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THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE regular Quarterly General Court of this Institution will be held on Friday next, the 25th inst., in the Large Hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, and, judging from the business then to be transacted, a lengthy and animated meeting may be expected. Beginning at the end of the agenda, we think it will be well for the meeting to decide, before starting on the various discussions which must arise on the general business to be transacted, as to what is to be done in regard to the Election which, as usual, is timed to commence at one o'clock, and close at three. The meeting of the day will open at twelve o'clock, so that there is only three hours available for all the business, and this we think will be found to be hardly sufficient. If this should prove to be the case, how would the Election stand? The poll must close at three o'clock, and we are of opinion the other business may extend beyond that hour. It may therefore be desirable to open the poll in a separate room, and appoint some brother or brethren to take charge of the papers.

The first business on the agenda is to elect a Medical Officer for the Institution, and here, unfortunately, a hitch may be looked for. In answer to the advertisement announcing the vacancy, thirty-seven duly qualified candidates have made application for the appointment, and although we believe some two or three of these have since expressed their intention of not taking any part in the contest, there yet remains a very large number to be considered. The Provisional Management Committee, in the exercise of their judgment, selected from this large number of candidates six whom they considered especially qualified, the special feature to recommend these gentlemen being the fact that they all resided within a mile of the Institution. This is undoubtedly an important qualification, but it has been pointed out that if this had to be made a condition for the appointment, it should have been so stated in the advertisement. On the other hand some of the distant candidates would, unquestionably, take up their residence in Wood Green, or its neighbourhood, were they to secure the appointment, so that it would be well to know exactly what each candidate intended to do before coming to a decision on this head in regard to his application. But the Provisional Committee did not leave the matter alone, even after they had selected the six specially qualified candidates, and it is much to be regretted they did not do so, as it would have made the final selection a much more easy task. They further considered the testimonials, abilities, and qualifications of the six who reside within the one mile radius, and ultimately decided to recommend a gentleman who, so far as we understand, lives much beyond a mile

from the Institution, so that we are at a loss to account for the one mile limit being introduced.

With such a large number of boys to attend to as at present reside at Wood Green it is imperative the Medical Officer should be on the spot. As an instance we may mention the case of a slight accident which occurred to one of the lads a few days since, when, as the regular medical attendant was not expected to call for at least five hours, and he was not within reach, a local practitioner was called in and his services were made available. This means additional expense to the Charity, opens the way to the creation of professional jealousy, and may be expected to lead to such a general disorganisation of this important branch of the Institution as to at once condemn it in the minds of the Subscribers. We consider the limit of a mile is a very good one to enforce, and it will be well if the electors make this part of the question one of the first they decide upon. It will save them the trouble of considering the claims of all the candidates, but it should first be discovered how many of the outsiders propose to remove within the radius should they be selected for the appointment.

Among the six candidates to which the Provisional Committee narrowed their list are, we understand, three who are members of the Craft, and three who are not. Does Masonic membership stand for anything in such a case? or is the promise to help a Brother Mason, when it can be done without detriment to ourselves or our connections, merely a string of meaningless words? In the case before us there is little to choose between the several candidates who come within the mile radius; they are all well qualified for the appointment, all have every-day practice in the neighbourhood, and, so far as can at present be judged, have equal chances of successfully discharging the work attached to the appointment. Should not then the obligation to help a Brother Mason, as far as possible, have some weight in deciding the matter? There are many who consider it should do so, and we certainly, personally, incline to that opinion, but whether it will have any effect with the general body of the electors on Friday next remains to be seen.

We have shown that the task of deciding as to which of the candidates is best fitted for the vacant office is a difficult one, and as all the applicants are well recommended, the mere reading of their testimonials and qualifications will in itself be a lengthy task, so that we should not be surprised if the question is referred back to a Committee, with instructions to consider the whole merits of the case, and select a few of the candidates as being the most eligible. We have already seen that the selection of one candidate by a Committee does not meet with approbation, and justly so. Let the contest be free and open to all, but let such reasonable restrictions be imposed as will bring the number of candidates within manageable bounds for the whole body of electors to finally decide the matter.

Having disposed of this election—or postponed the matter, which is equally probable—the Governors and Subscribers will be asked to consider the following notice of motion, submitted by V.W. Bro. Richard Eve, Patron (P.G. Treasurer), on behalf of the Provisional Management Committee:—

“That in accordance with the recommendation of the Provisional Management Committee, adopted by the General Committee on Saturday, 10th August 1889, an allowance of £350 per annum, for life, be made to Bro. Frederick Binckes, on his retirement from the office of Secretary, after a service of upwards of 28 years.”

We are aware this retiring allowance will not be granted without opposition, but it will be a lasting disgrace to the Craft, or at least to its Charitable Institutions, if the past services of Bro. Binckes are not fully recognised and adequately remunerated. We do not anticipate the opposition will have much chance of upsetting the recommendation of the Provisional Committee, but it is to be hoped that all who recognise what Bro. Binckes has done, and who consider his services are worthy of recognition, will attend, and vote in such a way as they may consider consistent. What has Brother Binckes done for the Boy's School? is a question asked by those who are talking of opposition to the granting of this retiring allowance. We may re-echo,—What, indeed? and for answer, say—Everything that should entitle him to the grant now proposed. It is very difficult to look back a matter of nearly thirty years, and say how much or how little has been accomplished in that period through the “influence of one man,” and it is manifestly unfair for men who have only known the Institutions for a few years, and have perhaps only been associated with Freemasonry some six or eight, to attempt to solve the question as to how much of the present prosperity of the Masonic Institutions is due to the exertions of Bro. Binckes. But beyond all this there is the custom of the world in regard to such matters to guide us, and the proposition to be submitted to the Subscribers next Friday is not an unreasonable one from this point of view. True, it is a large amount the Subscribers are asked to pay for past services, but when the past services have been of such a nature as is the case here, and have been extended over so long a period, it is none too much, and we hope the proposition will be carried, if not unanimously, at least with such a strong majority as to show that the efforts Bro. Binckes has made in years gone by, on behalf of the Institution, are recognised and appreciated.

We have spoken of opposition to this proposed grant because it has been publicly announced that opposition is contemplated, but it must not be forgotten that this recommendation of the Provisional Management Committee has already been submitted to the General Committee of the Institution, namely, on the 10th August last, when, at a very largely attended meeting, it was adopted with but six dissentients—the number present on that occasion being over one hundred. To further show the approval with which the proposition has been received, we may refer to the fact that at the August meeting, already referred to, a proposal to reduce the annual allowance to £200 fell through for want of a seconder. Since then, however, the subject has been discussed throughout the country and, as a natural consequence, the advocates of both sides have gained supporters. Some of the Provinces approve of the idea of a reduction to £200 per annum, others consider £350 a year none too much, while others again pledge themselves to support the action of the Provisional Committee in the various works of reform they devote their attention to.

The second notice of motion on the agenda emanates from the Sanitary Sub-Committee of the Provisional Committee, and stands in the name of Bro. W. Masters, Life Governor, who will propose

“That the Provisional Management Committee be authorised to expend a sum not exceeding £1,000 to provide additional Baths in

the School Buildings, and for general Sanitary requirements. Also, that the Committee be authorised to expend a sum not exceeding £2,500 in the erection of a Swimming Bath.”

The general body of supporters of the Institution will, we imagine, hail the first part of this proposition with delight, for in all matters concerning the health or comfort of the large family entrusted to their care they are, and ever have been, most liberal. The expenditure of the proposed £1,000 for the purpose of providing additional Baths in the School Buildings, and for general Sanitary requirements is evidence of a desire to make things more satisfactory in the point of cleanliness for the future than they are accredited with having been in the past, and if the £1,000 now proposed is sufficient for the purpose we are convinced it will be cheerfully voted. The extra amount of £2,500 required for the erection of a swimming bath is, no doubt, equally necessary, and we anticipate it will be agreed to, although the outlay of so large an amount just now may not find general favour. Undoubtedly a swimming bath would be a most valuable acquisition to such an establishment as that possessed by the Freemasons at Wood Green, while the advantages of teaching the lads the art of natation cannot be over-estimated. Both from sanitary and utilitarian points of view then the expenditure can be recommended, and if the General Court feels justified in voting the necessary funds no doubt it will prove one of the most satisfactory investments ever made.

Following these matters we come to a series of propositions submitted by Brother William Harris Saunders, Life Governor, P.P.G.S.D. Middlesex, who suggests as follows:—

- (a) “That boys shall be educated according to the position their fathers occupied while in prosperity, and that where considered desirable by the Committee, an allowance be granted for education out of the Institution. That the General Committee be requested to take this matter under consideration, an application being made for a boy to be placed on List of Candidates.”
- (b) “That following the example of many other Public Schools, pupils shall be received into the Institution at a fixed annual sum, and that sons of Masons only shall be eligible for election or otherwise.”
- (c) “That the Court recommend to the General Committee to make special inquiries in all *last* cases, with a view to their Election should the case prove to be that of a really destitute Candidate.”
- (d) “That all petitions be thoroughly inquired into (as per resolution recently adopted by the Girls' General Committee) by a Sub-Committee, who shall report to the General Committee prior to such petitions being brought before them, but who shall not have power to reject any Candidate.”

This first proposal of Bro. Saunders is a mistake, and should be rejected. How is it possible to have a number of grades in such a School as that of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys? We know the trials and troubles of the University man who secures a scholarship, or in some other way is in marked contrast to his fellows—in many cases his life is a misery. Why, therefore, attempt to introduce class distinctions into our School? Besides, our argument always has been that the man who does his best, no matter in what sphere he moves, is equal to the man of any other sphere who also does his best. Let us endeavour to educate the boys, not as their fathers would have done, but as their fathers would have wished to do—in other words give them all the care and attention possible. The question of granting an allowance for educational purposes out of the Institution is no new idea, but the action of outside Provinces, many of which are now in possession of Educational funds of their own, while others are contemplating their establishment, should at once set this matter at rest. If brethren interested in a case find themselves unable to secure a place in either one of the central Institutions it is for them to decide whether they will subscribe sufficient among themselves to pay for the education of the girl or boy at a local school. Many have so decided, and the result

has been, as we say above, the establishment of several local Educational Funds. While the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys has full accommodation for all the children it is possible to maintain no attempt should be made to upset existing regulations, but when the day comes to propose an extension of the existing buildings then it may be desirable to consider as a counter proposition the views now favoured by Bro. Saunders.

The question of receiving paying pupils at the Institution is merely a matter of arrangement, and must entirely depend on the views entertained by those interested in the management of the Institution. Perhaps the new head master, when one is appointed, should be consulted on this point, and his views, together with those of the Committee for the time being, laid before the Craft in the form of a report.

It is quite impossible to do anything with Brother Saunders' third proposal. No distinction can possibly be made in regard to the election on last applications—all must take equal chance, and the only royal road to success must be influence enough to secure the necessary votes. If a rule was adopted to make a distinction it would only be necessary to secure a candidate a place on the list, and quietly await his or her last chance, no voting would be needed, and the whole system of selection by those who subscribed the money would be done away with. Much as we regret the necessity for occasionally rejecting, on account of age, candidates whose friends have worked hard to secure their election, we see no possible chance of lessening the hardship of doing so.

Brother Saunders will probably see his fourth proposal carried, that if he is prepared to show that the new system works well in connection with the sister Institution.

The next business will be the election of sixteen Boys, from an approved list of seventy candidates. We have already referred to this part of the day's work, and can only hope it will be as satisfactorily carried out as past contests have been. Altogether we anticipate a busy meeting, and we hope that whatever is done may result to the benefit of the Charity. One matter we would especially impress on those who propose to attend. They have the reputation of being gentlemen, and we hope none of them will so far forget themselves as to forfeit their right to that distinction. It is not necessary to make a noise or create a disturbance to show opposition, but rather to discuss calmly and deliberately the several questions raised. If the opposition is fair, it will then stand a better chance of success.

Obituary.

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SIR DANIEL GOOCH, BART.

By the death of Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., another vacancy has been created amongst our Provincial Grand Masters. This untoward event had been anticipated by the majority of our readers, who eagerly looked forward day by day for any tidings that might lead them to a hope that their beloved brother was likely to recover from the illness that had laid him prostrate. But the sad event at length took place. Sir Daniel Gooch died on Tuesday, the 15th inst., at his Berkshire residence, Clewer Park, near Windsor. From our "MASONIC PORTRAITS," Second Series, we quote the following particulars of Sir Daniel Gooch's Masonic record:—"He was initiated in the month of February 1850 in the St. George's Lodge, No. 112, Exeter. In 1853 he was chosen to fill the chair of the Royal Sussex Lodge of Emulation, No. 355, Swindon, of which, in the meantime, he had become a joining member. During his term of office he initiated, passed, and raised twenty-eight candidates. Such indeed was the general estimation in which he was held, not only in his Province, but throughout the Craft generally, that during this same year he was appointed Deputy Prov. G. Master of Wiltshire, and a member of the Board of General Purposes

while in 1854 the further honour was conferred upon him of re-electing him Master of the Royal Sussex. He was subsequently chosen Master of the Lansdowne Lodge of Unity, No. 626, Calne, of the Britannic, No. 33, and of the Middlesex Lodge, No. 143, and during these three Masterships, and his second of No. 355, he initiated, passed, and raised as many as thirty-nine candidates, the total of those he has introduced to one or other of the degrees being no less than eighty. In 1858, he was not only elected Worshipful Master of the Methuen Lodge, No. 631, Swindon, but his Provincial services were recognised in Grand Lodge by his appointment to the office of Grand Sword Bearer. In 1868 he was appointed by the late Earl of Zetland to be the Provincial Grand Master of Berks and Bucks, and prior to his quitting the Province of Wilts, with which he had been prominently connected for so many years, he was entertained at a banquet at Chippenham, at which Lord Methuen, the Prov. G. Master, presided. On this occasion he was presented with his full regalia as Prov. G. Master, his Wilts brethren having subscribed amongst them about £100 for that purpose. The exalted office to which he was then appointed has been held by him ever since. His administration of the Province has been attended with results most satisfactory to the interests of the Craft. The number of Lodges and members has been doubled, and whereas, previous to the appointment to the post nothing was done by the Province as such towards any of our great central Charities, it now takes a leading part in contributing to the needs of these Institutions. This is due to his exertions entirely, for almost his first act was to take measures for organising a scheme for raising contributions, and during his tenure of office, Berks and Wilts, both as a Province and by the impetus given to private subscription, has figured liberally and most regularly at our Charitable Festivals. Such have been the services of our hero in Craft Masonry, but they are far from being the sum of his achievements. Is he not Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masonry in his own Province? and does he not figure in the list of those distinguished brethren who have taken the Mark, Templar, and High Degrees? In 1851, he was advanced to the Mark Degree, in the Bon Accord Lodge, in the Metropolis, and subsequently held various offices. The same year he was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree, in St. George's Chapter, No. 112, Exeter, and received the Knight Templar Degree in the Rougemont or Union Encampment, No. 39, Exeter. In 1852 he took the Rose Croix and Ne Plus Ultra degrees in Exeter, and that of G.E.K., K.H., 30° and intermediate degrees in London. In 1856 he was installed First Principal in Moriah Chapter, No. 9, and during his tenure of office exalted three candidates, while as Z. of the Wiltshire, No. 355, he exalted not less than ten candidates. In 1858 he was appointed Grand Sword Bearer in Grand Chapter, holding this post of distinction in the Arch concurrently with the same office in Grand Lodge or Craft Masonry. In 1861, he was elected First Principal of the Britannic Chapter, No. 33, and lastly, and by way of putting the Keystone to the Arch of his reputation and the distinctions he had attained, he was, in 1875, installed as Grand Superintendent of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Berks and Bucks. It should be further mentioned that he has personally conducted the ceremony of consecration in the case of the following Lodges, namely, Methuen Lodge, No. 631, formerly of Swindon, but since migrated to Taplow Bucks; Canonbury Lodge, No. 657, London; Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity, No. 663, Devizes; and Lodge of Concord, No. 632, Trowbridge." Sir Daniel was twice married—first to Margaret, daughter of the late Mr. Henry Tanner, of Bishopwearmouth, by whom he had several children; and, secondly, to Emily, daughter of the late Mr. John Burder, of Norwood, his widow.

There are few towns of a like size that can, in the matter of improvements, compare with Crediton, which of late years has increased in every direction. Numbers of new houses have been erected, more especially on the western part, and have found tenants almost as soon as they were built. The factories have all been improved and modernised, and a new one built at the junction of the east and west towns. Several important public buildings are in course of construction or about to be commenced. The new Masonic Hall, a handsome structure, is near completion, and a new Wesleyan chapel will shortly be commenced, as will also a new manse attached to the Congregational Chapel.

ORTHODOX AMERICAN SCOTCH RITERS AND THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

BY BROTHER JACOB NORTON.

IN a former paper I have shown that the hostility to the Grand Orient of France by American Grand Lodges originated first, because the Grand Orient acknowledged the American negro Masons, and second, because it acknowledged Foulhouse of Louisiana as Sovereign of the Scotch Ritters. As the hatred for negroes is dying out, and Foulhouse has disappeared, the Scotch Ritters are now trying to make capital out of the alleged *atheism* of the Grand Orient of France. Briefly then, Bro. Gorgas (*not the old Gourgas* of 1813) of Baltimore (and others) deserted or rebelled against Sovereign Albert Pike, of the Southern Jurisdiction, and enrolled himself under the banner of Bro. Peckham, the *Seymourite Cerneanite* Sovereign of all American Scotch Ritters; that is, of all who acknowledged his sway. Subsequently, the said Bro. Gorgas somehow succeeded Bro. Peckham in that high office. About eighteen months ago the new *Seymourite* Sovereign visited Paris, and was there acknowledged in his dignity by a Scotch Rite concern which is subject to the Grand Orient of France. About five weeks ago *the whole American Continent* was startled with the news that, owing to the alleged *atheism* of the Grand Orient of France, Bro. Peckham was all at once conscience smitten against the sin committed by his successor in visiting in Paris the Grand Orient Scotch Rite concerns, and for receiving acknowledgment from the Grand Orient. It is rather curious that it took Bro. Peckham eighteen months before he discovered the palpable sin committed by Bro. Gorgas. However, Bro. Peckham frankly acknowledged his error, but instead of receiving sympathy, he is attacked by all parties, with sneers, sarcasms, &c. The *Toronto Freemason* published a number of those squibs; thus, Bro. Millar, a Northern Jurisdiction Scotch Riter, says that the whole affair of *Seymourism* was a money-making scheme, and that Bro. Barker, the leading spirit of the other Cerneanite faction, who was formerly a Seymourite, was now getting all the money, and therefore Peckham got tired of it. Bro. McClanachan says:

"Seymour would confer the degrees for little or nothing, and being a jeweller and regalia manufacturer, made money by selling his regalia. Mr. Peckham kept up the work as long as it was worth while."

Messrs. Gassette and Barnard also ridicule Peckham's resignation. The former says, "Peckham belongs to the body which is not Masonic, and never has been," and Barnard says, that "he (Peckham) has been simply a peddler of degrees until he sold out his interest to Gorgas of Baltimore, neither of the two are in good standing among Masons."

Bro. John G. Barkirs, of the other Cerneanite faction, feels also joyful at the confusion occasioned by the desertion of Bro. Peckham from his rival Cerneanite concern. But my attention was especially directed to the following remarks by Bro. Ehlers, Grand Secretary of New York, who said to a newspaper reporter as follows:—

"Mr. Peckham was wise in his day and generation. He has taken time by the forelock. There are but two things for the members of the Cernean Rite to do; either to ignore Gorgas, or to be subject to a Masonic trial in a Blue Lodge. There can be no doubt of the power of the Blue Lodges to act in the matter. The law reads that no person shall be recognised as a Freemason who doubts or ignores the existence of a Supreme Being. Certainly the recognition by Gorgas of the Grand Orient of France, where no such a belief is required, is in direct violation of the law."

Bro. Ehlers, who is doubtless a very able Grand Secretary, has, however, overshot his mark when advising about law. The question is, has not a Grand Lodge a right to alter the ritual or laws? "No!" exclaim the dogmatic jurisprudence mongers, for Anderson said, "Provided the whole landmarks are carefully preserved." Very well! let us now see what Anderson said. In the first place Anderson restricted the privileges of Masonry to men of *sound limb* and to *free born*. But the Grand Lodge of England always discarded the *sound limb* condition, and for *free born* it substituted "*free man*." Now, Mr. Jurisprudence monger, I want you to explain why the Grand Lodge of England may discard Anderson's laws, and why the Grand Orient of France may not?

And now about religion. Anderson says:

"A Mason is obliged by his tenure to obey the moral law; and if he rightly understands the art, he will never be a stupid atheist nor an

irreligious libertine. But though in ancient times Masons were charged in every country to be of the religion of that country or nation [or in other words, "to be true to the Church,"] yet it is now thought more expedient to oblige them to that religion in which all men agree, leaving their particular opinions [in which they disagree] to themselves. That is, to be good men and true, or men of honour and honesty, by whatever denomination or persuasion they may be distinguished. Whereby Masonry becomes the centre of union and the means of conciliating true and sincere friendship among persons who must have remained at a perpetual distance."

In the above paragraph there is no hint about believing in the Bible, in a future state, in resurrection, in salvation, nor in any other dogma about which good and true men disagree, and have always disagreed. Now the word "*landmark*" means that the *mark* should not be moved to one side of the line or to the other, or, in other words, you must neither diminish nor increase the line of demarcation, and you must neither add to it nor take anything from it. Such being the case, you had no right to impose belief in the inspiration of any sacred book or books on Masons, and sundry other dogmas besides; and if you, *Jurisprudence mongers*, allow the Andersonian landmark to be removed on one side, why may not the Grand Orient of France be allowed to shift the landmark on the other side?

But that is not all. The main object of the founders of our modern Masonry was for "conciliating true friendship among persons that must have remained at a perpetual distance," or, in other words, to unite "good and true men—men of honour and honesty by whatever denomination or persuasion they may be distinguished," and these are Anderson's own words. Now, it is well known that the Grand Lodge of Sweden, as well as a Grand Lodge in Berlin, exclude all from Masonry who do not believe in Christianity, and why do you, *Jurisprudence mongers*, allow Masons to visit Swedish and Berlin Lodges—where the main object of the founders of our Masonry is discarded—while, at the same time, you prohibit Masons to visit French Lodges where the main object of the founders of our Masonry was merely extended?

But that is not all. Under the Grand Orient of France the candidate for Masonry is not questioned about his belief in God, but is that any reason for supposing that French Masons must necessarily be atheists? Surely I belong to several societies in Boston, where no one is questioned about belief in God, yet I never heard that a member of the said societies was ever suspected of being an atheist, and I venture to say that there are no more atheists in the French Lodges under the Grand Orient than we have in the above-named Boston societies. But supposing even that the whole Grand Orient are atheists, surely no one ever charged those atheists with disobeying Bro. Anderson's injunction of keeping those opinions to themselves while in the Lodge. But how is it in our godly American Lodges? Here the Worshipful Master does indeed make the same promises to candidates of all persuasions about enjoying all the Masonic privileges without violating his or their duty to God, &c.; and this promise is given "*on the word and honour of a gentleman and Mason*." But a Jewish Mason knows that the said pious American Worshipful Masters are neither men of honour nor gentlemen; because a man of honour and a gentleman never makes a promise which he does not intend to keep, but the American pious W. Masters make promises which they never mean to keep. Now, if a tree may be judged by its fruit, then the French atheists certainly act while they meet in Masonic Lodges more in accordance with the ideas of men of honour, gentlemen, and Masons than our pious Christian Masons do in American Lodges.

Assuming, however, that a Blue Lodge may expel a member for having been inside of a Lodge chartered by the Grand Orient of France, is that any reason for the Blue Lodge having a right to expel a member because he visited, in Paris, a *Scotch Rite concern* which belongs to the said Grand Orient? Surely a Blue Lodge has no more connection with Scotch Rite than it has with *Mystic Shinery*, and with fifty other *Tom-fooleries* that certain classes of Masons indulge in. Suppose, now, I choose to visit a French Mystic Shinery; or suppose I choose to have my life insured in a French Masonic Life Insurance Society, I ask, in the name of common sense, what right my Lodge has to expel me for it, or trouble itself about it at all? Briefly, then, it is my firm belief that a Mason has a right to belong to any Society (providing it is not immoral) he pleases, whether French Masons belong to it or not, and that a Mason has a right to buy his hat, clothes, shoes, &c., of an atheist if he pleases, and he has

also a perfect right to buy his *Scotch Rite nonsense* of an atheist too.

My worthy Bro. Ehlers' method of reasoning about Masonic law runs after the following fashion. Namely:—

Whereas in New York a candidate for Masonry is asked about his belief in God, and in the Grand Orient Lodges candidates are not questioned upon the subject.

And whereas *Masonic snobs* in this country, as well as in France, congregate together for performing *Scotch Rite something*, but the members thereof are, in America, split up into factions.

And whereas Bro. Gorgas, the head of one of the American *Scotch Rite* factions *hobnobbed* while he was in Paris with a *Scotch Rite* concern belonging to the Grand Orient of France.

And whereas Bro. John Smith of the Holy Evangelist's Lodge, in New York, believes in Bro. Gorgas's right to rule all the *Scotch Rites* in "America and its Territories."

Therefore the said Holy Evangelist's Lodge is authorised to expel the said John Smith from all the rights and privileges of Masonry.

Now, bear in mind Bro. Smith is not accused of being an atheist, nor is Bro. Gorgas an atheist. But as the Grand Orient asks no questions in its Blue Lodges about belief in God, hence an atheist *may have been there initiated*, and the same atheist *may have become there a Scotch Riter*, and he *may have been present* in the *Scotch Rite* concern during Bro. Gorgas's visit to that concern. Therefore it is the duty of the Holy Evangelist's Lodge to expel Bro. John Smith from Masonry.

I must here add that a few days ago I happened to hear an old gentleman, who is not a Mason, sing part of a song which he learned from an old Mason living next door to his father, and here is the fragment of the song which was copied for me:—

"In kingdoms there are quarrels,
In interest there are laurels,
In church these Christians wrangle and jar.
There is no such invasions among the Freemasons,
No rumours, nor ruptures, or internal wars."

Ah! said I to myself, after hearing the above, surely neither the author of that song nor the zealous brother Mason who sang it more than sixty years ago could have supposed that a time would come when Masons would wrangle and jar as bad as they did in the Church; and that a Grand Secretary of New York would advise the Holy Evangelist's Lodge to expel Bro. John Smith from Masonry because Bro. Gorgas, of Baltimore, had *hobnobbed* in Paris with *Scotch Rites* in a concern which has no connection whatever with Blue Lodge Masonry.

BOSTON, U.S., 23rd September 1889.

MAYORAL MASONIC BANQUET.

A BANQUET of a most unique nature was given on the 10th inst., at the Town Hall, Liverpool, by his Worship the Mayor (Bro. E. H. Cookson), at which about 70 guests were present. In addition to the honour he so worthily upholds as the chief magistrate of Liverpool, his Worship also occupies the distinguished positions of P.G.S.W. in the province of West Lancashire, and the chair of Worshipful Master of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 32, the oldest and most noted in a province which is numerically the strongest in connection with the Grand Lodge of England. Included in the invitations to the banquet were the Officers and members of Lodge 32; the P.G.M. of East Lancashire (Bro. Colonel Le Gendre Starkie); and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were received with enthusiasm, and in proposing the health of the host Colonel Starkie referred with satisfaction to the fact that out of the members of the Lodge of Harmony there had come no fewer than four Provincial Grand Masters. The proceedings were greatly enlivened by capital songs, given by members of No. 32.

The members of the Kidderminster Masonic Club now possess a capital reading room. There has been an outlay of about £200 in enlarging and improving it, and in doing other work at the Club. The new room was recently opened, and the borough member (Bro. A. F. Godson) was present as chairman. He congratulated the members on the result of the alterations. The improvements at the Club ought to bring in new members.

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INSTALLATION OF THE MARQUIS OF HERTFORD AS P.G. MASTER OF ANTRIM.

ON the 9th inst., the Marquis of Hertford was installed as Prov. Grand Master of the County Antrim in connection with the Masonic Order, in room of the late occupant of that office, Sir Charles Lanyon. The ceremony, which took place in the Exhibition Hall, Botanic Gardens, Belfast, was a most interesting one, and was attended by a numerous and distinguished assemblage of members of the Order. Lord Hertford arrived from Lisburn, and was met on the platform of the Great Northern Railway Terminus by Mr. Thos. Valentine, J.P., the Deputy Grand Master of A. F. and A. Masons of Antrim, the Provincial Grand Secretary, and the Provincial Grand Treasurer. These brethren escorted the Grand Master-elect to the Exhibition Hall of the Royal Botanic Gardens. The Hall was artistically decorated with hothouse plants and delicate drapery. Regalia having been assumed in one of the ante-rooms of the Hall, the Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. R. D. Shekleton, Q.C., attended by the Grand Officers and the Provincial Grand Officers, entered the Lodge room. The Provincial Grand Lodge was then opened in ample form, after which the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, his Grace the Duke of Abercorn, was introduced and inducted to the throne. The Provincial Grand Master-elect, the Marquis of Hertford, having been announced as in attendance, and his warrant of appointment having been read, the Most Worshipful the Grand Master (the Duke of Abercorn) appointed a deputation to introduce him. An appropriate ode was then sung, after which a procession was formed under the direction of the Worshipful the Grand Director of Ceremonies, and it entered the Lodge Room in the following order:—The Provincial Grand Deacons, a Past Master carrying the Holy Bible, a Past Master carrying the Book of Constitutions, a Past Master carrying the collar and apron of the Provincial Grand Master and Provincial Grand Lodge Bye-laws, the Grand Officers and Provincial Grand Officers forming the deputation, the Provincial Grand Master-elect, the Director of Ceremonies. Having marched three times around the room, the procession halted on reaching the foot of the throne, when the Provincial Grand Master-elect was presented to the M.W. the Grand Master, and the ceremony of installation was proceeded with. The installation ode, which was composed specially for the occasion by Bro. William Redfern Kelly P.G.R.C. Prince of Wales Lodge, 154, having been rendered to the tune of the "Old Hundredth," the M.W. the Grand Master directed the Provincial Grand Master-elect to kneel and take the obligation of office, and then invested him with the insignia of office, &c., and placed him in the chair of the Provincial Grand Lodge. The Director of Ceremonies then declared the Most Honourable Hugh de Grey, Marquis of Hertford, duly installed as R.W. Prov. Grand Master of the Masonic Province of Antrim. The newly installed Provincial Grand Master having been saluted with full Masonic honours, the R.W. Provincial Grand Master nominated and appointed his Provincial Deputy Grand Master. The R.W. the Provincial Grand Master presented the R.W. Thomas Valentine D.P.G.M. with the collar and jewel of his office, on behalf of his Masonic friends in the Province; after which the closing ode was rendered, to the tune "Sicilian Mariners' Hymn." The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed in the usual form, and the interesting ceremony came to an end. In the evening, at seven o'clock, the Prov. Grand Master was entertained at a banquet in the Ulster Hall. Close on 400 guests sat down to dinner, and in the gallery was a very large number of ladies. The Hall was handsomely decorated with flags, Masonic emblems, &c., and the scene presented was a peculiarly picturesque and animated one. The Band of the Gordon Highlanders was in attendance, and played a choice selection of airs during the dinner. The Duke of Abercorn presided. On the right of his Grace were the Marquis of Hertford, Bros. Thomas Valentine, J.P., D.P.G.M., Harry Hodges, Sir Henry Cochrane, D.L., Thomas W. Fitzgerald, John MacDonald, Oliver Fry, Major Thompson, Sir W. Millar, and R. J. Hilton. On the left were Bros. R. D. Shekleton, Q.C., D.G.M., Lord Arthur Hill, Major Scott, W. C. McCrawley, Fred R. Pim, Colonel Irvine, R. Carey, Rev. Dr. Irvine, William Rankin, and W. T. Chetwode Crawley, LL.D. After dinner letters of apology were announced to have been received from a number of gentlemen, including Judge Townshend, the Marquis of Headfort, Sir Edward Hudson-Kinahan, Bart., his Grace Lord Plunket, and the Mayor of Belfast. The Chairman proposed the health of the Queen, and in the course of his observations said Her Majesty was not quite unknown in the city of Belfast. She visited it many years ago, and he believed recollections of that visit still remain in the hearts of some of the citizens, and he was sure they all looked forward with hope to a time when Her Majesty might again be pleased to visit that great city and see the progress that had been made in it since she was there before. The toast was loyally honoured. The Chairman gave the toast of the Prince of Wales. He said the Prince of Wales, in his capacity of Grand Master of England, undertook the duties which devolved upon him as Heir to the Throne, and it could be said of him that whatever he undertook he did thoroughly. Since he had been created Grand Master of England he had endeavoured, to the utmost of his ability, to raise the standard of Masonry in that country, and his efforts had proved most successful. There was one other word he would like to add. Alarming reports had been going about for the last few days and had been published in the public papers, regarding the state of the health of His Royal Highness. He (the Chairman) could only say that he put no credit in these reports. It must, of course, be well known that the Prince of Wales had passed through a very arduous life, and at his years a man needed some change and rest. It would, therefore, be the prayer of all true Masons that the change which his Royal Highness would take through the coming winter would completely restore him to his usual robust health. The toast was drunk with full

Masonic honours. Bro. Neill having sung "Hearts of Oak," Bro. Valentine D.P.G.M. gave the toast of the Grand Master of Ireland, and spoke in eulogistic terms of the services which the Duke of Abercorn had rendered to the Craft. The Grand Master, in responding, having thanked the company for the manner in which they had received the toast, said he could not help thinking that gatherings like the present must be the means of doing a great deal of good to Freemasonry in Ireland, and more especially in the North of Ireland, for they afforded a means of bringing Masons of all classes, and from different parts of the country, together; and the interchange of thoughts and ideas which would naturally take place could not prove other than most advantageous. He had been told, when inquiring who would be present at the banquet, that very few of the Freemasons of Belfast were known. That was not as it should be, and he trusted that the list of those present at the banquet would be published in the morning papers, and then they would certainly know who were the Masons of Antrim and Belfast. For his own part he would only say that he had endeavoured to follow in the footsteps of his father, who was known not only as a Mason, but as an Ulsterman, and he hoped he might always be placed in the same category. While in his present position he would always endeavour to uphold the duties and ties of Masonry in Ireland, and he was happy to tell them that at the present moment Masonry was in a most flourishing condition in this country. New life appeared to have been infused, and the standard of Masonry had risen very considerably. It was also satisfactory to him to be able to announce that, despite the depressed times, the funds which came for the support of Masonry had not in any way diminished during the last few years, but, on the contrary, had increased. His lordship concluded by strongly recommending to the sympathy of all Freemasons the Masonic Orphan Charities, and pointed out that, although the Girls' School was free from debt, there was a considerable sum due for the building of the Boys' School. These two Charities were so useful and so important that, in his opinion, it was the duty of every Freemason to give to them all the support they possibly could, and none of them knew how soon an appeal might have to be made on behalf of their families to those Institutions. Haydn's "Stars of the summer night" having been sung, the Chairman gave the toast of the Deputy Grand Master and Officers of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. Bro. Shekleton responded. The Chairman then proposed the Health of the Most Hon. the Marquis of Hertford, Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of the Freemasons of Antrim, and referred to the fact that the noble Marquis was no stranger to the people of Belfast. He had fought political battles, and fought them successfully, in their town, and as a Mason he would prove himself second to none. The toast was drunk with the usual honours. The Marquis of Hertford said—It was now about twenty years almost to a day since he addressed a meeting in that Hall, and that meeting was not one in which brotherly love and kindness prevailed. He was at a loss to find words to express his thanks that the honour had been conferred upon him—an honour which he highly esteemed and which it afforded him pleasure to receive. The only thing that detracted from that pleasure was the event which rendered his appointment necessary, in the death of their old friend Sir Charles Lanyon, who had been removed from their midst by the hand of death. There was an idea existing that the Freemason body were of an extraordinary character, conducted within closed doors, and that these proceedings were only varied by the eating of some very good dinners. He would appeal to all good Masons to prove that this was not the case by the manner in which they responded to the call of Charity. Such response was the more required after what had been said of them by the Grand Master; and, in his opinion, no matter what individuals did, it was in the power of private Lodges to do more than they did at present in the matter of supporting these Schools. Some of them were apt to forget that they had the great Masonic duty of Charity to perform. He appealed to them to bear in mind that charity was the great word which should be in the front of Masonry on all occasions. His lordship concluded by saying it would be his endeavour to carry out the duties of his office to the best of his ability, and to forward the interests of the Province. The Provincial Grand Master proposed the toast of the Deputy Grand Master and Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Antrim. Lord Arthur Hill responded. The toast of the Sister Provincial Grand Lodge having been proposed by Bro. R. J. Hilton, J.P., and duly honoured, the singing of the National Anthem brought the proceedings to a close.

Among the candidates eligible to take part in the election of Friday next, for the benefits of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys is Hugh Stanley Thompson, aged 8 years, the eldest son of the late John George Thompson, Solicitor, of Stockton-on-Tees, and Redcar, Yorks, a Mason of 30 years' standing, P.M., P.P.G.R., Tees Lodge, No. 509, P.Z. &c. Bro. Thompson was initiated in Tees Lodge in 1858, and was a founder of the Lodge of Philanthropy, No. 940. He had severe pecuniary losses about 5 years ago, and died suddenly in October last, leaving a widow penniless, with no relations in a position to help her, and 6 children living (eldest, a girl 10 years, and youngest three months). The case is strongly recommended by some of the best known Craftsmen of the day, but outside help is urgently desired, in order to make sure of the lad's election at an early date. Several of our friends at Kingston-on-Thames are interesting themselves in the case, and we are assured by them it is one really deserving of all the help it is in the power of the Craft to give.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 211.

THE first meeting of the Lodge, after the summer recess, was held at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C., on the 8th inst. Bro. Henry Lindfield, the W.M., was supported by Bros. H. Nash S.W., P. J. King J.W., A. Green P.M. Treasurer, W. Radcliffe P.M. Secretary, Orton Cooper S.D., William Kirkland J.D., W. J. Dyer I.G.; P.M.'s F. J. Hentsch, Usher Back, A. Dickson, John Laver, W. W. Morgan, T. H. Peirce; also W. J. Bennett, Parsons, C. Skipp. Visitors—Bros. T. Corbett 1612, F. Schmidt, A. E. W. Powles 1901, J. G. Collings Organist 1693. In the course of the evening a distressed brother, who some forty years back was associated with "Old St. Michael's," was assisted with a grant of three guineas. The brethren after labour partook of a banquet, which was served in the perfect way that characterises this establishment. A couple of hours were spent in agreeable converse, enlivened with some capital songs, &c.

CHISWICK LODGE, No. 2012.

A MEETING of this popular Lodge was held on Monday last, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. In the absence of the W.M. the Rt. Hon Lord George F. Hamilton, M.P., Senior Grand Warden, the chair was taken by Bro. George Gardner (Secretary) P.M., who was supported by Bros. Dr. F. Lawrance P.M., George Everett P.M. Treasurer, W. A. Dowling S.W., J. Brown J.W., R. H. Wimpey S.D., F. Walden J.D., C. Hughes I.G., C. Patrick Tyler. Visitors—Bros. G. J. Westfield I.P.M. 2184 Prov. G. Sword Bearer Essex, Louis Lee 2309, Thomas Brooks W.M. 382, R. S. Pullman 2309, A. E. Hewer 2309, H. J. Gifford 468 (S.C.), H. E. Jefferys 902, R. Bennetts 2309, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, G. W. Maple 1706, F. Dusterwald J.D. 1586, Frank Kemp 2309, H. Ellis 933. After the Lodge had been constituted and formally opened, Bros. Louis Lee and Pullman, of the George Gardner Lodge, No. 2309, were raised to the third degree, the ceremony being conducted by the acting Worshipful Master. Bro. Gardner had also requested the W.M. of the Chiswick Lodge to pass two candidates, also from the Lodge that bears his name, and for this purpose Dr. Lawrance now took the chair of No. 2012, and the candidates—Bros. Bennetts and Kemp, with Bro. R. J. Steel of the home Lodge—were introduced and placed under examination as to the proficiency they had made in the science. The result was satisfactory, and later on Dr. Lawrance conferred the degree upon them. The name of a candidate for initiation was handed in, some notices of withdrawal considered, with other details respecting the Lodge government, and the business was brought to a close. The brethren then partook of a banquet which was thoroughly enjoyed, and the after proceedings were enlivened with some capital songs and musical selections, Bro. Louis Lee, who holds diplomas of a high order as a Professor of Music, especially distinguishing himself. Bro. Edward P. Delevante was the accompanist throughout.

BECKENHAM LODGE, No. 2047.

THE ceremony of installing Bro. Charles R. Pilcher W.M. of the above Lodge, followed by the installation banquet, took place at the Lodge-room, at the Beckenham Public Hall, on Thursday evening, the 10th inst. The following brethren were present:—Officers of the Lodge—Bros. G. V. Schofield W.M., C. R. Pilcher S.W., R. Milburn J.W., Edward Carpenter Treasurer, G. T. Rait Secretary, Thos. Garrard S.D., John Patrickson I.G., F. W. Mansell Steward, Rev. John Harding Chaplain, R. S. Archbold P.M., Jas. Craig P.M., L. G. Reinhardt Tyler. Members of the Lodge—C. W. Gribble, H. W. Hammell, E. Hedley, W. V. Ditcham, C. M. Tilly, W. Howard. Visitors—Bros. Wimble P.P.G.D. Keat, R. Myers, C. J. Reynolds, E. Scovell, F. Newcombe, R. M. Northcote, Wm. Smith, Thos. Reed, A. Lawrence Fryer, H. J. Dutton. The brethren assembled in the Lodge-room at half-past five in the evening, and the Lodge having been opened with the usual ceremonies the installation of Bro. Charles R. Pilcher was performed in a most impressive manner by Bro. R. S. Archbold. The Worshipful Master then proceeded to invest the following Officers:—Bros. R. Milburn S.W., T. E. Garrard J.W., G. V. A. Schofield I.P.M., E. Carpenter Treasurer, G. T. Rait Secretary, Rev. J. Harding Chaplain, J. Patrickson S.D., H. W. Hammell J.D., C. W. Gribble I.G., F. S. Newcombe Organist. The banquet took place at the Public Hall, at half-past seven, which gave great satisfaction. The banquet over, the W.M. proposed the Loyal toasts and that of the Grand Officers, which were received with the usual honours, and followed by the National Anthem and "God bless the Prince of Wales," and a part song, "Absent," by Bro. H. Dutton, Lawrence Fryer, E. Scovell, and F. Bevan. Bro. Schofield I.P.M. proposed the Worshipful Master, which he said they must all agree was the principal toast of the evening. Everybody in Beckenham would know that they had elected the most popular man in Beckenham—a jolly good fellow—who, as they might have seen from what he had already done in the Lodge-room, intended to keep up the reputation of the Lodge. Seldom had they heard the charge given as it was given that evening, and they might take it as a good augury of the work he would do later on. He did not think anything he could say would enhance the W.M.'s virtues in their eyes. The W.M. said he scarcely knew how to express his thanks, not only for the eloquent terms in which the I.P.M. had proposed his health, but for the cordial manner in which they had received the toast. It would give him zest and encouragement to go on with the work and to do all he could for the welfare of the Lodge, knowing that at the outset he had with him their kindly feelings and sympathies. He could scarcely think that anything that he had done in the past merited such kind expressions as had fallen from the I.P.M. He took it as an augury that if he followed in the footsteps of previous Masters he should be doing that which was right in the interests of

the Lodge. He thanked them very much for the kind expressions with which the toast had been given and received. Before sitting down he would propose the health of the I.P.M. This was an easy task for him to do, because they must all feel what he had done for the Lodge, the attention which at all times he had given to its interests, the manner in which he had performed his duties, and the lively interest he felt in its prosperity. It needed no words to recapitulate the benefits the Lodge had received under his Mastership, and he (the W.M.) sincerely trusted that the I.P.M. would continue in the future to show his lively interest in the Lodge as in the past. It was with great pleasure that he invested Bro. Schofield with the I.P.M.'s jewel, which the Beckenham Lodge had great pleasure in presenting to him. The I.P.M. said he could not be sufficiently thankful for the kind words that had fallen from the W.M. He felt it all the more highly because it was one of the few jewels which could not be bought. With regard to his year of office, he regretted that the Lodge did not give him more work to do, when they might have found him wanting. However, he had tried to do his best, and that he took a great interest in Masonry they would see when he mentioned that he was in office in five Lodges. If the brethren accorded the W.M. the same assistance they had given him he could assure the W.M. that during the coming year he would have a very pleasant task. The W.M. next toasted the Installing Master Bro. R. S. Archbold. They would give particular attention to that toast because they knew how well the Installing Master had served this Lodge, both within and without. The way in which he had performed the installation that evening was something remarkable. The impressive manner in which he had performed the ceremony was something to be envied. Every word went home, and it made them feel that there was something in Masonry more than ordinary minds comprehended. There was more good, more benevolence, more holiness, he might almost say, than what people generally gave it credit for. If those outside could have heard their solemn service that day he was sure that every man would wish to become a Freemason. Those who knew the Installing Master would appreciate him more, and those who did not know him as intimately as some of them did would wish to do so. Bro. Archbold in responding to the toast said he felt the W.M. had accorded to him far greater praise than he deserved for having performed what he considered to be his duty. All through life he had felt that whatever he undertook he ought to perform to the best of his ability, and in this instance, as in all others, he had endeavoured to set an example to those who should come after him in the office—an example that should be worth following. There was no doubt that, as the W.M. had said, there was far more in Masonry than was known to the outside circle. He could not overlook the fact that there was amongst the ladies, especially the married ladies, a great prejudice against Masonry. The married ladies did not like to feel that their husbands had any secrets which they did not like them to know; but he thought if the married ladies only knew the real truth with regard to Masonry they would be the first to advocate its extension. He looked upon it, not as a secret only, but as a religion, and if they only followed out in their everyday life the precepts which were given them in the Lodge, if those outside only knew the duties which were taught within the Lodge, there would be less crime and less of all kinds of incorrectness than there was at the present moment. He only regretted that Masonry was not better known amongst the tender sex, because if it were so it would gain far wider acceptance than it did at present. He was more than obliged to the W.M. for the kind manner in which he had spoken of his efforts. It had always been his object to foster the prosperity of this Lodge. Unfortunately the meetings of his mother Lodge were held on the same night, but his interest in Beckenham induced him to give this Lodge the preference to his mother Lodge. The W.M. next proposed the Past Masters, remarking that most of them had been founders of the Lodge, and took the greatest interest in its prosperity. Although small, it was one of the most united Lodges in the kingdom, and he attributed this to the manner in which the Past Masters had held it together, and the example they had set to the younger members. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Dr. Carpenter. Bro. Dr. Carpenter, although wishing that the duty of responding to the toast had fallen into better hands, felt highly honoured in being called upon to respond. He was sorry that there were so few Past Masters, at the present time, feeling that a great deal of the prosperity of the Lodge depended upon them and the Worshipful Master, but as far as his own services went, he would do the best he could for the good of the Beckenham Lodge. He congratulated the W.M. on having attained his present position in the Lodge, having been initiated only five years ago. This ought to show the junior members that they too might attain this proud position if they would only put their shoulders to the wheel. The W.M. next proposed the Visitors, remarking that he hoped it would always be the privilege of the Beckenham Lodge to be amongst those noted for their hospitality. Bros. Wimbole, Myers, Northcote and Scovell responded. The W.M. next toasted the Secretary and Treasurer. He remarked that the interest the Secretary had shown in the Lodge was beyond all praise, and the manner in which he fulfilled the duties must be a cause of admiration to every member who witnessed his principles, his tact, and his perseverance. Whatever he undertook to do, he always did it well, and if he undertook to do a thing they might always look upon it as done. As to their worthy Treasurer, he served them in an equally efficient manner. Bro. G. T. Rait the Secretary said he felt very much indebted to the Lodge for appointing him Secretary, because the work of the Lodge gave him much pleasure, and, as year followed year, and Master followed Master, that pleasure increased rather than diminished. He facetiously remarked that he had heard that the married ladies of Beckenham were going to form a Lodge, and if they needed a Secretary he would be glad to offer his services. Bro. Dr. Carpenter, as Treasurer, also responded. The W.M. proposed the Officers, remarking that he could not have better Officers, and he begged to tender them sincere thanks for the way in which they had supported him. Bros. R. Milburn S.W. and T. E. Garrard J.W.

responded. The W.M. proposed the health of Bro. Newcombe the Organist, who had so kindly provided the musical treat of the evening. Bros. Newcombe and Scovell responded. The Tyler's toast brought the very pleasant proceedings to a close shortly before eleven o'clock.

PRUDENCE LODGE, No. 2069.

ON the 12th instant one of the largest and most successful gatherings yet held under the auspices of this popular Lodge took place at Leeds, to mark the retirement of Bro. William Watson P.M., the outgoing W.M. Bro. Watson was supported by the following Officers and brethren of the Lodge:—Bros. Charles Middleton S.W., J. J. Fretwell J.W., Rev. J. H. Evans Chaplain, Robert Abbott Treasurer, Tom Atkinson Secretary, Bro. Robert Craig P.M. P.P.G.D. Preceptor, A. Butterworth S.D., Benjamin S. Bailey J.D., Tudor Trevor P.M. I.P.M. D.C., Lewis Howarth I.G., R. A. Smithson Assistant Secretary, Charles Cryer Steward, Edward Bentley Assistant Steward, Harris Begbie Abbott Assistant Steward and Musical Librarian, Jas. Buckley Organist, S. Barrand Prov. Grand Tyler, Rev. T. C. Smyth, D.D., LL.D., Past Grand Chaplain of England, C. L. Mason P.M. Past Provincial Grand Treasurer, J. T. Jones, Ingamells, F. G. Dinery P.M., J. P. Robinson, G. W. Pratt and Storey. There was an extremely large assembly of Visitors, including past and present members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire, brethren from Leeds and distant Lodges. Amongst others—there were close upon one hundred in the Lodge—we noticed Bro. Henry Smith P.M. D.P.G.M., J. Cooper Malcolm P.M. P.P.G. Registrar, R. Allison P.M. P.P.G.D., W. F. Smithson P.M. P.P.G.D. (Chairman of the West Yorkshire Charity Committee), W. Fitton P.P.G.A.D.C., A. W. Ramsden P.P.D.C., &c. &c. After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. Charles Middleton was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and suitably acknowledged the honour paid him. Bro. Abbott was for the fifth time re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Barrand was re-elected Tyler. Bros. Trevor and Fretwell were elected auditors. The Lodge then unanimously voted Bro. Watson a Founder's jewel, in acknowledgment of the manner in which he had ruled the Lodge for the past twelve months. This business having been satisfactorily disposed of, the most interesting item on the programme, and the one which was responsible for that splendid gathering was proceeded with, namely, the reading of a paper by Bro. Dr. Smyth, entitled "His Personal Reminiscences of the Indian Mutiny." For upwards of an hour the Doctor held his audience spell-bound by his eloquent recital of the many dangers through which he passed at that most trying time in the nation's history. He related how the Mutiny first came to a head at Meerut, on the 10th May 1857, a station at which he was then residing as Chaplain to the Forces. The dreadful scenes that were enacted under his eyes were treated of with an eloquence, and yet with a modesty, which charmed all hearers. Nor was the story merely a recital of horrors, for the relation was interspersed with many amusing episodes, which occurred at that time, and which, as the Doctor stated, served somewhat to draw their minds away from the unparalleled barbarities which were daily being committed in their midst. Dr. Smyth touched but lightly on his own share in the heroism displayed by all grades of Europeans at that time, but it was plain to see that, try as he would to minimise his own exploits, they were differently regarded both by his comrades and the Government, who at the conclusion of the Mutiny rewarded him with the Chaplaincy of Singapore. One of the most interesting incidents took place at the conclusion of the lecture. Amongst his delighted audience were half a dozen non-commissioned officers of the Sixth Carabineers, who are at present stationed in Leeds. These men marched in a body to the dais to shake hands with the Doctor, and it then transpired that this regiment was at Meerut during the Mutiny, and that the Doctor had ministered to their spiritual wants in such a manner as to endear him to the memories of all, from the commanding officer downward. When the Doctor left the station the regiment turned out in review order and saluted him, an honour which rarely falls to the lot of any one but a distinguished military commandant. In the records of the regiment mention is made of Dr. Smyth and his goodness, and his military brethren felt that they were greeting an old comrade, and one to whom the honour of the Queen's troops was as precious as it was to themselves. Needless to say this pleasing and unique incident called forth the loud applause of the assembled brethren. On the motion of the Worshipful Master, seconded by Bro. Tudor Trevor, who is himself an old Indian civil servant, a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Dr. Smyth, and the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony. An admirably served banquet was enjoyed by all, and the rest of the evening was spent in that happy fraternal manner for which Lodge Prudence is so celebrated.

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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers will be held in the Hall, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Friday, the 25th day of October 1889, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution:

To elect a Medical Officer from a list of thirty-seven applicants, whose names, addresses, &c., will be printed for circulation at the Court, copies of which may also be had on application at the Office.

To consider the following Notices of Motion:—

1.—By V.W. Bro. RICHARD EYE, Patron (P.G. Treasurer), on behalf of the Provisional Management Committee:—

"That in accordance with the recommendation of the Provisional Management Committee, adopted by the General Committee on Saturday, 10th August 1889, an allowance of £350 per annum, for life, be made to Bro. Frederick Binckes on his retirement from the office of Secretary after a service of upwards of 28 years."

2.—By W. Bro. W. MASTERS, L.Gov., on behalf of the Sanitary Sub-Committee of the Provisional Management Committee:—

"That the Provisional Management Committee be authorised to expend a sum not exceeding £1000 to provide additional Baths in the School Buildings, and for general Sanitary requirements. Also, that the Committee be authorised to expend a sum not exceeding £2500 in the erection of a Swimming Bath."

3.—By Bro. WM. HARRIS SAUNDERS, L.Gov., P.P.G.S.D. (Middx.):—

(a) "That boys shall be educated according to the position their father occupied while in prosperity, and that where considered desirable by the Committee, an allowance be granted for education out of the Institution. That the General Committee be requested to take this matter under consideration, on application being made for a boy to be placed on List of Candidates."

(b) "That following the example of many other Public Schools, pupils shall be received into the Institution at a fixed annual sum, and that sons of Masons only shall be eligible for election or otherwise."

(c) "That the Court recommend to the General Committee to make special inquiries in all *last* cases, with a view to their Election should the case prove to be that of a really destitute Candidate."

(d) "That all petitions be thoroughly inquired into (as per resolution recently adopted by the Girls' General Committee) by a Sub-Committee, who shall report to the General Committee prior to such petitions being brought before them, but who shall not have power to reject any Candidate."

To elect Sixteen Boys from an approved List of Seventy Candidates.

The chair will be taken at Twelve o'clock at noon precisely.

The Ballot for the election of Boys will open at One o'clock, or sooner should the General Business of the Court have terminated, and will close at Three o'clock precisely.

By order,

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

The 92nd ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL, Will be held at the end of June 1890.

The services of Brethren as Stewards representing Lodges, or Provinces, are earnestly solicited, and will be gratefully acknowledged, the present exceptional requirements demanding exceptional support.

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

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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held in the Hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Saturday, the 26th October 1889, at Twelve o'clock precisely, on the general business of the Institution, to elect nine Girls into the School from a list of 48* Approved Candidates. The Election will commence at one o'clock, or after the usual business is over.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

OFFICE—5 Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C.
19th October 1889.

* The name of Dorothy Mary Besly has been withdrawn from this List for admission by purchase.

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Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, WOOD GREEN, LONDON, N.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

The election of Medical Officer to the above Institution will take place on Friday, 25th October, at 12 noon, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, and I take this last opportunity of asking you to be present on that day, and to inscribe your votes on my behalf—for these reasons: that I am married, and reside within a two minutes' walk of the School, and have done so for over five years; that I believe the testimonials I hold (copies of which have been distributed and advertised in the Masonic Journals) are as fully recommendatory as those of any other candidate; that I have been actively employed in the study and practice of my profession for 20 years; and that I have been a Life Subscriber to the Institution since my initiation into Freemasonry. I promise that, if elected, my best care shall be devoted to the health of the pupils. I beg to thank the friends who have voluntarily come forward to my assistance, and regret that I have not been able to address individually the members of the electorate, the large number forming that body (over 14,000) preventing my doing so.

I have the honour to remain,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Yours very obediently,

R. F. TOMLIN, M.R.C.S. Eng., &c.
Ewell Lodge, No. 1851.

Richmond Villa, Lordship Lane, Wood Green, N.
18th October 1889.

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

ELECTION OF MEDICAL OFFICER.

C. H. CONOLLY, M.R.C.S. Eng., L.S.A.
&c. &c.

3 Church Hill Villas, Wood Green, N.

REQUESTS the favour of the votes and interest of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys on his behalf for the coming election of Medical Officer.

The Election will take place at the Quarterly General Court, to be held on Friday, the 25th October, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.

Duly qualified subscribers can have Lists of Candidates sent them on application to the Secretary, Bro. F. Binckes, P.G. Sword Bearer, Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

APPOINTMENT OF MEDICAL OFFICER.

J. E. H. STEPHENS, L.R.C.P. & S.E.
(LODGE 967),

BEGS to announce to the members of the General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys that he is a Candidate for the post of Medical Officer, advertised as vacant.

Bro. Stephens has been for some time in practice at Wood Green, and resides within three minutes' walk of the Institution. He is a Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, of Edinburgh, and if elected will do everything in his power to promote and maintain the health of all entrusted to his care.

1 Gladstone Avenue, Noel Park, Wood Green, N.
11th October 1889.

The Election will take place at the Quarterly General Court, to be held on Friday, the 25th October, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.

Duly qualified subscribers can have Lists of Candidates sent them on application to the Secretary of the Institution, Bro. F. Binckes, P.G. Sword Bearer, Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

APPOINTMENT OF MEDICAL OFFICER.

THE favour of the votes and interest of the President and Members of the Quarterly Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys is earnestly solicited on behalf of

C. ROUT, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., L.S.A., C.M.
&c. &c.

A candidate for the appointment of Medical Officer to the Institution.
HORNSEY PARK, N., 16th October 1889.

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 Row, St. John's Wood, N.W., and of all the members of the Association.

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys,
ELECTION, 25TH OCTOBER 1889.

The votes of subscribers are earnestly solicited for

HAROLD STREETER GOLDSMITH,
 AGED 7 YEARS,

YOUNGEST SON OF THE LATE BRO. W. O. GOLDSMITH.

Bro. GOLDSMITH was initiated in the Chislehurst Lodge, No. 1531, shortly after its consecration in 1875, and remained a subscribing member till 1881, when he joined the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928. In this latter Lodge he served all the offices up to that of W.M. It was while holding this office, and three days after the election of his successor, that he died, on the 15th November 1887. He was a Life Governor of the Boys' School, and a Subscriber to all the Masonic Charities, and was, at all times, a hard worker in Masonry. He was for many years, and at the time of his death, a member of the Reporting Staff of the *Press Association*, and in that capacity was well known to all Journalists in the United Kingdom. The under-mentioned Brethren strongly recommend the case of his son, the above-named candidate:—

Bro. CHARLES KEDGLEY, Hibernia Chambers, London Bridge, S.E., W.M. 79, P.M. 1614, M.E.Z. 73.
 The Rev. S. A. SELWYN, Past Chaplain 210, St. James's Vicarage, Hatcham, S.E.
 Bro. H. E. F. BUSSEY, P.M. 1928, 123 Brixton Hill, S.W.
 Bro. Alderman FARNCOMBE, Prov. G.J.W. Sussex, *East Sussex News* Office, Lewes.
 Bro. R. J. GRIFFITHS, W.M. 1928, 4 Inner Temple Lane, E.C.
 Bro. C. F. PARDON, P.M. 1928, 119 Fleet Street, E.C.
 Bro. R. J. ALBERRY, 1362, S.D. 1928, 24 Stockwell Park Crescent, S.W.
 Bro. THOS. C. SUMNER, *Yorkshire Post* Office, Leeds, No. 1211.
 Bro. THOMAS MINSTRELL, P.M. 87, P.M. and Secretary 1928, 16 Ann Street, Union Square, Islington, N.
 Bro. H. MASSEY, P.M. 619, P.M. and Treasurer 1928, 93 Chancery Lane, W.C.
 Bro. J. C. DUCKWORTH, P.M. 1928, *Liverpool Courier* Office, 81 Fleet Street, E.C.
 Bro. W. T. PERKINS, J.W. 1928, *Manchester Courier* Office, 27 Fleet Street, E.C.
 Bro. A. F. ASHBE, P.M. 1395, *Surrey Advertiser* Office, Guildford.
 Bro. J. H. HAWES, P.M. 38, *West Sussex Gazette* Office, Chichester.
 Bro. W. J. INNES, 1928, 219 South Lambeth Road, S.W.
 Bro. W. E. PITT, 1928, *Press Association*, Wine Office Court, E.C.
 Bro. JAMES WILLING JUN., V.P., P.M. 177, 1507, 1744, 1937, and 1319, P.Z. 1000, 1507, 2018, P.A.S. Middlesex, &c.
 Bro. R. STACEY, P.M. and P.Z. 180, 434 Brixton Road, S.W.

Any of the above Brethren will thankfully receive votes, or they may be sent to Mrs. GOLDSMITH, 71 Manor Road, Brockley, S.E.

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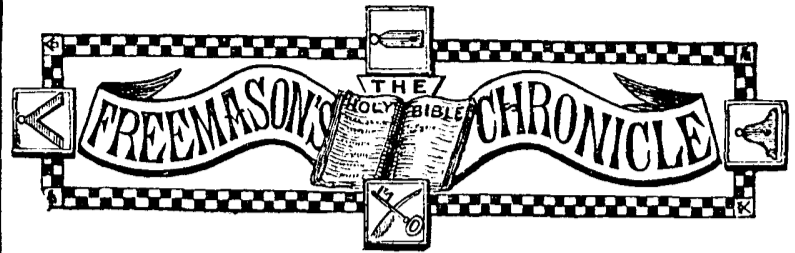
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SATURDAY, 19TH OCTOBER 1889.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF SUSSEX.

THE annual meeting of the Sussex Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Saturday, the 12th inst. Lieut.-Colonel Lord Algernon-Lennox, Provincial Grand Senior Warden, presided, Bro. T. Trollope P.P.G.S.W. acting as Deputy Provincial Grand Master. The Wardens' chairs were occupied by Bro. W. Marchant acting Prov. G.S.W., and Bro. J. Farncombe Prov. G.J.W. There was a very large muster of the brethren of the Province. The Lodge having been opened in due form, the Provincial Grand Secretary read the minutes of the last general meeting and of the special meeting held in December last. These being confirmed, the roll of the Lodges was then called, and it was found that each Lodge was represented. A letter from Mrs. R. Crosskey was read in acknowledgment of the vote of condolence passed to her and her family on the death of her husband, the late Brother R. Crosskey, Provincial Grand Treasurer. On the motion of Bro. W. Marchant, seconded by Bro. W. R. Wood, Bro. W. H. Hallett was unanimously re-elected Provincial Grand Treasurer. The reports of the Board of Finance and the Provincial Charities' Committee were read and adopted, Bro. C. H. Haine being elected Steward of the Charities' Committee in the place of Bro. J. Eberall, whose resignation was accepted with regret, and with hearty thanks for his past services. The Secretary read statistics showing that the members of the Provincial Lodges had increased from 1,179 to 1,200 during the past year. It was decided by a unanimous vote to continue the publication of the Masonic Almanac. A letter was read from Mrs. Gerard Ford, who alluded in graceful terms to the continuous interest her late husband, the deeply lamented Deputy Provincial Grand Master, had taken in the work of the Province. She also forwarded the following address, which the late Bro. F. Gerard Ford had commenced in anticipation of being present at the annual meeting. The unfinished address was as follows:—

It seems hardly possible, Brethren, that a year has passed since I last addressed you. It has been, Masonically, a quiet, uneventful year in the Province. But it is in the quiet uneventful years that real progress is made. It is in the stillness and darkness of the earth that the corn germinates and springs forth, not in the glare and roar of the busy highway. I believe that a steady advance has taken place in our beloved Craft in the Province, and that the love of it and the understanding of it, as a rule of life and conduct, is higher to-day than it was last year. I draw this conclusion from many seemingly unimportant circumstances, the tone of our meetings, the increase in our numbers, and many pleasant talks I have had with my brethren, when I have learned what their feelings are with regard to our brotherhood; I have rejoiced to find their hearts in unison with mine. Masonry, I may truly say, is now the work of my life; the time I spend on other things is but a tithe of what I give to Masonry, and it is a most inspiring thought and one which gives me infinite gratification to know that my labour is not unrewarded. It rejoices my heart to feel, as indeed I have often felt this year, that when I visit the Lodges I receive a welcome, not only as Deputy Provincial Grand Master, but as Gerard Ford, your fellow Craftsman and your Brother. There have been times, Brethren, during the past few months when the waters have seemed about to close over me, and I have doubted whether I should ever again stand here at your head and address you. During that time the beautiful words of the Third Degree have been often present to my mind, for it seemed that nature was about to present to me that "one great and useful lesson more"—that last great lesson after learning which we may enter the Grand Lodge above. Alas! my brethren, since we gathered here a year ago many breaches have again been made in our ranks; my dear Brother Crosskey, whose absence we lamented so much a year ago, I.P.M. Smith, that good and worthy Mason, and many more. Bear with me, brethren, if my words are somewhat tinged with the hue of that dark valley into which I seemed about to enter. It is well, perhaps, sometimes that even at a joyful meeting like the present we should stand quietly apart for a moment from the bustle and stir of business and prosperity, and lift our hearts to the contemplation of the impenetrable mysteries of life. I think we shall return to our duties and our pleasures none the

worse for those quiet moments when our thoughts were raised above the sordid things of every day life. Ours is a complicated double existence, and it is as true to-day as it was more than eighteen hundred years ago that "man does not live by bread alone." It was a great pleasure to me to receive a kind and gracious letter from H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, our Right W. Prov. Grand Master. Before this time next year he will be again in England, but it is well that brethren should not expect too much personal attention from one whose exalted position gives him many high and difficult duties to perform, the execution of which he cannot relegate to a Deputy. During my wanderings, and more especially since the heavy hand of affliction has been laid upon me, I have often felt cheered and comforted by the kind messages that have reached me from my brethren. Once on board a boat on the Rhine I had the happiness of meeting with a brother Mason, a German-American, with whom I had a long and interesting talk about the Craft on the other side of the world."

The acting Provincial Grand Master (Bro. Lieutenant-Colonel Lord Algernon Gordon-Lennox) said they had heard a most touching address from the late Bro. Ford, and the least they could do was to tender to his widow the expression of their deepest and most heartfelt sympathy and condolence with her in the very great affliction which had fallen upon her. Speaking of the late Bro. Ford he said he was a kind and affectionate friend and a good Mason. He then proposed the following resolution, and that a copy should be forwarded to Mrs. Gerard Ford :

"We, the Freemasons of the Province of Sussex in Provincial Grand Lodge assembled, desire to tender to Mrs. Gerard Ford the expression of our respectful and sincere sympathy with her in the distressing and heavy bereavement with which it has pleased the G.A.O.T.U. to visit her. They further desire to testify their deep and lasting gratitude to their late and much lamented Brother and Deputy Provincial Grand Master (whose death has filled the hearts of all Sussex Masons with grief) for the full and well nigh perfect manner in which, with firmness, discretion and impartiality he discharged the onerous duties, and maintained in undiminished lustre the honour of the high office to which H.R.H. the Right W. Prov. Grand Master had been graciously pleased to appoint him, and for the general courtesy and kindness he, at all times and on all occasions, evinced and showed to his Brethren in Freemasonry. They desire also to thank Mrs. Ford for her truly Masonic letter, and the opportunity she has given them of hearing the touching words which he had prepared with the hope of reading them in Lodge to-day. They form a fitting farewell to his earthly labours and a record that the interests of Freemasonry occupied his last moments. And they pray that T.G.A.O.T.U. will, of his Infinite Mercy, grant to those nearest and dearest to him grace and consolation in the hour of this, their heavy affliction. Dated this 12th day of October 1889. Algernon Gordon-Lennox, acting Prov. Grand Master in the chair, R. Pidcock, Prov. G. Registrar, V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Secretary."

Bro. W. Marchant seconded. Bro. W. Dawes said he had been asked to speak upon the resolution. While rising in response to that request he felt that he could not do justice to the memory of their late Deputy Provincial Grand Master. For some years he had been privileged to share the friendship of Bro. Ford; he had had opportunities of studying his character, and it had been most interesting to him to study Bro. Ford as a Freemason. He reviewed his zealous work during the seven years he was Provincial Grand Registrar, and bore testimony to the conscientious manner in which he discharged his duties. When the high honour of Deputy Provincial Grand Master was conferred upon him, he (Bro. Ford) often wondered as to what his success would be. He felt that he was not, like the late Bro. J. H. Scott, well-known to the brethren, and, in the early months of his Provincial Grand Mastership, though he did well, he was anxious to do better, and that anxiety had doubtless affected his health. As time went on he began to appreciate that he had the loyalty and also the confidence of the brethren, and had even secured their personal affection. His task became daily lighter, and he looked forward to many years of usefulness to the Province. What he did for the Province he did with his might; his deeds of benevolence, charity, and kindness were many. Concluding his touching address Bro. Dawes said :—

We have lost him : he is gone ;
We know him now : all narrow jealousies
Are silent ; and we see him as he moved,
How modest, kindly, ail-accomplished, wise,
With what sublime repression of himself,
And in what limits, and how tenderly :
Not swaying to this faction, or to that ;
Not making his high place the lawless perch
Of winged ambitions, nor a vantage-ground
For pleasure ; but thro' all this tract of years
Wearing the white flower of a blameless life.

Bro. Dawes resumed his seat amid hearty and highly appreciative applause. The resolution was carried unanimously. The following brethren, appointed Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year, were invested with

the insignia of their respective offices :—

Bro. Right Hon. Sir W. T. Marriott ...	Senior Warden
T. Billing W.M. 271 ...	Junior Warden
Very Rev. E. R. Currie P.M. 1184	} Chaplains
Rev. J. Pattick W.M. 40 ...	
W. H. Hallett P.M. 271 ...	Treasurer
R. Pidcock P.M. 916 ...	Registrar
V. P. Freeman P.M. 732 ...	Secretary
W. H. Causton P.M. 1726 ...	Senior Deacon
W. Seymour Barrows P.M. 811 ...	Junior Deacon
W. L. Wallis P.M. 916 ...	Supt. of Works
W. Balchin jun. P.M. 1636 ...	D.C.
L. Beaumont P.M. 315 ...	A.D.C.
A. M. Betchley P.M. 1619 ...	Sword Bearer
T. W. Dean P.M. 1110 ...	} Standard Bearers
B. Hughes P.M. 1184 ...	
F. J. Sawyer, Mus. Doc., 271 ...	Organist
B. Burfield P.M. 1821 ...	Assist. Secretary
T. Berry P.M. 1821 ...	Pursuivant
G. E. Chapman P.M. 311 ...	Assist. Pursuivant
W. Botting P.M. 732 ...	} Stewards
E. T. Cooksey W.M. 851 ...	
W. E. Morrison W.M. 916 ...	
A. Brazier P.M. 1829 ...	
J. Graham Edwards P.M. 1466 ...	
L. R. Styer W.M. 315 ...	
H. Hughes ...	

All business ended, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the Banqueting Room, where they sat down to a banquet, which was presided over by the Provincial Senior Grand Warden, the Right Hon. Sir W. T. Marriott, and was served by Bro. Mutton, in his best style. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts followed. Bro. A. Lloyd P.M. 1726, in proposing the health of the Provincial Senior Grand Warden and Provincial Grand Officers, alluded in feeling terms to the death of the late Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Gerard Ford. Sir W. T. Marriott responded in his usual felicitous terms. Bro. Lieutenant-General C. W. Randolph proposed the Visitors, for whom Bro. White, District Grand Deacon of Hong Kong, replied. Bro. C. W. Hudson gave the W.M.'s of the Lodges in the Province, and Bro. T. Billing W.M. 271 and Bro. W. Dawes W.M. 1842 responded. The toast of the Royal Masonic Institutions, proposed by Bro. R. Pidcock, was coupled with the name of Bro. J. M. Reed, the Secretary of the Provincial Grand Lodge Charities Committee, who took the opportunity of asking that the brethren would place their votes at the disposition of the Committee. The health of, and thanks to the Stewards—Bros. H. Beaumont, W. Seymour Burrows, W. Balchin junior, W. L. Wallis, A. M. Betchley, and W. H. Causton—and the Tyler's toast terminated the proceedings. The musical portion of the entertainment was under the direction of Dr. F. J. Sawyer, Provincial Grand Organist, who introduced for the first time to an English audience Madame Antoinette Link, the daughter of a German Mason, who charmed the brethren by her clever execution. Miss Minnie Freeman and Mr. Douglas Lott were also applauded for their various contributions, and the humorous songs of Mr. C. T. West formed a pleasing interlude, and assisted materially to promote the harmony of the evening.

Ralph Oldacre Dickens, aged 9 years, is a candidate on the list for next Friday's election for the Boys' School. He is the son of a Mason with whom we were personally acquainted.—Bro. William Gough Dickens, who died November last, aged 42, of bronchitis, leaving a widow and six children totally unprovided for. Bro. Dickens was a subscribing member of the Dalhousie Lodge, No. 860, up to a few months prior to his death; was a Past Master, and for some years Secretary, of the same Lodge; and was a Life-Governor of the Boys' Institution. His widow is also a Life-Governor of that Charity. The case is well recommended by a number of influential Metropolitan Masons, and also has the support of the father's Lodge, so that there is ample evidence of the lad being deserving of support. We shall be pleased to hear that the addition of our appeal to that of many others has been productive of some help for the widow and her family.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Rheumatism and Rheumatic gout are the most dreaded of all diseases, because their victims know that they are safe at no season, and at no age secure. Holloway's Ointment, after fomentation of the painful parts, gives greater relief than any other application; but it must be diligently used to obtain this desirable result. It has been highly commended by rheumatic subjects of all ages and of both sexes, for rendering their attacks less frequent and violent, and for removing the sour perspirations and soothing the nerves. In many cases Holloway's Ointment and Pills have proved the greatest blessings in removing rheumatism and rheumatic gout which has assailed persons previously and at the prime of life.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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

We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

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THE ROYAL MASONIC BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In justice to numerous friends who, under adverse circumstances, have most kindly given me their generous support, and to myself as feeling acutely the unmerited obloquy to which I have been subjected, I cannot refrain from requesting space in your paper to enable me to place on record my protest—effectual or ineffectual as the case may be—against the unmeasured bitterness of tone which has found expression in some of the communications from Provincial localities, with resolutions embodying disapproval of the action recommended by the Provisional Management Committee.

For nearly thirty years my conduct has been before the Masonic world, and in that lengthy period of public life I do not fear to assert that I have never been guilty of an official act upon which I can look back with regret, or of which I need feel ashamed. With what justice, therefore, is it asserted, that because the Report of a Commission conveys an unfavourable opinion of my estimate of the duties of my position I have therefore "forfeited the confidence of every member of the Craft?" Mistaken in my estimate I may have been; false to my trust, I defy any one to maintain.

From the date of my appointment in 1861 I have laboured assiduously and successfully, and have been complimented by repeated acknowledgments of my services from those best qualified to form an opinion.

If it is to be accepted that apathy and repose are satisfactory substitutes for "energy and activity" so let it be. At my time of life I should welcome such an understanding, and it is no secret that for a considerable period I have longed for relaxation.

Controversial argument I wish to avoid, and I should hesitate to trouble you and your readers with these few lines were I not anxious to make known to friends and opponents alike that my abstention from wordy or written discussion has not been dictated by any such motive as that of allowing judgment to go by default, but by a firm conviction that from every point of view it is wise and politic to avoid public strife and dissension, and rely upon your own inner consciousness, supported by the favourable verdict of those possessing the best means of forming a dispassionate judgment.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

FREDERICK BINCKES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—We notice with great regret the resolution passed by the General Committee on 5th October to terminate the appointment of the Rev. Dr. Morris, the present Head Master of the Boys' School.

Dr. Morris is very well known outside the Masonic body: firstly, in regard to his connection with King's College School, London, where he was for 7 years a master and lecturer; secondly, from his great literary reputation as an English scholar; thirdly, from his general successes in the educational world, especially in connection with the R.M.I.B. These latter are too well known to need dilating upon here, the printed reports of the University Local Examinations, together with the Annual Reports of the School Committee, bear ample testimony to this fact.

But our object in addressing you is not altogether to draw especial notice to these particulars, but to direct the attention of the Craft generally, the supporters of the School, to the very marked change and great improvement which have taken place in the régime of the establishment under the auspices of Dr. Morris. On this point we claim to have had a very practical experience, each of us having passed nearly six years in the School under three successive Head Masters, and are therefore, we think, more competent to express an opinion as to what Dr. Morris has done for the good of the School, as it actually affects the moral training and education of the pupils, than those who have been there only under one Head Master or than those of the governing body or of the Craft generally who cannot have had the same facilities for becoming intimately acquainted with the internal working of the School as we have had. One of us wished to give evidence upon this point before the last Committee of Inquiry, and wrote to a member of the late House Committee testifying his readiness to attend when desired, but was not even treated to the courtesy of an acknowledgment of that letter, which undoubtedly reached its destination for the addressee mentioned its reception to a member of the Craft.

We do not hesitate to say that the system of education and discipline pursued in the School underwent a complete revolution for the better even during the first few years of Dr. Morris's rule, which only those who actually passed through it can fully appreciate. Vexatious and unnecessary restrictions upon our liberty were removed, and we could obtain certain much valued privileges by application to studies and by good conduct. Our curriculum of study was greatly enlarged, more high mathematics, elementary science, and other subjects were added, and, with a view to our ultimate aims in life, some of us were encouraged and assisted in the study of special subjects outside the ordinary School curriculum; we, the writers have each attained the highest grade in our respective faculties at the University of London, and we feel that

the careful training by Dr. Morris was a very considerable factor in our success at the University.

The friction between the educational and the domestic staff (mentioned in the report of the Committee of Inquiry) existed quite as much in our time as it has of late, and we were painfully aware of it, for it left us in a state of uncertainty which authority to obey when their opinions clashed. Dr. Morris, by his wise and considerate procedure, poured, as far as he was able, oil on troubled waters, and enabled the work of the educational branch to proceed much more smoothly than before.

Under these improved conditions the educational status and moral tone of the School rose rapidly, and we can testify to the very great difference in the average attainments of the boys on leaving the School before and during Dr. Morris's tenure of office, and to the much happier relationship which was brought about between Masters and Boys.

We cannot but regard Dr. Morris as the true friend of his pupils, both past and present; ever willing to lend a helping hand to the sons of Freemasons. In him we felt we had a friend, and one, too, to whom are particularly applicable the lines of Langridge:—

A friend's hand in mine, lads,
A kind hand and true;
In rough ways and dark days
It helps a man through.

Gratitude to our old Head Master, and justice alike, compel us to address you, in order that the Masonic Craft may see the kind of man on whose shoulders they placed great responsibility, and how faithfully he carried out his trust.

We ask the Masonic Craft generally whether the resolution of 5th October is in accordance with the reputation of that body for justice and fair treatment, or whether it be not rather an example of excellent services ill-requited?

We would add one word more. We are certain that the opinions which we express are not those of ourselves alone, but also of very many others who have had the good fortune to be pupils of the Rev. Dr. Morris.

We enclose our cards, and are,

Sir, yours faithfully,

TWO OLD PUPILS OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

15th October 1889.

We wish to say that we are not unmindful nor unappreciative of the services which the Rev. O. G. D. Perrot rendered to the School and to its pupils during his brief rule.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Toole's.—A capital company has been got together to play the new farcical comedy written by Mr. Horner entitled "The Bungalow," and if the play fails to attract the fault must be ascribed to the play and not to the company. But we see no good reason why the play should not, to use an expression borrowed from over the water, "catch on." The first two acts cause so much laughter that the third comes as a disappointing surprise, and steps must be taken to strengthen it if "The Bungalow" is to be more than a temporary structure at Toole's. The third act is the weakest in the play. But this is not the only defect. The whole play is founded on a series of incidents which, innocent in themselves, are suggestive of moral obliquity, and we cannot say that their tendency is of a wholesome character. This is essentially no play for babes and sucklings, and for ourselves we must confess to a distaste for fun based on the misunderstanding that pervades "The Bungalow." But having said this, we are free to admit Mr. Horner's skill in constructing an amusing play, and his scrupulous care in stating that it is founded on the French piece, "La Garçonnière," although to all intents and purposes it is new, having little in common with the original. We wish all adaptors were so conscientious. Of the plot it is not necessary to speak in detail; and of the players it is difficult to make a selection for especial praise when almost all act exceedingly well. With the single exception of Miss Sallie Turner the caste is an excellent one. But it is almost unnecessary to say this when it is recollected that the caste consists of Messrs. F. Kaye, Charles Glenney, Yorke Stephens, and Compton Coatts; and Misses Helen Forsyth, Cissy Graham, Vane Featherston, Ciceley Richards, and M. A. Giffard. We may mention that since the above was written Miss Sophie Larkin has taken Miss Turner's part.

Criterion.—We are glad to notice that the management have adopted our suggestion of last week, and the comedy of "Caste" is now preceded by Mr. F. W. Broughton's comedietta "Sunshine," which forms a pleasant prelude to the *pièce de résistance*. As a consequence the evening's entertainment now commences at eight o'clock.

Saturday, the 26th inst., has been appointed for the private view of the Autumn Exhibition, (the Nineteenth), of the 19th Century Art Society, at the Conduit Street Galleries, and the exhibition will open to the public on Monday, the 28th inst.

Star Chapter of Instruction, No. 1275.—On Friday, 11th inst., at Camberwell. Present:—Comps. Hilton Preceptor, Moore M.E.Z., Eedle H., Hill J., Stone S.E., Woods S.N., Stone P.S., and Addington. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Addington as candidate. Comp. Eedle was elected Z. for the next meeting.

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, 19th OCTOBER.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel Street, Fleet, W. 7.
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hamnorsmith, at 7.30. (In)
R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 142—St. Thomas's, Cannon Street Hotel
R.A. 1572—Carnarvon, Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

511—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1897—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
2147—Crays Valley, St. Mary Cray, Kent
R.A. 1194—Royal Middlesex, Mitre Hotel, Hammersmith
R.A. 2096—George Price, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.

MONDAY, 21st OCTOBER.

21—Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate-street
22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
802—Whittington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
901—City of London, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
907—Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8. (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1537—St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, W.
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)
1608—Kilburne, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, S. (Inst.)
1743—Perseverance, 23 Adde Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ludbrooke Hall, Notting Hill
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 173—Temple, Green Dragon Tavern, Stepney

77—Freedom, Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
331—Phoenix Public Room, Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
622—St. Guthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield
935—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1141—Mid Sussex, King's Arms Hotel, Horsham
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
1238—Gooch, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1909—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1973—Saye and Sele, Masonic Hall, Belyers, Kent
R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
R.A. 248—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, Bolton Street, Brixham
R.A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
R.A. 954—St. Aubyn, Ebrington Masonic Hall, Grandy Street, Devonport
R.A. 995—Firmness, Masonic Temple, Uiverston
K.T.—Edmund Plantagenet, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury
K.T.—Prince of Peace, Ball Hotel, Preston

TUESDAY, 22nd OCTOBER.

14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
25—Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
35—Constitutional, Leatford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Southampton, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, City Arms Restaurant, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
92—Moira, Albion, Aldersgate-street
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
188—Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 8. (Instruction)
265—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
212—Euphrates, another Red Cap, Regent Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst)
654—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)
830—Dunstable, Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Daiston at 8 (Inst.)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1158—Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
1321—Emblematic, Mona Hotel, Haverstock-street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
1348—Ebury, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgecombe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 9. (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst.)
1744—Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
1919—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.3
R.A. 7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 9. (Inst.)
R.A. 1269—Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
R.A. 1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
M.M. 3—Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle 7.30 (In)
252—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1343—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction)
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1633—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road North, at 8. (Instruction)
1675—Ancient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
2025—St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, Devon
2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
R.A. 47—Abbey, George Hotel, Nottingham
R.A. 94—De Lambton, Freemasons' Hall, Queen Street, Sunderland
R.A. 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
R.A. 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 168—Keystone, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
M.M. 262—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
K.T. 114—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds

WEDNESDAY, 23rd OCTOBER.

Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6
General Committee Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (Inst)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Seven Sisters Tavern, Page Green, Eastonham
761—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
902—Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, at 8. (Instruction)
1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1056—Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 216 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
1540—Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1589—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (In.)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1651—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, W. (Inst.)
1820—Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
1963—Duke of Albany, 15 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 13—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
R.A. 177—Domestic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., 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)

32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Liverpool
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Clatterbury. (Instruction)
1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley Street, Bury, Lancashire
1611—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Fowle Hall-place, Bolton
1967—Beacon Court, Gluzee Fort Hotel, New Brighton, Kent
R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 695—De Tabley, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
R.A. 1356—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 1973—Saye and Sele, Masonic Rooms, Belvedere, Kent
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Alnwick-street, Newcastle
M.M. 373—Ilkoston, Rutland House, Ilkoston
K.T. 16—Prudence, Freemasons' Hall, Ipswich

THURSDAY, 24th OCTOBER.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
34—Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
66—Grenadiers', Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, Collyer-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.)
397—United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 300 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)
858—South Middlesex, Beaufort House, North End, Fulham
861—Finsbury, London Tavern, Fencuaren-street
874—Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
1017—Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. (Instruction)
1166—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Onoser St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
1273—Burdett Courts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, N., at 8. (Instruction)
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimpole-st., at 7.30. (Inst)
1421—Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst)
1553—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1992—Sir Hugh Lyddleton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Ineberton 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.)
- 1658—Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
- 1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
- 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In)
- 1744—Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
- 1791—Creton, Wheatheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shophards Bush. (Inst)
- 1816—Victoria Park, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park Road
- 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1974—St. Mary Abbots, Town Hall, Kensington
- 1996—Priory, Berrymead Priory Constitutional Club, High-st., Acton. (Inst.)
- 2264—Chough, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
- R.A. 29—St. Albans, Albion, Aldersgate Street
- R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8. (Inst.)
- R.A. 177—Domatic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
- R.A. 534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8.
- R.A. 766—William Preston, Cannon-street Hotel, E
- R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
- R.A. 1623—West Smithfield, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

- 48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gt. Gt. Street. (Instruction)
- 51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
- 78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Millton, Lancashire
- 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
- 214—Hono and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Brentwood, Essex
- 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
- 348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
- 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 784—Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Park Street, Deal
- 935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington Square, Salford
- 1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1437—Liberty of Havering, Rising Sun, Romford
- 1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, nr Manchester
- 1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
- 1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
- 2131—Brownlow, Town Hall, Ellesmere, Shropshire
- R.A. 113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Church Street, Preston
- R.A. 216—Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- R.A. 279—Fortitude, Freemasons' Hall, Halford Street, Leicester
- R.A. 304—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton
- R.A. 431—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields
- R.A. 424—De Burgh, 34 Denmark-street, Gt. Gt. Street.
- R.A. 1037—Portland, Masonic Hall, Portland, Dorset
- R.A. 1098—Prince of Wales, Private Rooms, Temple Hall, Tredegar
- R.A. 1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham

FRIDAY, 25th OCTOBER.

- Quarterly General Court Boys' School, Freemasons' Tavern, at 12
- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
- 60—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
- 107—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.)
- 569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, E.C.
- 765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
- 768—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
- 790—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
- 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
- 1058—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)
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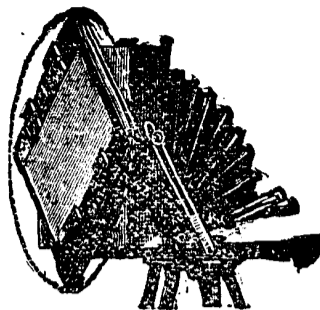
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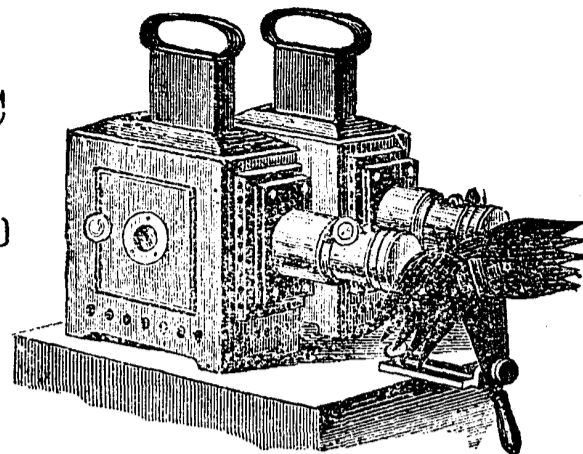
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