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THE APPROACHING FESTIVAL OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THERE is considerable anxiety among those who are associated with the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys as to the result of the coming Festival, which, it must be admitted, possesses features of more than ordinary interest. First in this consideration is the fact that the Institution enjoyed particular prosperity last year, when a total of £29,000 was subscribed, leading some to ask the question, whether this year's returns will show a marked diminution in consequence—as was the case with the Girls' School immediately after the celebration of its Centenary? It may be known to our readers that we do not anticipate any serious falling off on this account; we have all along expressed the belief that the Boys' Festival of 1892 would rather produce a fair average amount than show any diminution as a consequence of last year's exceptional result, and even at this late hour we are confirmed in this opinion. We shall be much surprised if the total of 1892 appears to any disadvantage, as the immediate result of the grand success of 1891, but there are other causes at work to be taken into account, and we can hardly say that, taken as a whole, the chances of the Institution are all that its friends could wish; it has much to fight against, as well as much to be thankful for, and we can only leave to the future to decide which of these two influences has been the most powerful in connection with the Festival of 1892.

The celebration of the present year is set down for Wednesday, the 29th inst., and will mark the ninety-fourth Anniversary of the Institution, the actual Festival being under the presidency of the Rt. Hon. Sir Michael E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., the Provincial Grand Master for Gloucestershire, who we are pleased to say, has promised of hearty support from the brethren of his Province, so that a substantial donation from the county may be anticipated. He has, at the same time, the support of many other districts, for the Board of Stewards, which now numbers upwards of 300 brethren, is fully representative of English Freemasonry, and may almost be depended on to produce a result of which the Craft need have no cause to be ashamed.

We need hardly remind our readers, however, that the coming Festival will present items of more than usual importance, in so far as the actual future of the Institution is concerned. Acting on the suggestion of the Earl of Lathom, who, as President of last year's Festival, pointed out the desirability for finding a more desirable home for our Schools, the executive have asked for powers to treat for the sale of the existing property—the first step towards the realisation of the scheme set out by the Pro Grand Master, and, as was to be expected, their proposals in that direction called forth varied criticisms, and led to a considerable amount of discussion. The question is

of such importance as precludes the possibility of treating it on ordinary lines. It is in reality a test question, and must be so faced by the supporters of the Charity, who may be expected to subscribe or otherwise as they approve or disapprove of the action of the management in deciding to take action on the suggestions of Lord Lathom. Looked at in this light we may ask members of the Craft to decide whether they will make an effort to strengthen the hands of the existing management, or whether, by withholding their donations, they will fetter and hamper them in the work they have to perform? We hope there are very few who will have to hesitate long on this point. We admit the removal scheme is a bold one—is an expensive one—and a troublesome one. But at the same time we argue it is necessary, and immediately desirable, and as such will, we hope, be regarded by the whole of the English Brotherhood, as one deserving of the most hearty and enthusiastic endorsement.

In their appeal for support on the occasion of this 94th celebration, the Board of Management points out that the generous response made by the brethren at the last Festival was a proof that the policy of reform and improvement in the affairs of the Institution had met the hearty approval of the Craft in general. To this we add, it now remains for the Brotherhood to endorse that verdict, by equally satisfactory support, else we must look upon it rather as a sudden outburst of enthusiasm, than as a real and lasting expression of satisfaction at what has been accomplished. The spirit of reform and advancement is not yet dead, but it requires hearty endorsement and zealous support to allow of its full development.

Turning to the Institution generally we find much that can well be urged in support of a special appeal at the present moment, but we feel our readers are so well versed in all that concerns this Institution as to make the task of enlightening them as to its merits almost unnecessary. Still, we may point to one most important fact—there was an addition of five Boys to the usual number at the October Election of last year, and small as that increase may appear to some it yet requires an especial effort on the part of future Stewards to ensure that it shall be maintained, otherwise there must be intrenchment on the Funds already invested by the Institution. This increase has raised the number of boys in the Institution to 260, for whom an average expenditure of £11,500 is entailed, against which the Institution only possesses a reliable permanent income of £930 per annum. The requirement of the Institution is the difference between these two amounts, erroneously termed, we think, an annual deficiency of £10,500, and it is sought from the Craft with the earnest hope that it will be cheerfully subscribed, in order that the good work of the Charity may be continued, and the large number of orphan lads of the Craft now on the funds of the School maintained in the future as it has been possible to maintain them in the past.

A MASONIC RELIC.

RECENTLY a historical find was made of more than ordinary importance. Among a number of old books and papers, resurrected from their long-forgotten resting place in the attic of an old country house in Delaware County, where they had lain undisturbed for almost a century, was a leather-covered folio book, which, upon examination, proved to be one of the long-lost records of the Masonic Lodge which was held at the Tun Tavern on Water Street in Philadelphia, during the early decades of the last century.

The contents of the book consist of 106 closely written pages, setting forth all their proceedings, and, in addition, recording the names of every candidate, member and visitor who was present or advanced at the various meetings. In fact, it is the first minute book of the Lodge, and covers the period from 28th June 1749 to 2nd July 1755, when the Lodge changed its meeting place to the newly-elected Freemasons' Hall, in Norris (Lodge) Alley.

The importance of this old relic will be recognised when it is stated that heretofore nothing whatever has been known of the official or social workings of the Masonic Brethren who flourished in Pennsylvania under the dispensation from the Grand Lodge of all England, extending from 1730 until the decade prior to the Revolution, when, on account of political differences, application was made by sundry Brethren in Philadelphia to the rival Grand Lodge in England, known as the "Ancient York Masons," for permission to hold Lodges in Pennsylvania under their authority.

In response to these applications two or three Lodges were warranted about 1759-60, either by the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge. It is from these Lodges of the A.Y.M. that the present Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has its origin.

As the majority of the members of the first Provincial Grand Lodge, working under the "Grand Lodge of All England," were politically inclined towards the Crown, that branch of Masonry rapidly declined in the troublous times immediately preceding the Revolution, the patriot brethren affiliating with the new Lodges of the A.Y.M. rite. Thus the absolute absence of all records was always accounted for by the supposition that they were either carried away by their Loyalist custodians in their flight from the country, or else were destroyed during the war.

In the year 1884 the first scrap of authentic information, outside of the announcements in Franklin's paper, was found. This was an old account book, known as "Liber B," and now in possession of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, which gives the names and accounts of the 19 members who composed St. John's Lodge in Philadelphia, the first Masonic Lodge in America. It was this Lodge which a few years afterwards resolved itself into a Provincial Grand Lodge. It covers the period from 24th June 1731 to 1738, and settles the claim of Pennsylvania's priority to Freemasonry in America. But, independent of this great fact and the names of 19 members, it gives no insight into the Masonic life of the Order. The volume which has now come to light is the "Book of Proceedings" of the "Masons' Lodge held at the Tun Tavern in Water Street," and contains many curious entries, not the least of which is the invariable close of each proceedings with the announcement, "Ten o'clock ye Lodge closed," a custom which might well be followed by the brethren of the present day.

The first entry in the book is dated "Wednesday, 28th June 1749—present Bro. Griffin, Mr. Reily, S.W., Shee, J.W. Members present, Bros. Corfe—Arstidale—Mullan—Wright—Eve—Foster. Visiting brethren, Bros. Murray—Alsop—Gantony and Duglap." The business of the Lodge consisted of electing a Tyler and a Committee to amend the Bye-Laws, after which a number of gentlemen were proposed for initiation, together with recommendations for passing and raising others, a separate ballot being taken in each case.

Another curious feature was that the Lodge met in the E.A. degree, and occasionally admitted visitors who were not Freemasons. Thus, in the Proceedings, 12th August 1752, among the visitors appears the entry: "Samuel Austin, not a brother."

That matters at this early day did not always run smoothly is shown under date 5th August 1749, when a ballot was held "whether or no three of the leading

members should be continued or excluded from the Lodge," after which the Secretary was ordered to "raise" their names off the books as members.

Three weeks later a petition was sent to Benjamin Franklin Prov. Grand Master, to grant a "deputation" under his sanction.

Early in September, the Master, being accused by several members of some irregular "practices, contrary to the dignity of the Chair," is asked in open Lodge to clear up the charges by the next regular meeting. This he succeeded in doing at the Lodge, 27th September 1749—"agrecable to the members." After this episode matters went on in harmony, and at the Lodge, 19th December 1749, it was agreed by the majority, to celebrate St. John's Day by a dinner at the Tun Tavern, at 10 o'clock, and "each Mason to bring his wife or a partner to a dance at night, the expense of which to be left to the majority of the members after the dinner is over." The expense of this celebration, as is shown by the next minutes, was £23 17s 5d, and 20 shillings were voted to the servants of the tavern.

Several cases are noted where members were imprisoned for debt, application being made to the Lodge to release them from durance vile—the most interesting case being that of Brother Smith, in 1753. Six pounds were voted for his relief, but did not prove sufficient, when the Master offered to advance ten pounds for the brother's relief, provided he gave his watch and books as security—"upon condition the Lodge, when in cash, pay him and take the watch and books, if they be not redeemed by Smith; to which the Lodge agreed, and the things to be left with the Lodge in pledge."

Another entry in a different vein, informs us that "The questions being put how we, as Masons, ought to be regulated in respect of our expenses at a regular Lodge night, and a ballot being made, agreed that no member shall be obliged to spend more than two shillings and sixpence during Lodge hours without his consent, and do not depart paying less than two shillings and sixpence."

"It being proposed that no liquor be called for in Lodge hours but by the consent of the Masters and Wardens, a ballot being made passed in the affirmative; but so that nothing be understood to the contrary of each brother's spending two shillings and sixpence."

There are numerous entries showing that Officers were entered, passed and raised in one night during the exciting French and Indian troubles.

Thus the Lodge flourished, and when the proposed Freemasons' Hall, in Norris Alley, was nearing completion, the question was put, on St. John's Day, 27th December 1754, "whether or not the Lodge shall be removed to ye new Lodge lately erected," the Brethren to a man voted in the negative.

The next six months, however, brought about a change of mind, and the last minute in the old register sets forth:

"At a Lodge held ye 7th June 1755, at 6 o'clock in ye morning, the Lodge opened and choze all the old officers for ye ensuing six months, and adjourned to the Lodge Hall in order to join the procession appointed for this day."

This occasion was perhaps the greatest gala day of the "Modern" Masons. There were 130 Brethren in line, who marched to Christ Church, where Brother William Smith preached the first of his Masonic sermons, which have since become historic. With the dedication of the "New Lodge" the minutes cease, and it may well be inferred that from thence on the Lodge changed its meeting place from the Tun Tavern to the Freemasons' Hall, until the troubles incident to the Revolution suppressed the aristocratic "Moderns," when the patriotic brethren almost to a man affiliated with the more patriotic Ancients, and laid the foundation of our present R. W. Grand Lodge and its hundreds of subordinate Lodges.

JULIUS F. SACHSE.

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—*Milwaukee Masonic Tidings.*

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—There is nothing in the whole "Materia Medica" like these medicaments for the certainty of their action in lumbago, sciatica, tic-doloureux, and all flying or settled pains in the nerves and muscles. Diseases of this nature originate in bad blood and depraved humours, and until these are corrected there can be no permanent cure. The ordinary remedies afford but temporary relief, and in the end always disappoint the sufferer. Holloway's Ointment penetrates the human system as salt penetrates meat, and the Pills greatly assist and accelerate its operation by clearing away all obstructions and giving tone to the system generally. The prophylactic virtues of Holloway's remedies stand unrivalled.

ARE YOU STILL AN APPRENTICE?

IN its broad sense, an apprentice is a learner, one who takes hold of knowledge with his mind, or his mind and his hand together. In its Masonic sense an Apprentice, or an Entered Apprentice, is one who has received only the first degree in Freemasonry, by which he was made a Mason.

Unfortunately, it is possible for a Brother to be a Master Mason in name and an Entered Apprentice Mason in fact.

The Brother who has merely received the degrees and not mastered Masonry, is not in truth a Master Mason, no matter what the Lodge records may say concerning him.

In the highest and best sense of the term we should all be apprentices to Masonry through life, finding in it every day fresh sources of instruction and enjoyment. We should all be apprentices to Masonry, but not Entered Apprentices masquerading as Master Masons. Let us recall a few instances of this class in the Fraternity. You all have met them.

Bro. Hicksum was made a Mason twenty years ago, and two months later bloomed upon the Fraternity as a Master Mason, but during the whole of the intervening period he has been, at best, but an annual visitor to the Craft, when election season rolled round and a banquet was the order of the evening. The ratio of his knowledge of Masonry regularly grew less and less from the moment that he was "brought to light." He is only a Mason in the Pickwickian sense of the term. He "has been there," but no one can say of him, "he still would go." He is an Entered Apprentice of the lowest type.

Bro. Blocksum is the opposite of Bro. Hicksum in many respects, and yet he also is an Entered Apprentice. He never misses a meeting of his Lodge. He is a good workman; indeed he prides himself on his work, but he regards it as the complete body, mind and spirit of Freemasonry. It makes the Mason, passes him to be a Fellow Craft, and raises him a Master Mason. He knows the A B C of Masonry from A to Z, but he cannot frame these A B C's into any intelligible form. He is a parrot Mason. He has not an idea above the ritual. He cannot explain a single part of it. He received it like medicine and it went through him like a dose of salts. The symbols, the legends, the history of Freemasonry are to him unknown quantities. The ritual is enough for him. He wears a Past Master's jewel, but what it indicates he could not tell you if he had to hang for it. He is a Master Mason, and a Past Master, by courtesy so called, but in reality he is only an Entered Apprentice.

Bro. Stacksum is also a Past Master, according to Lodge and Grand Lodge records, and he is a right bright fellow too, naturally, but he is so self-sufficient that he despises any other culture than that he received in the Lodge. He is not a reading Mason. He does not think that anything ought to be printed about Masonry. It is a secret society and it should keep knowledge concerning it confined strictly to the Lodge Room. This Brother forgets that every Grand Lodge prints its Constitutions and Annual Proceedings, and every Lodge its Bye-Laws, and many Lodges their histories—of course under proper official supervision, for nothing of this character may be placed in print without the previous approval, in Pennsylvania, of the Right Worshipful Grand Master. But all of these are in print, and many related matters besides. Freemasonry now has an elevated and elevating literature, treating of Symbolism, History, Antiquities, Landmarks, Masonic Parliamentary Law, Masonic Jurisprudence, and the like. It has also its representative journals, conducted by able and experienced Craftsmen, who know what to print and what not to print. But Bro. Stacksum despises it all. It cannot teach him anything, because he does not want to know it. He was born into the world several centuries too late; he should have entered it in the Dark Ages, before the invention of printing. We quite agree with the *Canadian Craftsman*, that "a Mason who does not subscribe for a Masonic paper or read a Masonic book is a 'rough ashlar'—not even an Entered Apprentice.

Bro. Mocksum is an "old Past Master," so old that he has gone to seed. The sun rises and sets on him, in his own estimation, and skips over every one else. He knows more than the Grand Lodge or Grand Master, and as to

the W.M. of his Lodge, in comparison with himself, he knows "less than nothing at all!"

Bro. Mocksum has the old Work—old as Adam, and he never intends to lose his grip on it. Anything else is an innovation. You cannot do anything with Bro. Mocksum. He is impervious to reason, never having been brought up on it. He will live, die and be buried an Entered Apprentice Mason, for he only *thought* he was a Master.

Brother reader, do not be an Entered Apprentice, "don't be a clam," but always be an apprentice to Masonry. See, hear, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest all you can about it. It is worthy of your closest study. You will find this study a perennial source of enjoyment, and while you live and when you die you will have the satisfaction of feeling and knowing that you were a *Master* Mason, and not merely an Entered Apprentice.

—Keystone.

TRADITIONAL AND HISTORIC MASONRY.

TRADITION has its uses. It serves to perpetuate much of truth and excellence that else would be lost to the world. Tradition, depending on oral communications for the most part, sends on, from one generation to another, very much of truth and knowledge that does not appear in written history. Thus important doctrines, rites, practices, and customs, maintain a hold upon human thought and faith, even if not attested by historical evidence.

It is a good rule, "Mock not at an ancient tradition." A Christian Apostle exhorts in this wise: "Stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught"—the plain implication of such an injunction being that there is value in traditional lore. But care needs to be taken to adjust the results of tradition with the well ascertained facts of history; and to keep in remembrance the fact that everything is comparative, and hence that true history is more important than doubtful traditions.

Traditional Masonry builds upon resemblances that can be traced between itself and certain societies of a very remote period, thereby establishing a sort of alliance between the modern organization and the Pythagoreans, the Eleusinians, the Essenes, the Druids, and other associations. It brings into account an abundance of legends that seem to justify such a relationship, at least an evolution the steps of whose progress are distinctly shown. By tradition and legend Freemasonry is linked with the earliest period of time, and with a great number of mysterious societies of which some record has been preserved.

In the same way, only along lines clearly drawn, Freemasonry is identified with the scenes and personages of the Hebrew nation. The ritual of the Craft refers to Moses, Joshua, Aholiab, Bezaleel and others who lived at the time of the Exodus, and who may have established or been prominent in some kind of a Fraternal association. But there is no certain evidence that these ancient worthies were thus bound in Fellowship by ties akin to Masonic bonds, or that any Fraternity at all like Freemasonry existed in their day. There is about as much difficulty in the attempt to identify Freemasonry with King Solomon and the building of the great Temple. The traditions and legends of the Craft in this regard are all right. We would not ask to have them abrogated, but it is absurd to claim that Freemasonry, as a system or an institution, is derived from Solomon and the two Hiram, who were the first three Grand Masters. There is no historic chain of connection between the events and personages of that age and the Masonic Institution of our day.

How far back can we trace the line of historic Masonry? Evidently we can go back of the date of the Revival—1717. There was something to be revived at that time. The testimony is ample and conclusive that there were Lodges of Masons in Great Britain as early as the middle of the seventeenth century, while there is good reason to believe that such organizations were in existence at a much earlier date. That the associations which then existed had many of the features which characterise the modern Institution cannot be doubted. They recognised the bond of fraternity—they were pledged to mutual helpfulness—they enacted certain ceremonies—communicated to candidates the Master's word, and recognised a classification of degrees according to the divisions now observed. Those

organisations of the seventeenth century were composed for the most part of operatives and builders who had very practical ends in view, but they did not entirely neglect intellectual and moral teachings which afterwards came to more prominence in the unfolding of the system. Nor was the membership of these earlier Lodges limited altogether to workmen and builders. The diary of Elias Ashmole proves that in 1646 he was admitted as a member of a Masonic Lodge, and from other references in this record it would appear that the Lodge was not composed of operative Masons, but of others who were drawn to its membership on social and fraternal grounds. The Harleian and other manuscripts prove beyond a doubt the existence of a seventeenth century Freemasonry. Every year new evidence is brought to light concerning the old Lodges of England and Scotland.

But it was a distinctive "New Departure" when the Revival came in 1717. Then, for the first time, Freemasonry was systematised and elaborated with something of the present arrangement of degrees—of forms and ceremonies—of regular government as well. The learned Desaguliers, Grand Master in 1719, Dr. James Anderson, and other bright lights of that period, applied their best endeavours to arrange Freemasonry as a system, to place it on a loftier plane, and to augment its scope of usefulness. They did not cast away legends or mock at traditions; nor did the faithful brethren who succeeded them attempt anything so destructive; they but adapted and pruned the work, to make it more helpful among its other members and in the world. From 1717 to the present time the lines of historic continuity are clearly traced; and we have evidence beyond dispute as to what Freemasonry has been and what it has accomplished since that period.—

Freemasons' Repository.

SUNBEAMS.

THE sunshine of life is made up of little things—of beams that are bright at all times; from the nursery to the play-ground, from school and college to the Lodge room there is always a place for little acts of kindness that cost nothing, but are worth more than gold or precious jewels. To give up something where the giving will create happiness, to yield where persistence chafes and frets others, to go a little around rather than run against another—all this means true brotherly love. To take an ill word or cross look quietly rather than resent and return it are the true Masonic ways—the ways of the sincere Brother; it often keeps away the angry storm, and sunshine and harmony is secured to you and to your Lodge by it.

Did your Master gavel you down? He may have been mistaken; don't be angry; greet him pleasantly when he descends from his "high and exalted perch," and he and you will feel the better for it. Did the Senior Deacon blunder in the Second Degree? It is not essential to remind him of it; rather tell him his efforts were good and well directed. A look of approval, a word of encouragement here and there, do a great deal of good and cost nothing. Scatter sunshine in your Lodge and through life—it is so much better than scowls and rain.

The infant is frightened by a black look and cries at a cross word, while it crows and laugh back at your smile; and we are all infants; true, grown up, but children still in many ways, and it is so cheap and easy to be pleasant and courteous in your Lodge and to your Brethren.

There are clouds enough in our make up and in our daily life—the cares of business, the strain of our usual occupation, perchance sickness in the household, and all the darkened sorrows that beset humanity. Why not, then, determine to be cheerful upon entering your Lodge and be pleasant to your Brethren. Scatter sunshine everywhere, especially among your Brethren, and the sweet spirit of harmony will reign, union and strength will prevail, and you will be proud to belong to such a happy Lodge. Be pleasant and courteous to the new comer, be polite and deferential to the elders—be polite to every one and see how much better you will feel by making others feel pleasant and happy, and by so doing illustrate true Masonry.

—*Hebrew Standard.*

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RE-OPENING OF THE CANONGATE AND LEITH MASONIC HALL.

THE formal re-opening of the newly-renovated hall of the Canongate and Leith (No. 5) Lodge, Constitution Street, took place on the 7th instant. There was a goodly attendance of the members of the Order, including Past Masters from various Lodges, the Office Bearers of the Canongate and Leith Lodge. The R.W.M. Brother Charles Baxter W.S. presided. This Lodge was a very old one, as it was founded in the year 1688, by Royal Charter. The hall which is used for the meetings of the Lodge had fallen into a state of disrepair, but a distinguished member of the Lodge came to the front and offered to bear the whole of the expense of repairing and re-decorating the hall. The prevailing idea was to do up the hall in the style of the period to which the Lodge originally belonged, and that has been carried out in a pleasing and picturesque manner by Mr. Thomas Bonnar, Edinburgh. The cost is estimated at £300. During the evening the Lodge was presented by Past Master J. O. Garland with a book of the minutes for the year 1808, and the Lodge in turn gave the R.W.M. a new regalia.

Brother David Reid Substitute Master, who has been fourteen years a member of the Lodge, was the recipient of a specially designed handsome Masonic jewel. The jewel was presented to Bro. Reid by the Lodge as a souvenir of their high appreciation of the many services which he has rendered.

The report of the Centenary Committee of the Masonic Schools, which was read at the meeting of the Governors, held in Dublin, was of an extremely satisfactory character. The bazaar, which has just been held in Dublin, and which had the double advantage of the co-operation of the Duke of Abercorn and the opposition of Dr. Walsh, has, as we have already stated, more than equalled the expectations of the promoters. The committee report that up to Saturday last the sum of £11,818 5s 9d had been lodged in the Bank of Ireland to the credit of the Centenary fund, and on a moderate estimate of the receipts still to be expected it was stated that more than £15,000 would be available for the objects of the celebration. Among the sums already received, the admissions (including £234 18s for 2,349 "stallholders' passes") produced £3,190 12s 3d. Her Grace the Duchess of Abercorn had lodged £1,429 2s 6d, chiefly consisting of large donations from the Grand Masters' Lodge, from Tyrone and Fermanagh, and from individuals; £1,314 5s 8d had been received from Antrim, £1,178 15s from Munster (Cork), £779 9s from Armagh, £416 5s from North Munster (Limerick), £390 11s 7d from the School Stall, and £363 9s from North Connaught. It was also reported that large money subscriptions had been received from brethren and Lodges in all parts of Ireland and from abroad, and "the commemoration of the hundredth year of the school's existence had evoked sympathy and assistance from every quarter, had placed the governors under deep obligations of gratitude to a multitude of benefactors, and had widely extended the foundations of the charity. The committee recommended that permanent securities, sufficient to produce £400 a year, should be purchased as an Advancement Fund, and they had already obtained an allotment of £5,000 Canadian Pacific Four per Cent. Debentures at very moderate cost of £5,036 2s 7d. They recommend the execution of the improvements required by the House and Education Committees, and that the surplus should be added to the Advancement Fund as opportunity offered." The report adds, "The governors concurred with the Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. Masons of Ireland in offering most hearty thanks to Her Grace the Duchess of Abercorn and to the other ladies, brethren, and friends, who, by their personal exertions, and by their contributions of money and goods, had assisted in achieving the great work of beneficence to the orphan daughters of the Freemasons of Ireland so happily accomplished." Mr. R. J. Hilton, who attended the meeting on behalf of County Antrim, communicated to the governors the resolution which had been passed by the local Centenary Committee to the effect that it would not be advisable to carry out just now the proposed sale of work in Belfast. Happily there is no need to put into force the original intention of the committee in this matter. We again join in congratulating the promoters of this undertaking upon the splendid results of their management.—*Belfast News Letter.*

Bro. T. Ivey S.W. has been unanimously elected W.M. of the St. Andrew Lodge, No. 1151, Tywardreath, Cornwall. Bro. J. T. Baker was re-elected Treasurer.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales Grand Master of England, has been pleased to grant a warrant for the formation of the Minerva Lodge, to meet at the Masonic Chambers, Birkenhead. It is intended to be literary and scientific, and worked on the lines of the Quatuor Coronati. About fifty brethren have signed as founders, and the new Lodge will be consecrated in the autumn by Lord Egerton of Tatton Prov. Grand Master of Cheshire.

CRICKET.

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IT is with pleasure we notice that the pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, at Wood Green, are doing well in the cricket field. We append the result of two matches played recently, in which "Our Boys" proved successful on each occasion.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS v. TOTTERIDGE PARK SCHOOL.

Played at Totteridge, on 1st inst. Score:—

R.M.I.B.			TOTTERIDGE PARK.		
H. V. Crane	...	51	F. Freeman	...	20
A. O. Crompton	...	1	Drewitt	...	13
G. O. Fearon	...	5	J. W. Avis	...	10
R. F. Stainer	...	5	Rev. J. Bell	...	12
G. F. Webb	...	3	J. Prosser	...	8
B. Wood	...	2	T. Coombes	...	0
A. Stephenson	...	1	A. Marsh	...	3
R. Melhuish	...	1	R. Bayley	...	7
H. S. Wilson	...	0	R. Dick (not out)	...	6
L. Thomas (not out)	...	6	W. Abraham	...	0
W. Waspe	...	4	H. Horn	...	0
Extras	...	20	Extras	...	8
Total	...	99	Total	...	87

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS v. OLD HOLLOWAY COLLEGIANS.

Played at Crouch End, on Saturday, the 11th inst. Score:—

R.M.I.B.			OLD HOLLOWAY COLLEGIANS.		
H. V. Crane	...	13	A. W. Browne	...	0
L. Thomas	...	0	H. Sowerby	...	2
R. F. Staine	...	12	S. Brady	...	3
F. B. Wood	...	21	S. Taylor	...	11
G. O. Fearon	...	11	A. R. Bourke	...	7
G. F. Webb	...	2	A. Lobb	...	4
T. P. Viven	...	3	A. Ridley	...	0
R. Melhuish	...	4	B. Maxwell	...	0
A. C. Crompton	...	1	G. B. Kent	...	4
A. Stephenson (not out)	...	4	E. Higgs (not out)	...	0
W. Waspe	...	0	P. Celphane absent	...	0
Extras	...	2	Extras	...	7
Total	...	73	Total	...	38

At the meeting of the Evening Star Lodge, No. 1719, held at the Freemasons' Hall, London, on Monday last, Bro. William A. Valons P.M. 429, President of the Incorporated Gas Institute, the W.M., presiding, Bro. James Stevens P.M. delivered a lecture on the Ritual of Symbolic Masonry. The large number of brethren connected with the Gas Institute, the annual meeting of which was held in London on the following day, and who were present on the invitation of their President, expressed their great satisfaction with the arrangements for their edification, and joined heartily in the cordial vote of thanks accorded to the lecturer. A full report of the proceedings will appear in our next issue.

MASONIC SONNETS.—No. 1.

By BRO. CHAS. FORSHAW, LL.D., 2417.

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THE INITIATE.

From darkness unto light!—he only knows
Part of the truths which yet may wake his mind,
From out its former languorous repose—
And make him feel how truly he was blind.
He scarce can grasp th' unfolded mysteries,
Nor can he comprehend the secret ways
That he has still to tread, e'er he portrays
To some apprentice their immensities.
In Masonry he's but a child in arms,
And should be quite content to rest awhile,
Until the future all his fear disarms,
Until he's safely crossed the last crook'd stile,
That leads him from the maze into the plain,
Where all is clear, like sunshine after rain.

Winder House, Bradford.

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Obituary.

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BRO. WILLIAM LEWIS HARDING.

THE mortal remains of our late brother, who died at his residence, Belsize House, Haverfordwest, on the 1st inst., after a short illness, aged 56 years, were conveyed to their last resting place, St. Martin's Cemetery, on the 5th instant. The deceased had been 28 years a member of the Cambrian Lodge, No. 464, was a P.M. and Past Provincial Grand Organist, and was held in high estimation amongst his brethren. As a last sad mark of respect to departed merit the brethren attended the funeral in full Masonic regalia. Bro. Harding was for 42 years connected with the firm of Messrs. Davie, George and Davies, Solicitors. He had been for many years Organist of St. Mary's Church, Bandmaster of the Caroli Martin Yeomanry Cavalry, and Haverfordwest Rifle Volunteers. The coffin, covered with the Union Jack, on which rested the helmet and sword belt of the deceased, was borne on the shoulders of members of the Rifle Corps, six sergeants acting as pall bearers; the cortège was led by the surpliced choirs of St. Mary's and St. Martin's, followed by the Volunteer band of rank and file and officers, to the plaintively mournful strains of the Dead March in "Saul." When the procession arrived at the Cemetery Gates the employés of the firm relieved the sergeants and took their stations as pall bearers to the grave. At the conclusion of the service the brethren of the Mystic tie filed past the grave and threw their sprigs of acacia on the coffin. The majority of the inhabitants seemed to have turned out to show their respect for the deceased.

BRO. ARTHUR PICK.

THE remains of Bro. Arthur Pick were interred in the Grantham Cemetery, on the 6th instant. Deceased was a Freemason, and was followed to the grave by a goodly number of brethren. The service was read by the Rev. C. Elsmere, vicar of Spittlegate, and the usual sprig of acacia was dropped into the grave.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent will be held at the Granville Hotel, Ramsgate, on Friday next, the 24th instant, at 12:30 o'clock. The brethren will attend divine service in St. George's Church, at 2 p.m., and a banquet will be served at the Granville Hotel, at 4 p.m.

All ex-Pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls desirous of visiting the Institution are invited by the Committee to do so on Saturday, the 25th instant, that being ex-Pupils' day. The time appointed for meeting is 3 p.m. We trust there will be a large muster, as we think much good is possible by fostering an interest in the School among the old pupils.

We have pleasure in directing attention to the announcement made elsewhere—in the report of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Norths and Hunts—as to the acceptance by the Earl of Euston of the chairmanship of the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. The Institution is to be congratulated, not only on having secured so zealous a Mason for chairman, but also in having one who brings a strong Province behind him, comprising a large number of Brethren desirous of endorsing the Masonic activity of their chief.

On Friday, the 27th ult., the pleasant series of musical réunions in connection with the Northampton Masonic Club, was closed most happily. Through the instrumentality of Brother Herring and Brother Warwick, metropolitan talent had been secured, with the result that the last Masonic "smoker" of the present season passed off with the utmost éclat. There was a capital attendance, several ladies. The mysteries of the Craft were for a time banished, and the wondering womenfolk had an opportunity of enjoying, together with the men, the lighter privileges of Masonic goodfellowship. Bro. A. Cockerill genially presided, and was supported by Brother Butler Wilkies and other brethren. The chief contributors to the programme were of course the London vocalists—Miss Ashmead (soprano) and Miss Glenn (contralto), both of the Royal English Opera Company, and Mr. Percy Roberts comic singer and banjoist. The demands on their goodness was most pressing, and encores were hearty and frequent. At the conclusion the Chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the London friends who had given them such a grand musical treat. Bro. Henry Martin seconded, and it was carried unanimously. Mr. Percy Roberts appropriately responded. A vote of thanks was also accorded Bros. Herring and Warwick for organising so successful a finale to the season's concerts.

DEATH.

BERTOLLE.—On the 9th inst., at 268 Caledonian Road, N., Bro. JAMES LEWIS WILLIAM BERTOLLE P.M. Southern Star Lodge, No. 1158. Friends will please accept this intimation.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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IMPERIAL GEORGE LODGE, No. 78 (MIDDLETON).

A MEETING took place at the Asheton Arms Hotel, on Thursday, 9th inst., when there were present Bros. Tom Lawton W.M., Smethurst S.W., Hilton P.M. acting J.W., Nield Secretary, Hall S.D., S. Brown J.D., Hartley I.G., Harlow Tyler, H. Mellalieu, Myall, Lee, Fetton, Stansfield, J. Mellalieu, and Peter Lawton P.M. The Lodge was opened in duo form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Stansfield was passed to the degree of a F.C. by the W.M., and there being no further business the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

PEACE AND HARMONY LODGE, No. 199.

THE installation meeting took place at the Masonic Hall, Dover, on Monday, the 6th inst., and although it was Whit Monday a goodly number attended. The Lodge opened at 3 o'clock p.m., when there were present—Bros. T. A. Dartnall W.M., Watson Walker S.W. W.M. elect, E. C. Fielding J.W., E. Lukey P.M. P.P.G.S.D. Kent Treasurer, J. D. Terson P.M. Secretary, J. W. Bent S.D., H. H. Goodwin J.D., W. Thomas I.G., L. March Tyler; Bros. G. Charch P.M., J. W. Busey P.M., P. G. Busey, M. Overton, Oxenham, Walker, Beach, Wynne, Norwell, and others. Visitors—T. W. Bent P.M. No. 704 P.G. Steward Kent, A. M. McTosh P.M. 1096, H. Drew W.M. 1096, S. Saunders P.M. 1915 P.G. Steward Kent, W. D. Drake W.M. 2192, J. E. Shand P.M. 1563 Secretary 2030, who travelled from London purposely to see his friend the W.M. elect installed. The Lodge was opened, and after the routine business had been transacted, Bro. Person P.M. Secretary took the chair, and in a very able manner placed Bro. Watson Walker in the chair of K.S. according to custom. The W.M. then gave proof of his proficiency by investing and appointing his Officers in a way that proved he had been taught the art. The Officers were as follows:—Bros. Dartnall I.P.M., C. E. Fielding S.W., Bent J.W., V. S. Vickers P.M. P.P.G.C. Chaplain, E. Lukey P.M. P.P.G.S.D. Treasurer, Person P.M. Secretary, Goodwin S.D., Thomas J.D., W. Prescott P.M. P.P.G.S.D. Director of Ceremonies, F. A. Clarke Organist, C. Miller Overton I.G., Stevens and Boyle Stewards, L. March Tyler. After a short interval, arrangements of Lodge business disposed of, Lodge was closed and adjourned to adjoining room, where an excellent banquet was provided by Bro. Dartnall I.P.M. The usual Masonic toasts were submitted and duly honoured, the W.M. displaying judgment and sincerity in his pithy and brief remarks. Among others who responded for the Visitors was an old family friend of the W.M.'s, Bro. J. E. Shand, who expressed the pleasure it was to travel south to witness the W.M. installed. Some of the brethren of the Lodge, assisted by Madame Minnie Curtis, gave some excellent songs, the lady calling forth great applause, and with her accustomed geniality answering an encore. The brethren, numbering about 60, separated after the Tyler's toast, about eleven o'clock, having spent a very pleasant and enjoyable evening.

ST. GEORGE'S LODGE, No. 242.

THE first meeting under the newly-installed W.M. was held in the Masonic Rooms, Nether Hall Road, Doncaster, on Friday, the 3rd inst., when there were present Bros. F. Webb W.M., J. Fitzgerald I.P.M. (acting S.W.), W. Blake J.W., J. Forth P.M. Secretary, T. Foster J.D., F. H. Buckland I.G., H. White Organist, G. J. Smith, S. Lester, and J. W. Turner Stewards, A. Parkin P.M., F. Rand P.M., F. D. Walker P.M., G. Wilkie P.M., J. Greaves, J. Rayner, J. F. Hanson, C. Swales, E. T. Smith, C. Hopkinson, H. J. Pawson, and W. Mason and J. Hirst Tylers. Visitors: Bros. J. A. Senior 179 New South Wales, W. J. Sanders 59 (S.C.), and J. Constable S.W. 2259. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, and the Secretary having introduced several matters respecting the Lodge premises, the discussion thereon was adjourned until July. After a proposition, and "hearty good wishes" from the visitors, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the ante-room, where refreshment was provided.

LODGE OF AFFABILITY, No. 317,
(MANCHESTER).

A MEETING was held in the Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, the 2nd instant. Present—Bros. Staton W.M., Read S.W., Spencer J.W., Wm. Garside Secretary, Bushell P.M. J.D., Whitehead Organist, Bladon P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C. Dir. of Cers., Allen I.G.; P.M.'s Hine P.P.G.J.W., Walmsley, Lisenden, J. Garside, Akerman, Chesworth, Mountain, and Harcastle P.P.G.D.; Bros. Field, Ashe Simcock, Chenery, R. Simcock, Findlow, Marsh, Sinclair, Paterson, and Plumpton. Visitors—F. S. Bedford W.M. 1387, C. H. Arnold W.M. 645, W. W. Wilson 993, R. Sayers 2359, and Loveday. Owing to the lamented and premature death of Bro. George Jackson S.D., the Lodge was put into mourning. The Lodge was opened at 5:30, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. William Alderley Boyd, who was duly elected, and afterwards initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M. After preliminaries, Bro. Chenery was passed to the second degree by Brother Chesworth. Prior to the Lodge being closed the W.M. alluded in feeling terms to the untimely death of Bro. George Jackson, who succumbed after an operation. Bro. Jackson was very popular with and much liked by all the members, and his death is much regretted. A letter of condolence was ordered to be sent to his widow, expressive of the sincere sympathy in her bereavement of every member of the Lodge. There being no further business, the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony. In consequence of Bro. Jackson's death there

was no social board. The next meeting of the Lodge will take place in September.

FIDELITY LODGE, No. 555.

THE annual meeting was held at the Crown Hotel, Framlingham, on Friday, the 10th inst., when Bro. Tyrwhitt Drake was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The members of the Lodge present were Bros. W. T. Brunger W.M., Walter Cocks P.P.G.J.D. I.P.M., E. Tyrwhitt Drake S.W. (W.M. elect), W. Vernon J.W., Rev. C. A. Sinclair P.P.G. Chaplain, S. G. Carley Treasurer, John Martin Secretary, Rev. J. Holme Pilkington S.D., C. S. Kidall J.D., T. W. Read P.M. Dir. of Cers., W. G. Connor I.G., W. Balls P.M., George Jeaffreson P.M. P.P.G.J.D., Rev. W. T. Pratt, E. W. Lynch, Robert Reynolds, W. Simpson, W. Barker, Charles Goodwin Tyler. The visitors included Bros. Rev. A. Tighe-Gregory P.P.G. Chaplain, J. B. Fraser P.M. 376, A. S. Gross W.M. 81, E. Smith P.M. 81, George Booth P.A.G.D. P.M. 81, J. H. Loveless Organist 81 P.M. 1648, Walter Brooke S.W. 81, J. R. Cocks P.M. 403, H. J. Riches S.D. 1663, G. R. Chilver 376, Geo. Abbott P.M. 225 P.P.G.S.B., S. Sleigh 376, J. B. Marchant W.M. 1663. Letters of apology for inability to attend were received from Bro. Hon. Lionel Holland, Bro. Capt. the Hon. T. Ashburnham, and others. The installation ceremony was most impressively performed by Bro. J. B. Fraser P.P.G.S.D. P.M. 376, who for 18 years has favoured the Lodge with his presence as Installing Master. Bro. Geo. Abbott acted admirably as Dir. of Cers. The Worshipful Master afterwards appointed his Officers for the year, as follows:—Bros. W. T. Brunger I.P.M., W. Vernon S.W., Rev. J. H. Pilkington J.W., S. G. Carley P.P.G.J.W. P.M. Treasurer, J. Marten P.M. Secretary, Rev. C. A. Sinclair Chaplain, C. S. Kidall S.D., W. G. Connor J.D., T. W. Read Dir. of Cers., E. W. Lynch I.G., C. Goodwin Tyler, W. Simpson Steward. At the banquet which followed the Worshipful Master (Bro. Tyrwhitt Drake) presided. Upon the removal of the cloth the Worshipful Master gave the toasts of the Queen and the Craft, the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the Grand Officers. In proposing that of the Provincial Grand Master (Lord Henniker), the Worshipful Master observed that his lordship's name was a household word among Suffolk Masons, and the generous hospitality which he dispensed at Thornham last year was evidence of the great interest he took in the Craft. The toast was received with Lodge honours. Bro. W. T. Brunger, in proposing the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, said that he had only to mention the name of Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn to elicit the most hearty response to the toast, which at the present time had especial significance from the fact that they were soon to lose their Deputy Provincial Grand Master. As they were perhaps aware, Bro. Martyn was to take up his residence in Gloucestershire, but how far that would affect his connection with Suffolk Masonry they did not yet know; indeed, he did not think that Bro. Martyn knew himself. He coupled with the toast the names of Bro. Rev. Tighe Gregory and Bro. W. Cocks, both of whom suitably responded, the former expressing his feeling towards the members of the Lodge as the Irishman did towards the other sex, "That he wished they had but one rosy mouth that he might kiss them all from north to south." Bro. Dr. G. E. Jeaffreson, in submitting the toast of the evening, the Worshipful Master, Bro. Drake, remarked that he had attended many of these gatherings, but he did not think he ever had more satisfaction in proposing a toast than he had on that occasion. Their friend, Bro. J. B. Fraser, had that day installed a Master who they all knew would be an honour to the old Lodge to which he belonged—a Lodge which had survived various migrations, but which, he ventured to say, never had a worthier home than that of the old town of Framlingham. They had all seen Bro. Drake's work in the Lodge, and had seen the courteous and kindly way in which he conducted himself towards all, and he (the speaker) was sure that kindly conduct would inspire fidelity and activity in the Officers of the Lodge, and would help him considerably in performing the duties of his office. The Worshipful Master, in returning thanks, said he felt they had conferred a great honour upon him in electing him Worshipful Master of the Lodge. He assured them that it would be his endeavour to do his utmost for the Lodge in particular and Freemasonry in general. The Immediate Past Master had set a high ideal before him of what a Master should be, and which he felt it would be impossible for him to attain, but at the same time he would do his best, and he knew he had a set of Officers who would assist him in carrying out that object. In conclusion, he proposed the health of the Immediate Past Master, Bro. W. T. Brunger, who, he testified, had filled the chair with zeal and energy. Brother Brunger acknowledged the compliment in appropriate terms. The other toasts were—the Officers of the Lodge, coupled with the names of Bros. Vernon and Lynch, the Installing Master (Bro. J. B. Fraser), the Visitors, &c.

MARMION LODGE, No. 1060.

THE annual installation in connection with this Lodge took place on the 8th inst., when, in addition to the local brethren, there were 16 visitors from the districts of Lichfield, Rugeley, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Dudley, Burton-on-Trent, and Chester. The Officers for 1892-93 were installed as follows:—Bro. James Stone W.M., G. Hoskinson I.P.M., E. S. Sumner Senior Warden, J. H. Dawes Junior Warden, W. Tempest Treasurer, H. J. Clunton Secretary, W. McGregor, M.A., Chaplain, E. Coleman Senior Deacon, W. B. Fowler Junior Deacon, J. H. Rowe Organist, C. Jones Dir. of Cers., G. Bowen Inner Guard, C. Briggs and J. P. Walton Stewards, F. Hughes Tyler. The annual banquet was subsequently held at the Castle Hotel, where a *recherché* repast was provided by Brother R. H. Griffin.

SHAKESPEARE LODGE, No. 1009 (MANCHESTER).

A MEETING took place on Friday, the 3rd instant, in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, when there were present Bros. Pringle W.M., Hilton J.W., Allott P.M. Treasurer, Eaticknap P.M. Secretary, Olive S.D., William Brookes P.M. Dir. of Cers., Horsley I.G., Statham P.M. P.P.G.T., Rome P.M. P.P.G.S., Crosland P.M., Bennison, Goodier, Sears, Firth, Bentley, Geo. O. Brookes, Corby, James, Vaughan, and Charles Smith. Visitors—Bros. Welch P.M. 992, Perren I.P.M. 461, J. Bowers I.P.M. 1730, and Walter Smith 1773. The Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Bentley having answered the necessary questions leading from the first to the second degree, was made a F.C. by the W.M. Bros. Corby, Goodier, and Firth, being candidates for raising, were interrogated and received the test of merit. They were subsequently raised to the sublime degree, Bro. Corby by Bro. Allott, Bro. Goodier by Bro. Crosland, and Bro. Firth by Bro. Brookes. This finished a fair night's work. Hearty good wishes were expressed by the Visitors, and the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

ROYAL WHARFEDALE LODGE, No. 1108.

THE members celebrated, on Friday evening, the 10th instant, the festival of St. John. Bro. John Barraclough, the W.M. elect, was presented for the benefit of installation by the retiring W.M. Bro. Fred Cobley, the whole of the ceremony being performed by Bro. Laycock. The newly installed W.M. invested the Officers for the year, as follow:—Bros. Cobley I.P.M., Houlding S.W., Tetley J.W., Laycock P.M. Treasurer, Strain Secretary, Houlden S.D., Suttle J.D., Walker P.M. P.G.S.D. Organist, Turner I.G., Mason Tyler. Subsequently the Officers, Brethren, and Visitors banqueted together, when the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. Bro. Laycock P.M. as Treasurer gave a highly satisfactory report of the Lodge's financial position, and of its contributions to the Masonic Charities.

TRUTH LODGE, No. 1458 (MANCHESTER).

A MEETING took place at Bro. Tom Wood's, Wheatshaf Hotel, on Saturday, the 4th inst. Present—Bros. Fred. Hilton W.M., Burgess J.W., Vincent P.M. Treasurer, T. H. Hall P.M. Secretary, Shepherd S.D., A. Hebden P.M. P.P.G. Dir. of Cers. Dir. of Cers., Worsley Organist, R. Caldwell P.M. P.P.G.P., Buckley Carr P.M., Needle P.M., J. J. Dean, A. B. Taylor, Leopold Hirsch, and Tom Wood; Visitors—Geo. T. Lennard 1077, and R. R. Lisenden P.M. 317. The Lodge was opened at 3.30, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. B. T. Treahy, and being announced favourable he was initiated into Freemasonry by Bro. A. Hebden. Bros. Hirsch and Dean, being candidates for raising, were interrogated as to their proficiency in the second degree, and having satisfactorily answered, withdrew. Subsequently Bro. Leopold Hirsch was raised to the sublime degree by the W.M., and Bro. Dean by Bro. Tom Wood. The whole of the work was remarkably well done, the manner in which Bro. Wood performed the ceremony was most impressive. There being no further business, the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony. The brethren afterwards had tea, and later on assembled at the social board. In the absence of the genial W.M., who had to leave for Portrush to join his wife, the chair was taken by Bro. Vincent. The health of Bro. Treahy was proposed, heartily drank, and responded to in appropriate language. The health of Bros. Hirsch and Dean were proposed and responded to. The health of the Visitors was proposed in eloquent terms by Bro. A. Hebden, and drank with enthusiasm. Bro. Lisenden in reply said it had given him exceeding great pleasure to be present in the Lodge that afternoon, and to witness the admirable manner the work had been performed. Although he had not been a frequent visitor at the Truth Lodge until lately, it was not from want of oft-repeated invitations. It was not absolutely necessary, in order to be convinced of the repute the Truth Lodge had for its excellent working, to be present at the meetings, because there were brethren well qualified to give an opinion on such matters, who could speak and had spoken very highly of the manner in which the ceremonies had been performed for years in that Lodge. He (Bro. Lisenden) had been acquainted with Bros. Caldwell and Hall for a long period, and could vouch for the ability, earnestness and zeal they had displayed for the welfare and prosperity of their Lodge. Both were excellent workers, as were Bros. Buckley Carr and Hebden. The latter had proved himself a Director of Ceremonies *par excellence*, and it was a veritable treat to note his watchful eye and ever ready hand to help and assist any brother either in the Lodge or at the social board, whilst the present W.M., Bro. Hilton, had already earned a renown for excellent working and geniality that would never be forgotten. Bro. Tom Wood, as most of the brethren knew, was W.M. of the Victoria Lodge, at Eccles, and through the kindness of Bro. Hilton had been permitted to perform the ceremony of raising Bro. Dean that afternoon. The manner in which he had done it was something to be remembered, not only by the candidate, but by all who were present; it was at once dignified and impressive, and showed a natural ability which would be thoroughly appreciated by all true Masons. In conclusion, Bro. Lisenden thanked the brethren most heartily for the kindness and cordiality they always extended to him. Bro. Leonard also responded. Bro. Tom Wood, in proposing the health of the W.M., Bro. Fred. Hilton, spoke in high terms of praise of his ability in conducting the affairs of his Lodge, and also of his kindly genial manner at all times and on all occasions. Both in and out of the Lodge, to Masons and non-Masons, he was the same affable, courteous gentleman, whom it was a pleasure to know and listen to. Bro. Wood said he was convinced no one more regretted being absent from their midst than the W.M. himself, and in wish-

ing him long life and prosperity he would ask the brethren to drink Bro. Hilton's health in a bumper. The other toasts were the P.M.'s, responded to by Bros. Vincent, Hebden, and Buckley Carr, and the Officers, responded to by Bro. Burgess. Songs and recitations were given by Bros. Hebden, Buckley Carr, and Lisenden, Bro. Worsley rendering valuable aid at the piano.

ARLECDON LODGE, No. 1660.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Frizington, on Wednesday, the 1st inst., Bro. J. Wakefield W.M. in the chair, supported by about sixty members and visitors. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. One candidate was balloted for and initiated, when Bro. Geo. Dalrymple was invited to the chair, and Bro. Wakefield presented Bro. William Robinson W.M. elect for installation, and he was duly installed; he invested the following as his Officers:—Bro. W. Shaw S.W., J. Armstrong J.W., Rev. J. Tyson Chaplain, G. Dalrymple Treasurer, W. Brown Secretary, E. Jackson S.D., R. Douglas J.D., W. H. Jenkinson I.G., Dr. Routledge Dir. of Cers., and Jas. Toye and R. James Stewards. Bro. John Barr P.M. 119 gave the customary addresses in his usual able manner. The W.M. then invited Bro. Dalrymple to present Bro. H. Hartley, John Wilkinson, and John Wakefield each with a Past Master's jewel, with a suitable inscription upon them. Bro. Dalrymple said it was not at all necessary to use many words anent this presentation from the Lodge, as it was for regular attendance during their year as Masters, for good workmanship, and willingness at all times to support the Masonic Charities, and above all that which was the keystone of our whole Masonic structure—good harmony. The three brethren thanked the members of Arlecdon Lodge for their quite unexpected gift, and said it was one they should ever hold in high esteem. The Secretary was ordered to read copy of patent received from the Provincial Grand Secretary informing the members that Bro. Geo. J. McKay, J.P., Past Grand Standard Bearer, had been appointed Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Province, and Bro. Dalrymple Provincial Grand Secretary. Brother Robinson said it gave him much pleasure to move that the hearty congratulations of Arlecdon Lodge be sent to Bros. McKay and Dalrymple on the high distinction conferred upon them, which was seconded by Bro. Hartley, and carried with applause. With "hearty good wishes" the Lodge was closed. The brethren, to the number of 54, then sat down to an excellent banquet at the Parkside Hotel, the newly-installed Master in the chair, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts followed.

ASHBURTON LODGE, No. 2189.

ON the 9th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Ashburton, Devon, Brother S. Tozer was installed W.M., and he invested his Officers, as follow:—Brothers W. Pengelly I.P.M., R. E. Tucker S.W., I. Eales J.W., J. J. Mitchell S.D., R. Ackerley J.D., G. C. Foot Secretary, H. M. Firth Treasurer, Rev. E. Penwarne Wellings Chap., S. W. Yolland I.G., I. Eddy Steward, G. Furneaux Tyler, and H. Steele P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Almoner. Bro. C. J. S. Acock P.M. was elected Representative on the Committee of Petitions. The banquet was held at Bro. Sawdye's Golden Lion Hotel, the W.M. presiding. Among the visiting brethren were Bros. W. Vicary P.P.G.R., I. Oliver P.P.G.S.B., I. Cull W.M., and I. Segar, all of 1138, I. Barrett W.M. 710, I. Chegwidden P.M. 699, and F. I. W. Crowe.

LORD CHARLES BERESFORD LODGE, No. 2400.

THERE was a full attendance of the members of this flourishing Lodge in their Lodge-room at the Prince of Wales Restaurant, Railway Street, Chatham, on Wednesday afternoon, the 8th inst., on the occasion of the annual festival and the installation of the new Worshipful Master, Bro. J. Trimble, for the ensuing year. The Lord Charles Beresford Lodge is one of the few "Service Lodges," being composed almost exclusively of members of the Navy, Army and Royal Marine forces. Although constituted only twelve months since the new Lodge has a large number of members, and promises to take a prominent part in Freemasonry in the Province of Kent. Among the visitors present on Wednesday were distinguished members of Provincial Grand Lodge. It had been expected that Earl Amherst, the Provincial Grand Master, would have been present, but his Lordship wrote expressing his regret that he was not able to take part in the proceedings. The interesting and solemn ceremony of installing the new Worshipful Master was very ably performed by Lieutenant F. Powell, one of the honoured founders of the Lodge, Bro. Trimble being inducted in the chair of King Solomon, and afterwards receiving the homage of the brethren. The newly-installed Worshipful Master then appointed the following brethren as the Officers of the Lodge for the ensuing year, and invested each with the collar and jewel of his office, viz.:—Bros. T. W. Holdstock S.W., H. Mordy J.W., B. Astle Treasurer, F. Powell P.M. I.P.M. and Secretary, F. Duffin S.D., J. W. Ganton J.D., J. J. Young Director of Ceremonies, Major E. B. Stephens Organist, J. E. Perkins I.G., G. K. Wollaston and A. Rowe Stewards, C. J. Rose Tyler. A pleasing feature in the day's proceedings was the presentation of a specially designed Past Master's jewel to Bro. F. Powell, the Immediate Past Master, in recognition of the able manner in which he had presided over the Lodge during the past year. After the termination of the necessary business the brethren partook of their annual banquet under the presidency of the newly-installed Worshipful Master, when the customary Masonic and other toasts were duly honoured. During the after-dinner proceedings a selection of music was performed, the vocalists including Bro. T. Oldroyd and Miss Pope, a rising young artiste possessing an excellent soprano voice.

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Hon. Secretary Board of Stewards.

2nd June 1892.

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SATURDAY, 25th inst., being ex-Pupils' Day, all ex-Pupils able to visit the Institution on that day will be heartily welcomed by the Committee.

The time appointed for meeting is Three o'clock in the afternoon.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

OFFICE—5 Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C.
16th June 1892.

ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND. PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LONDON AND METROPOLITAN COUNTIES.

THE KNIGHT COMPANIONS will meet in COUNCIL, at 33 Golden Square, W., on Wednesday, the 22nd day of June 1892, at 5 p.m. precisely, where W. Bro. the Earl of Euston will be installed as Prov. Grand Master by M.W. Bro. The Earl of Haddington M.W. Dep. G.M. and Governor of the Order, and the Dep. Prov. G.M. desires the attendance of duly qualified brethren.

Names and addresses of Candidates, with the Name and Number of Craft Lodge and R.A. Chapter, must be sent to me not later than Saturday, the 18th June 1892.

The Annual Banquet will be held at the Café Royal, Regent Street, at 8 p.m. precisely.

By order, FRANK RICHARDSON, Prov. G. Sec.
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By Order of the R.W. Prov. G.M. EARL AMHERST,

ALFRED SPENCER.

Maidstone, 1st June 1890.

Prov. G. Sec.

The arrangements of the Committee, at Ramsgate, for the Festival, are:—

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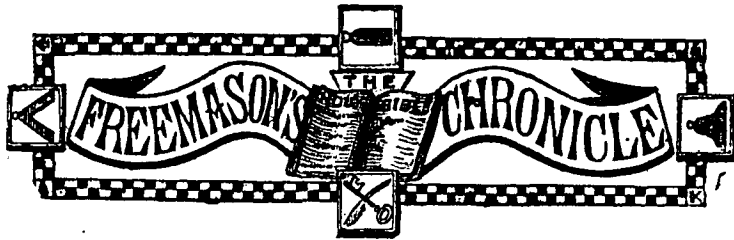
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SATURDAY, 18TH JUNE 1892.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF
BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE Provincial Grand Lodge of Bedfordshire was held on the 2nd instant, that being the day appointed for the installation of Lord Ampthill, the new Provincial Grand Master of the Province. His Lordship had taken up his residence the day previously with Bro. Dr. Poole P.M. 2343, in order to see that everything was properly arranged.

Provincial Grand Lodge was opened punctually at four o'clock by Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom Pro Grand Master, who was assisted by Bros. T. Fenn President Board of General Purposes as Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Robert Grey President Board of Benevolence as Past Provincial Grand Master, Captain N. G. Philips P.G.D., and Frank Richardson P.G.D.

After the Provincial Grand Lodge had been opened, and the Pro Grand Master saluted, the Provincial Grand Master designate was announced, and his patent having been found in proper form, he was conducted into Provincial Grand Lodge, obligated, invested, installed, and saluted, and afterwards appointed his Officers for the year, as follows:—

Bro. Charles Edward Prior ...	...	Deputy Master
Colonel Edmund R. Green ...	...	Senior Warden
Augustus Morson ...	...	Junior Warden
Rev. Percy F. J. Pearce ...	...	Chaplain
F. W. Webb ...	...	Treasurer
Alfred Ewen ...	...	Registrar
Mark Whyley ...	...	Secretary
Charles Percy ...	...	Senior Deacon
John H. Tohrer ...	...	Junior Deacon
Hugh Cumberland ...	...	Superintendent of Works
Frederick Green ...	...	Director of Ceremonies
Robert Page Jarvis ...	...	Sword Bearer
Henry K. Rose ...	...	Organist
Samuel L. Kilpin ...	...	Pursuivant

Bro. Frank Richardson had kindly consented to act as

Grand Director of Ceremonies, the same as he did on the installation of Bro. Colonel Stuart some few years ago; and being ably seconded by Bro. Thody P.M. 2343, as his assistant, it is needless to say the day's proceedings passed off without a hitch, and to the satisfaction of every one present, of whom there was a very large number.

After the ceremony the brethren adjourned to the Swan Hotel, where a banquet befitting the occasion had been provided.

The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, after which the health of the Provincial Grand Master was proposed by the Pro Grand Master and responded to in a manner which will long be remembered by those who heard it, and it is not going too far to say that if his Lordship puts into practice the principles he then enunciated and carries out his work in the manner then shadowed forth, the brethren of the Province will have no cause to regret the appointment the Most Worshipful Grand Master has thought fit to make.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF NORTHANTS
AND HUNTS.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Northants and Hunts took place at Stamford, on Thursday, the 9th inst., under the banner of the Merit Lodge, No. 466. The arrangements made by the W.M., Bro. J. C. Royce, the Secretary, and the brethren were all that could be desired, and the proceedings of the day were of a satisfactory and enthusiastic character. The Board of Benevolence and Charity Organisation Committee met at the George Hotel, when the usual business was transacted, and several grants made. The Provincial Grand Lodge was afterwards opened, and was presided over by Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, D.L., Provincial Grand Master, who was assisted by Bro. Butler Wilkins Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been duly opened, the minutes of the last Provincial Grand meeting were read by the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. F. G. Buckle.

Bro. A. Cockerill, upon the proposition of Bro. Butler Wilkins, seconded by Bro. T. W. Harrison, was again re-elected Provincial Grand Treasurer, and was subsequently invested.

The Provincial Grand Master then nominated the following brethren as the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge for the ensuing year:—

Bro. E. P. Monkton 466 ...	...	Senior Warden
J. Clayson 360 ...	...	Junior Warden
Rev. P. Royston 442 ...	...	Chaplain
R. F. Winch 607 ...	...	Registrar
F. G. Buckle 442 ...	...	Secretary
J. C. Royce 466 ...	...	Senior Deacon
F. B. Whitford 2380 ...	...	Junior Deacon
T. A. Watford 466 ...	...	Superintendent of Works
G. Ellard 360 ...	...	Director of Ceremonies
J. J. Hart 360 ...	...	Assist. Dir. of Cers.
H. Hodges 1764 ...	...	Sword Bearer
J. L. Loweth 466 ...	...	Standard Bearers
G. Abbott 455 ...	...
E. Solomon 442 ...	...	Organist
H. W. Giles 445 ...	...	Pursuivant
G. F. E. Wilkinson 360 ...	...	Stowards
W. H. Pentney 442 ...	...
A. F. Malliner 2380 ...	...
A. G. Davison 373 ...	...
M. Warwick 1764 ...	...	Tyler
P. Mitchell 607 ...	...
H. Plowman 442 ...	...

Each Officer was invested by the Provincial Grand Master with his insignia of office. Bro. A. Cockerill 360 was appointed Steward to the Girls' School Festival next year. The balance sheet of the Masonic Benevolent and Provincial Grand Lodge Fund was presented and adopted. Bro. G. Ellard and F. G. Buckle were again appointed as Stowards to watch the interest of the Province with respect to the Charities.

The Provincial Grand Master congratulated the Lodge on having done so well during the past year. He was pleased to be able to announce that they had succeeded on the first occasion in getting a Stamford brother elected as an annuitant of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. He thanked the Officers who had backed him up so well during the year, and was pleased that a warrant had been issued for the formation of another Lodge at Kingsley

Park, Northampton. He assured the brethren it was his wish to do all he could to promote Freemasonry in that Province, and in the country generally, and he was glad to have such good Officers to assist him in doing so. He announced that the Peterborough Lodge had invited them to hold the next annual meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge at Peterborough, and that had been decided upon. He had been asked to take the chair at the Festival of the Girls' School next year, and he hoped the Province would do what it could to assist him in taking up a good round sum towards the funds.

The brethren subsequently sat down to a banquet at the George Hotel, the chair being taken by the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, who was supported by Bro. Butler Wilkins, Bro. the Rev. P. Royston, and the newly-invested Provincial Grand Officers. An excellent banquet was served by Miss Dawkins, the manageress of the Hotel.

At the conclusion of the banquet, the Provincial Grand Master gave the toast of the Queen and the Craft, which was followed by that of the M.W. the Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., the Provincial Grand Master expressing his sorrow at the loss their Grand Master had suffered during the year. The toasts were musically honoured.

The M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom; the D.G.M., the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe; and the Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past, was also submitted from the chair. Both Officers were spoken highly of by the Provincial Grand Master, and he said they had to thank the Earl of Lathom for the good and sound advice he was able to give them. While they had Officers such as were at the head of affairs Freemasonry would prosper, and he heartily proposed their healths.

Bro. F. G. Buckle gave the Provincial Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, D.L. He spoke in terms of great praise of the manner in which his lordship fulfilled his office, and said the Province under his guidance was in a better condition and position than it had ever been in the past. He hoped the Provincial Grand Master might long be spared to preside over that Province, and that his efforts to promote Freemasonry might be followed up with continued success.

The Provincial Grand Master, in reply, thanked the brethren for the manner in which they had received the toast. It had been his endeavour to learn all he could in connection with the Craft, so that if any defect arose he might be able to cope with it, but he was pleased to say that during the five years he had held office there had been no serious defection of any kind. The work in the Province was going on slowly but steadily, and he was happy to see the increase they had made. He hoped that in the course of time the Province, instead of being one of the smallest in point of numbers, would become equal to any other Province in the country. It was his ambition to make it so, and he hoped they would help him all they could. During the five years he had presided over the Province three new Lodges had been consecrated, and another would soon be formed at Kingsley Park, Northampton. He also hoped that another Lodge would be formed in Peterborough, as the Lodge in that town now numbered nearly 90 members, and there was then but little chance of promotion. If a new Lodge was formed out of the old one he hoped the old Officers would do what they could to support it. He thanked the members of the Stamford Lodge for the hospitality they had shown that day, and for the excellent arrangements made throughout. The Prov. Grand Lodge of that day had been largely attended, and everything had passed off well. He hoped the Stamford Lodge and Chapter would go on increasing in strength.

The Provincial Grand Master then submitted the toast of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master (Brother Butler Wilkins). He said the Deputy Provincial Grand Master's work in the Province was well known to them. For some years he had the whole of the work on his shoulders, and had acquitted himself admirably. He thanked him for the great assistance he had given in carrying out the duties of his office, and said he did not think there was another Province in England possessed of a better Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, in reply, thanked the brethren for the manner they had received the toast, and then said it was 16 years since he was presented to the brethren by the Duke of Manchester, the then Provincial

Grand Master, in the very room in which they were assembled. The retrospective view came vividly before him, and he missed many of the brothers who were present at that time. He spoke of the pleasure he felt at the progress the Province had made, and was making, under the guidance of their Provincial Grand Master, who was most attentive to the duties of his office, and who left very little for him to do as Deputy. He hoped that progress would still go on increasing.

The Grand Officers of the Province, Present and Past, was next submitted by the Provincial Grand Master, and the manner in which they had carried out their duties was remarked upon with great satisfaction. He trusted the Officers invested that day would still carry on the good work. In advancing Bro. Monckton to the office of Provincial Grand Senior Warden he felt he was advancing a brother who had shown himself thoroughly capable in every work he undertook. He was pleased he had such an array of good Officers, and coupled the name of Brother Monckton with the toast.

Bro. E. P. Monckton, in the course of his reply, said he hoped the Officers invested that day would rise to a sense of their duty, and would do what they could for the benefit of the Craft generally. Whatever services he had rendered had been given willingly and for the good of the Craft. They had a good leader to serve under, and he hoped they would support him in every way they could in the future, and so promote the welfare of the Order.

Bro. Cockerill proposed the Masonic Charities, which was duly acknowledged.

The remaining toasts were the Visiting Brethren, the W.M. and brethren of the entertaining Lodge and the other Lodges in the Province, and the Tyler's toast.

Songs were sung at intervals, and a most pleasant evening was spent.

INSTALLATION OF THE DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER OF NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

ON Thursday evening, the 9th inst., there was a large gathering of Masons at the Town Hall, Newark, the occasion being the annual meeting of the Newton Lodge, No. 1661, and the installation at a Provincial Grand Lodge meeting of the new Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Nottinghamshire (Lieut.-Colonel Newton), who has been appointed to the office by his Grace the Duke of St. Albans Provincial Grand Master, in succession to the late Bro. Rev. F. Vernon Bussell. The Newton Lodge met early in the afternoon, and Bro. H. W. Hutchinson was made W.M. for the year, in succession to Bro. G. Atter, the other appointments being as follow:—Bros. W. Bradley S.W., H. Friend J.W., Rev. F. C. Ewbank Chaplain, G. Atter Treas., H. George Secretary, E. F. Milthorp S.D., H. Pain J.D., J. M. Walker Dir. of Cers., S. Reay Organist, H. Shaw I.G., R. P. Almond and H. J. Smith Stewards, J. Dooly Tyler, W. P. Warr Assistant Tyler. At the close of the business of the Newton Lodge a meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge was held, representatives being present from all the Lodges in the Province. Amongst those who attended we noticed Bros. Edward Letchworth Grand Secretary of England, Frank Richardson Past Grand Deacon of England Dir. of Cers., H. George P.G.S.W., R. C. Wills P.G.J.W., Revs. T. B. B. Ferris and H. W. Wynne Ffonlkes Chaplains, J. A. H. Hirst Treas., A. Stubbs Secretary, R. F. Watson P.G.S.D., J. G. Dimock P.G.J.D., H. Walker P.G. Supt. of Works, Thomas Roberts P.G. Dir. of Cers., E. G. Loverseed P.G. Sword Bearer, G. G. Bonser P.G. Standard Bearer, J. Gale P.G. Standard Bearer, George Essex Organist, J. Levy Pursuivant, H. E. Wilson Assistant Pursuivant, C. H. Benham Tyler, G. S. Fish, G. W. Dominy, W. H. Farmer, H. E. Hartshorn, S. Ironmonger, and J. Townrow Stewards, J. Sausom P.P.G.S.B., J. H. Faulconbridge P.A.G.T., R. Moore P.G.T., J. Mason P.P.G.D., J. McLeod P.P.G.S.W., G. E. Wand P.M., W. Hill, S. S. Partridge P.G.A.D.C., J. Raine P.P.G.C., J. Valpy Thomas, Thomas Sharpe P.P.G.S.B., E. W. Kidd, W. F. Boot P.P.G.C., R. Fitzhugh P.P.G.S.W., J. Hack, C. B. Truman, R. C. Patchitt, R. J. Ingram, J. Walker, F. H. Appleby, A. J. L. Dobbin, and other well-known and prominent Masons of Notts, and the adjoining Provinces. The Grand Secretary occupied the chair, and the patent of appointment having been read, Bro. Lieut.-Col. Newton was installed into the high office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master in due and ancient form. In the course of an eloquent reply he thanked the brethren for the many kind congratulations he had received, and hoped to have their assistance in discharging his responsible duties in a way that would be satisfactory to the Provincial Grand Master and themselves, and beneficial to the interests of Freemasonry in the Province. At the close of the business, which included the passing of a unanimous vote of sorrow and condolence on the death of the Rev. F. V. Bussell Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the brethren adjourned to the large hall, where a banquet was served, at which Bro. H. W. Hutchinson presided. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and a special feature of the evening was the presentation of a silver salver and silver epergne to Bro. H. George P.P.G. Dir. of Cers., together with an illuminated address, in recognition of his valuable services to Masonry in the Province. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Newton made the presentation on behalf of the numerous subscribers, and Bro. H. George made a suitable and impressive reply. The proceedings throughout were of a very interesting and successful character.

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ROSE CHAPTER, No. 1622.

THE regular meeting of this flourishing Chapter was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, on Saturday, the 28th ult. Present: Comps. F. Hilton M.E.Z., H. G. Martin H., Thos. Grumant P.Z. 1275 acting J., J. W. Kirby Treas., John Loader S.E., W. Dawson acting S.N., J. H. Pullen P.S., G. Thompson 1st A.S., J. Whiteman Janitor, J. Bladon, G. H. Lewis, F. G. Choveaux, T. R. Cass, F. W. Pearce, I. Dunn, W. G. Jeffrey, E. A. Rice, T. H. Salmon, G. C. Pike, and L. J. Derham. Visitors: Comps. C. H. Stone 1275, and C. J. Coombs J. 975. The minutes of consecration and emergency meetings were read and confirmed. Bros. E. A. Rice, G. C. Pike, and T. H. Salmon were exalted in a most perfect manner by the M.E.Z. Ten guineas were voted from the Chapter funds, and placed on the list of the M.E.Z., who stood as Steward at the Girls' Festival; this speaks well for so young a Chapter. Comp. Choveaux was elected honorary Organist. A letter was read from Comp. F. W. Williams J., excusing his absence, through unavoidable circumstances. The Chapter having been closed, the Companions adjourned to an excellent banquet, provided by Mrs. Venables. Banquet ended, the usual Loyal and Royal Arch toasts were tersely given by the M.E.Z. and most loyally received. That of the Pro G.Z., G.H., G.J., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past, was next given in high terms of commendation, and received most heartily by the Companions. The toast of the M.E.Z. was then given by Comp. Martin, who said it gave him intense pleasure in presenting the toast, especially as that was the anniversary of his natal day. He would state the M.E.Z. was one of the most genial and kind hearted Masons living, which was evidenced by the enthusiasm and extraordinary good feeling shown him both in the Lodge and Chapter, and also in the Star Chapter of Instruction, of which he was the esteemed Preceptor. He never tired in teaching all who came to him, while instruction was given with much courtesy. He (Comp. Martin) owed his position to the excellent teaching received at the hands of the M.E.Z., and he trusted that he might be spared for many years to enjoy the friendship of the M.E.Z. in the future as in the past. He hoped the three exaltees would emulate their respected M.E.Z., as the whole of the Companions desire to do. The toast having been enthusiastically received, the M.E.Z., in reply, heartily thanked the Companions for their kind expressions. He was exceedingly pleased and much gratified in spending his 49th birthday in company of the Companions of the Rose Chapter, and he hoped to live long to see the Chapter flourish. He had every reason to be gratified at the success the Chapter was attaining, and so long as the Companions so loyally supported him (he being the father of it), it would go on and prosper, which was his most earnest desire. The toast of the H. and J. was given in terms of great pride and pleasure at the hands of the M.E.Z., and responded to ably by Comp. Martin H., reflecting the whole of his Masonic career upon the M.E.Z., whom he had to thank most heartily for all that he had done for him, thereby enabling him to fill the honourable position of H. of the Chapter. The Exaltees were given by the M.E.Z., remarking the great honour and privilege he felt in presenting it. The three exaltees that evening were only just of age to admit of becoming Royal Arch Masons, and he would state that three more worthy brethren could not be found. Of their ability in Craft Masonry all knew their worth, and he was confident that they would prove themselves most worthy of the Rose Chapter. Comps. Rice, Pike, and Salmon ably responded, one and all remarking it would be their earnest endeavour to emulate such excellent officers as they had seen that evening, and also endeavour to carry out to their fullest the splendid principles so excellently propounded to them. Comp. J. H. Pullen then presented the M.E.Z., in the name of Mrs. Venables, with a splendid bouquet, in honour of his birthday, wishing him very many happy returns, which the M.E.Z. most kindly accepted and acknowledged. The toast of the Visitors followed in becoming terms, and was ably responded to by Comps. Grumant, Stone, and Coombs. The Treasurer and S.E. was given and was responded to by Comps. Kirby and J. Loader. That of the Officers the M.E.Z. gave most commendably, and Comps. Pullen and Thompson in responding suitably acknowledged the kind terms expressed by the M.E.Z. The Janitor's toast closed a successful and intellectual meeting.

The Abbey Lodge of Instruction, No. 2030 (Westminster), meeting at the Town Hall, Westminster, on Friday evenings, at 7:30 p.m., has adjourned for the summer months, until September.



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THE THEATRES, &c.

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Comedy.—One of the most amusing and witty burlesques—or, perhaps, we should use the word travesty—that has been presented for a very long time is now being played at this popular theatre. It is called "The Poet and the Puppets," and is written by Mr. Charles Brookfield, in a pleasant yet satirical style that is very telling, bringing out the mannerisms and idiosyncrasy of Mr. Oscar Wilde, and the weak points of his famous play "Lady Windermere's Fan," in the spirit of pure fun. Mr. C. H. Hawtrey, as the poet, is most droll, as with cigarette in his lips he meanders about the stage giving vent to his peculiar opinions, and causing the audience to roar with laughter. The clever author also contributes a large share of the fun while representing three different characters. Miss Lottie Venne is quite in her element as Mrs. Earlybird; and Parker, dressed in the uniform of a Yeoman of the guard, is capitally sustained by Mr. W. Wyes. It would, perhaps, be better to see the play before witnessing "the travesty" but few playgoers could misunderstand the many other allusions to theatrical topics. We cordially congratulate Mr. Brookfield upon the success of his venture.

Princess's.—The Irish drama, like the burnt-cork fraternity, is always with us, and being generally popular may possibly account for the presentation of "Strathlogan," by Messrs Chas. Overton and Hugh Moss. It is full of exciting scenes incidental to the Irish drama, but contains no very novel idea, though it suffices to interest and amuse. An excellent company is engaged, including Miss Olga Brandon, Miss Dorothy Dorr, Mr. Herbert Waring, and Wilfred Shine, but we doubt whether their exertions will prolong the life of the piece. A note must be made of the really beautiful scenery and elaborate mechanical effects, which evoked much applause.

Alhambra.—The new ballet of "Don Juan," introduced by Mr. John Hollingshead, has the advantage of having a well known plot, so that every one can follow the story as it proceeds, added to which the most popular airs of Mozart's opera are interspersed throughout Mr. Jacobi's music, and mark the various incidents. The ballet is in three scenes, and embraces the principal points of the opera, some fun being made out of the Statue Scene, between Leporello, capitally played by Mr. Lupino, and the Commandante. Needless to say the costumes are most beautiful, and evince considerable skill and imagination of the designers, while the groupings and incidental dances are admirably arranged. It was received with every token of success, and Mr. Hollingshead and Mr. Jacobi had to bow their acknowledgments at the fall of the curtain. There is, in addition, the usual variety entertainment, including Ganivet, the funny Frenchman, and the humorous ballet "On the Ice."

By arrangement with Mr. Arthur Chudleigh, there will be a second morning performance of "Marriage," a play in three acts, by Brandon Thomas and Henry Keeling, on Tuesday next, the 21st inst., at the Court.

In consequence of the great demand for seats for the performance of "Tristan and Isolde," at Covent Garden, on Wednesday night last, a special performance of this opera will be given at Drury Lane to-night (Saturday), at 7:30, with the following caste:—Tristan; Herr Max Alvary; Marke, Herr Wiegand; Kurvenal, Herr Knapp; Melos, Herr Simon; Steuerman, Herr Lorent; Hirt, Herr Laudau; Braugäne, Fläulein Heink; and Isolde, Frau Rosa Sucher. Herr Mahler will conduct.

Mr. Eille Norwood has taken Terry's for a summer season and will produce, on Wednesday, 22nd June, the farcical comedy "A Noble Art," for which he has engaged Messrs. Arthur Williams, H. Reeves Smith, Julian Cross and Sydney Valentine; Mesdames Blanche Horlock, Leechman, Goodchild, &c.

On Monday, the 20th inst., and following evenings, at the Garrick, "A Pair of Spectacles" will be played for a limited number of nights prior to the termination of the season.

Auguste Van Biene's London season will commence on the 11th July, at the Gaiety, with the enormously successful burlesque, "Faust up to Date." The caste will include Miss Florence St. John and Mr. Arthur Williams.

The following are the prospective arrangements for Madame Sarah Bernhard's season, at the Royal English Opera House:—"La Tosca," to-day (Saturday) at two, and Friday night, the 24th instant. "La Dame aux Camélias," to-night (Saturday), Monday next, Tuesday next, extra matinée, Wednesday next. "Fédora," Wednesday night next, Thursday next, Saturday matinée, 25th inst. "Leah" (first time here in French), Saturday night, 25th inst.

We are asked to announce that, in consequence of the unqualified success which both the press and the public have awarded "La Statue du Commandeur," Mr. Abud has arranged with Mr. Charles Lauri and MM. Burguet and Tarride that for the remainder of the run "La Statue du Commandeur" shall be played nightly (with matinées on Wednesdays and Saturdays). The play will therefore be produced for the first time at night this evening (Saturday), at nine, preceded by a first piece. The Wednesday and Saturday matinées will be played at three.

Mr. Edward Terry and company will commence their provincial tour, at Brighton, on the 4th July, with "The Magistrate," "In Chancery," "Weak Woman," "The Rocket," "The Churchwarden," &c., returning to London, with a new play, in October.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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Saturday, 18th June.

- 1185 Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
- 1641 Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
- 2041 West Kent Volunteers, M.H., Plumstead
- M.M. 251 Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
- M.M. 357 Chiswick, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
- 1104 Villiers, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
- 1326 Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton
- 1494 Felix, Clarence Hotel, Teddington
- 1861 Claremont, Crown Hotel, Chertsey
- 2035 Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
- 2228 Dene, King's Arms, Cookham, Berks
- R.A. 2096 George Price, Greyhound, Croydon
- M.M. 205 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow
- M.M. 354 Rose & Lily, Four Swans, Waltham Cross

Monday, 20th June.

- 1506 White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
- R.A. 1366 Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
- M.M. 224 Menatschin, Criterion, Piccadilly
- M.M. 239 Royal Naval, Mark Masons' Hall, W.C.
- K.T. 131 Holy Sanctuary, 33 Golden Square, W.

- 77 Freedom, Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
- 236 York, Masonic Hall, York
- 248 True Love and Unity, F.M.H., Brixham
- 331 Phoenix, Public Room, Truro
- 359 Peace and Harmony, F.M.H., Southampton
- 424 Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
- 466 Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron
- 622 St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimbome
- 925 Bedford, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
- 934 Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield
- 1030 Egerton, George Hotel, Heaton Norris
- 1037 Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
- 1170 St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
- 1199 Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congressbury
- 1208 Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
- 1238 Gooch, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
- 1502 Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 2208 Horsa, Masonic Hall, Bournemouth.
- 2349 West Lancashire Century, South Shore Hydropathic Establishment, Blackpool.
- R.A. 40 Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings.
- R.A. 264 Nelson of the Nile, M.H., Batley
- R.A. 298 Loyalty, F.M.H., Surrey St., Sheffield
- R.A. 345 Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
- R.A. 482 St. James, New Inn, Handsworth
- R.A. 779 St. Augustine, F.H., Ashby-de-la-Zouch
- M.M. 141 Skelmersdale, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton

Tuesday, 21st June.

- Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, 4
- 1339 Stockwell, Surrey M.H., Camberwell
- 1695 New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
- 2191 Anglo-American, Criterion, W.
- R.A. 11 Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- R.A. 186 Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- R.A. 933 Doric, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
- R.A. 1017 Montefiore, Regent M.H., Air Street, W.
- R.A. 1348 Ebury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- R.A. 2021 Queen's Westminster, Holborn Restaurant
- M.M. 238 Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
- R.C. 45 Oxford and Cambridge, 33 Golden Square

- 127 Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
- 213 Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Norwich
- 418 Menturia, Mechanic's Institute, Hanley
- 687 Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 1006 Tregullov, Masonic Rooms, Scorrer, Cornwall
- 1276 Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
- 1325 Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 1427 Percy, Masonic Hall, Newcastle
- 1470 Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
- 1534 Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
- 1561 Charity, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
- 1570 Prince Arthur, Mas. Hall, Hope St., Liverpool
- 1728 Gordon, Assembly Rooms, Bognor
- 1764 Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Northampton
- 1903 Fr Edward of Saxe Weimar, M.H., Portsmouth
- 1941 St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms, Rugeley
- 2155 Makerfield, Pied Bull, Newton-le-Willows
- R.A. 41 Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Bath
- R.A. 80 St. John's, Masonic Hall, Sunderland
- R.A. 419 St. Peter, Star & Garter, Wolverhampton
- R.A. 792 Oliver, M.H., Osborne St., Basingstoke
- R.A. 1151 Unity, Town Hall, Tywardreath, Cornwall
- R.A. 2134 Wilberforce, M.H., St. Luke St., Hull
- B.A. 2266 Warner, Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford
- M.M. Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- M.M. 266 Amherst, Masonic Hall, Saudgate

Wednesday, 22nd June.

- Board of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 2 Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 754 High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Tottenham
- R.A. 704 Camden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
- 220 Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston
- 724 Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 778 Bard of Avon, Greyhound, Hampton Court
- 1039 St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
- 1255 Dundas, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
- 1392 Egerton, Stanley Arms, Bury, Lancashire
- 1633 Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
- 1798 Zion, Grand Hotel, Mauchester
- 1967 Beacon Court, Guuzeo Fort Hot, New Brompton
- 1934 Earl of Clarendon, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
- 2019 Crook, New Masonic Hall, Crook, Durham
- 2149 Gordon, M.H., Cheapside, Hanley, staff.
- 2216 Egerton, Bull's Head, Surrton, nr. Manchester
- 2320 St. Martin's, Church Inn, Castleton, near Manchester.
- 2330 St. Lawrence, M.R., New Inn, Putsey.
- 2357 Barry, Royal Hotel, Cadoxton, S. Wales.
- R.A. 225 St. Lukes, F.M.H., Soane St., Ipswich.

- R.A. 258 Amphibious, F.M.H., Heckmondwike
- R.A. 605 De Tabley, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
- R.A. 606 Segontium, Carnarvon, Castle, Carnarvon
- M.M. Northumberland & Bewick, M.H., Newcastle

Thursday, 23rd June.

- House Committee, Girl's School, Battersea Rise. 4
- 65 Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
- 99 Shakespeare, Albion, Aldersgate Street
- 853 South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Fulham
- 1523 St. Mary Magdalene, Regent M.H., Air St., W.
- R.A. 1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, Cock, Highbury
- M.M. 118 Northumberland Masons' Hall, E.C.

- 51 Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
- 78 Imperial George, Asshaton Arms, Middleton
- 348 St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate
- 594 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 784 Wellington, Public Rooms, Park St., Deal.
- 935 Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
- 1437 Liberty of Havering, Rising Sun, Romford
- 1505 Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 1626 Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Newcastle
- 2101 Bramston Beach, Masonic Hall, Godalming.
- 2195 Military Jubilee, Masonic Hall, Dover.
- 2214 Josiah Wedgwood, Wesleyan Schools, Struria, Staffordshire.

- 2215 Anfield, Sandon Hotel, Anfield, Lancashire.
- 2261 Armitage, M.R., Market St., Milnsbridge.
- 2263 St. Leonards, M.H., Surrey Street, Sheffield.
- 2335 Cycling and Athletic, Coffee House, Church Road, Wavertree.
- 2375 Hilbre, Market Hall, Hoyle, Cheshire.
- R.A. 216 Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- R.A. 279 Fortitude, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
- R.A. 442 St. Peter's, Masonic Hall, Peterborough

Friday, 24th June.

- 60 Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Tav, W.C.
- 2076 Quatuor Coronati, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- R.A. 749 Belgrave, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St.
- R.A. 1044 Mid-Surrey, Surrey M.H., Camberwell
- M.M. 223 West Smithfield, Mark Masons' Hall, W.C.
- K.T.D. Mount Calvary, Holborn Restaurant, W.C.
- 31 Glamorgan, Masonic H., Working St., Cardiff
- 810 Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
- 1393 Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 1712 St. John, F.M.H., Grainger Street, Newcastle
- 2039 Londonderry, Y.M.C.A., John St., Sunderland
- 2415 Tristram, Sunday School Rooms, Shildon
- R.A. 242 Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
- R.A. 431 Ogle, M.H., Norfolk Street, North Shields
- R.A. 537 Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
- R.A. 630 Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- R.A. 1086 Walton, Skelmersdale M.H., Kirkdale
- M.M. 164 Southdown, Station Hot, Haywards Heath
- K.T. 125 Sussex, Southdown Hotel, Eastbourne
- R.C. 8 Royal Kent, M.H., Maple St., Newcastle

Saturday, 25th June.

- 1541 Alexandra Palace, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
- 1462 Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
- 1464 Erasmus Wilson, Rosherville Hot., Gravesend
- 1531 Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
- 1871 Costling Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
- 1965 Kastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley
- 1982 Greenwood, Public Hall, Sutton
- 2309 George Gardner, Village Hall, Datchet
- 2353 Broxbourne, Crown Hotel, Broxbourne
- R.A. 444 Union, Courtenay Arms Hotel, Starcross

INSTRUCTION.

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Saturday, 18th June.

- 87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's Park, near Nunhead Junction, 7'30
- 179 Manchester, 3 Tottenham Court Road, W.C. 8
- 193 Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tav, Southgate Rd., N.8
- 1275 Star, Dover Castle, Dentford Causeway, S.E. 7
- 1238 Finsbury Park, Cook Tavern, Highbury, 8
- 1304 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7
- 1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney, 8
- 1624 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Pimlico, 7
- 2912 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, 7'30
- R.A. Sinai, Red Lion, King Street, Regent St., W.

Monday, 20th June.

- 22 Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7'30
- 27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8
- 45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., 7
- 174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7
- 180 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8
- 248 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brixham, Devon
- 332 Royal Union, Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge
- 548 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford, 8
- 733 Westbourne, Red House Hotel, St. John's Wood Road, N.W., 8
- 823 Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7'30
- 975 Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7'30
- 1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., 8
- 1349 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 6'30
- 1425 Hyde Park, Prince of Wales's Hotel, corner of Eastbourne Terrace, and Bishop's Rd., W. 8
- 1445 Prince Leopold, 22 Whitechapel Road, E., 7
- 1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
- 1489 M. of Ripon, Queen's Hot, Victoria Park, 7'30
- 1507 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, E.C. 7'30
- 1535 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho, Putney
- 1603 Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, W., 8
- 1623 West Smithfield, Manchester Hotel, E.C., 7
- 1693 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 8'30
- 1707 Eleanor, Rose and Crown, Tottenham, 8
- 1743 Perseverance, Deacon's Tavern, Walbrook, 7
- 1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Ct. Hot, W. Kensington, 8
- 1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, 8
- 2192 Walthamstow, Chequers Hotel, High Street, Walthamstow. 8

Tuesday, 21st June.

- 25 Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, 8
- 55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 7
- 74 Athol, M.H., Severn Street, Birmingham, 6'45

- 141 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W.
- 177 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7'30
- 193 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8
- 212 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, 8
- 241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 554 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8
- 700 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 7'30
- 753 Prince Fred. William, Eagle Tav., Maida Hill, 8
- 820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 7'30
- 829 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, 7
- 860 Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Dalston, 8
- 861 Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle St., 7
- 1044 Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth, 8
- 1321 Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
- 1343 St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex
- 1349 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 7'30
- 1446 Mount Edgecumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Rd., 8
- 1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 7'30, 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.
- 1849 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7
- 1949 Brixton, Prince Regent East Brixton, 8
- 2146 Surbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton
- Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon St., 6'30
- R.A. 704 Camden, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., 8
- R.A. 1365 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, 8
- R.A. 1642 E. of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8

Wednesday, 22nd June.

- 3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, 8
- 30 United Mariners', Lugard, Peckham, 7'30
- 72 Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., 8
- 73 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, Borough, 8
- 193 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall St., 8
- 228 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8
- 533 La Tolerance, Portland Hot, Gt. Portland St., 8
- 594 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7
- 673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8
- 720 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, 7
- 781 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav, Burdett Rd., 7'30
- 813 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Rd. 8
- 862 Whittington, Red Lion, Fleet Street, 8
- 902 Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Strand, 8
- 972 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, 8'30
- 1037 Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
- 1269 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney
- 1356 Toxteth, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool, 7'30
- 1475 Peckham, 516 Old Kent Road, 8
- 1511 Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull
- 1601 Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rusby Green, Catford, 8
- 1604 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W., 7'30
- 1662 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow, 7'30
- 1681 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair, 8
- 1692 Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, 8'30
- 1791 Creaton, Wheatshen, Shepherd's Bush, 8
- 1922 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, 8

Thursday, 23rd June.

- 1063 Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, 7'30
- 2208 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 8
- R.A. 177 Domatic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
- R.A. 720 Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, E.C., 7
- R.A. 933 Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 7'30
- M.M. Grand Masters, Mark Masons' Hall, W.C.

Thursday, 23rd June.

- 144 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 7'30
- 147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8
- 263 Clarence, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.
- 749 Belgrave, Albion Tavern, Russell St., W.C., 8
- 754 High Cross, Coach and Horses, Tottenham, 8
- 879 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New Road
- 890 Horsey, Masonic Room, Lewisham, at 8
- 1017 Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
- 1153 Southern Star, Sir Syd. Smith, Kenning , 8
- 1178 Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, S.E. 7
- 1182 Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool, 7'30
- 1278 Burdett Courts, Swan, Bethnal Green Rd., 4
- 1306 St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, 8
- 1360 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales, Wimbledon, 7'30
- 1426 The Great City, Masons' Hall Avenue, 6'30
- 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, 45 Upper Street, N., 8
- 1612 West Middlesex, Bell, Ensling Dean, 7'45
- 1614 Covent Garden, Criterion, W., 8
- 1622 Rose, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8
- 1625 Tredegar, Wellington, Bow, E., 7'30
- 1714 Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte Street, 8
- 1950 Southgate, Railway Hot, New Southgate, 7'30
- 1677 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem, St. John's Road, Clerkenwell, 9
- 1996 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

Friday, 24th June.

- Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, 6
- General Lodge, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 8
- 167 St. John's, York and Albany, Regent's Park, 8
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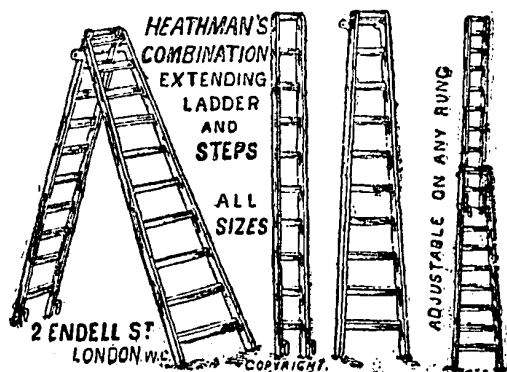
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