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MASONIC TOUTING.

TWICE during the last few days public attention has been drawn to the pernicious system of toutting which has grown up in Masonic matters, and as on the first occasion it was the President of the Board of Benevolence who took upon himself to refer to the matter, and as, moreover, the canvassing or toutting of which he complained is a specific Masonic offence, there is every probability that, in the one case at least, the annoyance will be discontinued. But, in the other, the objectors are not so fortunate in having laws already framed on their behalf, and it is questionable if public opinion has yet been so far aroused as to call for legislation on the point; but an advance has been made in the right direction, although there are many who will object to the means adopted to bring the matter under special notice, which in this case took the form of a letter, published in the *Standard*, of Wednesday.

At the last meeting of the Board of Benevolence the President spoke of the active canvass which had recently become the custom on behalf of those whose applications were to be considered by the Board, and the rules of the Craft were quoted* to show the illegality of the system, and the penalties which attach to its practice. The chief of the Board intimated that the penalties laid down in the Constitutions would be enforced if the practice was continued, and, therefore, we may expect, as we have just said, some apparent alteration in this particular, at least for some time to come. The other complaint comes from an individual who, signing himself "S.," asks if "anything can be done to prevent the annoying solicitation of brethren to vote for them at the Board of General Purposes?" The writer said he had before him letters from no less than four brethren, asking him to support them as members of the Board, and continues: "The first two base their demand on the fact that they have been already on the Board for four years; the third sends a postcard, demanding an answer, to know if I will come purposely to vote for him; and the fourth actually proposes that I should vote for him and four other brethren, and mentions that I am to attend not later than 6.30 p.m. to record my vote." All this may be regarded by the candidates themselves, and by some of their warmest supporters, as a very trivial matter to complain about, and they may even urge that the system should be continued, if not extended. We are of a

very different opinion, and we are happy to know there are many who fully endorse the views expressed by "S." in the *Standard*, and who agree, with us, that all toutting or canvassing for Masonic preferment should be prohibited by rigorous action on the part of the authorities. We have so often referred to the matter in connection with the annual election of Grand Treasurer that our opinion must be well known, and we thank "S.," whoever he may be, for the public stand he has made in the direction of securing an unbiassed ballot. He suggests, in order to prevent this recurring annoyance, that it will be "better for every member thus solicited, to independently vote for any other candidates, rather than those gentlemen who thrust themselves thus prominently forward," and, of course, that would supply a very efficient check on the practice, but that is very unlikely to be brought into force, and the much more desirable course remains, that Grand Lodge should prohibit all canvassing or toutting for Offices of distinction in the Craft, just as it prohibits canvassing or toutting on behalf of petitioners to the Board of Benevolence. It is very certain that the practice is opposed to the spirit of the Order, else it would not be specially referred to in one of the places where it is likely to occur; and, as it is prohibited in one case, it is but rational to imagine it is illegal in the other. We are aware this opinion is not shared by one of the principal executive Officers of Grand Lodge, who, we believe, expressed his opinion that it was perfectly legal for the members of a Lodge to combine among themselves to secure the election of a certain Brother as Worshipful Master. The proceeding may be legal, but we doubt its expediency, despite the authority on which it was permitted, and it is just the extension of this principle of combination which has led to public notice being directed to its abuse during the last few days.

We should like "S." and those who think as he does to follow up the matter by bringing it officially under the notice of Grand Lodge, and if this was done at an early date it might have the effect of preventing, or at least of lessening the severity of the attack which may shortly be expected to be made upon the members of the Grand Lodge on behalf of one or other of the candidates put forward for the office of Grand Treasurer. There are many men who richly deserve the honours of this appointment who will not allow themselves to be put in nomination because they object to the toutting and canvassing which seems necessary in connection with the election, and as this is an evil which grows worse year by year, we think Grand Lodge might well consider the desirability of putting a stop to the system once and for all. If any action is taken on the point the writer of the letter in Wednesday's *Standard* will have the satisfaction of knowing he has done something to win the respect of his fellows, for we believe that many of those who now take the most

* Rule 231.—The members (of the Board of Benevolence) shall not be subject to canvass or previous solicitation, but shall have their minds free from prejudice, to decide on the merits of each case with the impartiality and purity of Masonic feeling. If it shall appear that this rule has been wilfully transgressed, the consideration of the case shall be deferred for the space of three months.

Rule 232.—If any Master of a Lodge or any member of the Board shall canvass or otherwise solicit on behalf of a petitioner, he shall be rendered incapable of attending as a member of the Board of Benevolence for twelve months.

active part in these canvassings do so with regret, and only because they recognise the system of the present day renders touting absolutely necessary.

We append the letter referred to:—

MASONIC TOUTING.

To the Editor of the STANDARD.

SIR,—Can anything be done to prevent the annoying solicitation of brethren to vote for them at the Board of General Purposes, which takes place on next Wednesday?

I have now before me letters from no less than four brethren, asking me to support them as members of the Board. The first two base their demand on the fact that they have been already on the Board for four years; the third sends me a postcard (which I enclose), demanding an answer, to know if I will come purposely to vote for him; and the fourth letter (enclosed) actually proposes that I should vote for him and four other brethren, and mentions that I am to attend not later than 6.30 p.m. to record my vote.

To prevent this recurring annoyance, will it not be better for every member thus solicited to independently vote for any other candidates rather than those gentlemen who thrust themselves thus prominently forward?

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

S.

WHY SOME LODGES HAVE DETERIORATED.

WHY have certain Lodges deteriorated, and what is the remedy to prevent others from falling into the same sad state?

The above question has two clear and distinct propositions—one having reference to the past, the other to the future—and we therefore propose to touch upon them separately.

The first proposition therefore is, "Why have certain Lodges deteriorated?" This subject is a delicate one, yet it must be fairly dealt with before suggesting a remedy. It is, therefore, proposed to treat it in a general way, in order that our remarks may not be considered as applying to any individual Lodge in particular, but to the whole Fraternity as a body.

One of the principal causes why some Lodges have fallen off, both in numbers and respectability, has arisen from a carelessness of members in proposing candidates, of whom they have had but little or no previous knowledge, simply because some friends have stated they were "good fellows." It should be known that "good fellows," in the general acceptance of the term, often make bad Masons. Should it so happen that some member of the Lodge has been able to ascertain such particulars concerning the "good fellows" as would make him believe that the candidate was not sufficiently worthy of the important privilege of being made a Mason, and in consequence of the information thus received, take such measures as would insure his rejection, the Brother proposing the member very often feels hurt, and takes the matter as a personal affront. If he would properly consider the whole affair, he no doubt would view the rejection in exactly the opposite light; for if it be certain that the person proposed was unworthy to be taken by the hand by all good Masons, the refusal to accept him would, perhaps, be the means of saving the proposer's own reputation, and preserving the Lodge from discord and disruption. A candidate rejected or objected to *for cause*, is better out of the Lodge than in it, as the proposer himself might ultimately find out when the test of time had developed the secrets of his candidate's character and disposition. If accepted when he should have been rejected, it is often found that, before many years, the improperly made member, either through disappointed ambition or evil passions, generally succeeds in destroying both the honour and harmony of the Lodge into which he has been admitted. The Brother unwittingly introducing any one who might thus be rejected, should rather feel pleased than otherwise that others had been enabled to find out the true character of the man he had proposed, before he had succeeded in being made a Mason, and before it had become too late to remedy the evil.

Another principal cause is the laxity of committees of investigation. The simple fear of offending a good and well-meaning Brother has very often operated on the minds of persons composing such committees, and must have influenced their actions; many times inducing them to report favourably when perhaps they thought in their own consciences the candidate below the strict standard of what should constitute the qualifications of a Brother.

They would, perhaps, argue in this wise: "We do not know of anything *actually* bad in his character, yet his habits are a little *loose*. Still as Brother A. has proposed him, we may as well report favourably." The candidate is approved. He is in turn appointed on a committee, and reports "favourably" on a candidate a few shades lower in the social scale. This member also in turn does likewise. And so on, until the words "little loose" have no application, and actually bad become the fact. This is all wrong. Again, the committee selected may not feel inclined to devote the time, or have the time to spare, necessary for the fullest inquiry into the candidate's antecedents, or even his present habits; and are therefore contented, if not actually satisfied, with the recommendations given by the references specially mentioned by the person desiring to become a member. Of course it is not at all likely that the candidate will refer to any one who would know the evil side of his character, if he have one; and yet a close inquiry from his neighbours or former acquaintances, or even his present business connections, might perhaps easily have led to a complete unveiling of a man whose life was nothing more nor less than a living lie.

Another cause arises from the haste of young Lodges to make members, without caring to inquire into the qualification of those they admit, or even fixing a standard for the guidance of their investigating committees. Under these circumstances many persons, not entirely up to that high moral standard which should characterize a Mason, become members of the Craft, and they induce others equally objectionable to join; for notwithstanding the fact that no person is ever directly asked to become a member of a Masonic Lodge, still there are many ways by which friends and acquaintances may be induced to do a thing, and yet suppose they are doing it solely of their own free will and accord. After a while these recklessly made members bring discord into their Lodge, and in order to get rid of them they are requested to form a Lodge of their own, which in too many cases they obtain the necessary permission to do. The result must naturally be and is injurious to the welfare and dignity of that time-honoured institution, Free and Accepted Masonry.

Leaving this part of the subject for the present, we will touch upon the second proposition. "What is the remedy to prevent others from falling into the same sad state?"

First. Let no member of a Lodge propose as a candidate any man with whom he is not personally acquainted, and with whose history, for at least one or two years, he is not thoroughly conversant, no matter who the person may be who desires him so to do.

Second. When a candidate is proposed, let every member of the Lodge consider it part of his duty to find out for himself something about the person thus offered for membership, and if unworthy or suspicious, report the facts to some of the officers of the Lodge.

Third. Every member of an investigating committee should perform his duty strictly, and without fear or partiality. Should the candidate be objectionable, the committeeman should act manfully, and report as his conscience dictates, no matter who may propose the candidate; for if a bad man be admitted, through his negligence, all the evils that follow rest upon his shoulders.

Fourth. Do not confine your inquiries to the set-down references, but extend them in all possible directions.

Such strictures will not harm a good man, and may lead to the detection of a bad one. In such cases there cannot be too close an investigator.

Fifth. Use the black ball only when deserved, that is, when a candidate is *really not fit* to be made a Mason. A Lodge should not be wronged either by rejecting a good man from personal motives or admitting a bad man. If merely personally objectionable, no prudent Master would force it on the Lodge.

Sixth. Fix a standard of high tone for the guidance of the investigating committees, and never deviate from it, even for your best friend.—*Courier*.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

CHISLEHURST LODGE, No. 1531.

THE 88th meeting was held on Saturday last, the 23rd inst., at the Ball Hotel, Chislehurst, Kent, at 3 p.m. A goodly number of brethren and visitors, (for the latter of whom this pretty Country Lodge is famous) assembled, amongst whom were Bros. C. F. Quicke W.M., Thos. C. Nunn P.M. and S.W., J. Marshall J.W., William Hollis I.P.M., W. Kipps P.M. and Treasurer P.P.G.O. Kent, E. J. Goodale P.M. and Sec., Richard Nevill P.M., W. J. Gleaves S.D., C. A. Dettmer J.D., A. J. Perriam Steward, T. Smith I.G., A. Muir, G. Procter, G. N. Turner, G. Whomes, J. E. Drinkwater, G. H. Dowsett, W. Tunstall. Visitors—Bro. Milburn of Union Waterloo 13, J. P. Fitzgerald Derby Alloroft 2168, A. C. Villers 499, Miller, Samson, and Bros. Callahan, Dana, and Kitson. The Lodge opened. Mr. Tunstall was initiated into Freemasonry according to ancient custom, Bro. W. J. Kipps of the Star Lodge 1275 was duly elected a joining member of this Lodge. Bro. Chas. Francis Quicke, the present popular Master, was unanimously re-elected to the office of W.M. for the ensuing 12 months, and considering the progress the Lodge has made, owing to his personal efforts, the brethren were giving the best proof in their power of their appreciation of his services by re-electing him to rule over them for another year. Upon the election for the office of Treasurer being brought forward, the Secretary requested permission to remind the brethren that upon his retirement, in 1887, the former Treasurer, Bro. William Hollis, to take office in the Lodge, at the pressing request of the brethren promised that when he had passed the chair he would be willing, if the brethren so desired it, to resume the office of Treasurer. The Secretary pointed out that no brother in the Lodge more merited this compliment than our popular Charity representative, who by his exertions had done so much on behalf of Charity, and for Freemasonry generally. The brethren showed their appreciation of his services by unanimously re-electing Bro. William Hollis to his old position of Treasurer, which he promised the brethren should receive the same attention from him in the future as in the past days. The office of Tyler was given to Bro. Rawles; the names of Bro. G. H. Dowsett, G. Whomes, and W. Tunstall, were accepted to form the Audit Committee. Bro. Hollis gave notice to alter certain Bye-Laws, and also brought forward a proposition that was cordially seconded by Bro. P.M. W. Kipps, P.P.G.O. Kent, that the sum of £7 7s be taken from the Lodge funds to purchase a Past Master's jewel, and £1 1s for a collar and jewel, to be presented to Bro. Charles Francis Quicke W.M. for the efficient manner in which he had performed the duties of his office during the past year. At the Festive Board full honours were done to the Masonic toasts, and the evening passed in a most harmonious manner, several of the brethren and visitors contributing in no small measure to the enjoyment of the company by their splendid rendering of songs and music.

EMPIRE LODGE, No. 2108.

SUCH an array of Grand Officers as assembled at the meeting of this Lodge, held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on the 28th inst., is seldom seen outside the doors of Grand Lodge, unless it be for some very special ceremony or occasion, such as caused their presence that evening. Several distinguished colonial Freemasons being at present in London, the Officers of this Lodge, which was established about five years ago, not only for Masonic purposes, but also to afford a meeting place for Colonial Masons when on a visit to the Mother country, determined to organise a reception in their honour. The Lodge was opened soon after five o'clock by the W.M. Bro. Geoffrey C. Herbert, assisted by Bros. E. E. Harding S.W., Emil Bohnke J.W., Dr. Andrew Miller I.P.M., Dr. Lennox Browne Treasurer, E. Warden Dennis Secretary, F. H. Jameson S.D., C. J. Harrison J.D., Walter Clifford I.G., Charles Moses P.M., Ernest Turner P.M., W. J. Shard and Herman Klein. The special colonial guests were:—Bros. Chief Justice Way Pro G.M. of South Australia, Dr. Egan District G.M. East District Cape Colony, Major-General J. W. Laurie Past G.M. Nova Scotia, and Sir Arthur Hodgson, K.C.M.G. Letters of regret and apology for absence were sent by Bros. the Earl of Lathom, the Earl of Mount Edgcombe, Sir Jas. Ferguson, Sir E. Inglefield, Sir A. Clarke, Sir William Whiteway District G.M. Newfoundland, the Hon. Moses Munroe and Rev. W. Pilot, also from Newfoundland. The Grand Officers present were Lord Brooke P.G.M. Essex, Colonel M. de Carteret P.G.M. Jersey, Col. Noel Money P.G.M. Surrey, Sir Wm. Marriott D.P.G.M. Sussex, Rev. J. S. Brownrigg D.P.G.M. Bucks, F. A. Philbrick, Col. Shadwell H. Clarke, Sir John Monckton P.G.W., Sir Somers Vine, Arthur J. Trendell, C.M.G., A. A. Pendlebury, Richard Eve P.G. Treas., Augustus Harris G.G. Treas., Peter de Lande Long P.G.D., Sir George Harris P.G.D., F. West P.G.D., Ed. Letchworth P.G.D., Dr. Turtle Pigott, Chas. Belton, Hastings Miller, Col. Peters, Richard Clowes, Chas. F. Matier, Chas. Hogard, Edward Cutler, Q.C., E. M. Lott, and Wilhelm Ganz. Among the other numerous company present were Bros. H. H. Room P.M., S. Sinauer P.M., Dr. Zacharie, Cremien Javal, Major Cooper, A. Rothschild, W. T. Boydell P.M., Raynes Dickson, Capt. Wetherall, Massey, Lee, Orlton Cooper, &c., &c. The work of the Lodge consisted in passing Bro. Edgar Robertson, and raising Bro. G. F. Wells, both ceremonies being admirably rendered by Bro. Geoffrey C. Herbert W.M. Bro. Farmer was accepted as a joining member, and Bro. J. R. Spence P.M. as a colonial member. After the Lodge was closed, the brethren had an opportunity for conversation, prior to the banquet. This *récherché* repast was served in the handsome Victoria Room, and at its termination the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and accepted with enthusiasm. Dr. Lennox Browne, in proposing the Grand Officers, said it was highly grati-

fying to see so many present, although they had been disappointed in many instances, notably by the Earl of Lathom, and Earl Mount Edgcombe. Their presence was not only an honour to their distinguished visitors, but also to the Empire Lodge. Lord Brooke, in reply, stated that it was a great pleasure for him to be present, and to form one of the great influential body assembled there that evening, to meet their colonial brethren. It was very pleasant to those who lived in the old country to receive visits from their brethren at the Antipodes, and he wished that many more had been present; still, they who were there must convey to those who were absent our regret for their absence, and, in conclusion, said that if any of them desired to come down to his Province of Essex, they would receive a cordial welcome. The W.M. then gave the toast of the evening, Our Distinguished Foreign and Colonial Guests. It might appear strange that the word foreign was made use of in connection with their Colonial brethren, but he hastened to assure them that it was only a technical Masonic term, merely technical, and had no other meaning. The programme of their Lodge was to offer a Masonic home and welcome to travelling brethren, and he hoped the brethren would agree that they had done their best to carry that programme out. General Laurie G.M. of Nova Scotia was no stranger to them, and Sir Arthur Hodgson had also been a frequent visitor. They now received, for the first time, Bro. Chief Justice Way, who was appointed first Masonic Governor of South Australia, in 1884, abdicating in favour of the Earl of Kintore, on his arrival, when he was appointed Pro Grand Master. He installed Lord Carrington as G.M. of New South Wales, on 18th September 1888, and assisted that noble brother to instal Sir William Clarke as first G.M. of Victoria, on 20th March 1889, and the Rev. Powlet Harris as G.M. of Tasmania, on 26th June last year. He had also rendered good service in bringing about the adhesion of the various colonies to the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England, and, as acknowledgment of his meritorious services, H.R.H. the M.W. Grand Master had appointed him to represent the Grand Lodge of England in Australia. Sir William Whiteway G.M. of Newfoundland, and two other brethren from that colony, had come to England on a delicate mission, and he deeply regretted their absence. Dr. Egan District G.M. of the Eastern Division of South Africa had previously been the guest of the Lodge, and had done them the honour to delay his departure, in order to be present on this occasion. He was sure the brethren would give the toast a hearty reception. Chief Justice Way responded with one of his most eloquent speeches, in the course of which he said that he desired to acknowledge the magnificent hospitality and the fraternal manner in which he had been received. He was also glad to know that he was only a foreigner in a technical sense, as he rather prided himself upon being a Briton. He considered that the main object of the Lodge had been established by the cordial welcome extended to the Colonial brethren. He had frequently been asked as the loyalty of the Colonies to the British Crown. Well, he had lived forty years in Australia, and, speaking from personal experience, he was sure the people would never consent to a separation. Masons in Australia now numbered as many as the inhabitants of this great Metropolis, but they did not wish to separate from the Grand Lodge of England. Their connection was not a mercenary one, for "the crimson thread of kinship" was interwoven with "the golden strand of loyalty." They would all remember how the Colonies had offered their assistance to England in times of need, not that they thought England was in great straits, but they desired to stand by their English brothers. The Colonies gladly paid their contributions for the fleets in Southern waters, and were always anxious to show they were in partnership with the Empire. He bore testimony to the great work accomplished by Freemasonry in Australia, which leavened and spread fraternal feelings all over the great continent. So long as those feelings obtained they could safely say to traitors and foes, *Quis separabit?* The Worshipful Brother resumed his seat amid great applause. General Laurie also spoke of the great power of Freemasonry in his Colony, and of the true loyalty to the Mother Country. He further said that the report of the hearty reception accorded to himself and other Colonials, would send the brethren over in shoals. He might adopt the motto of this Lodge, "*Cælum non regem*," and say that though they have changed their skies, they did not wish a better sovereign. Dr. Egan also spoke to the toast. His visit to England had shown him what Freemasonry really was, and he considered the hospitality of London Lodges surpassed anything he had ever seen. The working of their Master was most excellent, and as he was made a Mason in South Africa, it spoke well as to what is done in that Colony. Sir Arthur Hodgson said he thought the Empire Lodge was one of the most successful; he had witnessed its consecration five years ago and hoped he might be allowed to become a joining member. Pressure on our space prohibits a further account of the other interesting speeches, it must therefore suffice to mention that the Worshipful Master, the Past Masters, the Visitors, and the Officers, were all duly complimented, and that this very pleasant gathering terminated at a late hour, every body present having spent a most enjoyable evening.

The members of the Barnato Lodge, No. 2265, held a very satisfactory meeting at their new quarters, at the Café Monico, on the 21st inst. We hope to supply a report of the proceedings next week.

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THE BISHOP OF SANDHURST AND FREEMASONRY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE *Bendigo Advertiser*.

SIR,—In your issue of the 9th instant you refer to a pastoral letter from the Roman Catholic Bishop of Sandhurst, which was read at the several services held in St. Kilian's pro-Cathedral on the previous day, and you state that in such letter Freemasonry is alluded to in the following terms:—

It seems superfluous to put the faithful on their guard against the Masonic Society, which has been so often condemned in the most forcible terms by the Church. Suffice it to say that no one can become a Freemason and continue to be a Catholic. The illustrious Pontiff Leo XIII. points out, in the most unequivocal language, the objects and aims of Freemasons. It is needless, now, says the Holy Father, to put the Masonic sects upon their trial. They are already judged; their ends, their means, their doctrines, and their actions, are all known with indisputable certainty. Possessed by the spirit of Satan, whose instruments they are, they burn, like him, with deadly and implacable hatred of Jesus Christ and of His work, and they endeavour, by every means, to overthrow and fetter it. Further on the Pope states that "Masonic writers of the highest authority do not hesitate to declare that the end of Masonry is to lay clericalism (or Catholicism) waste in its foundation, and its very sources of life, namely, in the school, and in the family."

Now, sir, we submit that these charges, brought against our ancient Order by Bishop Crane, are *ex parte* and untrue statements, and have been refuted over and over again.

1. It would be interesting to us, as Freemasons, to be informed who these "writers of the highest Masonic authority" are? We emphatically deny that we know of any such writers; and we are absolutely certain that there is not a sentence, or word, in our Constitution, laws, or charges, which, by the most ingenious casuistry, could be twisted to bear any such interpretation. On the contrary, we assert that our system teaches the most reverent and simple godliness, strict morality, justice tempered with mercy, and a wide embracing charity; and, moreover, that it includes degrees of a specific Christian character, such as the Knight Templars, the Knights of Rome and Constantine, and several others, the members of which bind themselves, most solemnly, to defend Christ and His teaching. So far then the charge that Freemasons "burn with a deadly and implacable hatred, &c." is a slanderous contradiction of the definite and express aim of some degrees created, incorporated and recognised by Freemasons.

2. Has Bishop Crane reflected, for a moment, upon the composition of the great body of English-speaking Freemasons? Does he know that it includes vast numbers of men who deservedly stand high in the ministry, and work, of many Christian denominations? Does he forget that in the Imperial home of the British Empire, another branch of Catholicism not Roman but English, is the State Church, and that the monarch of our proud and mighty empire is the earthly head of that Church, and the "Defender of the Faith"? And does he know that the Prince of Wales, his brothers and a son—any one of whom may one day be called to the throne of England—are high rulers in the Craft of Freemasonry; that the former (the Heir-Apparent) is the elected head of the Masonic body in England, and, until recently, of most of the Masonic bodies in the colonies?

If Bishop Crane is cognisant of these facts, we suppose he will not deny that he is a subject of England's Monarch, and as such should, in his high position, be a loyal and true one, and ready to acknowledge in his prospective sovereign an honourable, high-minded and Christian Prince, who would scorn to play the two-faced part of "Defender of the Faith" and "Destroyer of it."

3. But facts such as these are persistently ignored by the aggressive Church of Roman claims; and for ages her rulers have, for reasons of her own, wilfully misrepresented and maligned our Order; of this the organs of periodical literature afford abundant evidence, as, also, of the crushing replies made by those who, by reason of their high positions in the Order, may be supposed to know something of the true principles of Freemasonry. Here is an example of such attack and defence of more than one hundred years ago. It is a translation from a German paper:—"During 1778 the Masonic Lodge at Aachen (Aix La Chappelle), which, through not working, had forfeited its original warrant, was reconstructed by, and opened under, warrant from the Grand Lodge of Wetzlar, Germany. The occasion was seized upon by the Primate of the Dominican Monastery at Aachen, Greinemame, and the Friar Schuff to harangue the people in the Cathedral against the Masons in general, and this newly re-opened Lodge in Aachen in particular."

When Frederick the Great heard of these fanatics, who, through their preaching, endangered the public peace, he wrote, on the 7th February 1778, to these inciters of the people the following letter:—

"My Very Reverend Fathers,—Different records, verified by the public prints, have acquainted me with what zeal you are endeavouring to sharpen the sword of fanaticism against quiet, virtuous and honourable people, to wit, the Freemasons of Aachen. As a former office-bearer of this most honourable Order, I must, as much as lay in my power, repudiate the calumnies with which you have aspersed it, and I will endeavour to remove the veil which hides from you the temple which the Masons have erected to all the virtues, but which you have proclaimed to be the meeting place of all the vices. What, my very reverend fathers, will you bring back to us the centuries of ignorance and cruelty which were a disgrace to the human race? Those times of fanaticism upon which the eye of reason cannot gaze without horror? Those times when hypocrisy sat upon the throne of despotism between superstition and humility, chained the world, and burned without mercy all those who could read and write. You not only call Freemasons masters of witch craft, but you accuse them of theft and murder, and of being the forerunners of the anti Christ, and you incite a whole people to annihilate this damned race. Thieves, my very reverend sirs, do not consider it their duty to assist the poor and the orphan. Robbers, on the contrary, deprive them of

their heritage, and grow fat on the proceeds of their iniquities in the lap of laziness and hypocrisy—these swindle the people, but the Freemasons enlighten them. A Freemason who returns from his Lodge, where he received nothing but precepts calculated to benefit his fellow man, should, when he returns home, be a better husband and father. Forerunners of anti Christ would most likely turn their attention to the destruction of God's laws, but the Freemason could not so act without destroying his own building, his temple. And how can these people be a damned race, who are never tired of disseminating all virtues which make and mould a true citizen, and to do this is their only aim and reward.—Frederick.

4. Again, this very encyclical letter of Pope Leo XIII., quoted by Bishop Crane, was replied to in the Grand Lodge of England in 1884 by the Pro Grand Master the late Earl of Carnarvon in the following temperate, but telling and dignified language:—"Before we proceed to the next business which stands on the agenda paper I have a communication of an important character to make from the Grand Master. I could have wished that this communication were entered on the agenda paper, it would have been more in due form that it should be so; but whatever blame attaches to any delay in furnishing the resolution I have to move attaches to myself. Brethren, every one here present has probably seen an encyclical letter of the Pope, which appeared in many public prints with reference to Freemasonry in general. I believe it would not be doing our duty if, on this, the first and earliest occasions we meet after the publication of that encyclical, we were to separate without some notice of it. I have felt it my duty from this chair to propose to you the course which I think it is wise and dignified for us to take.

It is a duty which none of us can covet, but which, like many other duties, we are sometimes bound to accept, and I hope that in the few words which I shall say this evening on this question, I shall only speak in that measured language of respect which is due to the head of the Roman Catholic Church. All the more do I say this, and feel it, that I sincerely respect him not merely as the Roman Pontiff, but as a statesman, who, succeeding to a great post—a great political post—in critical times, has shown his statesmanship with ability, and I think discretion.

Now, the letter to which I have called your attention is a very long one; it contains a variety of topics, and it would occupy far too long if I were to attempt either to read it or to summarise it. It commences by making a certain exception in favour of individuals. A certain portion of it is devoted to what I may call Italian politics, and to the relations of the Papal Court to other foreign powers with which, of course, this Grand Lodge has nothing to do. And a part again is devoted to a condemnation of that which we must all condemn in literature, in morals, in practice in the present day. Having so far disposed of those points on which no issue need be raised, I now approach those topics which intimately concern us; and I think this encyclical falls into these two great errors—in the first place it confounds all Masonic bodies in all parts of the world in a common and sweeping charge of condemnation, and it next proceeds to confound all these Masonic bodies, with infidels, or, as it terms them, "naturalists in religion," and the revolutionists and anarchists in politics.

Now I hold here a copy of this encyclical, and I observe that it imputes, amongst other things, these charges to the whole Masonic body without discrimination and without qualification.

It charges us with treating matrimony in the lightest possible spirit, and regarding it as no bond or tie; it accuses us of separating education from religion and morals, and it charges us with a dissemination of vice and vicious principles for the purpose of corrupting the morals of the young, and, lastly, it imputes to us all those monstrous charges which are included under the titles of sedition, revolution, socialism and communism. Now, brethren, it is perhaps right that I should, for the purpose of substantiating what I say, read a very few words from the encyclical.

It says that we hold that matrimony belongs to a class of business engagements; that it can be broken off at the will of those who contract it, and by right; that in the educating and teaching of children, we exclude the ministers of the Church from all supervision and instruction of them; and that, in moral instruction, nothing is to be brought in which is to bind man to God by the great and holy sanction of religion.

It says we treat as idle fables the redemption of the human race, heavenly grace, the sacraments and the attaining of felicity in heaven; that we claim our right to say that there is a God, or to say that there is no God; that we maintain that the masses of the people, by every art and design, are to be saturated with an unlimited license to vice, for, this being secured, they will be in the power of the sect to attempt anything and everything at its bidding, and, lastly, it adds that our ultimate end is to aim to overthrow that discipline and social order which Christianity has founded, and to erect upon its throne a new one after its own principles and foundations of disorder.

Now, brethren, it is my duty, and I hold it to be the duty of the Grand Lodge this night, on the first occasion which has been given to it, to protest against these unfounded charges, and, in protesting, to affirm, with all the force and all the solemnity we can bring to bear, that they are founded upon a complete and total misapprehension of Freemasonry. I am not here to-night to defend all Masonic bodies in all parts of the world.

As we desire to stand perfectly clear ourselves, so let us not take up any ground that is not absolutely correct. I grieve to think that there are some Masonic bodies that have laid themselves open to many of the charges which the encyclical letter contains, but, on the other hand, I fearlessly deny that there has been anything, directly or indirectly, by word or by deed, that can sully the fair fame, either of the Grand Lodge or any Lodge under its rule. If I desired to appeal for evidence on this subject, where should I turn? I should point to our own rules, our ancient charges, our Book of Constitutions, one and all breathing a spirit of religion and of obedience to the law.

I hope I might go further, and taking the Masonic bodies of England as a whole, I might point to our different Lodges and to our members, and say that in life, in morals, they are not unworthy of their great profession; and, lastly, I should turn to that long line of illustrious rulers who have governed this Craft, whose pictures, till last year, before this hall was consumed by fire, hung on these walls; and, above all, to our present G. Master himself; and I would ask any one, any fair and impartial bystander, whether it was conceivable that an Order founded upon these laws, governed by these traditions, ruled by these rulers, could ever be open to the monstrous charges which I have just now read. If, indeed, any further illustration were needed of what I have now said, I would remind you of two comparatively recent facts. Some years ago (March 1878) this Grand Lodge, without one single dissenting voice, having taken into consideration, in the calmest and most solemn manner, the course of action which had been pursued by a large number of French lodges, who erased from their title deeds and charters the affirmation of the immortality of the soul and the belief in a supreme God. I say this Grand Lodge having taken that into its calmest consideration, then resolved, without one dissenting voice, without one hand being lifted up against it, to break off, painful as it might be, all communion with the French Lodges. That was the first evidence in recent times to which I appeal; and I might now turn to one event so recent that it has been illustrated in the minutes which we have heard read this evening—an occasion in which I took part, and in which many here present took part—I mean the laying of the corner stone of a tower of Peterborough Cathedral. When any one who was present at that scene recalls how the bishop and clergy stood arrayed in their places, how the volunteer citizens, the defenders of order and social right, stood marshalled in long lines, how men of every class and every profession, men to whom religion and social order might be deemed to have been the dearest objects of their hearts—when I say we remember that these men were brought together for the restoration of a temple for the worship and honour of Almighty God, I think it would be worse than foolish to suppose that we could have gone through such a blasphemous mimicry, if really our hearts had been turned in the opposite direction, and we had been plotters against social order and deniers of a Supreme Being.

I am convinced that social order and religion have no stronger friends, no truer pillars to rest upon than the Masonic bodies of England.

I deeply regret, brethren, that any person in the position of the Pope should have been so far misled by false representations as to put his hand—I am sure most undesignedly—to such a misstatement of facts as this encyclical letter contains. I wish I could think that anything I can say, or that we could do here, would open his eyes to the facts of the case; but, whether that be so or not, we have one duty to ourselves and to the ancient and venerable Order that we represent, and it is this: In the most temperate language that we can command, but at the same time the most decisive, to protest against this charge, and to spread far and wide our protest against it, and with this object and with this purpose I beg now to submit to the Grand Lodge a motion, trusting that on this, as on the former occasion to which I alluded, there will be neither dissentient voice nor gesture. I beg now to move:—

5. First: "That this Grand Lodge has seen with great regret the recent encyclical letter in which the charges of atheism, sedition and vice are made against Masonry in general without discrimination or qualification."

And secondly: "That this Grand Lodge, whilst it does not deny that meetings for political and seditious purposes have in some countries been held under the pretence of their being Masonic Lodges, can only express its astonishment and regret that English Freemasonry should by some strange misapprehension of facts be included in this sweeping charge, which the law, practices and traditions of the Order, as well as the position of its rulers, clearly prove to be utterly without foundation." Note.—Both these motions were carried unanimously.

6. Now, sir, notwithstanding the above, and many such like able defences that have been made and promulgated of the principles of Freemasonry, it is well known to the world at large that, in the eyes of the rulers of the Roman Catholic Church, Freemasonry continues to be an accursed thing, and if the *raison d'être* of this accursedness be sought it can be found very tersely expressed in a bull issued by the late Pope Pius IX., in 1864, in these words—*damnantur clandestine societates*. Of course it is equally evident to all that this overwhelming condemnation is intended to refer only to secret societies outside the pale of Roman Catholicism, for it is obvious that when under the control of that would-be dominant hierarchy, similar societies are regarded by the faithful as lawful and right. We know, without the aid of reiterated proclamations from the altar, sown broadcast in the columns of the daily press, that an implacable hatred of a mighty institution (whose members include the foremost, most honoured, pious and charitable residents of every civilized land) consumes the breasts of "Holy Fathers;" but we know, also, that the high aims, the humane, Christ-like, and benevolent principles which form the solid foundation of the brotherhood of our Ancient Order are in nowise affected by such calumnious, bitter and jealous attacks as are periodically fulminated against us by the Roman Catholic Church.

The Christian lives, high character, and honourable aims of tens of thousands of Freemasons, and, indeed, of all who live in accordance with the tenets of our Order, give the lie direct to such unjustifiable and unworthy statements as those imputed, in your report, to Bishop Crane, and, therefore, we are agreed that Freemasonry, as an institution, is in no need of special defence by us; and that "their ends, their means, their doctrines and their actions," would neither be sullied, nor suffer, were all Freemasons to treat such baseless statements with a dignified and imperturbable silence; but viewing the attack from a local standpoint, we think it deplorable that in a comparatively small, free and mixed community, like that of Sand-

a tendency to stir up strife, and to engender feelings of animosity in one class towards another.

Bishop Crane must know that Roman Catholicism is not ardently loved by a majority of our community, holding as it does the Protestant faith; nevertheless the many sections of the latter (numbers of whom are Freemasons), allow the former to travel on its own lines in peace, without let or hindrance from them; nay, they do not withhold, oftentimes, a helping hand when special efforts are made by the stand-alone church to increase the funds of their ecclesiastical coffers. The wonder is that such help should be solicited and accepted from persons who are persistently represented to be "instruments of Satan," &c.

Seeing that Freemasonry is not a proselytising society, that its principles and practice are alike opposed to the asking of any to join its ranks, and to the refusal to admit to them any honourable, true and good man, whatever be his creed or country, who voluntarily seeks admission—might not the authorities of St. Kilian's pro-Cathedral do well to leave us alone, and to cease hurling at us their annual anathemas, which can neither raise their cause in the estimation of their own people, nor inflict injury upon our Order; though, here and there, they may succeed in personally irritating and annoying by setting, in isolated individual cases, mothers and daughters against their sons and fathers, and, otherwise, causing strained relations to usurp the place of the peace and amity which should prevail amongst all classes.

We are, Sir,

THE MASTERS, PAST MASTERS AND OFFICERS OF THE GOLDEN AND CORINTHIAN, AND ZENITH LODGES OF FREEMASONS.

Masonic Hall, Sandhurst, 26th February 1891.

P.G. LODGE OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE old-fashioned little town of Dursley, on the 19th inst., received a visit from the Freemasons of Gloucestershire, who held their Annual Prov. Grand Lodge at the Victoria Hall. It is about fifteen years since there was a similar gathering at Dursley, and hence the fixture was regarded with keen interest by brethren of the district, especially of the local Lodge, St. John's, No. 761. Excellent arrangements were made for the reception of the visitors. There was a numerous attendance, most of the Lodges of the Province being represented. The fact, however, that Dursley is situated in a somewhat remote part of the Province, and that its train arrangements are not altogether up to date, must have affected the strength of the assembly; indeed, the explanation of one Lodge being without a representative was that its members would have been unable to get home at night. The Prov. Grand Master the Right Hon. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, M.P., was present, and received hearty congratulations on his recovery from his recent indisposition. He was supported by the following Prov. Grand Officers:—Bros. R. V. Vassar-Smith Deputy Prov. Grand Master, J. Bryan S.W., W. Forth J.W., Rev. Hattersley Smith Chaplain, J. A. Matthews Registrar, T. Nelson Foster Treasurer, J. B. Winterbotham Secretary, E. L. Baylis Senior Deacon, C. Sewell Junior Deacon, W. Heath Sup. of Works, A. Baker Dir. of Cers., W. G. Roberts Assist. Dir. of Cers., T. Blinkhorn Sword Bearer, W. Edwards and L. M. Weston Standard Bearers, J. David Pursuivant, W. Gardner and R. F. Pomeroy Stewards, Phillips Tyler. Prov. Grand Lodge was opened in due form by the Prov. Grand Master, and the business was smartly disposed of. The Prov. Grand Master and other Officers of rank were severally saluted, and introductory matters having been disposed of, Bro. T. Nelson Foster submitted the Treasurer's report, which was of a very satisfactory character. It showed that at the commencement of the year there was a balance of £115 11s 10d, and notwithstanding a vote of 500 guineas to the Reredos Decoration Fund, the balance now stood at £82 4s 3d. The Prov. Grand Treasurer further reported on the receipts of the past twelve months in connection with the fund for the reredos decoration at Gloucester Cathedral, and explained that sufficient money was forthcoming to meet the expenditure, which would amount altogether to £307 8s 9d (of which £300 was the amount of the contract). The financial statements were passed. The Deputy Grand Master submitted the report of the Charity Committee, giving details of the work of the past twelve months. In addition to other particulars it stated that grants had been made through various Lodges amounting to £60, and the balance in hand was £135 12s 8d. The report was adopted, and hearty acknowledgment was made of the efforts of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master and other brethren associated with

him on the Committee. On the motion of the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by the Junior Warden, Bro. T. Nelson Foster was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Phillips was re-appointed Tyler. In the course of subsequent business, reports of an encouraging character were received from the Lodges of the Province, and the W.M. of St. John's acknowledged the compliment paid to that Lodge by holding the Prov. Grand Lodge under its banner. Afterwards the Prov. Grand Master appointed and invested Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year, the complete list being as follows:—

General Vizard	Senior Warden
Richard W. Northcott	Junior Warden
Rev. Chris. Venn Childe	Chaplain
J. Naysmith	Registrar
T. Nelson Foster	Treasurer
Jas. B. Winterbotham	Secretary
J. W. Drew	S.D.
Robert Anderson jun.	J.D.
R. J. Weston	Sup. of Works
Bro. F. Needham	Dir. of Cers.
J. Campbell	Assist. Dir. of Cers.
W. Heath	Sword Bearer
J. P. Thomas	} Standard Bearers
S. W. Hadingham	
E. G. Woodward	Organist
Henry T. Jew	Pursuivant
J. A. Gould	} Stewards
Sidney Bloodworth	
William Rice	
Phillips	Tyler

After the Lodge the customary banquet was held, at the Old Bell Hotel, Dursley, under the presidency of the Prov. Grand Master, and was attended by a large number of brethren. The usual Masonic toasts were honoured.

THE FREEMASONS OF BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE Duke of Clarence and Avondale, Past Grand Senior Warden, and Provincial Grand Master of Berkshire, attended a Provincial Grand Lodge of Buckinghamshire, which was held on the 19th inst., at the County Hall, Aylesbury, for the purpose of the installation of Lord Carrington as Grand Master of the Province. His Royal Highness, who was on a visit to Lord Carrington, at High Wycombe, arrived at Aylesbury Station, by special train, at one o'clock, where he was received by a large party of brethren, and the Bucks Volunteers, who formed a body guard, with their band at their head, and escorted him to the County Hall. The local Lodge, the Buckingham, No. 591, the oldest Masonic Lodge in the Province, had been opened by its Worshipful Master and his Officers at a quarter to one, so that when the Duke of Clarence arrived, he had to enter a fully-opened Lodge. At that time there were about 300 brethren present, including most of the Provincial Grand Officers. On His Royal Highness being announced the whole Lodge stood to order, and the procession entered, headed by Bro. Frank Richardson Past Grand Deacon, who acted as Director of Ceremonies. The procession consisted of, among others: the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, Provincial Grand Master of Berks, Past Senior Warden of England; the Duke of Abercorn Grand Master of Ireland; Chief Justice Way Past Grand Master of South Australia; Lord Alcester; the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg Past Grand Chaplain, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Bucks; Captain N. G. Philips Past Grand Deacon; Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary; Bros. Horace Brooks Marshall, Richard Eve, and Edward Torry Past Grand Treasurers; the Rev. H. Adair Pickard, M.A., Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons of Oxford and Past Grand Chaplain; Col. A. Bott Cook Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies; Chas. Belton Past D.G. Director of Ceremonies; C. F. Matier Past Grand Standard Bearer; and several other Officers. The Worshipful Master of the Buckingham Lodge immediately vacated his chair on the Duke of Clarence and Avondale reaching the dais, and His Royal Highness then opened the Provincial Grand Lodge in ancient form. The Director of Ceremonies, this formality over, called for the salute due to a Provincial Grand Master, which was given in excellent time, and a similar salute was given for the Grand Master of Ireland and Chief Justice Way Past Grand Master of South Australia. The Duke of Clarence and Avondale thereupon rose and said, that His Royal Highness

the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master had appointed the Most Worshipful Brother Lord Carrington, Past District Grand Master of New South Wales, Past Senior Grand Warden of England, to be Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master for Buckinghamshire, and Lord Carrington now required admission to Provincial Grand Lodge for the purpose of being installed in his high office, and the Director of Ceremonies would now proceed outside the Lodge and ask Lord Carrington to send in his patent of appointment. This was done, the patent was examined by the Royal Duke and pronounced by him to be accurate, and he then directed Lord Carrington to be conducted into the Lodge by a deputation of seven Provincial Grand Officers. All the brethren standing, Lord Carrington was introduced and placed in front of the Master's pedestal, where, the patent having been read, he was obligated as a Provincial Grand Master, invested with the insignia of his office, and placed in the chair, the whole of the ceremony being performed by the Duke of Clarence and Avondale. He then received the salute of a Provincial Grand Master. His Lordship appointed the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg as Deputy Provincial G. Master, who was also obligated, invested, and saluted. The Provincial Grand Master then proceeded to appoint and invest the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—

King	Senior Warden
W. Morris	Junior Warden
Rev. R. Spencer	} Chaplains
Rev. W. H. Harnett	
Bliss	Registrar
J. E. Bowen	Secretary
Mayne	Senior Deacon
R. Hattersley	Junior Deacon
Baker	Supt. of Works
Walter Howard	Director of Ceremonies
Weston	Assist. Director of Cers.
W. B. Fendick	Sword Bearer
E. B. Cox	} Standard Bearers
Hipwell	
Woollett	Secretary
W. H. Pike	Pursuivant
J. T. Jones	Assistant Pursuivant

The Charity jewel was presented to Bro. Bliss, on whose breast it was pinned by the Provincial Grand Master, and an additional clasp was attached to the Charity jewel of Bro. George Gardner. The Provincial Grand Master observed that on that auspicious occasion the brethren were honoured not only with the presence of His Royal Highness the Duke of Clarence, but also with that of a distinguished Mason, who hailed from another part of the world. He referred to the Hon. Chief Justice Way P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of South Australia, who had kindly taken part in the ceremony of that day, and he would now address a few words to them. Chief Justice Way, who was received with great cordiality, then rose and addressed the brethren, remarking that he was fully conscious of the fact that the distinction which he enjoyed in taking part in the proceedings on that great historical occasion, was due to the circumstance that he had been honoured with the friendship of Lord Carrington, and had been associated with him in Masonic labours on the other side of the globe, and he accepted the distinction thus conferred upon him as a token of the fraternal feeling of the members of the Craft in the Province of Buckinghamshire with their Australian brethren. He offered his fraternal congratulations to the brethren on the favourable circumstances under which the newly-formed Provincial Grand Lodge of Buckinghamshire had been completely constituted by the installation of his noble friend, Lord Carrington. They were honoured with the presence of a gallant and noble brother, Admiral Lord Alcester, whose career forms one of the brightest pages in the glorious annals of the British Navy. They were also honoured with the presence of his Grace the Duke of Abercorn, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Ireland. He took it that the duke of Abercorn's attendance was not merely a gracious act of courtesy and fraternal feeling towards Lord Carrington and that Prov. Grand Lodge, but also as furnishing striking evidence of the imperishable alliance existing between England and Ireland. They were also honoured with the presence of the Provincial Grand Master of Berkshire, H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, who had so well installed their Provincial Grand Master. It was impossible to say how much the growth of Masonry in this kingdom, and indeed all over the world, was due to the gracious countenance and support it had received from members of the Royal Family

of England, and from the occupants and heirs of the Throne for four generations, and more than 100 years. The latest service to Masonry by a member of that Royal House had been rendered by the Duke of Clarence on that occasion, and he felt that however long and distinguished the history of the Province of Bucks might be, its members would always recall with pride and gratitude the fact that their first Provincial Grand Master was installed by H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, the son of the Prince of Wales, the honoured and beloved Grand Master of the Masonic Order, the grandson of the Queen, and himself in the direct line of succession to the British Crown. He claimed, on behalf of his Colonial brethren, to share in the distinction which marked that day's proceedings, inasmuch as the Right Worshipful Brother whom the Duke of Clarence had installed in the chair was Past Grand Master of New South Wales. He congratulated the Prov. Grand Master upon the great honour conferred upon him by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales in selecting him for that appointment in anticipation of his return to England, which, to his mind, afforded conclusive evidence that, although English and Colonial Masons might be ranged under different Constitutions, they were really one Brotherhood, and that distinguished service to the Craft on the other side of the world was not overlooked by the Grand Master, and was no disqualification for high office in Masonry in England. He thought all present would agree with him that the Province of Buckinghamshire had reason to feel grateful to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales for appointing Lord Carrington to be their P.G.M. He desired for a moment to recall the prestige which Lord Carrington brought to his office, his Lordship having been one of the most successful Pro-Consuls in the empire as Governor of New South Wales, and also the supreme ruler of the Craft in that great colony. Passing by those advantages of rank and fortune, which fell to the lot of but few, and without pausing to dwell on those qualities of mind, of manner, and of heart which had won for Lord Carrington the admiration and affection of troops of friends all over the continent of Australia, as true and as loyal as any of his brethren in Buckinghamshire, let him cite two testimonies as to Lord Carrington's capacity as a ruler.

The Chief Justice then read an extract from an article in the *Sydney Morning Herald*, referring in the most eulogistic terms to Lord Carrington's ability as a statesman; likewise he quoted a speech by Sir Henry Parkes to the same effect. Chief Justice Way, continuing his address, said:—

Passing on to the great services which Lord Carrington rendered to Masonry in Australia, he could not help recalling that dramatic scene—the most imposing Masonic gathering south of the line, and rarely surpassed in English Masonic history—when, in the presence of 4300 Freemasons assembled to do Lord Carrington honour, both as her Majesty's representative and also as head of the Craft, he was installed as the first Grand Master of New South Wales. Nor could he forget the great occasion when, supported by more than 3000 Masons, Lord Carrington installed Sir William Clarke, as first Grand Master of Victoria, or his travelling between 2000 and 3000 miles to instal his (Chief Justice Way's) own illustrious Masonic chief, the Earl of Kintore, as Grand Master of South Australia; or, again, the voyage they took together when they crossed Bass' Straits in one of the heaviest gales which ever swept across that stormy channel, in order that Lord Carrington might instal the Rev. Paulet Harris as the first Grand Master of Tasmania. But these services, great and laborious and invaluable as they were, after all were occasional and incidental. Lord Carrington's great service to Australian Masonry was the patient, the persistent, the statesmanlike, and the effectual influence he exerted in bringing about Masonic union in New South Wales, Victoria, and Tasmania, and in his firm and wise government of the Craft in New South Wales. His Royal Highness the Duke of Clarence had travelled in Australia, and had had unusual opportunities of studying and forming an accurate opinion on the conditions of life in each of the colonies in that Continent, and he was sure he might appeal to His Royal Highness to bear him out in saying that the development of their political Institutions and the right that had been granted to them to manage their own local affairs had in no way diminished their love for the Mother Country, or their loyalty and devotion

to the person of their Queen. In like manner the great movement for removing from Masonry in Australia the reproach of being divided into different Constitutions, and for cementing the Craft in each Colony into one united Brotherhood, and which had had the approval and support of His Royal Highness the Grand Master of England, had not lessened, but rather increased their charity, their loyalty, their faith, and their affection for their English brethren. But it was high time they got back from Australia to Buckinghamshire. Their Provincial Grand Lodge had now been completely constituted, under the most distinguished and auspicious circumstances. The laggard sun had even shone brightly on their proceedings. He felt sure the Prov. G.M. would be assisted by a band of able and tried Officers, and that he would have the confidence and support of the members of the Craft throughout the Province. He could not doubt but that under Lord Carrington's wise and benignant rule the Province of Buckinghamshire would take high rank in Prov. Masonry, and that his Lordship's connection with it would be for the advantage of the Craft, that it would bring new lustre to a noble name and a distinguished public and Masonic career, and, above all, that it would be crowned with the blessing and approval of the Great Architect of the Universe.

At three o'clock the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Corn Exchange, where a cold collation had been provided.

THE OLD MASONIANS.

THE fifth annual dinner of the Old Masonians took place on Saturday evening at Anderton's Hotel. Mr. James Terry P.G.S.B. presided, and was supported by Major George Lambert, Messrs. J. M. McLeod, R. H. Williams, J. C. Johnson, F. L. Scurr, C. H. Uwins (Hon. Treasurer), and Messrs. R. S. Chandler and W. J. Packer (Hon. Secretaries). The association is composed entirely of ex-pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and at present consists of some 150 members, 20 having joined last year. Its objects are to mutually assist all ex-pupils of the Institution who may from time to time be enrolled members of the association, to further generally the interests of all old scholars, and to encourage friendship between them. The Chairman, in proposing the toast of the evening, "Success to the Old Masonians Association," said that every one around the table was desirous of participating and sharing to the fullest extent in what those words meant, for most of them had been educated within the walls of the Institution, and all of them were deeply interested in its welfare and in the welfare of those who had left it to take a part in the battle of life. They might have pleasing recollections of their school days, and they might have some sad ones, but at all events, whatever their treatment had been, he could conscientiously say that it had been the means of making men of them. He ventured to hope that each of them now and ever more, perhaps, when they got older and realized more strongly the benefits which a good education conferred upon a man, would remember with feelings of veneration and respect the Institution within whose walls as lads they had spent their earlier years, and he hoped, too, that in the future not a few of them would be found sitting round that table as members of the governing bodies of their three Masonic Institutions. The association was now in the sixth year of its existence, and it had been the means of helping many who had left the Institution, and of cementing friendships made at school. It was not entirely or even principally a society for the social enjoyment of its members; it formed a kind of Samaritan fund, to which those who were out of employment or in temporary want could apply for assistance. Any donations which might be received would be entirely devoted to this purpose, so he could appeal with confidence to the friends of the Institution for funds to enable them to carry on this beneficent work. Mr. C. H. Uwins, in responding to the toast, which was also acknowledged by Mr. R. S. Chandler, stated that at present they had £15 10s on deposit as a nucleus of a relief fund, and he hoped on that occasion to be able to announce that it had reached £50. Other toasts were: the Past Presidents, proposed by Mr. W. J. Packer; the Vice-Presidents, Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the Chairman, and the Visitors. The speeches were agreeably interspersed with songs and recitations, by Messrs. F. Isaac, F. Dyer, G. B. Brooks, F. L. Scurr, C. H. Uwins, and W. J. Packer, Mr. A. J. Ryman presiding at the piano.—*Daily Chronicle*.

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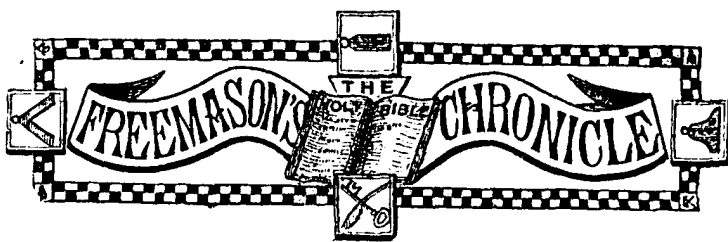
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SATURDAY, 30TH MAY 1891.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge, on Wednesday, 3rd June 1891, at 6 for 7 p.m.

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 4th of March for confirmation.

2. The minutes of the Grand Festival of the 29th of April for confirmation.

3. Appointment and investiture of President of the Board of General Purposes.

4. Election of Members of the Board of General Purposes.
5. Election of Members of the Colonial Board.
6. Election of Grand Lodge Auditor.
7. Election of Members for the Committee of Management of the 'Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons.'

(Vide list of names of the Brethren nominated for the several Boards and Committees).

8. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz. :—

A Brother of the Lodge of Justice, No. 147, Deptford	...	£75	0	0
A Brother of the Peckham Lodge, No. 1475, London	...	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Angel Lodge, No. 51, Colchester	...	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of Bombay	...	100	0	0
A Brother of the Victoria Lodge, No. 1056, London	...	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Highbury Lodge, No. 2192, London	...	50	0	0
A Brother of No. 92	...	200	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Faithful Lodge, No. 473, Birmingham	...	50	0	0
A Brother of the Arnold Lodge, No. 1799, Walton-on-the-Naze	...	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Lodge of Unions, No. 256, London	...	50	0	0

9. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board have to report that in the month of December last, the Strong Man Lodge, No. 45, London, preferred a complaint against their late Treasurer of having refused to hand over to his successor the sum of £16 16s 6d of the Lodge funds which he stated he had already paid many years ago to a former Secretary, but which payment had never been referred to in the accounts submitted by him yearly for audit, nor until a new Treasurer had been elected in his place.

The Board having summoned all parties before them, heard the complaint, and decided that the amount in question was due by the Brother, and ordered him to pay the same forthwith.

After an interval of several weeks, the Lodge reported that the Brother in question had not complied with the Order of the Board, and had resigned his membership, on which the Board summoned him to appear before them on 21st April, to answer a charge of contumacy, but he did not so appear.

The Board thereon issued a peremptory summons to him, by registered letter, again ordering him to appear before them on this day to answer the same charge, but of this summons he has taken no notice.

The Board have consequently resolved that, in accordance with the powers conferred on them by Article 274 Book of Constitutions, this Brother be suspended from all his rights and privileges as a Freemason until he has complied with their order to pay to the Strong Man Lodge, No. 45, the said sum of £16 16s 6d, and grace be granted.

To the Report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 15th day of May instant, showing a balance in the Bank of England (Western Branch) of £8523 0s 2d, and balance of annual allowance for library £42 12s 10d, and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £100, and for servants' wages £100.

(Signed) THOMAS FENN,
President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
19th May 1891.

At the meeting of the Board held on Tuesday, the 19th May, after the ordinary business had been disposed of, the following resolution was passed, viz. :—

"That the cordial thanks of the members of the Board of General Purposes be tendered to the President, V.W. Bro. Thomas Fenn, for the very able and courteous manner in which he has presided over the meetings of the Board during the past year."

(Signed) THOMAS HASTINGS MILLER,
Vice-President.

10. The Annual Report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, dated 15th of May 1891 will be laid before Grand Lodge, also further Report, including the following alterations in the Laws, dated the 20th May 1891.

Rules 19, 20, 23 and 25 to be altered as follows, and to be in force only up to and including the 30th day of June 1892 :—

SPECIAL PRIVILEGES

Attainable by Donors giving Donations and Subscriptions to the Funds, viz. :—

USUAL NUMBER OF VOTES.						JUBILEE FUND.								
BRETHREN OR GENTLEMEN.														
Subscriber of	...	£1	1	0	...	4	Votes	Subscriber of	£1	1	0	...	5	Votes
Donor of	...	5	5	0	...	2	"	Donor of	5	5	0	...	3	Votes for life
Life Governor	...	10	10	0	...	4	"	For each £5 5s to this Fund	...			...	4	"
Vice-President	...	52	10	0	...	20	"	"	"	...		...	8	"
Vice-Patron	...	105	0	0	...	60	"	"	"	...		...	12	"
LADIES:—AND "LEWISES" (BEING MINORS).														
Life Governor	...	5	5	0	...	4	Votes	Donor of	5	5	0	...	6	Votes for life
Vice-President	...	26	5	0	...	20	"	For each £5 5s to this Fund	...			...	8	"
Vice-Patron	...	52	10	0	...	60	"	"	"	...		...	16	"
								"	"	24	"
LODGES, CHAPTERS, &c.														
Governors	...	10	10	0	...	2	Votes	For each £10 10s 0d to this Fund	...			...	4	Votes
Vice-President	...	52	10	0	...	10	"	"	"	...		...	8	"
Vice-Patron	...	105	0	0	...	30	"	"	"	...		...	8	"

That a Brother serving as Steward for the first time have 4 Votes in addition to those mentioned above. For second or subsequent Stewardships 6 votes.

For every 20 Guineas collected by a Steward, in addition to his personal donation, 3 votes for life.

11. APPEAL.

By Brother Thomas Barnes-Cooke, of the Morning Star Lodge, No. 1439, Palampore, against a Sentence of Suspension, with a fine, passed on him by the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab, for un-Masonic conduct.

12. NOTICE OF MOTION.

By Brother John Albert Farnfield P. Assist. G.D. of Ceremonies :—

That the sum of £70 be given from the Fund of General Purposes; that the money be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the "Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons," to supply the inmates of the Institution at Croydon with coals during the winter season.

List of brethren nominated for the Board of General Purposes :—

PAST MASTERS.

TOM DREW BEAR	...	1584
LENNOX BROWNE	...	2108
FREDERICK BURGESS P.G. Steward...	...	29

SAMUEL COCHRANE	...	3
JOHN SPEIGHT CUMBERLAND	...	2128
GEORGE EDWIN FAIRCHILD	...	1196
JAMES PERCY FITZGERALD	...	2168
GEORGE GARDNER	...	2012
JAMES HEMMING	...	1287
CHARLES EDWARD KEYSER	...	2323
FREDERICK ERNEST POCOCK, M.D.	...	1891
HENRY PRITCHARD	...	1415
WILLIAM ALFRED SCURRAH	...	167
EBENEZER SHEDD	...	276
GEORGE WARD VERRY	...	554
CAPTAIN THOMAS CHARLES WALLS	...	141

MASTERS.

EDWARD JAMES ACWORTH	...	2265
JOHN BARNETT JUN.	...	2192
HENRY FRENCH BROMHEAD	...	2318
WILLIAM EUGENE CHAPMAN	...	2190
EDMUND BEAUMONT COX	...	1305
WILLIAM BROWNE HEAGERTY	...	907
GEORGEY CECIL HERBERT	...	2108
ROBERT MAIN	...	1593
ERNEST MONTAGUE MONEY P.G.S.	...	23

EBENEZER CHARLES MULVEY	...	...	2353
ARTHUR ORWIN, M.D.	...	...	1491
GEORGE READ	...	...	1681
WILLIAM SHURMUR	...	...	2374
GORDON SMITH, M.A.	...	...	2243
JOHN J. THOMAS	...	...	2150

List of brethren nominated for the Colonial Board.

JAMES BRETT	...	...	177
LENNOX BROWNE	...	...	2108
JOHN SPEIGHT CUMBERLAND	...	...	2128
ALBERT ESCOTT	...	...	1539
MAJOR-GENERAL FREDERICK GADSDEN	...	...	434
REGINALD ST. A. ROUMIEU	...	...	1537
CAPT. THOS. CHARLES WALLS	...	...	141

List of brethren nominated for the Committee of Management for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons.

STANLEY J. ATTENBOROUGH	...	...	2348
CHARLES ALEXANDER COTTEBRUNE	...	...	733
HUGH COTTER	...	...	554
CHARLES GEORGE DILLEY	...	...	1155
ISAAC DIXON	...	...	1567
LIEUT.-COL. ALFRED DURRANT	...	...	569
ROBERT GRIGGS	...	...	228
WILLIAM HENRY HUBBERT	...	...	1625
CHARLES KEMPTON	...	...	1287
ALFRED H. TATTERSHALL	...	...	140

List of Lodges for which Warrants have been granted by the Most Worshipful Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge.

- No. 2399.—The Ordnance Lodge, Plumstead, London.
 2400.—The Brentford Lodge, Brentford, London.
 2401.—The Klip River County Lodge, Ladysmith, Natal, South Africa.
 2402.—The St. George's Lodge, Larnaca, Island of Cyprus.
 2403.—The Borneo Lodge of Harmony, Sandakan, British North Borneo.
 2404.—The Lord Charles Beresford Lodge, Chatham, Kent.

The "Freemason's Calendar and Pocket Book" for 1891, with additional information, is now ready, and can be had at the Grand Secretary's office, Freemasons' Hall, London, price 2s, bound in roan, or post free, 2s 1d.

The Calendar Committee direct the attention of Masters of Lodges and Principals of Chapters to the necessity of communicating to the Grand Secretary any change in the day or place of meeting of Lodges or Chapters as soon as the resolution for effecting such change shall be confirmed.—Vide Book of Constitutions, Rules 162, 167, 168, 169, 170; Edition 1884, and Royal Arch Regulations, Rule 86, Edition 1888.

N.B.—The Book of Constitutions, Edition 1884, with additions to 1888, can be had at the Grand Secretary's office, in 8vo and 32mo, price 1s 6d a copy, bound in cloth. Postage additional, 3d for 8vo. and 1d 32mo.

Messrs. Digby and Long have just published a fifth edition, new and revised, of "The Author's Manual," by Percy Russell, which contains prefatory remarks by Mr. W. E. Gladstone, who has read and approved the volume. This should lend additional interest to the work, and stamp it as the Author's *vade mecum*.

MARK MASONRY.

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THE Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons will be held on Tuesday next, when, after the confirmation of the minutes, the Report of the General Board will be received. This Report, which deals with the first quarter of the present year, states that during the three months 471 Mark certificates were issued, bringing the total number of registrations up to 28,110. Warrants for two new Lodges were granted during the same period, viz.: No. 429, Frontier, Peshawar, Bengal; and No. 430, Charity, Birmingham. The Royal Ark Mariners show an increase of 92 members during the quarter, bringing the total number of certificates issued up to 3278. Three new Ark Mariner Lodges have been warranted, as follows:—Camden, attached to Camden Lodge, No. 418; St. George, attached to St. George's Lodge, No. 103; and Croydon, attached to Croydon Lodge, No. 198.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales M.W. Grand Master, has been pleased to appoint—

R. W. Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith to be Provincial Grand Master for Gloucestershire and Herefordshire, in succession to R.W. Bro. the Baron de Ferrières, whose term of office has expired, and

R.W. Bro. Charles J. Egan, M.D., to be District Grand Master for South Africa.

The Grand Secretary in due course notified to his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, K.G., the fact of his appointment as Past Grand Master of Mark Master Masons, and also that the Board had unanimously voted that the insignia of that rank should be presented to His Royal Highness.

The following reply has been received:—

"Buckingham Palace,

"9th March 1891.

"My Dear Sir,

"I am desired by the Duke of Connaught to ask you to convey to the Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, the expression of his sincere thanks to them for the honour they have conferred upon him in electing him a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge. I am also directed to thank the Brethren of Grand Lodge for the clothing of Past Grand Master, which His Royal Highness has much pleasure in accepting from them.

"I am, my Dear Sir,

"Yours very faithfully,

"ALFRED EGERTON (Col.)

"To C. F. Matier, Esq., Grand Secretary."

The Duke of Connaught was invested with the insignia of his rank at Brighton, by the M.W. Pro Grand Master the Marquess of Hertford. His Royal Highness was afterwards installed as R.W. Prov. Grand Master for Sussex, and was graciously pleased to express his warm appreciation of the compliment paid him by Grand Lodge.

Two brethren having been irregularly elected joining members of Lodge No. 404, on the day of Consecration, contrary to Article 136, which provides that every candidate for joining member of a Lodge shall be proposed at a regular meeting and balloted for at the next regular meeting after his name has appeared in the summons calling such meeting. The Board ruled that the so-called election was null and void, and that the names of the candidates must be placed on the summons for the next regular meeting of the Lodge, and the decision of the brethren ascertained by ballot.

The Board find that meeting at four o'clock, as enjoined by Article 159, is inconvenient to the majority of its members, and would, therefore, recommend to Grand Lodge that the words "Five o'clock" be substituted for "Four o'clock," and that the Constitutions be altered accordingly.

The Board regret to say that subscriptions to the Portal Memorial Organ Fund are coming in very slowly, and would ask the Masters of those Lodges who have not already subscribed to again bring the matter before their respective Lodges.

The Board acknowledge, with thanks, reports of Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Colorado.

FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

The Board have great pleasure in announcing that the Twenty-third Annual Festival will be held at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Wednesday, 22nd July. R.W. Bro. the Viscount Dungarvan, Grand Senior Warden, has most kindly consented to preside, and the Grand Secretary will be happy to receive the names of brethren willing to act as Stewards.

The Board have elected, without a poll, the whole of the Candidates for the Educational and Annuity Grants as follow:—

ANNUITY FUND.

Bro. Thomas Poore, Mrs. Catherine A. Pearson, Mrs. Emily Goodall.

Making a total of seven brethren and three widows at present receiving Annuities.

EDUCATIONAL FUND.

Henry G. Metcalfe, Frances Eva T. Cousterdine-Chadwick.

Making fourteen boys and fifteen girls now being educated.

The Board have relieved the following cases:—

Mrs. E. L. G.	-	-	-	-	£10	0	0
Bro. A. P. W.	-	-	-	-	20	0	0

And recommend to Grand Lodge—

Mrs. E. G.	-	-	-	-	£20	0	0
Mrs. L. J. P.	-	-	-	-	50	0	0

(Signed)

A. B. COOK, President.

FRANK RICHARDSON, Vice-President.

C. FITZGERALD MATIER, Grand Sec.

The recommendations arising out of this Report will then be submitted, and having been disposed of, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales will be re-installed Grand Master, the usual appointment and investiture of Officers following. The General Board will then be formed, six members by nomination of the Grand Master, and five by election by Grand Lodge, the following eight Mark Masons having been nominated for the purpose:—Col. A. H. Bircham P.M. 361, Arthur Roger Carter P.G. Standard Bearer, Jabez Church W.M. 104, Richard Clowes P.M. 145, 409, W.M. 413, Rev. Hayman Cummings P.G.C. Dep. P.G.M. Kent, A. F. Godson, M.P., Prov. G.M. Worcestershire, E. Horne, M.D., P.M. 147, J. Ramsey P.G.A.D.C., P.M. Old Kent, W.M. 377. Grand Festival will be held in the evening at Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of the Pro Grand Master the Marquess of Hertford.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THE ancient Guildhall has seldom been more prettily peopled than on the afternoon of Saturday last, when the Lord Mayor (a member of the House Committee) and the Lady Mayoress invited the children to be their guests in the City for a few hours. *En route* to the Mansion House, the girls, who, with the members of the staff accompanying them, numbered some 200, were taken over the Guildhall, the Museum, and the Art Gallery, entirely novel sights to them all. Before leaving the new Council Chamber, they sang, with heart and voice, "God save the Queen," in honour of its being the eve of the birthday of Her Most Gracious Majesty. By the friendly aid of the City Police, the whole party were then carefully escorted to the Mansion House, which was reached at 4 o'clock. The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress received their little guests in the Saloon, and cordially shook hands with each one. His Lordship then conducted them over the whole of the Mansion House, arriving, finally, at the Great Egyptian Hall, where several long tables were laden with a substantial tea, to which most ample justice was done. The little girls in blue were then introduced to Mr. Charles Bertram, the prince of conjurors, who, for upwards of an hour, puzzled and entertained them to their heart's content. Two or three part songs were then charmingly sung, under the able baton of Mrs. Roworth, the singing mistress, and the Lord Mayor, having kindly and feelingly addressed the children, and, with the Lady Mayoress, received their hearty and appreciative thanks, they were taken home to ponder at their leisure over some of the wonders of The Great City of London. Miss Davis and Miss Buck, with several members of the staff, were present with the children, as were Bros. C. Hammerton (Chairman of the month), Sir John Monckton, Edward Letchworth, Peter de Lande Long, J. H. Matthews, Col. James Peters, Frank Richardson, and James Moon.

Lord Methuen is seriously ill, at his residence, Corsham Court, Chippenham, Wilts, and, in consequence, has resigned his position as Provincial Grand Master of Freemasons of Wilts. The resignation has caused much regret, as Lord Methuen was the oldest P.G.M. in England, with the exception of Lord Leigh, of Warwickshire, having been appointed in 1853, Earl Radnor, of Longford Castle, Salisbury, will be Lord Methuen's successor.

The installation of Bro. Vassar-Smith as Provincial Grand Master of the Mark Masons of Gloucestershire and Herefordshire has been arranged to take place on Friday, 26th June. The ceremony will be performed by the Most Hon. the Marquis of Hertford, Deputy G. Master, assisted by other Officers of Grand Lodge.

The papers now being circulated respecting the Masonic elections illustrate the difficulty of knowing what is a safe "minimum" to poll, and prove how near were several of the "misses" to becoming successful. The elections for the aged Freemasons and widows occur only once a year, so that the defeated candidates have to wait until May 1892 before they can try again. There were 66 male candidates, and the vacancies having been increased from 14 to 20, the lowest successful won with 2553 votes. The highest polled only 3537, so there was not a thousand difference between all the score elected. There were four candidates from Devon—two from No. 248 (Brixham), and one each from No. 159 (Plymouth), and No. 202 (Devonport), the last mentioned being elected as No. 6, with 3067 votes. There were 81 widows anxious to secure the 16 vacancies, 12 having been the original number first indicated. Again the votes ran wonderfully close, the maximum obtaining 4261, and the minimum successful having 2943. There were seven candidates from Devon, viz., one each from No. 39 (Exeter), No. 106 (Exmouth), and No. 159 (Plymouth), and two each from No. 243 (Brixham) and No. 372 (Budleigh Salterton). None were supported by the Province. For Cornwall, there were three applications, one each hailing from 75 Falmouth, 977 Fowey, and 450 Hayle, the latter of whom received the full support of the Province, but owing to the difficulty of procuring votes on loan, not more than 2804 were secured, which though a large number failed to obtain a place, two lost by still narrower differences, one polling 2930, and the other 2905 votes. Four of the aged Freemasons polled over 2000 each, and lost in like manner.—*Western Morning News*.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 795.

THE first regular meeting of this summer Lodge was held at the Ray Mead Hotel, on Wednesday, the 17th instant. Present—Bros. Fenton W.M., Custance S.W., Allen P.M. acting J.W., Tacker S.D., Kennally I.G., Schouten D. of C., T. Meeks; P.M.'s Capt. Finch Treasurer P.P.G. Sword Bearer Berks, Linscott, Greenfield Senior P.G. Sword Bearer Berks, F. Foxley Secretary, Dearing P.M. 1602' Sheppard Tyler. Visitors—Bros. Foote (Kimberley, S.A.), Biggs W.M. 1566, Capt. Sankey 1566, Batting W.S. 1566, Osborn P.M. P.P.G. Sword Bearer Middlesex 1602, Wilton 1566, Napier Fulton (of Montreal) Royal Savoy 1744. Lodge having been duly opened and minutes read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Mr. John Billing Kilby, Hotel Proprietor, Cookham Bridge, and for Mr. Wm. Thomas Ashley, which was declared unanimous in their favour. The former was then duly initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry by the W.M., in a very able and impressive manner. Several propositions were brought forward for initiations at the next Lodge meeting. Lodge having been duly closed, the brethren were invited by the W.M. to a trip on the river, in the Ray Mead Electric Launch. Refreshments on a liberal scale were provided on board by the W.M. who, with the brethren, thoroughly enjoyed the lovely scenery at this part of the Thames, which is not to be surpassed in the world. On return to the hotel a plain dinner was well served by the proprietor, Bro. Bowen. The usual toasts were given. The Worshipful Master proposed the health of the initiate Bro. Kilby, who responded in a neat speech, to the purpose. Bro. Greenfield responded for the Province of Berks, expressing his great delight in seeing the W.M., as the first initiate who had for many years attained to that honourable position, so ably discharge his duties. The W.M. having exerted himself in every possible way to gratify the brethren, the latter departed by early train, reaching town before ten o'clock, and carrying with them renewed feelings of love and affection for their W.M., which will long endure. The fact that local members are now coming to this compact little Lodge, which hitherto has been composed almost exclusively of town brethren, augurs well for its prosperity, doubtless owing to the popularity of Bro. Fenton the W.M. throughout the Province of Berks.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

Saturday, 30th May.

1706 Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

1462 Wharfedale, Rose and Crown Hot., Penistone
1965 Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent
R.A. 178 Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan
M.M. 14 Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield

Monday, 1st June.

1319 Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1025 Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End Road
2098 Harlesden, National School, Harlesden
R.A. 1615 Bayard, Masonic Hall, Golden Square

37 Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Bolton
113 Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston
119 Sun, Sq., and Comp., F.M.H., Whitehaven
133 Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
154 Unanimity, M.H., Zetland Street, Wakefield
156 Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
199 Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
361 Harmony & Industry, Bank Bldgs, Over Darwen
395 Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
431 St. George, Masonic Hall, N. Shields
478 Churchill, Masonic Hall, Oxford
482 St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Handsworth
597 St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
622 St. Cuthbert, Wimbeldon
850 St. Oswald, Ashborne, Derbyshire
928 Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield
1045 Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050 Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1051 Rowley, Athenaeum, Lancaster
1077 Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1108 Royal Wharfedale, Private Rooms, Otley
1180 Forward, Masonic Rooms, Birmingham
1211 Goderich, Masonic Hall, Leeds
1239 Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield
1264 Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1302 De Warren, White Swan Hotel, Halifax
1380 Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
1519 Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, near Accrington
1573 Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer Street, Swansea
1578 Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd
1676 St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Newcastle
1798 Zion, Masonic Rooms, King St., Manchester
2004 Elthorne and Middx., Town Hall, Hounslow
R.A. 106 Sun, Royal Beacon Hotel, Exmouth
R.A. 380 Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.A. 874 Holmesdale, Tunbridge Wells
M.M. 2 Phoenix, 110 High Street, Portsmouth
M.M. 12 Minerva, Masonic Hall, Dagger Lane, Hull
R.C. Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

Tuesday, 2nd June.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, 4
171 Amity, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1383 Friends in Council, 33 Golden Square
70 St. John, F.M.H., Plymouth
103 Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
120 Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford
124 Marquis of Granby, F.M.H., Old Elvet, Durham
127 Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
158 Adams, Britannia Hotel, Sheerness
226 Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough
265 Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Keighley
361 Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath
393 St. David, Masons' Hall, Berwick
493 Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
558 Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone
673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
734 Londesborough, M.H., Briddington Quay
794 Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804 Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant
817 Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon
918 St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Leighton Buzzard
980 Bute, Masonic Hall, Cardiff
974 Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Bradford
995 Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
1002 Skiddaw, Masonic Hall, Cockermouth
1134 Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
1161 De Grey and Ripon, F.M.H., Manchester
2144 Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar
1322 Waverley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
1750 Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon
1970 Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
1993 Wolseley, Town Hall Buildings, Manchester
R.A. 203 St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool
R.A. 903 Gosport, India Arms Hotel, Gosport
R.A. 1631 Fletcher, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
M.M. 11 Joppa, 55 Argyle Street, Birkenhead
M.M. 115 Bedford, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
M.M. 161 Walton, Skelmersdale M.H., Kirkdale

Wednesday, 3rd June.

Quarterly Communication of G. Lodge, F.M.H., 4

74 Athol, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
137 Amity, M.H., Market Place, Poole
294 Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Rochdale
326 Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
327 Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
406 Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Newcastle
417 Faith and Unanimity, M.H., Dorchester
471 Silurian, F.M.H., Newport, Mon.
615 Humphrey Chetham, F.M.H., Manchester
678 E. Ellesmere, Church Hot., Kersley, Farnworth
838 Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
992 St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton
1013 Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
2010 Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship Street, Hull
1063 Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent
1065 Harrington, Masonic Hall, Gower St., Derby
2091 Ernie, Ernie House, Ivybridge, Devon
1107 Cornwallis, Lullingstone Castle, Swanley
1167 Alwick, M.H., Chyppert Street, Alwick
1206 Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
2271 Earl of Durham, F.M.H., Chester-le-Street

1323 Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind St., Swansea
1335 Lindsay, 29 King Street, Wigan
1354 Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh
1363 Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Solbury, Glos.
1431 St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1620 Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, L'pool
1736 St. John's, St. John's Rooms, Halifax
1812 St. Leonards, Concert Rooms, St. Leonards-on-Sea
1963 Pr Edward of Saxe Weimar, M.H., Portsmouth
2012 Apollo, 22 Hope Street, Liverpool
R.A. 221 St. John, Commercial Hotel, Bolton
R.A. 258 Amphibious, F.M.H., Hackney Wick
R.A. 304 Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 361 Limestone Rock, Swan and Royal Clitheroe
M.M. 36 Furness, Hartington, Barrow-in-Furness
M.M. 56 Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden

Thursday, 4th June.

742 Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
1155 Excelsior, Sidney Arms, Lewisham Road
1178 Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, S.E.
1539 Surrey Masonic Hall, Masonic Hall, S.E.
1790 Old England, M.H., New Thornton Heath
2271 St. Pancras, Midland Hotel, St. Pancras, N.W.
R.A. 1617 All Saints, Vestry Hall, Fairfield Rd. Bow
M.M. 244 Trinity College, 13 Mandeville Place, W.

24 Newcastle-on-Tyne, F.M.H., Newcastle, 730
31 United Industrious, Mas. Rooms, Canterbury
123 Lennox, F.M.H., Richmond, Yorkshire
240 Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254 Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266 Naphthali, Masonic Hall, Heywood
269 Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
289 Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Leeds
224 Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley
295 Combermere, Union Arms, Macclesfield
301 Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
309 Harmony, Red Lion, Farnham
317 Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
419 St. Peter, Star and Garter, Wolverhampton
445 Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire
509 Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham
539 St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall
637 Portland, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent
792 Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Great Grimsby
913 Puttison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
976 Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset
1083 Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
1231 Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland
1282 Anchor, Foresters Hall, Brigg
1394 Olive Union, M.H., Horncastle, Lincolnshire
1367 Beaminster Manor, White Hart, Beaminster
1379 Marquess of Ripon, Masonic Hall, Darlington
1384 Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes
1500 Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
1504 Red Rose of Lanc., Starkie's Arms, Padliham
1513 Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
1807 Loyal Wye, Bullth, Breconshire
1829 Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham
2050 St. Trinians, M.H., Loch Parado, Douglas
2350 Corinthian, Bird-in-the-Hand Hotel, Hindley
R.A. 302 Charity, New Masonic Hall, Bradford
R.A. 325 St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
R.A. 429 Thanet, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
R.A. 758 Bridgewater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn
M.M. 53 Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

Friday, 5th June.

706 Florence Nightingale, M.H., Woolwich
1275 Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1489 M. of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, N.
1716 All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar
1815 Ponge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Ct. Hot, W. Kensington
44 Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
81 Doric, Private Rooms, Woodbridge, Suffolk
219 Prudence, Masonic Hall, To Inorden
242 St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster
306 Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall Street, Leos Is
442 St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
521 Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Huddersfield
837 De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
998 Welchpool, Railway Station, Welchpool
1096 Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1333 Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick
1387 Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton-on-Medley
1528 Fort, M.H., Newquay, Cornwall
1557 Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hoxham
1561 Morecombe, Masonic Hall, Morecombe
1818 Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Bradford
1864 Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, Gosforth
1725 Douglas, College Gateway, Maidstone
R.A. 1166 Hoya Villa, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

Saturday, 6th June.

General Committee Boys' School, F.M.H., 3
R.A. 173 Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1362 Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Re-thill
1223 Amherst, Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverhead
1458 Truth, Wheatheaf Hotel, Manchester
1567 Elliot, Railway Hotel, Fetham
1929 Mozart, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon
2148 Walsingham, M.H., Walsingham, Kent
2205 Pegasus, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend, Kent
2331 Ravenscroft, Red Lion Hotel, High Barnet
R.A. 975 Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew

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Saturday, 30th May.

87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's
Park, near Nunheat Junction, 730
179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C. 8
188 Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, 8 Abingdon Rd., N. 8
1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E. 7
1288 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8
1361 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7
1524 Duke of Cambridge, Lord Stanley, Hackney, 8
1621 Eccleston, 11 Cambridge Street, Finsbury, 7
2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, 730
R.A. 3100 Union Tavern, Air Street, W. 8

Monday, 1st June.

22 Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 730
27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8
45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Rope-maker St.,
171 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7
189 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8
248 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brixham, Devon, 7
342 Royal Union, Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge
518 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford,
823 Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 730
933 Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, 8
975 Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 73
1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., 8
1339 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 630
1125 Hyde Park, Porchester Hot., Cleveland Gdns., 8
1445 Prince Leopold, 213 Whitechapel Road, E., 7
1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall Canterbury, 8
1489 M. of Ripon, Queen's Hot, Victoria Park, 730
1507 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, E.C., 730
1555 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho, Putney
1608 Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, W., 8
1623 West Smithfield, Manchester Hotel, E.C., 7
1693 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 830
1707 Eleanor, Rose and Crown, Tottenham, 8
1713 Perseverance, Deacons' Tavern, Wulbrook, 7
1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Ct. Hot, W. Kensington, 8
1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, 8
2021 Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, The
Criterion, W., 8
2192 Warner, Bridge Chambers, Hoo Street, Wal-
thamstow, 8

Tuesday, 2nd June.

25 Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, 8
55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 7
141 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W.
177 Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 730
188 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8
212 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, 8
241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
551 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8
700 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 730
753 Prince Fred. William, Eagle Tav., Maida Hill,
820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 730
829 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, 7
860 Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Dalston, 8
861 Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle St., 7
1041 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, 730
1416 Mount Edgumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Rd., 8
1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 730, 8
1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1473 Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, 6
1540 Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High St.
1638 Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Norbiton, 8
1695 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav, N., 8
1839 Dukes of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7
1949 Brixton, Prince Regent East Brixton, 8
2146 Sarbiton, Maple Hall, Sarbiton
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon St., 630
R.A. 701 Camden, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., 8
R.A. 1365 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, 8
R.A. 1612 E. of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting
Hill, 8

Wednesday, 3rd June.

3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, 8
30 United Mariners', Lugard, Peckham, 730
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, Londonhall St.,
228 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8
534 La Tolerance, Portland Hot, C. Portland St., 8
594 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7
673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8
720 Pannure, Balham Hotel, Balham, 7
781 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav, Burdett Rd., 730
813 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Rd.
862 Whittington, Red Lion, Fleet Street, 8
902 Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Strand, 8
972 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, 830
1037 Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1269 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney
1356 Toxteth, 110 North Hill Street, Liverpool, 730
1475 Peckham, 516 Old Kent Road, 8
1511 Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull
1601 Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rusby Green, Cat-
ford, 8
1694 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant,
S.W., 730
1662 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow, 730
1681 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair 8
1692 Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, 830
1791 Creation, Wheatheaf, Shepherd's Bush, 8
1922 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwel
New Road, 8
1963 Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, 730
2206 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 8
R.A. 177 Domestic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
R.A. 720 Pannure, Goose and Gridiron, E.C., 7
R.A. 933 Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 730
M.M. Grand Masters, 8a Red Lion Square, 7
M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., 8

Thursday, 4th June.

114 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 730
117 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8
263 Clarence, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.
435 Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air Street, W., 8
754 High Cross, Coach and Horses, Tottenham, 8
879 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe
New Road
890 Camden, Masonic Room, Lewisham, at 8
1017 Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
1154 Southern Star, Sir Syd. Smith, Kennington, 8
1182 Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool, 730
1278 Bartlett Count, Swan, Bethnal Green Road, 8
1306 St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, 8
1714 Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charlotte Street, 8
1951 Southgate, Railway Ho, New Southgate, 730
1993 Priory, Constitutional Club, Acton
R.A. 753 Prince Frederick William Lord's Hotel,
St. John's Wood, 8
R.A. 1471 North London, Northampton House,
Canonbury, 8
1360 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales, Wimbeldon, 730
1426 The Great City, Masons' Hall Avenue, 630

1553 D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Camberwell, 8
 1571 Leopold, City Arms Tavern, E.C., 7
 1580 Cranbourne, Red Lion, Hatfield, 8
 1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse, Liverpool Road, N., 8
 1612 West Middlesex, Bell, Ealing Dean, 7-45
 1614 Covent Garden, Criterion, W., 8
 1625 Tredegar, Wellington, Bow, E., 7-30
 1677 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, 9
 M.M. Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall

Friday, 5th June.

Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, 6
 General Lodge, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 8
 167 St. John's, York and Albany, Regent's Park, 8
 507 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7-30

733 Westbourne, Swiss Cottage Tavern, Finchley Road, N.W., 8

749 Belgrave, Harp Tavern, Jermyn Street, W., 8
 765 St. James, Princess Victoria, Rotherhithe, 8
 766 William Preston, St. Andrew's Tav, Baker St., 8
 780 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 8
 834 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith
 1056 Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, 7
 1135 Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green, 7-30
 1228 Beacoutree, Green Man, Leytonstone, 8
 1298 Royal Standard, Builders' Arms, Canonbury
 1365 Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, 7-30
 1381 Kennington, The Horns, Kennington, 8
 1457 Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton, Essex, 7-30
 1642 E. Carnarvon, Lambroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8
 1901 Selwyn, Montpelier, Choumont Rd., Peckham, 8
 2030 Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, S.W., 7-30

R.A. 95 Eastern Star, Hercules Tavern, E.C.
 R.A. 820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 8
 R.A. 890 Hornsey, Porchester, Cleveland Sq., W.
 R.A. 1275 Star, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8

Saturday, 6th June.

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 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
 R.A. Sinai Union Tavern Air Street, W., 8



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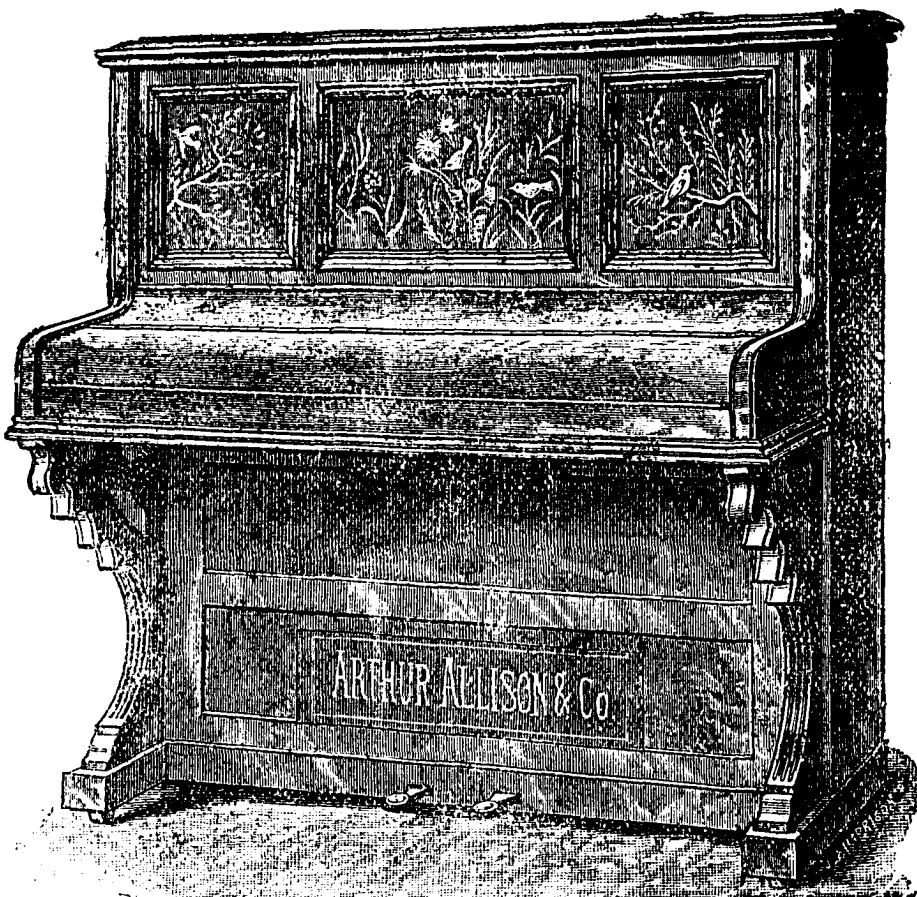
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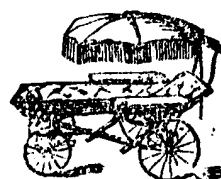
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