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THE NEW SECRETARY.

WE give elsewhere the result of the election which took place on Saturday, when a Secretary was appointed for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, in succession to Bro. Frederick Binckes, whose term of office expired on the 30th ult., after a service extending over nearly 30 years. As already recorded in our pages, there were 28 candidates, whose qualifications were in accordance with the requirements of the Provisional Committee, and that number went to the poll on Saturday, but in reality—as we anticipated would be the case—the contest for the appointment was confined to five candidates, Bros. Baskett, Greenwood, McLeod, Smith and Storr, who between them polled 5375 votes out of the 5441 recorded on the occasion. This left but 66 votes to be divided between twenty-three of the candidates, but as seven of them were wholly unsupported at the poll, the actual distribution was confined to sixteen, as follows:—One candidate polled 21 votes, one 14, one 5, one 4, one 3, eight 2 each, and three 1 each.

The 5375 votes already mentioned as secured by the five leading candidates were not, however, by any means equally apportioned. Bro. J. M. McLeod came out first, with a total of 2317; thus leaving but 3058 to be divided between his four foremost rivals, who polled as follows:—A. C. Greenwood 991, Gordon Smith 815, Edwin Storr 716, S. R. Baskett 536. It will be seen that Bro. McLeod's majority was no less than 1326 over that of Bro. Greenwood, who came second on the poll, and this majority is in itself one and a-third times the total secured by Bro. Greenwood. This is a splendid result for Bro. McLeod, and not only for him, but for the Institution over whose affairs he will in future have so much influence, as it proves that nearly three-sevenths, or not far from one-half, of the whole body of voters agreed to support him, and having placed him in the onerous position of Secretary, they cannot desert him during the early days of his rule at the offices of the Institution. It rests with Brother McLeod himself to show that he deserves a continuation of the support which has been thus given him, and we shall be very much surprised if he does not prove himself fully competent to discharge the work entrusted to his care; but we strongly urge upon his supporters the necessity of giving him a fair start; to use every effort, in fact, to make his first Festival as much of a success as they have made his election to the office of Secretary, and if they will do that, we shall not have much fear for the future of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, at least so far as its Secretary can influence its concerns.

We were very pleased to hear Bro. McLeod express himself, as he did after the result of the election had been made known, in regard to Bro. Binckes. The new Secretary said he recognised he had a good man to follow, and he gave to Bro. Binckes the credit of

having first aroused in him a desire to work for the welfare of the Masonic Charities. Recognising that it became imperative for the Craft to find a successor to Bro. Binckes, we think about as good a selection as was possible has been made in choosing Bro. McLeod, but we advise him that we look upon his predecessor in the office of Secretary as about as perfect an official as it was possible to find, and we consider he will have a very difficult task to reach the position secured by Bro. Binckes, far less improve upon it. In saying this we do not wish to discourage his efforts, but rather to show him the difficulty of the task before him; at the same time we assure him it will be our particular endeavour to do everything in our power to prove we are anxious to "welcome the coming, and speed the parting guest." It is no disrespect to our new love if we refer to the feelings we have entertained towards his predecessor, and we know there are a very large number of Freemasons who feel as we do in this matter. They do not regard Bro. McLeod as an interloper; they feel that their duty is to help him to the best of their ability, so that he may be enabled to uphold the dignity of the office, raised to a high place in the opinion of English Freemasons by his illustrious predecessor. On these lines we are convinced we may promise Bro. McLeod a large amount of support from the old friends of Bro. Binckes, and, as in addition, he has a very large following of his own, we anticipate it will not be a wholly impossible task for him to make a brilliant success of the Festival of 1891, for which we are pleased to learn a number of brethren have already given in their names as Stewards. In this connection we venture to offer a word of advice to the new Secretary. It was London that made such a sorry show at the last Festival, and it is London which will require his most strenuous exertions up to the date of the next. He need not offend his Provincial supporters by neglecting them, but he can justifiably ask his friends in the country to work for the Institution in their own districts, and thus enable him to give his whole attention and the best of his ability to the Metropolitan field, which has, up till the present year, always produced the richer crop, and which is still available for an energetic worker who has the desire to make friends of those who are anxious to co-operate in the advancement of a good cause. We again congratulate Bro. McLeod on his success, and sincerely hope he will labour successfully for many years to come in the new office to which he has been appointed by the Freemasons of England.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Gloucestershire and Herefordshire have resolved to recommend Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith as the successor of the Baron de Ferrières as Provincial Grand Mark Master Mason.

THE ANTIQUITY OF MASONIC DEGREES.

BY BRO. JACOB NORTON.

IN reply to Bro. Gould's letter in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE of 21st June, under the above heading, I beg to state that while I was aware that Anderson's pre-1717 History of Masonry contains numerous fictions of Anderson's invention, yet the history he gave of his own times, that is between 1717 and 1738, I had no reason to doubt. Anderson, in the latter part of his History, may have made some mistakes, but I cannot believe even now that knowingly and wilfully he stated an untruth in his post 1717 History of Masonry.

Now my belief in the existence of three degrees in 1723 is mainly based on the authority of Anderson's Constitutions of 1723, where, in the first paragraph of Article XIII, I have read as follows:—

"Apprentices must be admitted Masters and Fellow Craft only here" [in the Grand Lodge].

Upon the above law I base my belief that in 1723 Masons had three degrees. That the wording of the above law was correctly printed is confirmed, not only by the "Old Regulations" in the 1738 Constitutions, but also by a manuscript copy of the 1723 Constitutions, written by Dr. Desaguliers. The said MS. copy was shown to me in 1869, by the then Grand Secretary, Bro. Hervey, when he called my attention to a peculiar fact, viz., that in the MS. Constitutions and in the printed copy the beginnings and endings of the lines correspond. Each successive line in each copy begins and ends alike.

Now, Bro. Gould explained in his last letter that the quotation he gave in his lecture was taken by him from the Grand Lodge record of 1725, and he shews a disagreement, both in dates and wording, between Anderson's paragraph relating to the repeal of the above quoted 1723 law, in his 1738 Constitutions, and of the Grand Secretary's minutes relating to the same event in 1725. Thus, on page 160, under "New Regulations," in the 1738 Constitutions, Anderson says:—

* The reader will notice that in the above quotations from both 1723 and 1738 Constitutions, Anderson had the words Apprentice, Master, and Fellow Craft, or Fellows, printed either in capital letters or in italics. Now this fact alone seems to indicate that Anderson had no idea that *Master* and *Fellowcraft* were "convertible terms." But, on the contrary, it implies three distinct ranks in the Craft; the first rank, or *Apprentice*, the Lodge conferred "without an if or but." But the second and third rank could be obtained in the Grand Lodge only, except by dispensation.

But the Grand Lodge's minutes of 1725 read as follows:—

"27th Nov. 1725. A motion being made that such part of the 13th Article of the General Regulations [meaning Anderson's Constitutions of 1723, above quoted] relating to the making of Masters only at the Quarterly Court [viz., the Grand Lodge] may be repealed, and that the Master of each Lodge, with the consent of his Wardens, and a Majority of the Brethren being Masters, may make Masters at their discretion."

Now, with regard with the difference in dates, that is, whether the 27th or the 22nd of November was the correct date when that law of 1723 was repealed, I admit that Anderson made a mistake, and that it was a mistake only may be seen in his History preceding the Constitutions of 1738, where on page 119 he says:—

"Grand Lodge, in ample Form, at the Bell foresaid, 27 Nov. 1725, when the Grand Officers were continued six months longer."

The difference in their respective dating the repeal of the 1723 law does not influence the question at issue. But as others as well as Anderson could make a mistake in a date, it must be admitted that the Grand Secretary could also have made mistakes by *omissions*, and that the Secretary of 1725 made such mistakes I shall herewith endeavour to prove.

Now, the 13th Article in the 1723 Constitutions debarred Lodges from making Fellowcrafts and Masters without a dispensation. But in 1725 that prohibition was annulled. Thereafter the Lodges were allowed to make both Fellowcrafts and Masters without a dispensation, which in Anderson's 1738 Constitutions reads thus:—

"The Master of a Lodge, with his Wardens and a competent number of the Lodge, assembled in due form, can make Masters and Fellows at discretion."

"On 22nd Nov. 1725 [it was enacted that] the Master of a Lodge with his Wardens and a competent Number of the Lodge assembled in due form, can make Masters and Fellows at his discretion."*

But the Grand Secretary, when the law was repealed in 1725, carelessly omitted from his record the word *Fellowcraft*. He omitted the word *Fellowcraft*, first, when referring to Anderson's Constitutions of 1723 when the law was enacted, [and second, when, alluding to the repeal of that law in 1725, he wrote down "may make Masters at their discretion," while he should in each case have written *Fellowcrafts* and *Masters* (or *vice versa*).

But after all, when looking rightly at the question, even the omission of the word *Fellowcraft* by the Grand Secretary of 1725 from his minutes does not at all antagonise Anderson's statement in relation to that event in his 1738 Constitutions, for if Lodges acquired the right in 1725 to make Masters without a dispensation, they must necessarily have acquired the same right with regard to conferring the *Fellowcraft* degree. The difference in the wording about the repeal of the 1723 law in 1725, between the Grand Lodge minutes of 1725 and Anderson's Constitutions of 1738, really amounts to nothing.

If, however, my highly esteemed friend Bro. Gould should, after reading the above reasons, still adhere to his opinion that the 1723 Masons had but two degrees, and, if I understand right, that even on the 27th of November 1725 Masons still had but two degrees. And as there is no doubt that Masons had three degrees in 1730, at least, I would therefore be obliged to Bro. Gould to inform me, if he can, as to when the third degree came into existence, or when the words *Masters* and *Fellowcrafts* ceased to be "convertible terms."

Boston, U.S., 8th July 1890.

THE SECRETARY.

HAPPY, indeed, is the Lodge which is in possession of a good Secretary. There is more true, practical Masonry obtained at the Secretary's desk than in any other station in the Lodge.

It is the Secretary who is the connecting link of the Order with the outer world; to him belongs the prosaic, but practical work of gathering in the shekels wherewith to oil the machinery of the Lodge, and though the Master may rattle off the ritual *a la* "Standard," he can not therewith collect a dollar to help the widow, or clothe the orphan; it is the constant drumming and labour of the faithful Secretary that calls the brethren to his desk to pay up.

The Secretary, if attentive to his duty, will know all the members, and know how hard or easy it is for them to comply with the demands of charity upon their purse; and more than any officer of the Lodge he should possess the entire and unqualified confidence of the members. Masters come and go, but the Secretary remains; many brethren have entered the Lodge, first complying with the prosaic demands of the Secretary in the ante-room, then become Deacons, Wardens, &c., and finally the ambitious brother is installed as Master in the East, and behold! there he finds the ever faithful Secretary at his post and as his right hand, toiling on for the good of the Lodge, and ready to help and support each incoming Master in all good works of the Lodge, ready to serve on committees, visit the sick and gladden the heart of those in need.

But there are others, alas! who are not over scrupulous in handling the sacred funds of the Lodge; happily these are few in numbers, and are generally known, and their tenor of office is of short duration; by far the large majority of our Secretaries are true and faithful workers in our quarries, and, if perchanced, a Past Master consents to act as such, it is all the better, for then he is in possession of the full experience of the needs of the Lodge and has "passed through" the ordeal, and having no further ambition to satisfy, may devote his entire energy to the utmost and absolute good of the Lodge. Brethren, if you have a good Secretary, stand by him and help him fulfil his arduous duties; it is for the interest of the Lodge and of Masonry to have a good and efficient Secretary.

—Hebrew Standard.

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TRUTHFULNESS A FUNDAMENTAL VIRTUE.

THE ethics of Freemasonry are defined with a considerable degree of clearness. Not every thing may be set forth relating to human duty, or the requirements which attach to the law of obligation as between man and man—brother and brother—but there is a sufficient enunciation to make evident the fact that there are certain virtues which ought to be cultivated and certain faults which should be avoided. Falsehood and deceit are ignoble vices especially opposed to both the letter and the spirit of Freemasonry. Truth and integrity are commended all along the path of Masonic teaching, and many impressive illustrations of the importance of these sublime virtues are put before candidates as they advance from one department to another of the Masonic Institution. In the Masters' degree the lesson is made impressive that it is better to forfeit one's life than be false to a pledge that has been taken. In the ritual of the Red Cross, truth is declared to be a "Divine attribute and the foundation of every virtue." Elsewhere there is a suggestive enforcement of the Masonic requirement that Craftsmen should be high minded, honourable, truthful men.

Not all members of the Fraternity appear to have profited by such teachings. Some there are who manifest deceit and treachery, who are guilty of hypocrisy and insincerity, almost as if they had never bowed at Masonic altars. Evidently they have no high standard of morality; they deride ethics of Freemasonry, and of religion itself. They do not propose to regulate their lives by honesty and truth. Alas! that there should be those who make so little account of the lessons which are taught to the Craft by word, and the no less significant lessons of emblems and symbols used in the Masonic ceremonies, both intended to be productive in the formation of an upright character and the holding of the life to a straightforward, honourable career!

But we have in mind just now a certain class whose speech is savoured with deceit and misrepresentation as they criticise and denounce those toward whom they hold an unfriendly feeling. What is there more mean and base than the utterance of wilful detraction and revenge, and yet how often we hear the expression of malice which is utterly devoid of truth! Alas, that there should be such proneness to use falsehood in the wish to accomplish selfish ends or work injury to others! Alas that there should be so much double dealing and hypocrisy in society—so much of that cruel calumny which is justly responsible for no small portion of the world's evil and unhappiness! "The tongue is an unruly member full of deadly poison."

"'Twas but a breath—
And yet the fair, good name was wilted;
And friends once warm grew cold and stilted,
And life was worse than death.

One venomous word,
That struck its coward, poisoned blow;
In craven whispers, hushed and low—
And yet the wide world heard.

'Twas but a whisper—one
That muttered low for very shame,
The thing the slanderer dare not name—
And yet its work was done.

A hint so slight,
And yet so mighty in its power.
A human soul in one short hour
Lies crushed beneath its blight."

Let us remember that the Masonic code of ethics is most pronounced in rebuking hasty, inconsiderate, and false speech that may do harm to the reputation of another. It makes distinct a law of truthfulness—and of charity as well—requiring the members of the great Fraternity to speak and act out of a heart of moral uprightness pervaded by the spirit of love.—*Freemasons' Repository.*

Our dear old friend Bro. Jacob Norton is in high glee just now; he has secured a "find," in the shape of a Masonic MS. dated 1677, written on parchment. The MS., he tells us, contains some curious features, not the least interesting of which is the name of King Solomon's master mason. We are promised an early copy to place before our readers.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THREE of the returns are now out from the School of Science and Art, South Kensington, and the subscribers will no doubt be very gratified indeed at the results, which are certainly beyond calculation. In Mathematics 27 of our Girls went up; all have passed, 17 first class, the rest second. In Botany 22 went up; 21 have passed, 6 first class, the rest second. In Physiography 40 went up; 38 passed, 7 first class, the rest second. We think both teachers and taught are to be greatly congratulated at such a result.

OUR CITIZEN ARMY.

AFTER a tenancy of nearly thirty years, the National Rifle Association has had to look farther afield for a likely spot to succeed the old Wimbledon; one capable of sustaining its prestige, and renewing the many fond memories that will ever attach to the old quarters. After much consideration Bisley Common was the place chosen, and its inauguration and opening for military purposes took place on Saturday last. As with Wimbledon, so with Bisley: Royalty graced the opening ceremony. Thirty years back Her Majesty the Queen, took part in the first gathering; the Prince and Princess of Wales performed a like ceremony on Saturday for Bisley. That nothing might detract from the opening scene a special service of trains was run from Waterloo, by the London and South Western Railway Company. At half past three the Royal train, under the guidance of Mr. C. Scott, the General Manager, steamed out of Waterloo Station on its way to Bisley, and some little time later the Princess at a given signal fired the first shot, and thus inaugurated, under most favourable circumstances, the new shooting ground. The Monday following the opening ceremony witnessed the commencement of the business part of the meeting, and during the week the firing has been of a very high order. We will not say that bulls-eyes have been as plentiful as "leaves in Vallambrosa," but we must say that our "shootists" have done themselves justice, and have shown that as far as marksmanship goes the New Wimbledon will not compare unfavourably. The weather, unfortunately, has not been of the brightest, and our Volunteers will scarcely forget the downpour and havoc to ten's, &c., that Thursday witnessed. Taking all in all, however, it can be truthfully said that the infant Bisley has been ushered into existence in a highly successful manner, and evidences a long and prosperous future.

It was certainly a heavy responsibility our good brethren of the Anglo-American took upon themselves when they decided to make their Lodge a Masonic Home for Transatlantic friends who might be on a visit to this country. This was exemplified on Tuesday last, when the members of No. 2191 undertook to receive and entertain the M.W. Bro. the Hon. John W. Vrooman, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, U.S.A., R.W. Brother Frederick A. Burnham, Chief Commissioner Masonic Appeals, Grand Lodge State of New York, U.S.A., R.W. Bro. Edward B. Harper, Trustee (Hall and Asylum) Grand Lodge State of New York, U.S.A. In addition to these distinguished Masons, the Anglo-American brethren were honoured with a visit from Colonel F. W. Laurie P.G.M. Nova Scotia, and Aubrey Saunders P.D.G.M. Madras. The English Grand Lodge was represented by Bros. H. D. Sandeman P.D.G.M. Bengal, the Rev. R. W. M. Pope and the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg Past Grand Chaplains, J. W. Woodall, M.P., P.G. Treasurer, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, Thomas Fenn President Board of General Purposes; Bros. Captain N. G. Philips, Frank Richardson, George Cooper Past Grand Deacons; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, and Bros. Charles Belton, J. Lewis Thomas, C. F. Matier. Bros. Admiral Englefield, R. E. H. Goffin, and about 100 others also attended. The work throughout was of a very interesting character; the I.P.M. Brother Kedge worked the first degree, in favour of Mr. William G. L. Harvey. The ceremony of the second degree was worked by the Grand Secretary, in favour of three candidates, to whom he gave a full explanation of the tracing board. Bro. Atkinson, a candidate for the third degree, was raised by Bro. Thomas Fenn. The compliment of honorary membership was conferred on the principal guests, and the after proceedings, presided over by the W.M., Bro. Theodore H. Tilton, were of a most enjoyable character. We hope to be able to give further particulars next week.

A complimentary dinner, over which Sir Whittaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., presided, was given at the Café Royal, on Saturday evening, the 12th inst., to Mr. Alderman Gould, J.P., by the Board of Management and Medical Staff of St. John's Hospital for Diseases of the Skin.

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

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF KENT.

THE Masons of the Province of Kent assembled on the 10th inst., at Ashford, under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Amherst, who was supported by Bro. James Smith Eastes the Deputy of the county, several Officers of the Grand Lodge of England, and a large number of present and past Officers of Kent and other members of the Provincial Lodge. It was estimated that about two hundred and fifty Masons were present at the meeting, which was held at the Assembly Rooms. The Earl of Amherst having regularly opened the Provincial Grand Lodge, the minutes of last year's gathering, held at Bromley, were read and duly confirmed. The accounts of the Prov. Grand Treasurer were next submitted, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Then followed the election of a Treasurer for the ensuing year, the choice of the members falling upon Bro. Russell, who had filled the appointment during the last year, and had given every satisfaction in the discharge of the duties attached to it. No other name was submitted to the Provincial Lodge, and Bro. Russell's election was received with acclamation. He replied, acknowledging the honour the Province had conferred on him, and hoped he might continue to give satisfaction. The following brethren were then appointed and invested as the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year, the Earl of Amherst addressing to each a few words of congratulation on their appointment:—

Bro. Capt. W. H. Tilden-Pattenson 1854	Senior Warden
John Smith Lovett P.M. 709 ...	Junior Warden
Rev. H. M. Maugham, M.A., 1915	Senior Chaplain
Rev. J. Stewart, M.A., W.M. 1414	Junior Chaplain
— Russell	Treasurer
Alfred Spencer	Secretary
Fredk. S. Stenning P.M. 1725	Registrar
Robt. Andrews Gibbons P.M. 1464	Senior Deacons
Wm. Henry Crouk P.M. 1414	
John Sills Charlton P.M. 1678	Junior Deacons
Chas. Edward Birch P.M. 1223	
Wm. J. Light P.M. 299	Supt. of Works
George Wm. Mitchell P.M. 615	Dir. of Cers.
Geo. Naylor P.M. 20	Deputy Dir. of Cers.
Stephen E. Morgan P.M. 1424	Assistant Dir. of Cers.
Thos. Henry Blamires P.M. 1419	Sword Bearer
Samuel F. Pringner P.M. 972	Standard Bearers
Priessnitz Jones P.M. 1837	
Wm. Henry Longhurst P.M. 31	Organist
Ernest L. Walford P.M. 2148	Assistant Secretary
James J. B. Candell P.M. 1436	Pursuivant
Wm. Thos. Brailey P.M. 1531	Assistant Pursuivant
Thos. Deane P.M. 77	Stewards
Richard Griggs P.M. 133	
John Hunt P.M. 503	
Robert Jewell Cook P.M. 913	
Charles Baker P.M. 1206	Tyler
Geo. R. Iglesden P.M. 1208	
Joseph Oram 20	

The recommendations of the Grand Lodge Charity Committee were then brought forward by the Provincial Master, and unanimously approved of. These included one grant of £20, four of £15 each, and one of £10 for distressed members of the Province; £13 for the purpose of placing a memorial light in the Centenary Hall of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; and £142 10s to the Boys' School Pensions Indemnity Fund, that being at the rate of 5s per Lodge for 10 years from all the Lodges in the Province of Kent, the sum proposed to be subscribed by all the Lodges of the country. These proposals were seconded by Bro. J. S. Eastes, and unanimously agreed to. That gentleman then proposed the granting of various sums to the three Institutions, to be paid in in the name of various Lodges in the county. These grants amounted in the aggregate to £315, and were distributed as follows:—£126 to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; £105 to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and £84 to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The Provincial Grand Master then brought forward certain alterations that had been proposed in the Bye-laws of the Province. The existing ones, he said, had been in use for a long time. Grand Lodge had, a few years back, revised the Book of Constitutions, and it was desirable their local laws should agree with that book in word as well as in spirit. An amendment was suggested in connection with the proposed new Law IX., which will have the effect of bringing all who are, as well as those who have been, members of the Lodges within its scope. The amendment was agreed to, and the other alterations accepted. Lord Amherst then

proposed that the various Lodges of the Province be invited to contribute from their respective funds a sum of two shillings per annum for every member on their books, the sum so received to be applied in subscriptions to the Masonic Institutions, the votes so accruing being apportioned to the Lodges in the Province, as hitherto. This was simply intended as a means of keeping up the Charity Fund of the Province. He especially wished to impress on them that he had no power to enforce this payment, but he hoped that the various Lodges in his district would see their way to its payment. He should very much regret to see their old Charity Fund fall through, but felt safe in leaving the matter in the hands of the members. The Provincial Grand Lodge was then adjourned, and the brethren proceeded to the Parish Church, where a special service was given, and a sermon preached by the Provincial Grand Chaplain, Rev. H. M. Maugham. On the return to Provincial Grand Lodge, Earl Amherst proposed that the thanks of the brethren should be given to the Vicar for the use of his beautiful church that day. Bro. Eastes seconded, and said the Vicar had given every assistance in his power to ensure the success of the day's proceedings. Earl Amherst then proposed that the thanks of Provincial Grand Lodge be voted to their Chaplain—Bro. Maugham—for his excellent sermon. This was carried with acclamation, and in replying the Chaplain announced that the offertory had amounted to £15 14s—an amount in excess of the sum collected last year—and that it would be equally divided between the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls and the National Schools of Ashford. This completing the business of the day, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed, and the company repaired to the Corn Exchange, where the annual banquet was held, under the presidency of the county chief. Mr. Tench White's band gave a selection of music during the dinner, and at its conclusion grace was sung. The Chairman then gave the toast of the Queen, with which he coupled the Masonic Craft, which was received with hearty cheers, and followed by the National Anthem. The health of the Most Worshipful Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was next submitted from the chair, and secured an equally hearty welcome. Lord Amherst considered it a toast always sure to be received with respect and gratitude on such occasions as the present. The Prince of Wales had done an immense amount of good for Freemasonry, and it was but natural the members of it should take every opportunity of showing their appreciation. The toast of the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers present and past, was then given. Earl Amherst referred to the gap which now existed in this toast, which no longer contained the name of the late Pro Grand Master, but he felt they would all cherish for many years to come the memory of the late Earl of Carnarvon, who did so much during his lifetime to advance the welfare of Freemasonry. In Kent they were always pleased when a member of their Province was honoured with an appointment in Grand Lodge, but perhaps more so when they had the honour of receiving other Grand Lodge Officers as visitors. He had much pleasure in coupling the name of Bro. Edward Terry, Past Grand Treasurer, with the toast, and of adding the name of the Grand Secretary as the senior present Officer among them. He did not intend to say much in praise of these brethren, as he was reminded of a picture in his room which recorded the fact that "this man was talked to death." He did not therefore intend to say more in introducing the toast, lest he was considered guilty of adding a stone to the sepulchre of the brethren he desired to honour. Bro. Edward Terry was the first to reply. He felt literally crushed at the overwhelming nature of the toast to which he had to reply—not that he dreaded to face Kentish fire, no Englishman need be afraid of that—but he feared his flowers of speech had been washed away by the late rains, and that he should not be able to do justice to the toast. He must say that when he was appointed Grand Treasurer he was entrusted with a key that would open—nothing. It might be that his was too short an experience of the work of the office, but he could not help feeling that the key was a bogus one altogether. The principal work of the year seemed to be to attend Committees of the respective institutions, but his work in that respect came to an end at the termination of his year of office. He was not quite like his friend, Col. Clerke, who might be compared with the brook—for no matter who became past or present Grand Officers, their worthy Secretary seemed to go on for ever. Bro. Terry

felt the company had a fair representation of the Grand Officers, both present and past, before them. Col. Clerke followed. Although invited to the meetings of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent on many occasions, the present was the first time he had been able to avail himself of the invitation. He and the Officers of Grand Lodge generally were delighted to be present at such meetings as the present. They had 62 Lodges in this district, working under a magnificent organization. In point of number of Lodges they stood fourth among the counties of England. Having under his supervision the work of the various Provinces of England, he was able to form comparisons of their methods of working. In no district was the work better carried out than in Kent, and he congratulated the members on having such a Provincial Master, just as he congratulated Lord Amherst on having such a district to rule over. Bro. Eastes gave the next toast, the health of the Provincial Grand Master, Earl Amherst. They were happily assembled that day to celebrate the annual festival of their Provincial Grand Lodge, and, as those present well knew, he considered it a sort of privilege to be allowed on such occasions to propose the health of their chief. He knew from a long experience that the toast would be heartily received, as it deserved to be. Lord Amherst had presided over the district for thirty years, and one and all of the brethren who had worked under him had experienced a happy and pleasant time. Without troubling them with a mass of statistics, he might tell them the Provincial Grand Lodge had met three times in Ashford during those thirty years, first in 1861, then in 1874, and to-day, in 1890. On the occasion of the meeting in 1861 they had 17 Lodges and 815 members; in 1874, 38 Lodges and 1770 members; and to-day 57 Lodges, with 3300 members. That was satisfactory proof of their progress, and he felt that much of their success was due to the fact that the Provincial Grand Master never lost an opportunity of coming among them. During the 30 years he had just referred to they had voted some £8000 to the three Institutions, irrespective of the thousand guineas collected by the members themselves and quite apart from their personal donations. These grants from the Lodge funds proper showed an average of between £250 and £300 a year, and it must be somewhat of a gratification to the Provincial Grand Master to know that he presided over a band of men who were to be relied on in matters of benevolence. Bro. Eastes referred to the fact that their chief would preside at the Anniversary Festival of the Benevolent Institution in February, and hoped the Kentish Masons would rally round him on that occasion. He also spoke of the regret they felt that Earl Amherst had not taken up the Lord Lientenancy of the county, as they considered that he was so eminently qualified for the appointment. At the last meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge it was known their chief was about to take to himself a wife, and he would now ask the members cordially to drink to the health of the Countess in connection with that of her husband, and to wish them both many years of happiness together, in the full enjoyment of good health. Lord Amherst replied. It gave him the greatest pleasure to find, year after year, that he had not lost favour in the sight of the Masons of his county. He accepted their good wishes on his marriage as the hearty recognition of a body of men who had shown a great pleasure in congratulating him in all his joys and sympathising with him in all his woes. It might have been fitting that the representative of the Prince of Wales in Masonry should also represent Her Majesty the Queen in civic matters, but the truth was he was getting to be an old man, and perhaps a lazy one, and on that account he had urged that the appointment might be conferred on some one else, who would in all probability discharge its duties with greater satisfaction. He hoped the work transacted in Lodge that day would enable them to continue their career in the Province with even greater success than had attended their efforts in the past. He was aware they had acted on somewhat unconstitutional lines, but was sure their actions had had no detrimental effect on the great Charities of the Order, even if they had been, so to speak, illegal. Formerly they asked for subscriptions for purposes of charity as a right, now they were going to ask it as a favour, and he hoped with equally satisfactory results from the financial point of view. Concluding, he assured them that nothing gave him greater pleasure than to continue to enjoy the good wishes of the Masons of Kent. It would give him the greatest of pleasure to convey the good

wishes of the brethren to his wife. Earl Amherst next proposed the health of the Deputy of Kent, Bro. J. S. Eastes. Brother Eastes had said a great many kind things when proposing his health, but those kind things would have been much more applicable if applied to Brother Eastes himself. It must be borne in mind that if the Provincial Grand Master was the ornamental head of the district the Deputy was the working bee. He thought it was a lucky day when he had asked Bro. Eastes to take the onerous duties of Deputy, and he had never regretted having done so, neither did he think any one of those present ever had occasion to regret the selection. It was a great thing for a Provincial Master to have such a Deputy as he had, for he might truly say that no one could possibly have a more sincere or zealous worker to assist him. Bro. Eastes replied, tendering his very hearty thanks for the kind way in which he had been received. He assured them it would give him the greatest satisfaction to be able to continue the work, but he could not help referring to the fact that as Kent stood fourth among the Provinces, Lord Amherst stood fourth in the matter of seniority among the Provincial Chiefs. Lord Leigh (Warwickshire), Lord Methuen (Wiltshire), and the Marquis of Hartington (Derbyshire), were all older appointed, but none, he felt, could improve on the way that Earl Amherst had conducted the affairs of his district. The brethren of Kent hoped that the Provincial Master would long be with them in perfect health, and that he might prove the survival of the fittest. It was sixteen years ago that very day that he had been invested in the office of Deputy Grand Master, and since that day there had been one continuation of happy days for him among the Freemasons of Kent. He had made a large number of friends, whom he hoped would remain his friends until the close of his days, and he assured them all that the promotion of the best interests of the Masons of this Province of Kent would always be his especial study. The toast of the Provincial Grand Officers Present and Past was next given, Earl Amherst remarking there was no lack of capable Masons in the district on whom to confer the Provincial honours, indeed the difficulty was rather to make a selection from the many eligible candidates. With the toast was coupled the name of the Senior Warden of the Province as a Present Officer, and that of Bro. Bird as representing the Past officials. Both these gentlemen replied, and then the Chairman again rose. His next duty was at once a pleasing, and at the same time a painful duty. Pleasing because it was to honour a brother for whom he had the greatest regard, and painful because they had that day to give to Bro. Thorpe a testimonial for the way in which he had discharged the duties of an office he was no longer able to fill. Bro. Thorpe had a long reputation in Freemasonry. When, years ago, the Lodge under whose banner they had that day assembled was proposed in Ashford, Bro. Thorpe worked hard to ensure its success. Not only was he one of the foremost among the founders, but he was at once chosen as its Treasurer, and had ever since held that important office. He discharged his duties so well in the Ashford Lodge that when they in the Provincial Lodge were looking around to find a worthy successor to his father they felt they could not do better than confer the appointment on the son. Bro. Thorpe's father had held the office for thirteen years, and had always given satisfaction, while the same could be said with equal truth in regard to the son. In the course of time Bro. Thorpe had left Ashford, and gone to live in the country, but he ventured to think the name of Thorpe would ever be remembered in the town where it had always been honoured and respected. Lord Amherst was perfectly certain that, without showing any disrespect to the present holder of the office, there was not one member of the Province but regretted the day Brother Thorpe had to relinquish the office of Provincial Treasurer. Last year they all agreed it was nothing but right that they should unite, and in some tangible form show their appreciation of Brother Thorpe's work. A committee had been appointed to carry their wishes into effect, and that committee had chosen the handsome cup he now had the pleasure of handing to Bro. Thorpe as a memento of the many years spent as an officer of the Province. Bro. Thorpe had asked them—like the good Mason he was, and having a loving wife at home of whom he was very fond—to let some part of the testimonial take the form of a presentation for Mrs. Thorpe. He (Lord Amherst) had the pleasure therefore of presenting to their Past Treasurer a token of

their regard for Mrs. Thorpe, and in addition he handed to Bro. Thorpe a purse, which contained the balance of the amount subscribed for the testimonial. In doing so he wished him continued good health, and hoped he might be spared for many years to come among them. Bro. Thorpe rose with manifest feeling to acknowledge the testimonial. He was quite overcome with the kind remarks that had fallen from their chief, and felt he was not worthy of the high honours that had been conferred upon him. He thanked Earl Amherst for his kind references to his late father, and also for what he had said in regard to himself. He had always received the greatest kindness and consideration from all members of the Province, besides which the Provincial Grand Master had been pleased to recommend him for an appointment in Grand Lodge, an honour he had never dared aspire to. Now the brethren had filled the cup to the brim by presenting him with the handsome testimonial he had just received at the hands of Earl Amherst, and the form in which they had been pleased to present it was particularly gratifying to him. His wife had always taken a very great interest in Freemasonry and if the laws allowed it he had no doubt she would at once become a member of the Order. She was already a Life Governor of the three Institutions, and would fully appreciate this last mark of his brother Masons' kind sympathy. He felt he was deeply indebted to the Committee who had been entrusted with the work of carrying out the proposal made at the last gathering by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and hardly knew how he should repay them all for their kindness. He only hoped he might be able to come among them on many occasions in the future, and that he might always meet as hearty a welcome as had been shown him that day. The Rev. Bro. Robinson proposed the toast of the Masonic Charities, which was acknowledged by Bro. James Terry. The other toasts included the Visitors, and the receiving Lodge. These having been duly honoured the proceedings were brought to a conclusion in the usual manner.

Among those present were the following:—Bros. Earl Amherst Provincial Grand Master, James S. Eastes Deputy Provincial Grand Master, J. F. Warne P.P.G.S.W., Thos. Robinson P.P.G.S.W., E. Evans Crnk P.P.G.D.C., Alfred Spencer Prov. Grand Sec., W. H. Tyden Pattenson P.M. 1854, J. S. Charlton P.M. 1678, Rev. J. Stewart Prov. Grand Chaplain, B. Kelly Thorpe P.P.G. Treas. Past Grand Standard Bearer England, W. E. Manby P.P.G.A.S., William Elliott P.G.A.D.C., Joseph Plant P.P.G.O., C. Conpland P.G.J.W., Noah Martin P.P.G.S.D., Geo. W. Mitchell P.G.Steward, F. W. Prescott P.P.G.S.D., John Aillud P.P.G.D.C., H. Cummings P.G.S.W., Robt. Jamblin P.P.G.C., Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary England, R. Turtle Pigott P.A.G.D. of C., J. Terry P.G.S.W., George Green P.G.A.D.C., James D. Terson P.P.G.S.D., A. Penfold P.P.G.S.D., F. Klatt P.P.G.D., Francis Bellingham P.P.S.G.W. Sussex, Edward Terry Past Grand Treasurer England, G. Peden W.M. 125, S. H. Greenstreet 125, S. E. Morgan P.G.A.D.C., G. H. Chexfield P.P.G.J.W., W. H. Marcolyn P.P.D.D.C., William Moulder P.G.A.P., Thomas Hastings P.P.G.P., Charles S. Atkinson P.P.G.R., Captain George Spinks P.P.G.S.B., Everett Denton P.P.G.J.D., Rev. W. Henry Bond P.G. Chaplain, W. J. Harris P.P.G.S.W., Herbert Black P.P.G.A.D.C., Charles Burley P.P.G.A.D.C., Thos. Wills P.P.G. Superintendent of Works, T. S. Curteis P.P.G.C., W. Greeg P.P.G.D., W. J. Light P.G. Superintendent of Works, Geo. Page P.P.G.D., W. H. Longhurst P.M. 31, G. T. King P.P.G.P., H. J. Sturgeon P.G. Standard Bearer, Thomas Puzey P.P.G.D.C., T. H. Blamires P.M. 1449, Rev. H. M. Maugham Chaplain, J. A. Bates P.P.G.S.D., W. Cessford P.P.G.P., W. Henry Cronk P.G.S., E. Hire P.P.G. Sword Bearer, John S. Lovett P.M. 709, Joseph Oram P.M. Tyler, E. Coste P.P.G.R., G. Adamson P.P.G.S.W., Richard Morley P.M. 429, Jonas Hill P.M. 483, Thomas Deane P.M. 77, George Bard P.P.G.A.P., J. W. Court P.M. 1036, H. G. Frost Worshipful Master 1096, J. N. Stonham S.W. 2016, John Morton 2305, Ed. Buss S.D. 2305, Isaac Hendy jun. 2305, R. Howard J.W. 2305, Henry Mason P.M. 913, W. T. Gadd 1209, F. Hitchens S.W. 77, B. B. Woodruff P.P.G.J.D., George Knowles 2305, Richard Griggs P.M. 133, Richard Friggle I.P.M. 1854, F. S. Stenning P.M. 1725, Joseph Batchelor 2046, W. G. Kite 503, John Barnett jun. W.M. 2205, C. G. Butler 184, Charles Butler 184, Henry Hill 2305, G. Wilks 2305, O. H. Smith J.W. 1136, C. J. Woods P.P.G.S.W., J. D. Hackett Chaplain 1136, T. H. Goldard J.D. 1136, G. Green P.G.A.D.C., Robert Derry P.P.G. Stand. Br., George Appleyard P.P.G.S.D., J. B. Groom I.P.M. 2016, H. E. Austen W.M. 709, J. R. Bachanan Chaplain 2099, J. S. White W.M. 2099, S. G. Philpott 1209, C. Baker P.M. 1206, S. F. Pringuer P.G. Stand. Br., Charles Holcroft P.M. 1414, R. C. Nunn P.M. 1531, C. F. Quicke W.M. 1531, F. W. Wight W.M. 1725, W. W. Mullard 871, J. F. Garrod 2305, Joseph Barker W.M. 503, John Wood Secretary 1915, A. O. Smith S.W. 1851, W. Busbridge S.W. 913, W. J. Bass J.D. 199, J. G. Podelin P.M. 199, James Legg 709, W. Kipp P.P.G.O., W. T. Brackley P.M. 1531, W. J. A. Norris 784, G. J. Dunn S.W. 1209, Geo. Baker P.M. 503, R. McVicar S.W. 1033, D. T. J. Lyle W.M. 1033, H. E. Russell W.M. 1973, P. Jones P.M. 1837, R. A. Gibbons P.M. 1164, John Hunt P.M. 503, J. R. Foord Past Prov. Grand Dir. of Cers., W. L. Doddrell P.M. 615, B. Lightfoot D.C. 1915, T. Sager 1915, John C. Biggs P.P.G.D.C., C. Lord 709, V. Brown P.G. Stand. Br., A. W. Southwell J.D. 1915, T. S. Brownay J.W. 1915, T. W. Porter W.M. 1915, H. Morris P.M. 1273, L. Senger S.W. 1273, W. Wiggins

S.W. 20, G. R. Cobham W.M. 20, C. R. Cockburn P.M. 20, A. Ronaldson P.M. 483, T. W. Wallis P.P.G.S.B., Chas. Igglesden 709, John Cooke 709, C. Vise W.M. 874, F. E. Best 2305, J. B. Wood 2305, T. Brown 2305, H. Larence P.M. 1854, S. H. White I.P.M. 125, J. G. Keane 2305, E. A. C. Larkin 2099, D. W. Sargent 2305 W. J. Head, 2305, S. Saunders P.M. 1915, J. Palmer 1821, J. T. Butler 125, J. J. Wright P.M. 1203, W. W. Burkett W.M. 1208, George Church I.P.M. 199, W. D. Goddard 558, James Hodson 1184, C. T. Smith D.C. 20, W. D. Kennett P.M. 1208, H. Bracken 709, C. R. Wind J.D. 2305, J. Hardy 2305, G. W. Meacher 2305, W. S. Beckett 1449, G. R. Igglesden P.M. 1208, G. R. Bolton P.G.J.W., J. Brighurst J.W. 127, R. J. Cook P.M. 913, E. Burkett 125, A. T. Dartnall S.W. 199, John Falconer W.M. 199, I. Sanders S.W. 1692, G. S. Wilks I.G. 125, F. S. Wilks 709, John Abrey P.M. 1678, W. Griffin J.W. 558, Harry Price P.M. 127, T. Edwards 709, T. Easton W.M. 1305, C. J. Fletcher P.M. 341, T. Jenkins P.M. 299, Chas. Hind W.M. 299, W. Claydon W.M. 1449, G. E. Tournay 972, W. Milchard 972, Thos. Holmes 558, F. King W.M. 429, G. Adams 125, E. H. Marsh P.M. 1203, John King P.M. 1692, John Howard W.M. 1692, W. Godfrey Stidolph P.M. 1678, H. R. Wakefield S.W. 1436, C. Sims J.W. 1208, W. W. Burkett W.M. 1208, W. Dawes P.P.G.S.W. Sussex, Richard Preston W.M. 1678, J. D. Tappenden 2305.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

THE members of the Camalodunum Lodge, at Malton, on the 9th inst., gave a warm and hearty welcome to the rest of their brethren in the Province of North and East Yorks, when they met there for the purpose of holding the annual Provincial Grand Lodge. This is only the second time in the 36 years' history of the Malton Lodge that the Provincial gathering has been held there, hence every effort was made to render due honour to the visitors, of whom there was a large attendance. Besides the Lodge room proper, the whole suite of public rooms in Yorkersgate were utilised for the occasion, the large Assembly Room having been properly fitted and decorated for Provincial Lodge business, the theatre was used for refreshment hall, and the reading room, &c., for robing-rooms for the brethren. His Excellency the Earl of Zetland, the Provincial Grand Master, presided over the gathering, arriving in Malton by the 10.36 train from York. His Lordship was the guest of the W.M. of the Lodge for the day. The real business of the day began at twelve o'clock, when a Board of Benevolence was held in the Lodge room, and afterwards the Grand Lodge was opened by the noble Earl in the Assembly Room. The following Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year were appointed and invested:—

Bro. Very Rev. the Dean of York	...	Senior Warden
M. Scott 566	...	Junior Warden
Rev. R. G. Fish 660	...	Chaplains
Rev. E. Richardson	...	Registrar
S. Boder	...	Secretary
M. C. Peck	...	Senior Deacons
S. Rutter	...	Junior Deacons
W. R. Metcalfe	...	Supt. of Works
T. C. Denham	...	Dir. of Cers.
W. Winn	...	Deputy Dir. of Cers.
J. Stewart	...	Assistant Dir. of Cers.
G. Robinson	...	Sword Bearer
S. Chadwick	...	Standard Bearers
T. Foley	...	Organist
Richard Webb	...	Assistant Secretary
J. Gibb	...	Pursuivant
George Smith	...	Assistant Pursuivant
J. W. Marshall	...	Tyler
J. Redfern	...	
T. Dickenson	...	
J. Bamber	...	
J. Lambert	...	

After the investiture his Lordship addressed the brethren on the Masonic events of the past year. There were about 300 of the brethren of the Province present, amongst them being the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett the Deputy Provincial Master, the Very Rev. the Dean of York P.G. Chaplain of England, Bros. J. W. Woodall P.G.T., T. B. Whytehead Grand Sword Bearer, M. C. Peck, Hull, P.G.D. of England, &c. A large procession was formed, headed by the Malton brass band, and the brethren proceeded to St. Michael's Church, all of them being in full regalia, and each Lodge preceded by its distinctive banner. The procession was witnessed by some thousands of people, the streets on the way to the church being thickly lined with spectators. The Rev. H. Lowther Clarke, the Provincial Grand Chaplain, preached a special sermon, and the surplined choir sang an appropriate anthem. The offertory was taken for the Educational Fund of the Province and the Benevolent Fund of the Malton Lodge. The procession then re-formed, and, marching by a different route, returned

to the Lodge room. At five o'clock a banquet was held, at the Talbot Hotel, the Provincial Grand Master presiding over a large attendance. Soon after seven o'clock the Earl left Malton, but the local brethren continued the proceedings for some time longer.

MARK MASONRY.

PICTON CASTLE LODGE, No. 297.

THE annual meeting for the installation of Worshipful Master took place on Wednesday, the 9th inst. Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. Lewis Roberts Prov. G.J.O. South Wales. A ballot was taken for Bro. Walkley P.M. of the Neyland Lodge, No. 990, which resulted in his being unanimously accepted as a candidate for advancement. The W.M. elect was presented for installation by the retiring W.M., and was duly installed in the chair of A. by Bro. John James P.M. Bro. Hood Williams proposed that in future the Lodge should meet in the months of October, November, December, January, February, March, April, May and June, the election of Master to take place in October, and the installation in November. This was seconded and unanimously agreed to. The W.M. Bro. Howell Walters then invested his Officers, as follow:—Bro. L. Roberts I.P.M., J. H. H. Williams S.W., Rev. C. F. Harrison J.W., Gibbon Secretary, Rule Owen Treasurer, L. Harries M.O., Read S.O., Prosser J.O., Rogers S.D., Bushell J.D., Clarke I.G., G. Bower Tyler. Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Castle Hotel, where an excellent repast was admirably served up by Miss Hutton, the able manageress of mine host Bland's far-famed hostelry. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and songs were well rendered by Bros. Rule Owen, L. Harries, Hood Williams P.M.'s, and Bro. Thomas Rogers. Excellent speeches were made in proposing and responding to the various toasts, and a very pleasant and enjoyable was spent.

THE THEATRES, &c.

Criterion.—An unusually strong programme is now being presented by Mr. Charles Wyndham, though it will but continue for another week, as the company will then disperse for their annual holiday. Firstly there is an amusing little curtain raiser, "The Wall of China," which is succeeded by the favourite comedietta, "Delicate Ground," the three characters being admirably sustained by Miss Mary Moore, Mr. Geo. Giddens, and Mr. Wyndham, who gives a charming impersonation of the Citizen Sangfroid. The *piece de résistance* comes last, in the shape of a new comedy by Mr. C. Vernon, entitled "Sowing and Reaping." The plot is slight but effective, and just fills up the two acts. Harry Graham, while making love to the pretty young wife of Sampson Paley, finds himself compromised to such an extent that he is compelled to acknowledge that his "love passages" were intended for her sister Julia, who, nothing loth, is only too ready to accept him. Being thus caught in his own trap, he reaps the seed of his own sowing, and becomes a frightfully jealous husband, and suspects that every man he meets is making love to his wife. Naturally all comes right in the end, but the piece is heartily received and thoroughly enjoyed. Mr. Wyndham, as Harry Graham, is well suited by long experience for the part, his bye-play in the second act causing roars of laughter. Miss Mary Moore is pretty as Julia, and Miss E. Leyshon plays well as Mrs. Paley. Mr. Blakeley is hardly so well fitted as Sampson Paley, but Mr. Geo. Giddens, Miss M. A. Victor and Mr. Valentine give loyal support. The present programme is eminently suited for the present season, and will be doubtless appreciated during its short run.

Mr. Nat Goodwin will make his first appearance in England at the Gaiety on Monday next, at 8.20 (for six weeks only), in Messrs. Brander Matthews and George H. Jessop's original three-act comedy, entitled "A Gold Mine," with the following cast:—Messrs. William Farren, Harry Eversfield, Eric Thorne, Frank Wood, and Charles Glenn; Mesdames Kate Forsyth, Jennie M'Nulty, and Carlotta Leclercq.

DURHAM MASONIC EDUCATION FUND.

THE annual general meeting of the Charities Committee of the Province of Durham, having in hand the management of the Masonic Education Fund, met in the Freemasons' Hall, Durham, on the 8th inst. Bro. C. S. Lane was re-elected Chairman, Bro. Thomas Bradley Secretary, and Bro. M. Corbitt Treasurer. A number of applications were presented, and, after careful consideration, suitable grants were made in each case.

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Obituary.

BRO. SERJEANT GEORGE CLIFFORD.

A VERY imposing military funeral took place on Wednesday, the 9th inst., when the remains of Bro. Serjeant George Clifford, of the Army Service Corps, were consigned to their last resting place in the Colchester Cemetery. The cortège left the Camp Hospital at 2 p.m., and consisted of a firing party of 12 of the Royal Dragoons, with arms reversed; the Band of the Royal Dragoons playing the "Dead March in Saul"; the body, on a 13-pounder gun carriage, drawn by six magnificent black horses, and manned, as a special mark of respect, by Battery Serjeant Major Wilkinson, R.A., and Serjeants of the 56th Field Battery; a company of the Army Service Corps, under the command of Major Lynn and Lieutenant Champion; and finally the widow and two children of deceased, and relatives and friends. At the Cemetery gates a number of Freemasons and Odd Fellows (of both which Orders deceased was a member) met the cortège, and preceded it to the Chapel. The burial office was performed by the Rev. J. B. Early, Rector of Holy Trinity, and at the conclusion of the Service three volleys were fired over the grave. The Masons also passed the grave in procession, and dropped upon the coffin a white glove and sprig of acacia, tied with blue ribbon, as is usual on their attendance at a brother's funeral. Serjeant Clifford, who was very highly respected by the military, amongst whom his duty brought him in contact, and also by many civilian friends, joined the Army Service Corps on the 24th April 1876, was advanced to the rank of Corporal in 1881, and received his Serjeant's stripes in 1884. From 1882 to 1885 he served in Egypt, and was awarded the Egyptian medal and star. He was initiated into Freemasonry in the Blackwater Lodge, No. 1977, and had also been admitted a Royal Arch and Mark Mason. The members of his mother Lodge who attended the funeral were:—Bros. W. Rudrum W.M., John Grout S.W., W. Strutt Treasurer, G. A. Eustace Secretary, E. A. Basham S.D., R. Smith P.M., J. Turner, W. Jackson, G. Brown, T. J. Grant, W. Stebbing, A. E. Emeny, R. Watkins, A. E. Forster, and Taylor Shiers; while there were also present:—Bros. T. J. Ridding P.M. 51 P.G. Secretary Essex, J. G. Renshaw I.P.M. 697, G. Booth J.D. 697, G. Bull 1536, J. Oddy 5, J. G. Potton 51, Quarter Master Serjeant Morrison (R.I.) 1307; and the following military brethren:—Bros. Master Gunner Lawrence, R.A., 1798, Serjeant-Major Warren, R.A., 1535, Farrier-Serjeant Chote, R.A. 415, Regimental Serjeant-Major J. Finn 215, Regimental Serjeant-Major Banks 215, Armourer Serjeant-Major Crooks 384, Serjeant-Major Tebbatt 730, Serjeant McNay 101, and Serjeant-Major Sutton 101. The Oddfellows Lodge to which Serjeant Clifford belonged was represented by Bros. W. W. Mann (Secretary), H. G. Munson (Trustee), F. J. Bloom, G. Everson, G. Asherwood, W. Warren, Serjeants Bond and Walker, R.A., and others. A beautiful wreath of flowers was given by the Blackwater Lodge; and with other wreaths, sent by Serjeant-Major and Mrs. Cooks, Serjeant Jackson, and other friends, were placed, with his sword and shako, on the coffin.

BRO. JONATHAN TAYLOR.

THE Doric Lodge, No. 933, has lost another of its members, the veteran Brother Jonathan Taylor, who was second on the register of members. Brother Taylor was resident in Mile End for the greater portion of his life, but during the last few years he has been staying at Bath. The funeral took place on Thursday, the 10th instant, at Bow Cemetery.

The consecration of the Covent Garden Chapter, No. 1614, will take place on Friday next, the 25th instant, at the Criterion, Piccadilly. The ceremony will be performed by Companion Shadwell H. Clerke G.S.E., assisted by Companion the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg P.G. Chaplain, and Companion Frank Richardson P.G.D.C. The I.P.Z. designate is Companion Collart; the M.E.Z. designate Companion S. Hewitt W.M. 1614; Comps. S. Jacobs H., Fred. Ridge J., G. Reynolds S.E.

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

WOOD GREEN, LONDON, N.

Grand Patron:
HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

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

A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Friday, the 25th day of July 1890, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution:—

To receive and approve a list of Fifty-three Candidates on the recommendation of the General Committee, from which Nineteen Boys shall be elected at the Quarterly General Court to be held on Friday, 31st October next.

To consider resolution of the General Committee of Saturday, 7th June 1890, referring to this Court an appeal from the Province of Cumberland and Westmoreland, for the admission to the Institution of

CARRUTHERS, JAMES,

was successful, on last application, with 1768 votes at the election in April last.

And the following Notice of Motion by Bro. JOHN GLASS, V.-Pres.:—

That the Bye-Laws of the Institution, as altered and amended by the Provisional Management Committee, be substituted for the Laws at present in force. Such alterations and amendments in no way to be contrary to the spirit of the fundamental principles upon which the Institution is founded. A copy of the proposed Bye-Laws is appended hereto, and can be seen at the office of the Institution at any time during the usual office hours.

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

By order,

FREDERICK BINCKES, (P.G. Steward, P.G. Sword B., V.-Pat.),
Hon. Secretary pro tem.

Office—6 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
16th July 1890.

N.B.—The Meeting of the General Committee on Saturday, 2nd August, will be entirely *pro forma*. The Monthly Meeting for business will be held on Saturday, 9th August, at 4 p.m.

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls,

ST. JOHN'S HILL, BATTERSEA RISE, S.W.

INSTITUTED 1788.

Chief Patroness:
HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

Grand Patron and President:
H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., &c., M.W.G.M.

Grand Patroness:
HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Saturday, the 26th July 1890, at Twelve o'clock precisely, on the general business of the Institution, to place Candidates on the list for the Election in November next, and to declare the number of Girls then to be elected.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

Office—5 Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C.
19th July 1890.

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Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

To the Life Governors and Subscribers of the
Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

19 St. John's Wood Park,
London, N.W.

MY LORDS, LADIES, AND BRETHREN,—It being, unfortunately, impossible for me to individually thank all those who so kindly came forward to support me during the recent election for a Secretary to the R.M.I.B., I desire, through the medium of these columns, to return you my heartfelt thanks, and to express my deep appreciation of the cordial support I received from all parts of the country, resulting in my being re-elected second on the poll, with 991 votes.

I have the honour to remain, my Lords, Ladies, and Brethren,
Your faithful servant,

ALFRED CRAVEN GREENWOOD.

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

ELECTION OF SECRETARY.

BRO. GORDON SMITH desires to express his most sincere thanks for the kind and generous support accorded to him in his recent candidature by the numerous friends and supporters who voted for him, and trusts that the continuance of that support which would have been given to him had he been successful will not be withheld from Bro. J. M. McLeod in the discharge of the onerous duties of his position.

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

ELECTION OF SECRETARY.

To the Patrons, Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents,
and Life-Governors.

MY LORDS, LADIES, AND BRETHREN,—Whilst regretting that our efforts have not been crowned with success, I desire, on behalf of myself and my Committee, to return our most sincere thanks to those who have so kindly given me their support, and to express my heartfelt gratitude to the many brethren—too numerous to write to individually, as I could wish—who have so warmly interested themselves on my behalf; and we trust that our friends will consider the large number of votes recorded for me, in spite of all adverse circumstances, as an ample justification of our action in going to the poll.

The increase in the circle of my Masonic friends and the truly Masonic courtesy and kindness I have met with in every direction—even amongst my opponents and their supporters—will be no inconsiderable compensation for my labours and disappointment.

In conclusion I would most earnestly ask my friends to support to the utmost of their power the successful candidate, Bro. McLeod, in the uphill task which lies before him to secure the future welfare of the Institution.

I am, your's faithfully and fraternally,

Evershot, Dorchester,
14th July 1890.

S. R. BASKETT.

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Prob. G. Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons.

W. Bro. **FREDERICK WEST**, P.G.D. (Eng.)
Deputy Prov. Grand Master, in Charge.

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE will be held at the St. Nicholas Parish Hall, Guildford, on Tuesday, the 22nd day of July 1890, at 3.30 o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

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

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

Dinner at 6 o'clock punctually.
The entertainment of Provincial Grand Lodge has been entrusted to the Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 777.

For Dinner tickets apply to Bro. Percy Smeed, Angel Hotel, Guildford, enclosing 5s, which will not include wine.

N.B.—Dinner will be provided for those only who have taken tickets, and no ticket will be issued after 18th July.

The Wor. Deputy Prov. G. Master, in Charge, requests the attendance of the brethren at Divine Service, at the Parish Church of St. Nicholas, at 4.30 p.m. Brethren are to appear in Craft Masonic costume at Divine Service, and are to clothe in the St. Nicholas Parish Hall.

Down trains from Waterloo 9.30, 9.45, 11.35 a.m.; 12.45 p.m.
Up trains from Guildford to Waterloo 5.10, 6.34, 7.28, 8.38, 9.30 p.m.

PROVINCE OF SURREY.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER

OF

ROYAL ARCH MASONS.

The Ex. Comp. **FREDERICK WEST**, Prov. G.H. in charge.

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER will be held at the St. Nicholas Parish Hall, Guildford, in the County of Surrey, on Tuesday, the 22nd day of July 1890, at Half-past Two o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

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

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

Dinner at 6 o'clock punctually. For tickets apply to Comp. Percy Smeed, Angel Hotel, Guildford, enclosing 5s, which will not include wine.

N.B.—Dinner will be provided for those only who have taken tickets, and no ticket will be issued after 18th July.

The P.G.H., in Charge, requests the attendance of the Companions at Divine Service at the Parish Church of St. Nicholas, at 4.30 p.m. Companions are to appear in Craft Masonic Costume at Divine Service, and are to clothe in the St. Nicholas Parish Hall.

Down trains from Waterloo to Guildford 9.30, 9.45, 11.35 a.m., 12.45 p.m.
Up trains from Guildford to Waterloo 5.10, 6.34, 7.26, 8.33, 9.30 p.m.

THE PROVINCE OF SURREY.

Secretary's Office, Albert Institute Chambers,
Charles Street, Blackfriars Road, S.E.
9th July 1890.

SIR AND BROTHER,—I have the pleasure to inform you that arrangements have been made with the Railway Companies for the issue of return tickets to Guildford on Tuesday, the 22nd inst., at the single fare and a quarter, to brethren attending the P.G. Lodge, upon production of the summons convening the meeting, on condition that not less than ten travel from each station by one train. Minimum charge 1s.

I have further to call your attention to the commands of the M.W. Grand Master, directing all Masons to appear in Masonic Mourning for the space of six months, as a mark of respect to the memory of the late deeply lamented Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, and to request that you will bring this under the notice of the members of your Lodge, and inform them that they will be expected to appear upon the occasion of the meeting of the P.G.L. in Masonic Mourning, viz.:—Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past—Three Rosettes of Black Crape on the Badges and one at the point of the chain or Collar, just above the Jewel. Masters, Past Masters, and Master Masons—Three Black Crape Rosettes on Badge. Fellow Crafts and Entered Apprentices—Two Black Crape Rosettes at the lower part of the Badge. White Gloves.

By order of the Wor. Deputy Grand Master, in Charge,
CHARLES GREENWOOD,
P.G. Secretary.

N.B.—The accounts of Provincial Grand Lodge and Chapter will be closed for Audit on Monday, the 15th inst. If you have not already sent in your return to June 30th 1890, I draw your attention to P.G.L. Bye-Law No. 10.

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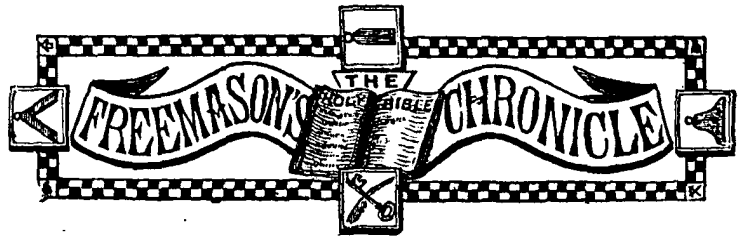
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SATURDAY, 19TH JULY 1890.

THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION
FOR BOYS.

ELECTION OF SECRETARY.

THE adjourned meeting of the General Committee of this Institution, arranged to take the poll for the election of a Secretary, in succession to Bro. Frederick Binckes, was held on Saturday, in the large hall of Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of Bro. Richard Eve, Past Grand Treasurer of England, Patron of the Institution. The poll closed at 3 p.m., and about twenty minutes later the Scrutineers appeared, having completed their examination of the voting papers. Bro. G. Ward Verry was the chairman of the Scrutineers, and he announced the following as the number of votes recorded on behalf of the respective candidates:—

No. on List.	Name.	Votes polled.
19	McLeod, James Morrison	2317
12	Greenwood, Alfred Craven	991
24	Smith, Gordon, M.A.	815
26	Storr, Edwin	716
8	Baskett, S. R.	536
4	Bennett, Lt.-Col. F. Egerton	21
16	Hawkins, James H.	14
6	Britton, J. W.	5
25	Smith, J.	4
11	Grant, Alfred	3
7	Ford, Major C. W. Randall	2
8	Foster, John R.	2
9	Fraser, W.	2
13	Griffin, Charles R. Augustus	2
14	Hall, James	2
17	Hoy, William Edward	2
18	Jackson, George	2
20	Polkinhorne, Edwin	2
1	Albertsberg, W. G. T.	1
23	Sheppard, W.	1
28	Thompson, Capt. James	1
2	Austen, J.	—
5	Blower, J.	—
10	Gadie, W. Thomas	—
15	Hartridge, George	—
21	Roose, Joseph Bond	—
22	Saunders, George R.	—
27	Thomas, Charles S.	—

Bro. Richard Eve having formally declared Bro. J. M. McLeod elected as Secretary of the Institution, that Brother rose and tendered his hearty acknowledgments for the confidence reposed in him. He had fought the fight straightforwardly and honestly, and was particularly gratified he had been so well supported, as he felt the majority he enjoyed would enable him to advance the interests of the Institution. He felt sure he should have the aid of every brother who had supported his candidature in carrying on the work of the Boys' School. He had felt confident that his friends would back him up in his endeavour to secure the post of Secretary, and they had done so in a most gratifying and fraternal manner. In thanking them for their votes he could only promise that he would do all that lay in his power to prove he appreciated their confidence, and hoped he might be able to discharge the duties of the office to their satisfaction. He should certainly strive to do his duty and advance the welfare of the Institution. He knew he had a good man to follow in Bro. Binckes—one whom it would be very difficult to equal—but he hoped to take him as an example of what was required, and win as much approval as he had done. It was in 1878 he first met Bro. Binckes, and he it was who had aroused in him an interest in the Masonic Charities, just as he had aroused in many others a desire to do something on their behalf. Brother McLeod concluded by proposing a vote of thanks to the chairman of the day, for the efficient and impartial manner in which he had presided. This was seconded, and put by

Bro. Binckes, who took the opportunity of expressing a few words of thanks for the way in which he had been supported in years gone by. He also hoped that the Institution would flourish under its new Secretary. Bro. Richard Eve acknowledged the vote of thanks, and expressed the pleasure he felt at all times in assisting at such meetings as the present. Whatever he did was for pure love of Masonry, and a desire to promote its principles. Bro. George Everett proposed a vote of thanks to the Scrutineers, which being seconded and carried, the proceedings terminated.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 80.

THE monthly meeting of the brethren was held in the Masonic Hall, Park Street, Sunderland, on Tuesday, the 8th inst. There were present:—Bros. H. J. Turnbull, R. Kinnond, M. Douglas, J. Mitchinson, J. J. Wilson, T. Atkinson, R. Shadforth, R. Halfknight, J. G. Kirtley, D. P. Huntley, T. Elwin, and many members of St. John's and other Lodges of the town. After the ordinary business, the members adjourned to the banqueting hall to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Councillor H. J. Turnbull and Councillor Thomas Burlinson's connection with the Lodge. Bro. R. Todd W.M. presented the former with a handsome present, the gift of the members, to mark the respect and esteem in which they held him. The Mayor (Councillor Shadforth), in supporting the presentation, paid a high tribute of respect to the many good qualities of Bro. Turnbull, and hoped that he would be long spared to carry on the good work in connection with the Lodge. A very hearty and unanimous evening was spent.

PLUMSTEAD LODGE, No. 913.

THE largest assembly of Freemasons ever held in the Woolwich district took place on Thursday night, the 10th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Plumstead, on the occasion of the installation of Col. Hughes, M.P., as W.M. of the above Lodge. There were 200 brethren present, including the Deputy Grand Master of Kent, Bro. J. S. Eastes. The Installation was made by the retiring Master, Bro. B. Lopez, assisted by Bro. Lawson. The Lodge voted Brother Lopez a jewel, worth 10 guineas, and Bro. Lopez presented the Lodge with a handsome silk banner, bearing the Pattison arms. The party afterwards proceeded to the Cannon-street Hotel, City, where a banquet was served, and several speeches made.

CONCORD LODGE, No. 1135.

THE festival of St. John the Baptist was kept in the Masonic Hall, Ilfrcombe, on Tuesday, the 24th ult., when Bro. W. Walters S.W. (W.M. elect) was installed into the chair according to ancient form. A large number of brethren were present, while letters of regret were received from many members for being unable to attend. The Lodge was duly opened, when, after the minutes of the previous meeting were read, confirmed and signed, the Worshipful Master vacated the chair in favour of Brother S. Jones, the Installing Master. Brother W. Walters was then presented as the Worshipful Master elect, and after being obligated, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, in whose presence Brother Walters was regularly installed in the chair. The new W.M. was then saluted and congratulated, and the Board of Installed Masters was duly closed. The brethren having been re-admitted, the W.M. invested the following as Officers of the Lodge for the ensuing year:—Bros. H. R. Grover I.P.M., F. Brede S.W., J. Western J.W., J. S. Catford Treasurer, W. H. Ivimey Secretary, W. Day S.D., D. Guilding J.D., M. W. Tattam D. of C., J. T. Gardner Organist, E. J. Tamlyn I.G., J. Yeardye and J. C. Clarke Stewards, J. Blackford Tyler. The Installing Master then delivered the customary addresses in a most effective and impressive manner, and, no further business offering itself, after hearty good wishes from the visiting brethren, the Lodge was closed in due form, and with solemn prayer. The brethren then adjourned to the Royal Clarence Hotel, where the banquet took place, at seven o'clock. An elegant and recherché repast was served, after which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. A choice selection of vocal music was performed during and after dinner by the "Lyric Orphans Quartette" party, which added much to the enjoyment of the evening. The brethren separated at 11 o'clock, thus bringing to a close a most successful and pleasant gathering.

ST. ANDREW'S LODGE, No. 1151.

THE annual meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Tywardreath, on the 26th ult., when Bro. N. C. S. Couch was installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. R. Rundle the retiring W.M. The Board of Past Masters included Bros. T. S. Bailey, Dr. Tuckey, C. Truscott, R. Courtenay, J. Nettle, and J. T. Baker. The W.M. Bro. N. C. S. Couch then invested the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. R. Rundle I.P.M., R. Searle S.W., T. Ivey J.W., W. A. Howlett Secretary, J. T. Baker Treasurer, W. Bennet S.D., A. C. Parkyn J.D., T. S. Bailey Organist, J. Mitchell I.G., R. Sangwin D.C., W. Johns and T. Tregenza Stewards, and John Elliott Tyler. After the meeting the brethren adjourned to Bro. Morecm's Royal Hotel, Par Station, and partook of their annual banquet, which was served in a most satisfactory manner. The usual Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and a very pleasant time was spent.

PRUDENCE LODGE, No. 1550.

THE members of this Lodge held their annual meeting at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, on Saturday evening, the 5th inst., when the W.M. elect, Bro. Arthur C. Titherley, was installed. The great respect in which Bro. Titherley is held by the brethren generally was shewn by an unusually large attendance of members of the Lodge and visiting brethren. Bros. N. Reed, the retiring W.M., J. B. Gover, J. R. Lord, G. H. Selleck, C. Philp, and J. G. Keverene, all members of 1550, were the Installing Officers. The W.M. explained to the members of the Lodge that Bro. J. J. Beer, B.A., the Junior Warden, through a sad affliction in the recent loss of his sight, had declined to take any office in the Lodge during the coming year. The Officers appointed were Bros. N. Reed I.P.M., Charles Mutton S.W., Godfrey Evans J.W., C. Philp Treasurer, T. Goodall Secretary, E. Budge S.D., H. D. Robins J.D., T. W. Griffiths D.C., T. B. Leonard A.D.C., R. J. Sewell Organist, S. G. Edwards A.O., J. W. Penwarne I.G., A. Roberts Senior Steward, and J. W. Barratt and W. Pryor Junior Stewards. Bros. J. G. Kevern and Charles Mutton have been re-elected, the former as representative at the Committee of Petitions, and the latter as Charity Steward. The Treasurer, Bro. C. Philp, read the accounts for the year, which showed the very satisfactory balance in hand of £20 10s. The brethren who were members of the Lodge of Instruction in connection with Prudence Lodge, rose and, by deputy, heartily congratulated the W.M. on his attaining to the high position of W.M., and wished him every success during his year of office. It was resolved to hold the annual outing of the Lodge on the 26th inst. At the close of the Lodge business the brethren adjourned to the dining hall, where a large company passed a very pleasant evening. Brother Titherley presided, and among those present were Bros. F. Mabin 105, A. Moore 1217, H. W. Mayne 189, A. J. Bolas 1071, S. Pearce 1247, R. S. Blatchford and W. H. Strathon 2025, S. Hatchings 202, W. S. Warren S.D. 1255, and G. R. Stanlake 70. The usual toasts were proposed and responded to, and there were general expressions of regret that Bro. Beer's state of health necessitated his temporary exclusion from office. Bro. Beer, who was present, feelingly acknowledged these expressions of sympathy, and his remark that experts in London had held out strong hopes to him that he would recover his sight was received with hearty cheering. Bro. C. Mutton thereupon said no one hoped more sincerely than he did that Bro. Beer would be so thoroughly restored as to be able to qualify for the W.M.'s chair next year, and he (Bro. Mutton) would readily stand aside in his favour. The health of the newly installed W.M., proposed by Bro. Mutton S.W., was drunk with great heartiness.

MARTYN LODGE, No. 1982.

THE annual festival took place at Southwold, on Friday, the 11th inst. The Lodge was opened at the Lodge-room at the Town Hall, at five o'clock. The visiting brethren included:—Bros. E. W. Moore S.W. 388, J. Allison P.M. 256 1228, H. S. Strange J.W. 1223. The W.M. elect was Bro. W. T. Griffiths, who was installed in ancient form, Bro. T. Sergeant W.M. most ably discharging the duties of Installing Master. The tools of the second degree were presented to its new Master by Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn D.P.G.M., who also gave the charge. The newly-elected W.M. then invested his Officers, who were as follows, with the distinguishing collars of their Orders:—Bros. W. H. Elmy S.W., O. G. Rackham J.W., P.M. Catova Treasurer, T. H. Jellicoe Secretary, P.M. Canova S.D., W. J. Brown D. of C., W. G. Jackson J.D., Donald R. Gooding I.G., W. Porter Tyler. After the Lodge was closed the brethren proceeded to the Central Cliff Hotel, where an elegant banquet awaited them, reflecting great credit upon the managerial abilities of Mrs. Dowsing. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given, the toast of the Present and Past Grand Officers being responded for by the Rev. C. J. Martyn D.P.G.M., which was enthusiastically accorded Masonic honours. Bro. Martyn proposed, in flattering terms, the toast of the Installing Master, Bro. T. Sergeant I.P.M., who suitably responded. Songs and recitations contributed to the conviviality of the festival. The band of the Artillery Battery played a choice selection of music during the evening.

ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.

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P.G. LODGE OF THE COUNTIES PALATINE OF LANCASTER AND CHESTER.

THE Knights Companions held the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Royal Order of Scotland for the Province of the Counties Palatine of Lancaster and Chester on the 11th inst., in the Victoria Hotel, Manchester. Bro. Edmund Ashworth Provincial Grand Master presided, and the Lodge was honoured by the presence of the following Officers of Grand Lodge from Edinburgh:—Bros. Lindsay Mackersay W.S. S.G.W., Alexander Mitchell J.G.W., D. Murray Lyon G. Secretary, Henry I. Shields G.I. and E., Major F. W. Allen and George Christie Grand Stewards, Robert I. Jamieson Grand Guard. Provincial Grand Lodge of H.R.D.M. having been opened, Grand Officers were received in due form, and during the afternoon they performed in most admirable style the ceremony of advancing and promoting two brethren who had been approved by the Council and elected. Other business was transacted, and the following brethren were subsequently appointed Provincial Grand Officers for the year:—Bros. J. D. Murray D.M., R. W. Bourne S.W., C. Beswicke Roys J.W., J. Chadwick Secretary, C. Schuster Treasurer, James McLaren S.B., E. Pierpoint B.B., S. G. Sinclair M., W. Goodacre A.M., N. A. Earle S. and E., W. H. Browne W.T., W. Taberner C., C. E. Hindley, E. G. Harwood, and H. Spalding Stewards, and E. Hutton G. In the evening the brethren of the Province and their visitors dined together.

THE LODGE QUATUOR CORONATI.

To the Editor of the *Keystone*.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—On the 25th December 1886 you published, in the *Keystone*, a letter from myself, wherein I announced the formation of a "Correspondence Circle" in connection with the Quatuor Coronati Lodge.

This Outer Circle was duly established in January 1887, and I propose, with your permission, to trace its gradual development into the powerful organisation which it has become at this day.

The aspirations of Bro. G. W. Spoth, our indefatigable Secretary, soared no higher in the first instance than to create a machinery for the publication of our *Transactions*, nor did the members of the Lodge believe for an instant they had called into existence an International Association, which would find supporters in all parts of the globe.

We thought the members might run into three figures—and they did, with a rapidity that astonished us, for on the occasion of my installation as Master, on the 8th November 1887, I was able to notice in my address that the members of our Correspondence Circle had reached a total of 155.

Twelve months latter (1888) my successor, Bro. William Simpson, announced that the number had increased to 447, which was again capped at the corresponding festival in 1889, by the present W.M. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Pratt, who proclaimed a grand total of 751.

Since then there have been three meetings of the Lodge, and at the last—2nd May 1890—the Secretary stated that the membership of the Outer Circle had risen to an aggregate of 908.

That we are within reasonable distance of four figures may be reasonably referred, but, without passing into conjecture, I shall content myself with fact, and will here pause to explain of what items our ever-widening Circle is made up.

The grand total, as already mentioned, is 908, and consists of 15 Governing Bodies, 102 Lodges and Chapters (69 British Isles, 33 Foreign), 5 Libraries or Associations (non-Masonic), and 886 Brethren (537 B.I., 349 Foreign).

Among the last named are the following:

Grand Masters Clifford P. MacCalla, Pennsylvania; N. D. Arnold, Rhode Island; General J. C. Smith, Illinois; Hon. S. G. Way, South Australia; C. F. Buck, Louisiana; and T. J. Shryock, Maryland.

Past Grand Masters W. F. Bunting, New Brunswick; J. P. Horner, Louisiana; General S. C. Lawrence, Massachusetts; General Charles Roome, New York; F. H. Waldron, Connecticut; S. S. Williams, Ohio, and Count Goblet D'Alviella, Belgium.

Deputy, and Past Deputy Grand Masters. W. Abrahams, Maryland; Professor A. Flohr, Royal York, Berlin; A. M. Geesteranus, Holland; T. S. MacNair, Pennsylvania; J. Ross Robertson, Canada; and G. W. Wakeford, Prince Edward's Island.

Grand Secretaries, J. C. Batchelor, Louisiana; R. Dickson, Sweden; J. J. Mason, Canada; W. G. Scott, Manitoba; W. R. Singleton, District of Columbia; J. P. Vaillant, Holland; J. K. Wheeler, Connecticut; and E. Baker, Rhode Island.

While of eminent Masons, not falling within any of the foregoing categories, there may be named Charles E. Meyer, Past Grand High Priest, and Thos. R. Patton, Grand Treasurer, Pennsylvania; E. T. Schultz P.G.W., Maryland; Enoch T. Carson Past Grand Commander K.T., of Ohio; and Professor J. Victor Carus, President of the "Free Union of the Five Independent Lodges of Germany."

The Provincial or District Grand Masters, holding under European jurisdictions, are seven in number.

Of the professions, the medical one is the most largely represented, no less than 29 of its members belonging to the Circle, though the clergy are only beaten by one, as they furnish a contingent of 28. After these come the military, 23—among whom are several Generals, but of the sister service there are only four members, the highest in rank being Commodore A. H. Markham, C.B. The Editors of Masonic journals number seven, the professors five, and lastly, of the higher dignitaries of the Church and law, there is in each case a solitary representative, in the person of the Very Rev. Dr. A. P. Parey-Cast, Dean of York, and the Hon. S. G. Way, Chief Justice of South Australia.

The publications of the Lodge comprise two volumes each of *Transactions* and Reprints, and part 1, Volume III., of the former. The chief feature of the *Transactions* is the series of papers read before the Lodge, and of these (including the Proceedings of the last meeting), there are twenty-four. But the brethren by whom they were written are only fifteen in number, and one of them is neither a member nor an associate, and the Inner Circle has a membership of thirty, this goes to show that the burden of lecturing rests on fewer shoulders than is altogether desirable. Indeed, a continuous supply of papers of a certain standard, would seem to be the only rock a-head which we have occasion to dread, but that the danger is no imaginary one, our statistics plainly indicate, as fourteen out of the whole twenty-four papers were the work of five contributors only. Still, however, if the *Transactions* are regarded in their entirety, those who are well wishers of the Lodge may rest fairly content with the success which its self-appointed mission has attained.

In the list of students of the Craft—as brought up to date—it will be found that several new names have been added to the old ones, Bros. Sir Charles Warren, Professor T. Hayter Lewis, and William Simpson, are well-known writers of long standing, but their earliest contributions to the literature of the Craft, all of which are of sterling merit, will be found in the first volume of the *Ars Quatuor Coronatorum*. Brother Walter Besant is an older Masonic student, but none of his previous services in such capacity can vie with those he has rendered since the institution of No. 2076, by serving uninterruptedly as its Treasurer.

Nor in justice to "those rising brethren in our midst," if I may borrow the ornate phraseology of our lamented Bro. Woodford, should I omit to characterise the several papers of Bros. Westcott, Macbean, Kupferschmidt and Williams, as being in each case productions of equal merit and originality.

Of the older students in the Lodge—Hughan, Bywater, Riley, Whytehead, Rylands, Lane, Speth, Whympier, Goldney—it will be sufficient to say, that all in some ways, and many in various ways, have contributed to the success which has been attained.

There are also among us a group of brethren—Bros. Crawley, Ball, Castle, Finlayson, Clarke, Klein, and Richardson—from whom much is expected. Nor would it become me to forget the Outer Circle, to whom we owe so much of our prosperity. But as space is not illimitable I must content myself with remarking that, in the opinion of its full members, no greater compliment has been paid the Lodge than the growing practice by contributors—of weight and reputation—to our English Masonic journals, of attaching the words "Associate Quatuor Coronati" to their signatures.

The Reprints of the Lodge will have extended (ere this reaches its destination) to three volumes. The first comprising the "Regius" or "Halliwell" MS.—the oldest document of the Craft (and other matter), with a commentary thereupon by myself; the second, the Constitutions of A.D. 1738, with an introduction by Hughan; and third, a lithographed *fac simile* in three colours of the Cooke MS.—Addl. MS. 23,198, Brit. Mus.—with a commentary thereon by Speth, and (in each case) a *fac simile* and transcript of the Lansdowne (98), and Harleian (1942) MSS.

The four volumes which next follow, will contain the remainder of the old manuscript contributions.

The foregoing is to some extent a summary of *Ars Quatuor Coronatorum*—or, in other words, of the work achieved during the four and a half years which have elapsed since the consecration of our Student's Lodge.

In the Punjab and in South Australia, at Lahore and at Adelaide, the example we have set is being followed by the formation of Lodges, as expressed in the one instance, "for the purposes of Masonic literature, culture, and instruction," and in the other, "to promote literary effort and the diffusion of Masonic light and knowledge."

May the number of such associations be increased until there is one at least in every convenient centre throughout the Universe. The larger the aggregate of Masonic Students, the more widely diffused will be the publications of the *Quatuor Coronati*, and the greater of course will be the stimulus to their production.

Yours fraternally,

R. F. GOULD.

Junior Army and Navy Club.
London, 29th May 1890.

Bro. W. H. Saunders has just been confirmed in his appointment as Deputation Secretary of the Royal Alfred Institution, for another twelve months. Bro. Saunders has left London for the North of England, where we trust his efforts on behalf of the Institution for which he pleads will meet with support.

The annual meeting of the Province of Hampshire and Isle of Wight will be held under the presidency of Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. Grand Master, at Ryde, Isle of Wight, on Monday, the 28th inst.

A special Provincial Grand Lodge of Somerset was held on the 15th inst., in the Town Hall, Highbridge, under the banner of the Rural Philanthropic Lodge, No. 291, under the presidency of Bro. R. C. Else, D.P.G.M. A vote expressing the profound regret felt by the Freemasons of Somerset at the lamented death of the Pro G.M., the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, and their sincere sympathy with the Countess of Carnarvon and family, was passed. The sum of £2 13s 10d was collected in the Lodge, and it was resolved that this amount be forwarded to the Treasurer of the Bridgwater Infirmary.

The installation meeting of the Viator Lodge, No. 2308, will take place at Anderton's Hotel, this (Saturday) afternoon. The retiring W.M. Bro. Harry Nelson Price will instal as his successor Bro. Ernest A. G. Smith. The brethren will assemble at three o'clock.

The installation of St. Nicholas Lodge, No. 2259, took place at Thorne, on the 18th instant. Brother J. H. Bletcher was installed as W.M. The brethren afterwards partook of an excellent banquet in the Town Hall, where the usual Masonic toasts were given, interspersed with songs by Bros. Rickard, Hanson, Barber, Pawson, &c.

The proprietors of *Work* have arranged to hold an exhibition of articles made by the readers of that journal, for which medals and other prizes are offered. The exhibition will be divided into sixteen groups, and will include upwards of 200 subdivisions. There will be three classes of exhibitors, viz., workmen, apprentices, and amateurs. The Committee of the Polytechnic Institute, Regent Street, W., have placed that Institution at disposal for the Exhibition, which will be held at the end of the present year. Full particulars of the Exhibition, with rules and regulations, and a list of prizes, medals, &c., offered to competitors, are given in No. 70 of *Work*, published this week.

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 July.

1185 Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
1329 Sphinx, Surrey M.H., Camberwell
2303 Viator, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
M.M. 251 Tentenden, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
811 Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1325 Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton
1491 Felix, Clarence Hotel, Teddington
1556 Addiscombe, 105 High Street, Croydon
1597 Musgrave, Angel and Crown Hotel, Staines
1897 Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow
2035 Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
2228 Dene, King's Arms, Cookham, Berks
R.A. 68 Royal Hotel, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
R.A. 308 Affability, Station House, Bottoms
R.A. 1191 Royal Middlesex Mitre, Hampton Court
R.A. 1326 Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton
R.A. 2048 Henry Levander, Railway Hotel, Harrow
M.M. 354 Rose & Lily, Four Swans, Waltham Cross

Monday, 21st July.

1910 Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
2060 La France, 68 Regent Street, W.
77 Freedom, Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
236 York, Masonic Hall, York
248 True Love and Unity, F.M.H., Brixham
331 Phoenix, Public Room, Truro
359 Peace and Harmony, F.M.H., Southampton
382 Royal Union, Public Rooms, Uxbridge
424 Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
925 Bedford, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
934 Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield
1030 Egerton, George Hotel, Heaton Norris
1037 Portland, Port and Hall, Portland
1199 Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
1208 Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
1502 Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1973 Saye and Sele, Masonic Hall, Belvedere, Kent
R.A. 40 Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
R.A. 139 Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield
R.A. 248 Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham
R.A. 734 Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Duffield
R.A. 954 St. Aubyn, Ebrington M.H., Devonport
R.A. 995 Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
K.T. Edmund Plantagenet, Knowsley Hotel, Bury
K.T. Prince of Peace, Bull Hotel Preston
K.T. 39 Fearnley, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury

Tuesday, 22nd July.

Audit Committee Girls' School, at 4
1441 Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey, St. Nicholas Parish Hall, Guildford, at 3.30
Provincial Grand Chapter of Surrey, St. Nicholas Parish Hall, Guildford, at 2.30
253 Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby
788 Crescent, Island Hotel, Twickenham
1016 Elkington, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
1609 Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1675 Altient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
2025 St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
R.A. 47 Abbey, George Hotel, Nottingham
R.A. 91 De Lambton, Freemasons' Hall, Sunderland
R.A. 103 Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
R.A. 199 Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak, Dover
R.A. 815 Blair, Town Hall, Hulme, Manchester
R.A. 1091 Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 262 St. Martin, Masonic Hall Canterbury
K.T. 114 Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Leeds

Wednesday, 23rd July.

Board of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., 6
753 Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, N.W.
751 High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Tottenham
220 Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston
724 Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
778 Bard of Avon, Greyhound, Hampton Court
1039 St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1392 Egerton, Stanley Arms, Bury, Lancashire
1633 Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1967 Beacon Court, Ghuzee Fort Hotel, New Brompton
M.M. Northumberland & Bewick, M.H., Newcastle
M.M. 19 Fowke, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
M.M. 373 Ikeston, Rutland House, Ikeston
K.T. 16 Prudence, Freemasons' Hall, Ipswich

Thursday, 24th July.

General Committee Girls' School, F.M.H., 4
871 Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford
214 Hope and Unity, White Hart, Brentwood
318 St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate
591 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
935 Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
1437 Liberty of Haverling, Rising Sun, Romford
1459 Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, West Gorton
1503 Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1626 Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Newcastle
R.A. 292 Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 424 De Burgh, 34 Denmark Street, Gateshead
R.A. 1098 Prince of Wales, Temple Hall, Tredegar
M.M. 13 Hiram, Greyhound, Richmond
K.T. 8 Plains of Manne, Bull Hotel, Burney

Friday, 25th July.

Quarterly Gen. Court Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
780 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
1692 Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
R.A. 134 Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, E.C.
566 St. Germain, M.H., the Crescent, Selby
840 Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton

1393 Harmor, Masonic Hall, Live pool
1712 St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Newcastle
2039 Londonderry, M.H., Park Terrace, Sunderland
R.A. 242 Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
R.A. 1036 Walton, Skelmersdale M.H., Kirkdale
M.M. 164 Sutherland, Station Hotel, Haywards Heath
K.T. 20 Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Newcastle
K.T. 74 Harcourt, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond

Saturday, 26th July.

Quarterly Gen. Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
1297 West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
1541 Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1679 Henry Muggieridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
1871 Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
308 Prince George, Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1293 Burdett, Mitre, Hotel, Hampton Court
1462 Wharnciffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1464 Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
1511 Chisellhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chislehurst
1777 Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1965 Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent
1982 Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom
2048 Henry Levander, Station Hotel, Harrow
R.A. 1777 Royal Hanover, Town Hall, Twickenham

INSTRUCTION.

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Saturday, 19th July.

87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's Park, near Nunhead Junction, 7.30
179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., 8
198 Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8
1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., 8
1288 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8
1364 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7
1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney, 8
1624 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Pimlico, 7
2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, 7.30
R.A. Sinai, Union Tavern, Air Street, W., 8

Monday, 21st July.

22 Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7.30
27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8
45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., 8
174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7
180 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8
248 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brixham, Devon, 7
332 Royal Union, Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge
548 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford, 8
823 Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7.30
933 Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, 8
975 Rose of Deemark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7.30
1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., 8
1340 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 6.30
1425 Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Cleveland Gdns., 8
1445 Prince Leopold, 22 Whitechapel Road, E., 7
1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall Canterbury, 8
1489 M. of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, 7.30
1597 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, E.C., 7.30
1595 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho, Putney, 8
1608 Kilburn, 46 South Milton Street, W., 8
1623 West Smithfield, Manchester Hotel, E.C., 7
1693 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 8.30
1707 Eleanor, Rose and Crown, Tottenham, 8
1743 Perseverance, Deacons' Tavern, Walbrook, 7
1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Ct. Hotel, W. Kensington, 8
1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, 8
2021 Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, The Criterion, W., 8

Tuesday, 22nd July.

24 Newcastle-on-Tyne, F.M.H., Newcastle, 7.30
25 Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, 8
55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 7
141 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W., 7
177 Donatice, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7.30
148 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8
212 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, Cannon Tower, 8
241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
554 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8
700 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 7.30
753 Prince Fred. William, Eagle Tavern, Maida Hill, 8
820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 7.30
860 Dilhousie, Middleton Arms, Dalston, 8
861 Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle St., 7
1044 Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth, 8
1321 Emblematic, Mona Hotel, Henrietta St., W.C., 8
1343 St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex
1349 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 7.30
1446 Mount Edgecombe, Three Stars, Lambeth Rd., 8
1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 7.30
1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1510 Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High St., 8
1634 Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Norbiton, 8
1695 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, N., 8
1839 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7
1919 Brixton, Prince Regent, East Brixton, 8
2146 S. Arbuton, Maple Hill, Surbiton
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon St., 6.30
R.A. 704 Camden, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., 8

Wednesday, 23rd July.

3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barking, 8
30 United Mariners', Lugard, Peckham, 7.30
65 Prosperity, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., 7
72 Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., 8
73 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, Borough, 8
193 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall St., 7
223 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8
538 La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Gt. Portland St., 8
720 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, 7
781 Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett Rd., 7.30
813 New Concord, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Rd., 8
862 Whittington, Red Lion, Fleet Street, 8
902 Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Strand, 8
972 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, 8.30

1264 Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7
1269 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney
1475 Peckham 51: Old Kent Road, 8
1511 Alexandra, Hornsey, Hull
1601 Ravensbourne, George, Lewisham, 8
1604 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W., 7.30
1662 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow, 7.30
1681 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair, 8
1791 Creton, Wheatsheaf, Shepherd's Bush, 8
1922 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, 8
1963 Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, 7.30
2206 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 8
R.A. 177 Donatice, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
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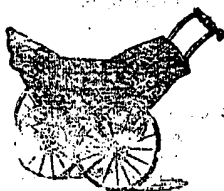


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