GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.

THE opening of the Severn Tunnel for passenger traffic has afforded an additional and more expeditious means of transit between the West of England and the various parts of Wales, Lancashire and the North of England, which has been taken full advantage of by the Great Western Railway Company. In times gone by the journey from Bristol to Newport, Cardiff, Swansea, and the towns of South Wales generally, was a formidable undertaking as compared with what it is at the present time, when a few minutes ride, without change of carriage, transfers us from one side of the River Severn to the other, and it is perhaps in association with such works as the Severn Tunnel and its counterpart between Liverpool and Birkenhead that we can best appreciate the benefits of the engineering skill of the day. In the rush and bustle of the present age, when every minute that can be saved in transit from one point to another is made capital of by those whose business it is to cater for the public, the tunneling of rivers like the Severn and the Mersey, at such points as they are now pierced at, is of immense advantage. Now that we have two great successes to point to in this country, we imagine it will not be very long before others are attempted, and the tedium of travel correspondingly lessened. But it is not only in the matter of passenger traffic that advantage follows the completion of such works as the Mersey and Severn Tunnels, the advantage to goods traffic is almost equally important, a few miles or a few minutes saved often placing local markets in a much more favourable position than was ever possible otherwise. It is on these grounds many persons deplore the collapse of the Channel Tunnel operations, which would prove even more beneficial to commerce than any number of shorter tunnels, for while in the latter case the journey may be completed, in a roundabout way, without change of carriage, this is impossible in the case of the service between England and the Continent. As we have said, the Great Western Railway Company offer their patrons the full benefit of this latest addition to the feats of modern science, and it has opened up many new features of interest to the ordinary traveller or tourist, with whom time is a matter of consideration. It is superfluous to particularise the many points of interest served by the great Western System. With lines extending from London to the extreme West of England, through the length and breadth of Wales, and most extensively through the Midland Counties, it may well be imagined that to make a list of even the most popular of the "Holiday Haunts" on the line would be an extensive undertaking. We must therefore leave the matter in a somewhat incomplete state, with the general advice to such of our readers as are in search of knowledge to procure one of the Tourist Programmes or general Time Tables of the Company. They will therein find full particulars as to fares, and times of the various trains, and, in addition, some interesting particulars of some of the principal points of interest on the line.

Savoy Theatre.—A new departure has been taken by Sir Arthur Sullivan and Mr. W. S. Gilbert in their latest combination, which is entitled "The Yeomen of the Guard, or the Merryman and his Maid." (By the way, the latter title is somewhat of a misnomer, as the jester is anything but a merry man, and his maid is taken by somebody else, and therefore becomes somebody else's maid). The story takes us back to the Tudor Henrys, and we find Colonel Fairfax, a brave soldier, under sentence of death for witchcraft. In order to spite a relative, whom he believes to be the cause of his trouble, he marries, one hour before the time fixed for his execution, a strolling singer, Elsie Maynard. Through the instrumentality of Sergeant Meryll and his daughter Phoebe, the Colonel escapes from his cell and personates Leonard Meryll, who has been appointed one of the Yeomen. In this disguise he woos his wife, and when the long delayed pardon arrives he astonishes her by asserting himself as the missing Colonel. The unfortunate side of the otherwise pretty tale is, that in order that the Colonel may be saved, other people have to suffer, thus Elsie has to bestow her hand upon a surly janitor, Wilfrid Shadbolt; the old Sergeant has to marry Dame Carruthers whom he detests, and the poor Merryman is deprived of his intended bride. The dialogue is comparatively free from Mr. Gilbert's biting satire, and the music of Sir Arthur Sullivan is full of local colour, though it cannot be said that any of the songs will become as popular as some of their predecessors. The scene of the White Tower is exceedingly well arranged, and the costumes are highly pretty and appropriate. Miss Geraldine Ulmar sings her lyrics like an artiste; Miss Annie Cole makes a bewitching Phoebe, and Messrs. C. Pounds (Fairfax), Richard Temple (Meryll), W. H. Denny (Shadbolt), and last, but by no means least, George Grossmith (Jack Point), all work with a will to ensure the desired success.

Mr. Freeman Thomas announces his eighth series of Promenade Concerts at Covent Garden Theatre, commencing 10th August. The following distinguished Artists have been exclusively engaged:—Nikita, Mdme. Clara Samuel, Mdme. Colombati, Miss Fanny Joyce, Miss Benta Francis, Mdme. Pauline Rita, Mdme. Rose Hersee, and Mdme. Valleria, Mdme. Patey, Mdme. Tremelli, Mdme. Belle-Cole, and Antoinette Sterling; Mr. Sims Reeves, Signor Runcio, Mr. Valentine Smith, Mr. Charles Chillo, Mr. Holberry Hagyard, Mr. Henry Piercy, Mr. Orlando Harley, Signor Foli, Mr. Walter Clifford, Signor Ciampi, Signor Abramoff, Mr. Barrington Foote; Solo Pianoforte, Mdme. Roger-Mielos, Herr Arthur Friedheim, and Miss Florence Wand; Solo Violin and Leader, Mr. Carrodas; Solo Flute, Mr. John Radcliff; Solo Piccolo, Mr. J. A. Hamilton; Solo Violoncello, Mr. E. Howell; Solo Oboe, M. Vandenburg; Solo Clarinet, Mr. Julian Egerton; Solo Cornet, Mr. A. H. Smith; Solo Euphonium, Mr. C. Bourne; Solo Bassoon, Mr. J. F. Hutchins; Accompanist and Assistant Conductor, Mr. H. M. Higgs; Musical Director, Signor Arditi. The admission will be one shilling, and Mr. Freeman

Thomas has provided, at the price of one guinea, season ticket books containing sixty admissions, available for any evening, a liberality which will undoubtedly be appreciated by the music-loving public.

The Continental Gallery, New Bond Street, is worth visiting, to inspect some pictures from the Paris Salon. There are in all 124, the majority of which are what may fitly be called gems, both from their size, their interest, and treatment. Of these, two are remarkable, "In a deuce of a Fix" (12), by G. Bortignoni, for its humour and Meissonnier-like finish, and "Children with little Chickens" (73), by B. U. N. Maillart, for its admirable colour, and poetic rendering of a very simple subject. A large canvass, some thirteen feet high by seven or eight wide, "The Queen of Sheba" (54), by J. Profr. Kronberg, is a powerful painting, more fitted for a decorative panel in a grand room than an independent picture. It will, however, properly arrest attention. To the student interested in the French School of landscape, there is much to admire, and some things to smile at—as flat as wall paper; but as the space at our disposal will not enable us to go into a critical analysis of the peculiarities of French ambition or caprice in depicting nature, we can only now call public attention to a most interesting gallery.

TEMPLE LODGE, No. 1094.

THE members of this Liverpool Lodge, with their lady friend^s and visitors, held one of their enjoyable annual excursions which are so conducive to friendly intercourse and harmony on Wednesday, 24th ult. Bro. W. Pye W.M. took charge of the party, and was loyally supported by Bros. Alexander I.P.M., J. Alexander P.M. Secretary, G. Alexander S.W., A. J. Lett J.W., C. Knowels S., Mathew Yeoman S., J. Casey P.M. 1570, P. Ball P.P.G.T., J. Travis, James Wylie, &c., and Messrs M'Clury and R. Summer, who contributed much to the enjoyment of the members who were present. The party assembled at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, at 12 noon, and after lunch and the singing of the "Old hundredth," proceeded in drags to Billinge, taking, by the kindness of Lords Sefton and Derby, the picturesque route through Croxteth and Knowsley Parks. Notwithstanding the somewhat gloomy state of the weather, the drive was most enjoyable, and after the ascent to the ancient beacon, the party, after visiting the quaint old church, sat down to a substantial tea, supplied by the Lodge through Bro. Casey, at the Stork Hotel; the landlord of which, Mr. J. G. Howard, did his best for the comfort of the visitors, who subsequently enjoyed themselves thoroughly with music and dancing, the latter being largely contributed to by some of the best local step dancers. The return was made at 7:30 p.m. and great credit is due to the committee for their arrangements.

SOUTHDOWN LODGE, No. 164.

THE annual installation meeting of this popular Mark Lodge was held at the Station Hotel, Haywards Heath, on Wednesday, 24th ult. The Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. G. Masters. The chief business of the meeting was the installation of the W.M. elect Bro. John C. Buckwell, the ceremony being performed by the retiring W.M. Bro. G. Masters, assisted by Bro. H. W. G. Abell P.M. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. G. Masters, in appreciation of the manner in which he had carried out his duties as W.M. during the past year. The newly elected W.M. Bro. John C. Buckwell appointed the following Officers for the coming year:—Bros. George Masters I.P.M., J. Belcher S.W., Rev. W. A. Tooth J.W., C. Clarke M.O., A. F. Lamette S.O., George Rawlinson J.O., H. W. G. Abell P.M. Treasurer, Charles Briscoe Reg. of M., J. J. Abell Secretary, T. Wickham S.D., A. D. Bailey J.D., Thomas Chapman D.C., F. H. Beoney I.G., A. Alvon Steward, and H. Hughes Tyler. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, served up in admirable style by Bro. C. Goulding, The W.M. presided. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

HOPE AND UNITY LODGE, No. 214.

THE quarterly meeting was held at the White Hart Hotel, Brentwood, on the 25th ult. Bros. A. O. V. Pondy and W. J. Smyth were passed to the second degree. At the close of the Lodge business, the brethren sat down to a banquet, excellently served by Mrs. Mason.

ELLESMERE LODGE, No. 768.

THE annual picnic took place on Thursday, the 25th ultimo, when Llangollen was visited. The party left Runcorn about eight o'clock, reaching their destination about ten, and paid a visit to Plas Newydd, making an inspection of the picturesque residence, and all thoroughly enjoyed the landscape. Subsequently they returned to the Hand Hotel, where a substantial dinner had been provided. Bro. T. H. Annett occupied the chair, and the usual loyal and patriotic toasts were honoured. An enjoyable drive to Chirk Castle followed this, and at six o'clock tea was partaken of at the hotel. Various spots of interest were afterwards visited. The party arrived at Runcorn again at about half-past eleven o'clock, after spending a most enjoyable day.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 3rd AUGUST.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction) on
1304—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.
R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8. (Instruction)
1223—Amherst, Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverhead, near Sevenoaks
1920—Mozart, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon

MONDAY, 5th AUGUST.

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston.
119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Wakefield
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
351—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
350—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, St. George-street, Leeds
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax
1390—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Carlisle
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1798—Zion, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax Road, Dewsbury
R.U.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 6th AUGUST.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
25—Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, City Arms Restaurant, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst.)
171—Amity, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
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)
763—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1011—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)
1416—Mount Edgecumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Heleny, 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.)
1939—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Manover-street, Koughloy
364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Borwick
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, at 7. (Instruction)
847—Portescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
897—Loyalty, Flecco Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
949—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linsdale, Loughston Buzzard
980—Inte, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley Street, Bradford
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
995—Furness, Masonic Temple, Uverston
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market Place, Cockerham
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-rov, Batley
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar
1310—Harrow, King's Head, Harrow
1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Becking
1322—Waveley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex

1343—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction)
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction)
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
1993—Wolsley, Masonic Hall, Town Hall Buildings, King Street, Manchester
2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R.A. 681—Scarsdale, Masonic Hall, Chesterfield
R.A. 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
R.A. 938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New Street Birmingham
R.A. 1138—Devon, Masonic Hall, Devon Square, Newton Abbey
M.M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 7th AUGUST.

Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Mitro, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (Inst)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Batham Hotel, Batham, at 7. (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
913—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)

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott, Lancashire
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moirs, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Moray, near Leeds
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
604—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Paraworth, near Bolton
697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction)
1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1167—Alwrick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alwrick
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mosely, near Manchester
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Ghastr-to-Street
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore.
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
1641—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
1736—St. John's, St. John's Rooms, Halifax
1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
2042—Apollo, Masonic Hall, 22 Hope Street, Liverpool
R.A. 126—Nativity, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
R.A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness

THURSDAY, 8th AUGUST.

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)
135—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)
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolsley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
1017—Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. (Instruction)
1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
1278—Burdett Counts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal 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. (Inst)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (Inst)
1429—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In)
1744—Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Theatrical Hoath
1791—Greation, Wheatshof Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1804—Coborn, Vestry Hall, Bow
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1996—Priory, Berrywood Priory Constitutional Club, High-st., Acton. (Inst.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8.
R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury at 8. (Instruction)
35—Medina, 85½ High Street, Cowes
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward Road, Sunderland

- 116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne
 139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey Street, Sheffield
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dowsbury
 240—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslington
 333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
 337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
 339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland
 341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
 344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
 346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
 369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
 456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
 477—Mercy, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
 546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline Street, Longton, Stafford
 636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
 659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe
 732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 784—Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Park Street, Deal
 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
 1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
 1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Bury New Road, Manchester
 1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tradeagar, Mon.
 1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
 1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington
 1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire
 1273—St. Michael, Free Church School Rooms, Sittingbourne
 1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala
 1410—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Tairak
 1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
 1580—Cranborne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1593—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn
 1597—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
 1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot near Manchester
 1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill
 1892—Wellington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
 1915—Graystone, Foresters' Hall, Whitstable
 R.A. 51—Patriotic, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
 R.A. 254—Trinity, Castle Inn, Coventry
 R.A. 464—Hwlfordd, Masonic Hall, Haver ordwest
 R.A. 723—Panmure, Masonic Hall, Barrack Road, Aldershot
 R.A. 1235—Phoenix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton
 K.T. 21—Salamanca, Masonic Hall, Halifax

FRIDAY, 9th AUGUST.

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 8
 167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
 786—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1228—Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
 1293—Royal Standard, Builders Arms, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1391—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
 1499—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 1716—All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar
 1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
 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, Lendenhall Street. (Instruction)
 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)
 36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's Street, Cardiff
 401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse Street, Goole
 460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
 526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
 566—St. Germain, Masonic Hall, The Crescent, Selby
 652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holford
 662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Braemwich
 1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parkmont Street, Harrogate
 1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
 1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
 1121—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
 R.A. 81—Royal York, Private Rooms, Doric Place, Woodbridge
 R.A. 406—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle
 K.T. 4—Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Huddersfield

SATURDAY, 10th AUGUST.

- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (I)
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
 1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
 R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
 309—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
 1697—Unity, Harrow
 2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
 2096—George Price, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon

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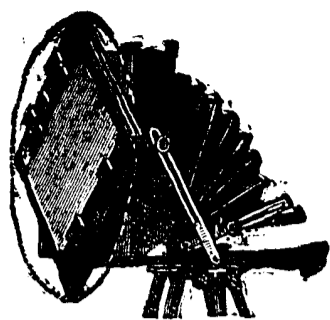
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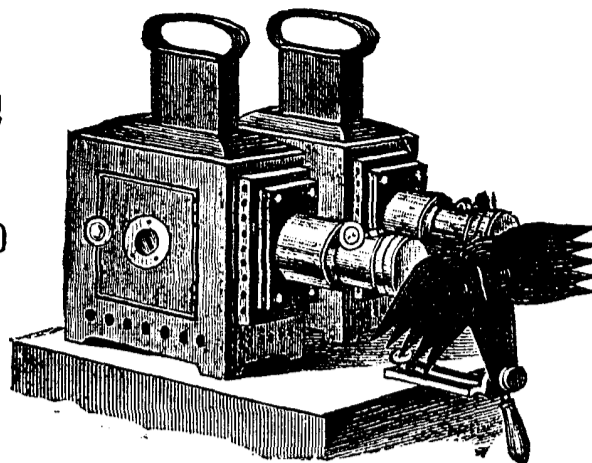
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