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## TOLERATION.

IT is a well known feature of Freemasonry that the discussion of religious, political and other controversial subjects is prohibited at the meetings of its Lodges, and any one who has been present at gatherings where no such restriction is enforced, and has listened to the varied views expressed by those who thoroughly enter into a discussion on some controversial matter, will readily understand that serious differences would inevitably result, among such mixed companies as are often found in Freemason's Lodges, if full license were allowed. Liberty of speech in such cases would be productive of no possible good, and although any restriction seems to be at variance with the boasted freedom of Freemasonry, a moment's consideration will show that restriction in this respect is, in reality, freedom, for without it the members of our Lodges would not be free to entertain their own particular views on such subjects as religion, politics and similar questions, and as a consequence Freemasonry would be deprived of one of its principal features—the ability to entertain men of all opinions and creeds at one and the same time, and under the one banner.

Freemasonry requires a perfect freedom of action on the part of its members, and such being the case it is only fair for Freemasonry to give a similar freedom; the only requisite being that its members shall obey the moral and civil laws, and act in a fraternal spirit towards each other. This freedom of thought and action is a most essential feature in Freemasonry, and any suggested departure from it is viewed with alarm and universal disfavour. This is never more apparent than when some speaker incautiously touches on religious or political ground, perhaps without any intention of offending against the spirit of the Masonic law which prohibits it, but rather introducing the subject in a purely illustrative sense, and without any desire to start a discussion upon it. If such does occur it seldom happens that he is allowed to proceed without a challenge, there being brethren present at every meeting who will not tolerate the slightest slip in this direction.

But respect for this ordinance of Freemasonry is carried too far when it leads brethren to forget the spirit of toleration that should mark all our actions as Masons, and impels them to act in a questionable manner in their professed attempt to uphold this important feature of Freemasonry. We remember being present at a Masonic meeting when the name of a leading politician was mentioned—not with any idea of introducing politics, but merely for the purpose of utilising an expression he made use of at a purely non-political gathering, and which was particularly appropriate as an illustration of the Masonic speaker's views. What harm could possibly come from the mention of that name? Yet two or three of the party considered it

their duty to respond with a hiss, and attempted to defend themselves when called to order on the plea that the Masonic law forbade any reference to politics. They were certainly to be sympathised with for their apparent lack of discernment, in failing to recognise the difference between the mention of a politician's name and the discussion of politics, just as they were entitled to pity for their lack of toleration, but it is none the less to be deplored that they acted as they did, and seemed to pride themselves on the stand they had taken in defence of what they were pleased to consider the rights of Masonry. While we are ready to urge that all controversial matters should be excluded from Masonic assemblies we are equally enthusiastic in raising our voice in support of that spirit of toleration which allows the Mason to trespass a little outside the bounds of Freemasonry, provided that in so doing he does not attempt anything wholly at variance with the teachings of the Craft.

## THE MARK BENEVOLENT FUND.

THE annual festival of this Fund was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Tavern. Bro. Colonel G. Noel Money, C.B., Provincial Grand Master of Surrey, presided. There was a list of 150 Stewards, and many of them and several ladies supported the Chairman. The Earl of Euston and the Earl of Yarborough were present, and Bro. C. F. Matier Grand Secretary took charge of one of the tables. Several Past Grand Treasurers were present. A nice selection of music was played during dinner. Each lady was presented with a handsome bouquet and a bottle of scent. The gentlemen were presented with cases of Dragoumis cigarettes. The dinner was of a choice description, and was personally superintended by Bro. Mantell. The speeches after dinner were exceptionally brief, though they did not lack earnestness. The Chairman admirably gave the health of the Queen, which he followed up by that of the Prince of Wales, whom he described as not only an ornamental head of the Masonic Order. Col. Money had many words of praise for Lord Euston the Pro Grand Mark Master, for the thorough way in which he did all Masonic work, and the Earl of Euston, in replying, expressed himself as fully repaid for any trouble he had taken in Masonry if it had met with the approbation of the brethren and had been to the advantage of Masonry. Without sitting down he proposed the health of the Chairman, and hoped the result of the present Festival would beat the record. He hoped to take the chair himself on some occasion, and then he would try to beat even Col. Money's total. Colonel Money said very little in the way of reply to the toast, and went off immediately to propose prosperity to the Mark Benevolent Fund, now a quarter of a century old, which had worked gradually, beginning with helping the distressed, going on to educate children, and establishing a third branch, the pensioning of the aged and widows. After mentioning that many circumstances had during the last two years combined to prevent people giving so liberally to Charities as heretofore, he nevertheless hoped that a good list would be announced, and that Mark Masons

would in future work as hard in the interests of the Order as they had done hitherto. Bro. Matier announced the lists, which showed that 12 lady Stewards had brought up £26 15s; 16 members of the General Board, £105; 22 Lodges in the London District, £442, and 12 unattached Stewards, £105. Total for London—£688 15s. The total was £2,166 19s 6d, of which Surrey, the Chairman's Province, produced £247 18s. The total has been exceeded only twice. The Earl of Yarborough proposed the toast of the ladies, and Dr. Cockburn responded. Major Carrell replied for the Board of Stewards, and after the toast of the Visitors, proposed by the Earl of Euston, had been answered, the company enjoyed a concert under the direction of Bro. Fred Bevan, in which that musical brother and Bros. Turle Lee and Harper Kearton, Miss Ethel Winn, and Miss Dews, took part.

### MASONIC IGNORANCE AND ENLIGHTENMENT.

MUCH of the obscurity of the origin and early history of Freemasonry has been caused by the secrecy generally observed by the brethren of that period. But little was communicated to paper, and the proceedings recorded were of the scantiest character. The Grand Lodge of England, the mother of Modern Freemasonry, seems to have been inspired, till a comparatively late time, with hostility to the art of printing, and the Swedish system of Masonry has published none of its transactions down to the present time.

The liberty of the Masonic press and the free expression of thought, which is now conceded to Masonic writers, is a victory gained only after an arduous struggle. It was the general opinion of those high in office, but not deep in Masonic knowledge, that all the learning of Masonry should be confined to a mere recital of the ritual and an acquaintance with the Lodge lectures. They supposed that the whole curriculum of Masonic science or philosophy was embraced within the narrow limits of, or a construction, or rather they knew nothing of any science or philosophy, and were wont to deem him the most learned Mason who could but recite by rote the stereotyped catechism he had required by constant repetition.

But this condition was not satisfactory to brethren of intelligence. There was those who believed that the ritual was a mere skeleton, which, to make it presentable to men of cultivated intellects, required to be clothed with lofty thoughts; that there was a system of profound philosophy in Masonry, which could only be developed by research; that of this system the ritual was only the index pointing out the objects that were to be investigated; and, finally, that to give these investigations any value it was absolutely necessary that they should be given to the world like the investigations of any other science or philosophy, by means of publications which Masons could read, and thus enlarge within their homes the ideas, the sentiments of which they had first acquired in the Lodge.

The cloud of ignorance seeking to obscure the rays of intellectual light was not confined to England; it extended its baneful influence also to other countries.

In France, Clavel published a Masonic history in 1842, and commenced a Masonic journal in 1844. In neither case had he sought the sanction of the Grand Orient, and for this offence a sentence of perpetual exclusion from that body was pronounced.

In Germany, Krause and Mossdorf, two of the most learned Masons that the Fraternity in any country can boast of, suffered by a similar punishment for their valuable contributions to our Masonic literature. In the United States the antagonism to Masonic publications has been less, owing to the indifference of the Craft to the cultivation of the literature of the Fraternity; and none have opposed its dissemination.

A great change in this respect in the last half century has taken place in the eternal and external relations of Freemasonry. Years ago the Grand Lodge of Delaware expressed its opinion that Masonic literature was doing more harm than good to the Institution. But this illiterate view has long since been abandoned. From the character of a mere social club, or a benevolent association, it has become a school of philosophy. Books on its history

and science, once so rare, are now abundant. Six thousand of them have been printed alone in the English language, and these being added to those published in other languages their whole number cannot fall much short of 15,000. Every country where there is a congregation of Masons, has its scholars investigating the character, the aim, the design of the Institution, and its periodical works conducted for the most part with ability, in which the results of these investigations are given to the Craft.

The means of acquiring Masonic knowledge are within the reach of every Mason. He who is ignorant must attribute his ignorance to his own indifference. He who contents himself with the acquisition of the ritual as given in the Lodge, may be in possession of all the forms of initiation, and call himself a "bright" Mason, but his brightness will be utter darkness when composed with the knowledge of him who from books has learned the true meaning and significance of that ritual and the real philosophy of that Institution.—*Freemason's Journal*.

### WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

IN Lodge meetings there are many matters that occupy the attention of the members without duly interesting them. They pass notice and there it ends. Possibly some one asks a question in regard to some of these matters, and a reply is given by the Worshipful Master, which is not an answer.

Discussion of the subject may or may not occur. That would require a familiarity with either manner, usage, custom, the bye-laws of the Lodge, or Masonic law. The *Ahiman Rezon* probably declares what the true answer ought to be, but as to these several sources of information many of the members are uninformed. They, therefore, avoid remarks on the subject matter before the Lodge.

Now it is not unreasonable to suggest there is a method by which this can be obviated. In the every day occurrences of life, when something occurs that is not immediately comprehensive to observers, the prompt question is asked, "What does it mean?"

True, it may be that of those observing, or in a position to be included in this general question, but one or two only have any idea of what the reply should be. But still some suggestion may be made that invites thought, and out of the reflection which arises an explanation is presented. This in turn is considered, and what it means is sufficiently understood. So that he who asked is more or less enlightened on the subject.

Therefore, if Lodge members who are not instructed in the proceedings of Lodges, or as to the action of a Lodge on a question before it, or want sufficient information to comprehend what they see or hear, would ask, "What it means," a very plain question, there would be some Mason present who could satisfactorily explain it, or suggest an explanation.

There are many proper modes of obtaining Masonic information inside the Lodge Room, and even when the Lodge is open.

The essential requisite is a desire to learn. So long as there is no active effort to be taught, there is no proper preparation to teach.

The vitality, the growth, the diffusion of Masonic knowledge which secures the greatest advantages to any Lodge of the Craft is in the teaching and instructing of its members. The high character in the Masonic Fraternity of a duly instructed membership of Lodges is obtained only by the frequent opportunities of receiving Masonic instruction.

It is well known how soon a Lodge that has gained this character is cited as an example of a proficiency that is so praiseworthy.

How can the traditions which underlie the institution of Masonry and are essential to be known by every intelligent Mason be imparted, taught, received by the Craft, if a desire to know, which, if persisted in, will secure competent teachers, is wanting.

It is a duty that those Masons who have the leisure and opportunities to seek "light" to devote their minds to the mastery of the esoteric teachings, the mystery and symbology of our Fraternity.

—*Keystone*.

## BANK HOLIDAY RAILWAY FACILITIES.

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## THE GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY

ISSUE ordinary as well as excursion tickets at their principal City and West-end Office, and this arrangement is probably never so much appreciated as during the week preceding the Bank Holiday, when large numbers of people avail themselves of the opportunity thus afforded for obtaining tickets at their own time and without the crowding and worry inseparable from a large railway station at holiday seasons. The fares charged are the same as at Paddington, and the tickets are available for use under precisely the same conditions as those issued at that station.

The booking offices at Paddington station will be open for the issue of tickets all day on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, August 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th, and the tickets issued (except those for specified excursion trains) will be available for use on any of those days.

To meet the expected additional traffic by the ordinary trains on Saturday, 5th August, the Company will run in duplicate, the 5.0 and 9.0 p.m. trains to the West of England, and the 12.0 noon and 3.15 p.m. trains to Weymouth, Hereford, and South Wales respectively. The first portion of the 5.0 and 9.0 p.m. trains will leave Paddington at 4.55 and 8.55 p.m. respectively, but the first portions of the other trains will leave at the advertised times, and the second a few minutes afterwards, the long distance passengers being as far as possible taken in the first portion, but with a few exceptions both trains will stop at the advertised stations to take up and set down passengers. On Wednesday, 2nd August, an excursion train will leave Paddington at 7.55 a.m. for Gloucester, Cardiff, Newport, Swansea, New Milford, &c.; passengers will also be booked at excursion fares to certain stations in the South of Ireland. Fast excursion trains for the West of England will leave Paddington at 10.10 p.m. on Friday, 4th August, and at 7.55 a.m. and 1.55 p.m. on Saturday, 5th August, reaching Exeter in 5½ hours, and Plymouth in 7¼ hours. Excursions will also be run on Saturday to Bath, Bristol, Dorchester, Weymouth (for the Channel Islands), Cheltenham, Worcester, Malvern, Hereford, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Shrewsbury, Chester, Liverpool, Manchester, and other stations on the Great Western System.

On Sunday, 6th August, excursions will be run to Cirencester, Stroud, Gloucester, Cheltenham, &c., and at 12.15 midnight an excursion for 1 or 4 days will leave Paddington for Oxford, Leamington, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, &c. On Monday cheap trains will be run to Bath, Bristol, Stroud, Gloucester, Cheltenham, Reading, Pangbourne, Goring, Wallingford, &c.

Cheap third class excursion tickets are issued daily by specified trains from Paddington, Kensington (Addison Road), Hammersmith, and certain stations on the Metropolitan, Metropolitan District and North London Railways, to Staines, Windsor, Taplow, Maidenhead, Henley, and other popular riverside resorts.

## THE LONDON AND NORTH WESTERN COMPANY

ANNOUNCE that the ticket offices at Euston, Broad Street, Kensington, and Willesden Junction will be open throughout the day, from Monday, 30th July, to Monday, 7th August, inclusive, so that passengers wishing to obtain tickets for destination on the London and North Western Railway can do so at any time of the day prior to the starting of the train. The Company also announce that on Thursday, 3rd August, and Friday, 4th August, the 2.0 p.m. train from London (Euston) will convey passengers to Carnforth and North thereof only. Special trains will leave Euston at 6.25 p.m. for Holyhead and Ireland. On Saturday, 5th August, the 2 p.m. train from London (Euston) will convey passengers to Carnforth and North thereof only. A special train will leave Willesden Junction at 2.57 p.m. for Northampton, Rugby, Trent Valley stations, and Stafford. Special trains will leave Euston at 4.25 p.m. for Coventry and Birmingham. The 7.0 p.m. express from Birmingham to London will travel via Northampton, thus affording an additional service from Birmingham to Northampton, and Northampton to London. Cheap Excursions will be run by this Company from London to Birmingham, Coventry, Leamington, Kenilworth, Dudley, Walsall, Wednesbury, Wolverhampton, Leicester, Liverpool, Manchester, Huddersfield, Bradford, Shrewsbury, Hereford, Aberystwyth, Borth, Abergavenny, South and Central Wales, Chester, North Wales, Bolton, Blackburn, Southport, Morecambe, Blackpool, Carlisle, the English Lake District, Scotland, and to various other places on the Company's system. Similar trains will be run from many of the districts named to London, including bookings to Brighton, Hastings, St. Leonards, Portsmouth, Southampton, &c., and also to Paris and the Continent.

## THE MIDLAND RAILWAY

HAVE arranged, for the convenience of the public, that the booking offices at St. Pancras and Moorgate Street Stations shall be open for the issue of tickets all day on Friday and Saturday, August 4th and 5th. Tickets to all principle Stations on the Midland Railway will also be obtainable beforehand at their City and Suburban offices, and the offices of Messrs. Thos. Cook and Son, a full list of which will be found in the Midland time table and other announcements. The tickets obtained at these offices will be available from St. Pancras Station, and will be issued at the same fares as charged at that station, and dated to suit the convenience of passengers. Cheap excursion trains will be run from London to Leicester, Nottingham, Melton, Birmingham, Walsall, Wolverhampton, Burton, Derby, Manchester, Liverpool, Blackburn, Bolton, Rochdale, Oldham, Bury, the Furness District, Carlisle, &c., &c., on Saturday, 5th August, returning the following

Thursday; and to Edinburgh and Glasgow, returning the following Saturday; and tickets for these trains for starting from St. Pancras Station can be obtained on the two days previous to the running of the trains at the above-named offices. Cheap excursion trains for six days will also be run to London from Carlisle, Liverpool, Manchester, Blackburn, Bolton, Burnley, Bury, Rochdale, Burton, Derby, Nottingham, Birmingham, Walsall, Wolverhampton, Leicester, &c., on Saturday, 5th August. Passengers will be booked by these trains at cheap fares to Brighton and other South Coast Stations for 5, 8, 10 or 15 days, to Paris and other places on the Continent, having the privilege of returning within 16 days. On Monday, 7th August, cheap day trips will also be run from Derby, Nottingham, Leicester, Birmingham, Northampton Bedford, &c., to London; and from London (St. Pancras) to St. Albans, Harpenden, Luton, Bedford, Leicester, and Birmingham, and a two days' excursion to Manchester.

## MASONIC SONNETS.—No. 63.

BY BRO. CHAS. F. FORSHAW, LL.D.

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## In Memoriam.

WOR. BRO. ALDERMAN JAMES WILLIAM DAVIS, F.S.A.,  
P.M. PROBITY LODGE, 61, P.P.G.J.D. WEST YORKS.

Back to the dust from whence his body sprang,  
Goes the cold clay of him we loved so well;  
And tho' his death gives us a poignant pang,  
We know that in Grand Lodge he now doth dwell.  
Right glad was I to have his friendship here—  
For many favours had I at his hands—  
And when I leave this sad sublunar sphere,  
I hope to meet him in those Better Lands.  
The holy precepts of Freemasonry  
Were well engendered in his noble soul;  
Truth, Love and Honour, and Fidelity,  
He ever loved to practice and extol.  
And tho' a wave of sadness floods each breast,  
We joy that after Labour he has Rest.

Winder House, Bradford.  
26th July 1893.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday, the 19th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, W.C., Bro. James Brett Senior Vice-President presided, and the Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents' chairs were occupied by Bros. C. A. Cottebrune Junior Vice-President and C. J. R. Tijou; Bros. E. Letchworth Grand Secretary, A. A. Pendlebury Assist. Grand Secretary, W. Dodd, and W. H. Lee attended from the Grand Secretary's office. Among the other brethren who attended were Bros. Wm. Vincent, Charles Dairy, David D. Mercer, George R. Langley, James Bunker, George Graveley, S. V. Abraham, Henry Garrod, Charles Frederick Hogard, W. P. Brown, A. C. Woodward, George Head, S. H. Goldschmidt, Henry J. P. Dumas, Thomas Minstrell, George A. Read, Charles Sheppard, F. W. Crohn, George P. Carter, Richard W. Fraser, William George Poole, W. Gilbert, C. H. Webb, H. Massey, W. Belchamber, E. M. Money, Thomas Simmons, A. Lefeber, Thomas Beecroft, R. Perry, H. J. Light, Max Mendelssohn, John F. Jones, and H. Sadler. The brethren confirmed recommendation to the Grand Master, made at the June meeting, to the amount of £405. There were 26 cases on the new list. These were qualified through Lodges in the London district, and at Hampton Court, Deal, Boston, Port Louis, Stretford, Gosport, Chingford, Waltham Cross, Singapore, Truro, Constantiuople, Newport, Isle of Wight, South Shields, Plymouth, Dartford, Calcutta, and Leamington. In the course of a three hours' sitting, one of these was dismissed, and three were deferred. The remainder were relieved with a total sum of £565. This amount was composed of six recommendations to the Grand Master for £40 each, and four of £30 each, seven grants of £20 each, four of £15 each, and one grant of £5

Bro. W. Oxtoby, Borough Surveyor of Beverley, Yorkshire, has just been selected Surveyor of Ramsgate from a large number of applicants. We feel sure Beverley regrets losing so able an officer, and we offer hearty good wishes to Bro. Oxtoby on his appointment.

## PROV. GRAND LODGE AND CHAPTER OF SURREY.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Surrey, was held on Friday, the 21st inst., at the St. Nicholas Parish Hall, Guildford, under the presidency of Companion Col. Gerard Noel Money, C.B., the chief of the Province, who was supported by a large number of Present and Past Officers and Members of private Chapters. After having been duly opened the minutes of the last Chapter were confirmed, after which the roll of Chapters in the Province was called over, all being represented. The Finance and Audit Committee's Report was unanimously adopted, and showed a balance in hand of £77 15s 2d. The election of Provincial Grand Treasurer resulted in the re-appointment of Companion Dr. C. C. Gibbs, who received the unanimous support of those present. The following were then appointed as the Officers for the year:—

Bro. Major F. A. Bowles 1395	.	J.
C. Greenwood 410	.	Scribe E.
A. C. De Chapeaurouge 410	.	Scribe N.
W. P. Morrison 1149	.	Registrar
C. Pulman 2317	.	Principal Sojourner
G. H. Chapman 1556	.	1st Assistant Sojourner
T. Aitken 777	.	2nd Assistant Sojourner
C. R. Ellis 1851	.	Sword Bearer
H. Holmes 2246	.	} Standard Bearers
J. B. S. Lancaster 2317	.	
J. H. Crofts 1395	.	
H. Sumner 1149	.	Director of Ceremonies
W. Lane 889	.	Asst. Dir. of Cers.
J. O'Connell 1851	.	Organist
R. Potter	.	Janitor

Provincial Grand Chapter was then closed.

The annual meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge was subsequently held, Col. Money again presiding, and being supported by the Deputy of the Province, Bros. F. West P.G.D., R. F. Gould P.G. Deacon, C. F. Matier P.G.S.B., H. J. P. Dumas P.G.D., Dr. H. J. Strong P.G.S.B., S. G. Kirchoffer D.G.D. of C., Gordon Smith P.G. Steward, J. D. Langton P.P.G.J.W., H. E. Frances P.P.G.D., F. A. Bowles P.D.G.S.W. Punjab, W. H. Brereton P.G.O., Fountain Meed P.P.G.O., G. J. Barnett W.M. 1929, Rev. H. W. Turner P.P.G. Chaplain, C. Pulman P.G.S.D. Northumberland, H. J. Thompson P.P.G.S.W., David Hughes P.D.G.D. of C., J. E. Street P.G.S.W., F. A. Guimaraens P.G.S.W., James Nightingale P.P.G. Reg., H. C. S. Dumas P.P.G.J.W., H. Summers P.P.G.S.B., A. Wilson P.P.G.A.D.C., F. Flood P.P.G.S. of Works, A. F. Asher P.G.P., H. M. Hobbs P.P.G.J.W., F. S. Smyth P.D.G.D. of C., Abel Lawrence 889, T. Pennington 889, J. F. Sumner 889, T. H. R. Beck, F.A.S., 889, G. W. A. Schofield 410, S. Hewett 1614, R. Piper 643, A. F. Asher, A. H. Salter 777, E. S. Field 907, T. W. Richardson 1929, E. H. Gale Crowdy 370, C. F. Passmore 2317, C. Pulman 2317, B. Bavenstock 777, W. H. Brodie 2317, C. R. Ellis 1851, F. S. Smyth 1339, J. Edgell 889, W. Lane 889, T. Montague 889, D. A. Power 259, G. Glanfield 1149, W. W. Lee 1524, C. Cheel 777, T. Aitken 777, H. Holmes, H. D. Aslett 1891, G. S. Horsnail 2096, J. M. Dodge 777, F. Dowse 777, G. H. Chapman 1556, John Mayo 889.

The first business was the confirmation of the minutes, and that disposed of, the roll of Lodges in the Province was called over, when it was found that all were represented. The report of the Finance and Audit Committee was now submitted, the accounts showing a balance of £169 0s 9d on the General Fund, and £15 13s 0d on the Charity Fund. A grant of ten guineas was recommended to the Widows Branch of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and a similar amount to the Male Branch. The report was adopted, and the proposed amounts were granted. The Provincial Grand Master re-appointed the members of the Finance and Audit Committee, after which it was proposed that it be an instruction to that Committee to inquire into the method of keeping the Provincial accounts, and to report to the Provincial Grand Master what improvements (if any) they could suggest for the future. The system they had hitherto adopted was regarded as sufficient for all requirements when they were a small Province, but they had lately grown, and there was probably room for improvement and possible economy. The proposition was seconded by Bro. Charles Greenwood the Prov. Grand Secretary, and carried.

The Report of the Charity Committee was next submitted. This showed that 27 of the 38 Lodges in the Province had adopted the suggestions agreed to, and had appointed representatives to act on the Committee. So far they had received 2279 Girls' votes and 303 Boys', by which they had been enabled to carry their girl candidate on the first application. They had also received 493 Widows' votes and 596 Male, and through their aid the Province had secured the admission of their candidate—a widow—to the benefits of the Benevolent Institution; this was regarded as very satisfactory. The Provincial Grand Master, referring to the Report, expressed his gratification at the result that had already attended their efforts in this direction. It was a matter for congratulation that they had been able to secure the election of their earliest candidates on the first applications. The Report of the Charity Committee was then adopted. The Prov. Grand Secretary next submitted the proposition standing in his name, having for its object the earlier despatch of the Lodge returns for the Province, and various suggestions were made to make the returns even more complete, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master expressing the desire that they might ultimately be able to prepare a Register of Masons in the Province, with full particulars of their calling, address, &c., which would be of great use to them in various ways. The proposition was ultimately agreed to.

Dr. Strong proposed the re-election of Dr. C. C. Gibbs as Provincial Grand Treasurer, and no other nomination being made he was declared duly elected. The following were then appointed as the Officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. Major F. A. Bowles 1395	.	Senior Warden
T. T. Bucknill, Q.C., M.P. 2422	.	Junior Warden
Rev. C. A. W. Reade 1920	.	} Chaplains
Rev. H. Wilson 370	.	
Dr. C. C. Gibbs	.	Treasurer
F. C. Morrison 416	.	Registrar
C. Greenwood 410	.	Secretary
G. J. Barnett 1929	.	} Senior Deacons
Dr. W. H. Brodie 1046	.	
G. H. Chapman 1556	.	} Junior Deacons
W. J. Mason 2246	.	
T. Aitken 777	.	Supt. of Works
H. J. Bidwell 2120	.	Director of Ceremonies
Dr. F. S. Smyth 1982	.	Deputy Dir. of Cers.
C. A. Hardwick 1347	.	Assist. Dir. of Cers.
Maj. G. Collins 2317	.	Sword Bearer
G. Wale 2234	.	} Standard Bearers
J. Hodgkin 1872	.	
A. Briscoe 1929	.	Organist
W. A. Latham 410	.	Assist. Secretary
T. Montague 1638	.	Paravant
B. Colbron 889	.	Assist. Pursuivant
Harold J. Levett 452	.	} Stewards
H. D. Aslett 1892	.	
F. W. Leaver 2096	.	
Frederick Jacob 1851	.	
P. H. Hall 2095	.	
Daniel Hughes 2222	.	} Tyler
R. Potter	.	

This concluded the business of the day and Provincial Grand Lodge was closed, the brethren adjourning to the Constitutional Club, where the annual banquet was served, under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master, who was supported by a large number of brethren, the resources of the establishment being taxed to the utmost.

At the conclusion of the banquet the Provincial Grand Master submitted the usual toasts. That of the Queen and the Craft having been honoured, the health of the Grand Master, the Prince of Wales, was proposed. Bro. Colonel Money said he had come down with the intention of sending a congratulatory address to the Grand Master on the marriage of his son with the Princess May, but the rush of business had caused him to forget to mention it in Lodge. But it was not then too late, for if the brethren then present were at one with him they would be justified in wishing the Grand Master all happiness for his son and daughter-in-law on their marriage. He therefore proposed that such an address should be sent and undertook to see it was properly forwarded, provided that was the wish of the brethren. The proposal was most heartily endorsed and the toast was honoured. The next was the health of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Officers generally. The Chairman was very sorry to say that the Pro Grand Master of England had been ill from influenza, and had been obliged to take a sea voyage for the benefit of his health. They all wished him speedy recovery, and hoped he would be among them for many years to come. There had never been a Pro Grand Master

who deserved more from Freemasonry, or who had done so much to merit the good wishes of members of the Craft. Much the same might be said of the Deputy, while he felt that the brethren of Surrey knew full well that the Grand Officers, one and all, performed their duties in such a manner as to merit approbation. He had much pleasure in coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Matier, who duly responded. It afforded him a large amount of pleasure to be called upon to reply on behalf of a band of brethren, among whom might be reckoned the hardest worked body of Freemasons in the Craft. The Grand Officers were men who did not retire on their laurels when they were appointed to office. They had an illustration in their Provincial Grand Master, whose installation he had the honour of being present at at Croydon, and who had already done enough to prove that he was a most energetic ruler. Brother Frederick West next proposed the toast of the Provincial Grand Master. It was an especial pleasure to propose this toast, because he knew it would be so enthusiastically responded to, and it was really deserving of a hearty welcome. The brethren had heard from Bro. Matier—than whom no one more fully appreciated the value of a true Mason than he—that their Provincial Grand Master had won renown for himself as a Mason. They all remembered when Col. Money was installed to the Province by the Earl of Lathom; since then it had been his endeavour to follow in the footsteps of that popular Mason, and he had admirably succeeded. Not only did their chief take an interest in local affairs but he had promised to take the chair at the Charity Festival of another degree in Freemasonry, with which they were not perhaps intimately associated, but in which they took a great interest. They had no time for long speeches but even if they had there was nothing he could say that would add to the popularity of the toast before them, which he proposed with the hope that Col. Money might live for many years to preside over the affections of a large and prosperous Province. The Provincial Grand Master tendered his heartiest thanks. It was easy to preside over such a Province as Surrey, with such a Deputy Provincial G.M. as Brother West, and such a thoroughly genuine body of Masons as were to be found in the Lodges of the county. He felt that Surrey was exceptional in the genuineness of its Masonry. Whatever was proposed for the good of the Order was at once entered into with enthusiasm. As an instance they had the recently formed Charity Association to refer to; they had not yet secured the support of all the Lodges to their scheme but he felt the out ones would soon be drawn into the vortex and would work with the others. He then proposed the toast of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and the rest of the Provincial Officers. Bro. West had ably presided over the district during the interregnum and he felt that the Province suffered nothing during that term of office. Col. Money said he knew full well the opinion of his predecessor as to the merits of Bro. West and he felt they all valued and appreciated what he had done for Surrey. Going beyond they might consider themselves fortunate in the men they had been able to invest as Officers—they had the applause and congratulations of every member of the Province. Bro. West responded. The Provincial Officers could only hope that a small part of the praise conferred upon them that day was deserved. Personally he had been actuated by only one desire—to promote the interests of Freemasonry in general and the welfare of their Province in particular by increasing the Masonic spirit in Surrey. He hoped he had been, to a certain extent, successful. He was pleased to hear the Provincial Grand Master expressing satisfaction at the general state of the district and trusted he would never see in front of him a less enthusiastic band of brethren than he had met to day. Bro. Bucknill, Q.C., M.P., the Prov. G. Junior Warden proposed the next toast. Although a weary warrior as already described—one who had never worn the sword as his symbol of office—he hoped he should never lack the ability to propose the toast entrusted to him—the toast of the visitors, who had come to that centre or metropolis of Freemasonry in Surrey for the year. He spoke as a young Mason, although it was quite true that even so far back as 1868 he was a member, and in 1873 was Master of his Lodge. One always felt young in Masonry because when they met on one common platform each one felt a brother to every one else in the room, all having one common object in view. The brethren of Surrey were exceedingly glad to see

visitors present that day and they would be equally pleased to see them in another place, that was to say they would be delighted to return the visit. He trusted their guests that day would go home with the feeling that they had enjoyed themselves and be ready to come again into the Province of Surrey. Bro. Eric Williams replied in a few well chosen remarks. The musical programme was under the direction of Bro. Herbert Schartau, who was supported by Bros. Vivian Bennetts, James Brand, Wm. Bradford, Eric Williams (recitations), W. H. Brereton, and Arthur Briscoe. The meeting was in every way a success.

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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#### LODGE OF FREEDOM, No. 77.

THE annual installation festival of this ancient Lodge, whose warrant is dated 1751, was held at the Town Hall, Gravesend, kindly placed at the disposal of the members by the Corporation, on Monday, the 17th inst., when a considerable number of brethren belonging to this and the adjacent Lodges assembled to take part in the interesting ceremony. The Lodge was called for 3.30 p.m., and was opened soon after that time by the Worshipful Master, Bro. the Rev. Augustus Jackson, M.A., who was supported by the following Officers and brethren:—Bros. George Rackstraw S.W., Thomas Nettleingham J.W., J. M. Longley P.G.J.W., W. J. Light P.G.S.W., William Russell P.G. Treasurer, William Hills P.M. P.P.G.J.W., Thomas Deane P.P.G. Standard Bearer, William Barlow P.G. Organist, John C. Briggs P.P.G.D.C., Arthur Carter P.P.G.J.D., Col. Hartley P.G.S.W. West Yorks, John Barnett P.M. 2205; P.M.'s W. H. Hedger, Fredk. Teece, R. J. Beamish, Frank Hitchens, Henry Doughty, E. W. Robins, Joseph Solomon. Visitors—Bros. E. Fielding W.M. 199, Thomas Goymour W.M. 184, W. G. Cole W.M. 158, G. J. Champion W.M. 1089, J. Montgomery W.M. 2444 and D.D.G.M. Malta, S. Brice W.M. 1050, W. J. Godwin W.M. 1343, C. F. Parslow W.M. elect 1343. The Lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes were read and confirmed. The Secretary presented the Auditors' report showing a substantial balance, which was passed. The next business was the installation of Bro. George Rackstraw W.M. elect, and for this purpose Bro. Jackson vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Joseph Solomon, who had kindly undertaken to perform the ceremony. Brother Rackstraw was presented by Brother Hedger, and signified his assent to the usual regulations. A board of Installed Masters was then formed of no less than twenty-eight Past Masters, when Bro. Rackstraw was placed in the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom. After having been saluted by the brethren in the various degrees, the new Master proceeded to appoint and invest his Officers for the ensuing year, viz.:—Brothers Thomas Nettleingham S.W., James A. Whitfield J.W., T. R. S. Champion P.M. Treasurer, John C. Biggs P.M. Secretary, Rev. Augustus Jackson I.P.M. Chaplain, R. C. Fowle S.D., William Gunn J.D., Frank Hitchens P.M. Dir. of Cera., George Masters A.D.C., F. W. Martin Organist, John Solomon I.G., Joseph Davis and H. R. Buckle Stewards, and George Martin for the forty-eighth time Tyler. Bro. Jackson and Doughty proposed a cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Solomon for the admirable manner in which he had performed the ceremony. Bro. Solomon having acknowledged the compliment, proposed that Bro. T. R. S. Champion should be re-appointed Charity Steward for the year. Bro. Champion being unfortunately absent through illness, Bros. Biggs and Hedger returned thanks in his name. Bro. Rackstraw, in the name of the Lodge, presented a handsome Past Master's jewel to Bro. Jackson in recognition of his services during the past year. Brother Jackson in returning thanks, said that the 47th problem of Euclid which was marked on the jewel reminded him of his youth, when as a schoolboy he crept unwillingly to school he thought that was his most difficult task. That was now before him, as although he highly appreciated the honour conferred upon him he was quite unable adequately to return thanks; he would, however, consider it one of his most cherished treasures. Previous to the Lodge being closed, the new W.M. received the hearty good wishes from the brethren of the visiting Lodges. The brethren then adjourned to the New Falcon Hotel, where a *récherché* banquet was served by Brother John Simpson. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair and cordially responded to by the brethren, the names of Bros. Longley P.G.J.W. and A. Jackson P.G.J. Chaplain being associated with the toasts of the Provincial Grand Officers, of whom there were several present. Bro. Longley said that he esteemed it a great privilege to return thanks for the Province of Kent, especially after the enthusiastic manner in which the toast has been received. They were fortunate in having such a Deputy Provincial Grand Master as Brother Eastes, who supported the Provincial Grand Master in an able and courteous manner. Their Treasurer Brother William Russell was also the right man in the right place, and Bro. Alfred Spencer their Secretary was too well known to need any commendation from him. They all had but one object in view to carry out their duties faithfully and zealously. He concluded by congratulating the Installing Master on the manner in which he had performed the ceremony, and predicted that Bro. Rackstraw would have a successful year of office. Bro. Jackson said they had all read of the man who was clothed in purple and fine linen, but his end was not fortunate. He trusted that he might be an exception, for it certainly had been his ambition to attain the Provincial purple,

and he thanked those brethren who had enabled him to attain it. He proceeded to propose the health of the Worshipful Master, which should be regarded as the toast of the evening. Bro. Rackstraw was one of the most respected and honoured townsmen in the Borough of Gravesend, and one who could carry out his duties in every respect. He thought there was a prosperous year in front of him and one which would be remembered in the annals of the Lodge. In response, Bro. Rackstraw thanked the brethren for the high honour they had conferred upon him and hoped he might have health and strength, as he had the desire, to carry out his duty in a proper manner. He was proud to belong to the Lodge of Freedom, as it was nearly the oldest Lodge in the Province, and he was pleased to state that he had received promises from some good men to join the Craft. With such excellent Officers to support him he looked forward to a very happy year of office. Bros. Colonel Hartley, Joselyn and Montgomery suitably acknowledged the toast of the visitors, after which the Charity Box was passed round and a goodly sum was collected. Bro. Frank Hitchens in earnest terms proposed the Masonic Charities, to which Bro. William Russell responded with a detailed account of the working of the three Institutions. Among other matters he referred to the fact that a perpetual presentation would henceforth only be purchased for twelve hundred guineas instead of £1000 as formerly. Bro. Jackson I.P.M., responding for the Past Masters, remarked that Horace's well known lines, "Lusisti satis, edisti satis, atque bibisti, Tempus abire tibi est," were the most appropriate to the occasion, for he thought they had chaffed the P.M.'s quite enough, they had eaten quite enough of the banquet and had drunk enough of the good wine, so that it was quite time for them to depart. Brother John Russell who was P.M. in 1864 and Bro. Beamish P.M. in 1889 also spoke to the toast. Bro. J. C. Biggs responded for the Treasurer and Secretary, and said he would convey to Bro. Champion the sympathy of the brethren in his affliction. The new Officers of the Lodge were then complimented, and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a pleasant termination.

#### UNITY LODGE, No. 267.

ON Thursday, the 20th inst., this Lodge celebrated the Festival of St. John the Baptist, the attendance being one of the largest in the long history of the Lodge. The W.M. elect (Bro. Councillor Edwin Crew) introduced an innovation which tended greatly to the success of the Festival, and the comfort of the brethren, and which will doubtless be acted upon by both Lodges in time to come. The meetings of both local Lodges are held in the spacious Assembly Room at the Macclesfield Arms Hotel, Macclesfield, and for ordinary gatherings the accommodation is ample, but on occasions of annual Festivals, with the banquet taking place in the same room, there has been unavoidably much waste of time and no little inconvenience. The carrying out of Bro. Crew's excellent suggestion avoided both. Usually, on St. John's Days the Lodge has met at two o'clock at the Macclesfield Arms Hotel, and the banquet has taken place in the same room at five o'clock. On Thursday the Lodge was held in the Town Hall, at five o'clock, and the banquet took place in the Assembly Room at the Macclesfield Arms Hotel (Bro. Crowther's) at seven o'clock, so that brethren were able, on the completion of the business of the Lodge, to go direct to the banquet, which was of a most *recherche* character, and reflected the highest credit on Bro. Crowther, not only in the *cuisine* but in the "waiting," which is always so important a feature in these functions. At Lodge Bro. Ralph Edwards, assisted by Bros. Charles A. Horder P.M. P.G.S.D., A. Cockayne P.M. P.P.A.D.C. D.C., and Alfred Frith P.M. P.P.G.S., installed Bro. Crew as W.M. for the ensuing year. Having received the hearty congratulations of the brethren, Bro. Crew appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Wm. Carswell I.P.M., Geo. Fountain S.W., Thomas Birchenough J.W., Thomas Brough P.M. Treasurer, Alfred Frith P.M. Secretary, Chas. Stoneley S.D., William Lockett J.D., A. Cockayne P.M. P.P.A.D.C. Director of Ceremonies, George Kershaw Inner Guard, William Richmond Organist, J. R. Isherwood and Edwin Whitehurst Stewards, Daniel Mason Tyler, Frank Hulme Assistant Tyler. At the banquet the newly-elected W.M. presided, the Senior Warden occupying the vice-chair. Dinner over, the usual toasts were given and responded to in truly Masonic style, being pleasantly interspersed with appropriate musical selections and accompaniments. The proceedings terminated before "the witching hour," and it is safe to say that no better arranged or more thoroughly representative and enjoyable "St. John's" has taken place in connection with either of the local Lodges.

#### CAMDEN LODGE, No. 704.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, 18th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, under the presidency of Bro. Edwin Styles, who was supported by Bro. David Osoeki S.W. and W.M. elect, Dr. Nathaniel Goodchild P.M. Secretary, F. Robinson P.M., H. E. Coffin P.M., W. Morrill P.M., Dr. N. J. Goodchild Assist. Secretary, H. N. Copleston S.D., together with the subordinate Officers, a large number of lay members, and about thirty visitors. The business of the meeting included the raising of Bro. E. W. Churton, and the usual work of the annual gathering. The Officers were appointed and invested, as follow:—Bros. A. A. Nottingham S.W., H. N. Copleston J.W., F. Trinder P.M. Treasurer, Dr. N. Goodchild P.M. Secretary, Dr. N. J. Goodchild Assistant Secretary, C. Gammon S.D., J. Simpson J.D., N. B. Isaacs I.G., F. Robinson P.M. D.C., W. Seaman A.D.C., P. Livingstone, A. J. Lane and A. Dupree Stewards, G. Niblett Organist, G. F. Challis Musical Director. Before closing the Lodge, the Worshipful Master presented to his predecessor the handsome Past Master's jewel which had been unanimously voted to him by the members of the Lodge, and he gave it, he said, with the

heartiest of good wishes, in the hope that the recipient might be spared for many years to continue to give the Camden Lodge the benefit of his experience and support. He had also been asked to present a Past Master's jewel and collar, together with a charity jewel for the Immediate Past Master, and a gold bracelet for Mrs. Styles, all of which had been subscribed by a number of the admirers of the Immediate Past Master of the Camden Lodge. He need hardly say it was a very good motive power that induced the brethren of the Lodge to ask him to make these special presentations, which, he might add, represented the free will offerings of some 63 brethren, who, at the instance of Bro. Gammon, had considered that the vote of the Lodge did not express by any means all they owed to their retiring ruler. He had well deserved all that could be said of him, and it was their unanimous wish that he might long be spared to be among them. Bro. Styles tendered his sincere thanks for the many kind presents the members had been pleased to shower upon him that night, and assured them that he would continue to do all that lay in his power for the good of the Lodge. The Master then proceeded to close the Lodge, and the company adjourned to the banquet, at the conclusion of which the customary loyal toasts were honoured. Speaking of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the W.M. said he believed the Grand Master's love for Freemasonry increased month by month, despite his many other engagements and responsibilities. The toast of the Pro Grand Master and the other Grand Officers having been honoured, the Immediate Past Master submitted the health of the Worshipful Master, who, he said, was his co-initiate, and had worked up with him in the Lodge until that night they found themselves side by side in the East. The members of the Lodge had had many opportunities of making the acquaintance of the present Master, who, during the whole time that he had filled office in the Lodge—and he had worked up step by step—had shown ability, and would doubtless satisfy the members while he filled the office of Master in the Camden Lodge. Worshipful Master Osoeki tendered his sincere thanks, and assured the members of his Lodge that although the occupation of the position he filled afforded a great amount of pleasure, still there was a certain amount of pain associated with it, as had been made manifest during the evening in his own case. He assured the brethren he should endeavour to perform the work of his office in such a way as to merit the approval he desired at the end of the year, and that his special effort would be devoted towards making the members happy and comfortable. He next proposed the health of the I.P.M., who, as that brother had stated, was initiated with him in the Lodge of which he now had the honour of being the Worshipful Master. Referring to the installation of last year the Worshipful Master said Brother Styles had been fortunate in having five initiates on the occasion of his first presiding in the Lodge, and had carried out the work of the year with equal success. He had lately undertaken the duties of Secretary of the Camden Lodge of Instruction, and had further devoted a portion of his time to the private tuition of a few of his more intimate friends. He had entertained the members of the Lodge to a trip up the river, and had arranged a ball for them at Freemasons' Tavern, as a result of which, after paying all expenses, they were enabled to hand over a sum of forty guineas to the Charities. But his work on behalf of the distressed had not ended there, for during his term of office the Lodge had contributed 250 guineas to the Charities, raised mainly through his exertions. When he looked back on the work of his predecessor he felt he had no light task before him to even equal what Bro. Styles had done, much less excel it. The Immediate Past Master briefly replied. Having done what he deemed to be his duty to the Lodge he could hardly believe that so much thanks were due to him as had been showered upon him that day. The Worshipful Master had spoken of his association with their Lodge of Instruction, which he commended to the notice of every member, as by associating themselves with it they not only tended to improve their own working but might add to the knowledge and ability of others who might be present. He fully appreciated all the kind remarks they had been good enough to express on his behalf that night, and, equally on behalf of his wife, tendered his sincere and hearty thanks to them all. The Worshipful Master next proposed the health of the Installing Master, Brother Past Master Robinson, whose work on behalf of the Lodge was well known and fully appreciated by the members. Brother Robinson having replied and the contents of the Charity box having been disposed of at the price of £2 12s, the Worshipful Master proposed the health of the Visitors, several of the guests acknowledging the toast, which was followed by those of the Past Masters, the Treasurer and Secretary, and the Officers. The brethren referred to suitably replied, and then the Tyler's toast was given.

Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3.—Held at the Prince Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, on the 26th inst. Among those present were Bros. Holdney W.M., Robinson S.W., Haines J.W., Ferguson Preceptor and Treasurer, Gregory Secretary, Edmonds S.D., and Underhill J.D. Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Ferguson acting as candidate. Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. Ferguson worked the first section, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, when Bro. Ferguson worked the second section, assisted by the brethren. Brother Robinson was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. Ferguson proposed a vote of thanks, to be entered on the minutes, to Bro. Holdney for the painstaking and earnest manner he had worked the ceremony of initiation for the first time. This was carried unanimously, and the Lodge was closed in due form and perfect harmony.

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507.—Held at the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, on the 24th inst. Among those present were the following:—Brothers W. Scurrah

W.M., Ellinger S.W., A. Scarrah J.W., W. M. Stiles Preceptor, Scales Treasurer, Johnson Asst. Secretary, Hare S.D., Godwin J.D., Price I.G.; also Bros. Edmonds, Gregory, Whiting, Smith, Cooper. Lodge was opened and the minutes were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees. Lodge resumed to the second degree, when Bro. Godwin answered the questions and was entrusted. Lodge was resumed to the third degree and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Godwin candidate. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, when the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Smith acting candidate. Lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

**Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012.**—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 15th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, when there were present—Brothers Cumming P.M. W.M., Hillier S.W., Whiteley J.W., M. Spiegel Secretary, Reid S.D., Kirkham J.D., Powell I.G., A. Williams P.M. Preceptor, Lee, and Bone. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees; the first section of the third lecture was worked by Bro. Hillier, after which the Lodge was closed to the second degree. Bro. Hillier was elected Worshipful Master for next Saturday, and the Lodge was closed in due form.

## ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

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### DE CARTERET CHAPTER, No. 108.

THE quarterly convocation of this very flourishing Chapter was held at the Masonic Temple, Jersey, on the 14th inst. Bro. D. Maxwell Le Cronier occupied the chair of M.W.S., with Bros. G. M. Robertson as Prelate, Dr. Le Cronier 1st Gen., Fred Godfrey 2nd Gen., Balfour Cockburn 32° Marshal, and Bois Raphael. The Chapter having been opened, a ballot was taken for Bro. Manger Richard P.M. 243, which proving favourable, Bro. Richard was duly perfected, the ceremony being admirably conducted by the M.W.S., Bro. Dr. Maxwell Le Cronier. Bro. G. M. Robertson having been duly presented by Ill. Bro. Balfour Cockburn 32°, was installed as M.W.S. for the ensuing year, the appointment and investment of Officers taking place immediately after. At the conclusion of the business, the brethren proceeded to Bro. Bree's Hotel, where the usual banquet was prepared. Ill. Bro. Col. Malet de Carteret 31° was present both in Chapter and at the banquet.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.

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

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### LADIES IN FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR BROTHER EDITOR,—I suppose as the wife of a Mason I may address you in this form, although my husband tells me there is no recognition of ladies in English Freemasonry. I read in your issue of the 15th inst. that ladies have been admitted even up to the 33rd degree in Spain, and as I have often heard it stated that Freemasonry is the same all the world over I cannot quite understand how it is that we sisters of England are so rigorously excluded. Can you not raise your voice in our behalf? and bring about an alteration in the very absurd regulations—at least I think they are absurd—which my husband says prevents his introducing me to his Lodge?

I feel that we ladies would make quite as good Masons as our husbands or brothers, and I cannot understand why we are not allowed the opportunity. I am not one of those who imagine that there is any harm in Freemasonry; on the contrary, the few meetings I have been to—summer and winter entertainments—and my experience among my husband's fellow Masons, have convinced me that the members of the different Lodges learn more of each other, and are able to do more for each other than ordinary friends and acquaintances are able to do, and if this is good for the men of England it should be equally good for their wives and sisters. At least the Freemasons might give us the opportunity of benefitting from the teachings of the Order.

Will you help us in this matter.

I am, yours truly,

SISTER ETHEL.

We have received a most interesting little work on "Freemasonry at Havant," from our esteemed Brother Thos. Francis P.M. Secretary 804, who has written the work in such an attractive style that it is bound to be sought after by the Masonic student. It deals with Freemasonry at Havant during the long period of time 1763-1892, and touches upon many of the interesting events that have taken place during that time. Altogether Bro. Francis is to be congratulated on his little work.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE results of the South Kensington examination in Mathematics show that the Boys have risen to a higher standard in greater numbers, although there is a falling off in the lower stage and amongst the younger boys. The enforced extension of the holidays for a month at Christmas, coupled with the fact that the candidates in the first stage much now reach the standard of what was last year a first class, has materially affected the result at the Boys' School. Of course, all schools will suffer considerably from this raising of the standard.

The actual results are:

1st Stage	:	:	:	11 Passes.
Second Stage	:	:	:	2 First Classes.
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At all events, the higher work has been done creditably.

We compliment Bro. M. Spiegel on the new edition of the Bye-laws of the Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012, which have recently been issued. Besides the Bye-laws Bro. Spiegel has given a short outline of the progress made by this Lodge of Instruction; our brother has also inserted the three Charges and the Entered Apprentice's song, thus making up a compact and interesting little book.

A copy of the *Toronto Evening Telegram*, which has been forwarded to us, contains a long report of a function which will be of interest to Masons. It is the unveiling of a Masonic monument at Mount Pleasant Cemetery, on the 25th June, amidst much solemnity, "in memory of the fraternal dead." A special part of the cemetery, fifty feet in diameter, has been deeded to the Craft of the city by Brothers R. G. and M. J. Ross Robertson, and is intended for Masons who die in the district without friends or relatives to take care of their remains—a thoughtful and touching proof of Masonic brotherhood and charity which is worthy of imitation elsewhere. The monument is a huge Masonic column of polished granite.

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### AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY.

**EXCURSION TRAINS** will leave **PADDINGTON STATION** as under:—  
**WEDNESDAY, 2nd AUGUST, 7:55 a.m.**, for Gloucester, Cheltenham, Hereford, &c., and the principal stations in South Wales, for 8 days, and Waterford and other places in the South of Ireland, to return any week day to 16th August inclusive.

**THURSDAY, 3rd AUGUST, 10:20 a.m.** for Cork, for 14 days or less.

**FRIDAY, 4th AUGUST, 10:10 p.m.**, for Exeter, Dawlish, Teignmouth, Plymouth, Newquay, Truro, Falmouth, St. Ives, Penzance, &c., for 3, 8, 10, 15 or 17 days.

**SATURDAY, 5th AUGUST, 7:55 a.m.**, for Weston-Super-Mare, Minehead, Barnstaple, Ilfracombe, Exeter, Dawlish, Teignmouth, Torquay, Dartmouth, Plymouth, Newquay, Truro, Falmouth, St. Ives, Penzance, &c., for 3, 8, 10, 15 or 17 days.

**9:10 a.m.**, for Newbury, Marlborough, Devizes, Trowbridge, Frome, Shepton Mallet, Wells, &c., for 3, 10 or 17 days.

**11:15 a.m.**, for Oxford, Leamington, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Hereford, Shrewsbury, Chester, Birkenhead, Liverpool, Manchester, &c., for 3 or 6 days, and for Witney, Evesham, Cheltenham, Worcester, Malvern, &c., for 6 days.

**12:5 p.m.**, for Clevedon, Bridgwater, Taunton, Minehead, Barnstaple, Wellington (Som.), Tiverton, &c., for 10 or 17 days.

**12:35 p.m.**, for Yeovil, Dorchester, Weymouth, &c., for 3, 10 or 17 days, and also for Guernsey and Jersey, to return as per pamphlets.

**1:55 p.m.**, for Weston-Super-Mare, Exeter, Dawlish, Teignmouth, Torquay, Dartmouth, Plymouth, &c., for 3, 8, 10, 15 or 17 days.

**2:25 p.m.**, for Swindon, Chippenham, Bradford-on-Avon, Bath, and Bristol, for 3, 10 or 17 days.

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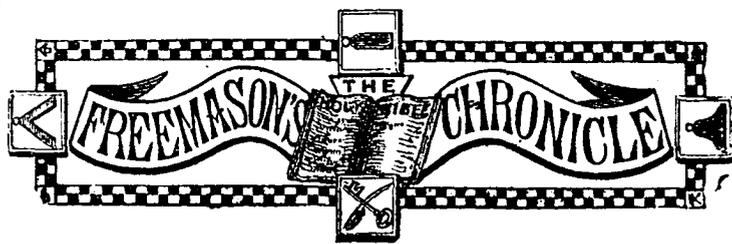
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### SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

**A** QUARTERLY Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday, the 2nd day of August, at six o'clock in the evening.

#### BUSINESS.

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

#### THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

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

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 19th April to the 18th July 1893, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Balance Grand Chapter				Disbursements during			
the quarter	462	11	0	the quarter	367	8	0
Unappropriated Account	188	15	10	Balance	461	5	4
Subsequent Receipts	364	16	10	„ Unappropriated Account	187	10	4
	£1016	3	8		£1016	3	8

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

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

1st. From Companions James Fritz van Oppen as Z., Henry Sargant Chappell as H., Charles Musgrove Stetson J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Light of the South Lodge, No. 1553, Rosario de Santa Fé, to be called "The Rosario Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Room, Rosario de Santa Fé, Argentine Republic.

2nd. From Companions William Davidson as Z., John Watts as H., Thomas Appleby as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the D'Oggle Lodge, No. 636, Morpeth, to be called "The Percy Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Morpeth, Northumberland.

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

1. The Committee have also received a memorial from the Petitioners for the Perak Chapter, No. 2225, Taiping Perak, Malay Peninsula, for a Charter, in lieu of that granted 1st February 1893, with alteration in the proposed Principals, in consequence of Companions named having withdrawn before the receipt of the Charter and consecration of the Chapter. The Officers now proposed being Companions Francis St. George Gaulfield as Z., Robert Douglas Hewett as H., Percival Moss as J., and eight other Companions.

2. A memorial for the members of the Holy Mount Chapter, No. 121, Penzance, Cornwall, praying for a new Charter to include three additional names of members, in lieu of the Charter of Confirmation granted on the 3rd February 1892.

The Committee recommend that the prayers of the above memorials be respectively granted.

The Committee have likewise to report that:—

The St. Marylebone Chapter, No. 1305, London, having in compliance with the requirements of the Committee, explained fully the circumstances of the irregularity in exalting a candidate within the prescribed time, the Committee resolved that the Chapter be required to re-obligate the Companion; that the Chapter be censured for the irregularity; and that the letter communicating the decision of the Committee be read in open Chapter. The Committee consider that the Companion responsible in the first instance for the error should be reprimanded.

The Constitutional Chapter, No. 55, London, having exalted a candidate within three weeks of the prescribed period, the Committee ordered that the Companion be re-obligated, and that the Chapter be reprimanded.

A memorial with extract of minutes has been received from the Wisdom Chapter, No. 283, Haslingden, through the Provincial Grand Scribe E., praying for permission to remove the Chapter to the Queen's Arms Hotel, Rawtenstall.

The Committee being satisfied of the reasonableness of the above request, recommend that the removal of this Chapter be sanctioned.

(Signed) ROBERT GREY,  
President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.  
19th July 1893.

#### CALEDONIAN CHAPTER, No. 204.

A CONVOCAION of this venerable Chapter was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on 20th inst., and was opened in ancient form at five o'clock. The whole of the Officers were present, viz: Bros. C. Swinn M.E.Z., W. B. Russell H., C. E. Towell J., W. Aldred P.Z. Treasurer, S. Mamelok S.E., P. Jackson S.N., H. Thomas P.S., T. Shorrick A.S., J. L. Savage A.S., T. Cliffe P.G.S.B. Dir. of Cers., L. H. Keay Organist; also Companions E. Nathan P.Z., J. Sallon P.P.G.S.B. P.Z., T. Hooper P.P.G.T. P.Z., J. Roberts P.P.G.D. P.Z., N. Dumville P.G.S.B. P.Z., R. A. Eldershaw P.Z., J. Andrew P.S.E., G. L. Barlow, W. F. Farrington, F. Griffin, E. Southern, J. Townley Trotter, and J. W. Watson. The visitors were Comps. W. Dunville P.Z. 935, W. Hardcastle P.G.A.S. P.Z. 317, J. W. Higginbotham Z. 233, G. W. Davies A.S. 268, and F. Strecht Dir. of Cers. 1730. The minutes having been confirmed, the ballot was proceeded with, and the following brethren were declared duly elected and afterwards exalted:—Bro. Philip Whyman, Strangeways Lodge, No. 1219, and J.D. of the Duke of York Lodge, No. 2449; John Hawker, Stamford Lodge, No. 1045; Harry C. Goldman, Concord Lodge, No. 323; John Lawrence, Smith I.P.M. Albert Victor Lodge, No. 1773. The ceremony was carried out in a manner which a Provincial Officer described "as simply perfect, reflecting the highest credit on the M.E.Z. and his Officers. The performance of the musical portion of the ritual by Companions N. Dumville, W. Dumville, T. Shorrock, M. Thomas, and L. H. Key rendered the whole affair absolutely sublime." The Chapter was closed at 8.45. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were afterwards duly responded to. The newly exalted expressed themselves highly pleased at the step they had taken that day, and the manner in which they had been admitted into the Caledonian Chapter. The excellent vocalization provided for the social hour by the aforesaid musical Companions from Manchester Cathedral enabled the Companions to exclaim in the words of the immortal bard—"Here will we sit whilst the sounds of sweet music creep into our ears."

#### HENRY LEVANDER CHAPTER, No. 2048.

A MEETING of this Chapter was held at the Railway Hotel, Harrow Station, on the 25th inst. Present—Comps. A Scurrah P.P.G. Standard Bearer H. M.E.Z. elect, Hislop J. H. elect, Wace J. elect, Stiles Treasurer, Gregory acting Secretary, Scurrah Installing Master, Edmonds, and Lewis. The Chapter was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Comp. A. Scurrah M.E.Z. elect was duly installed by his uncle, Comp. W. Scurrah, in very earnest terms. Comp. W. Scurrah had initiated Brother A. Scurrah into Freemasonry, had installed him into the chair of K.S. in his mother Lodge, and was now delighted to have the honour of installing him as the First Principal of his Chapter. Comp. Hislop was afterwards inducted into the chair of H., and Comp. Wace into the chair of J. This was done in a most beautiful and perfect manner, highly impressive to the candidates, and gaining the warmest praise of the Past Principals present. The investiture of Officers was adjourned till next meeting. The report of the Audit Committee was received, adopted, and entered on the minutes. A notice of motion by Comp. Gregory was carried. Chapter was then closed in peace and harmony. The companions adjourned to a banquet, served by Bro. and Mrs. Lander in a manner reflecting the highest credit to them and their staff. The M.E.Z. gave the toasts briefly but earnestly. Comp. W. M. Stiles proposed the health of the M.E.Z., stating his great gratification on seeing him in the very proud position of M.E.Z. of his Chapter. He had known him many years and had watched with particular interest the rapid strides he had made in Freemasonry. The M.E.Z. thanked Comp. Stiles with much feeling, and the Companions for their genial support. The toast of the H. and J. was responded to by Companion Wace. The Installing Officers followed. Comp. W. Scurrah thanked the M.E.Z. for so kindly proposing the toast, and the great pleasure he felt in having the honour of placing him in so exalted a position. Comp. Hislop also replied. The M.E.Z. gave the toast of the Visitors, and expressing the pleasure he felt in welcoming so many Companions. Comp. Lewes, in responding to the toast, stated the great pleasure he had to be among them; he had received nothing but the most cordial welcome and the kindest receptions, and was pleased to be so intimately connected with them; he trusted the future would be as happy as the past. Other toasts followed, and the Companions separated after a very pleasant evening.

A DECLARATION OF WAR against England, is not likely to be made in these days by any of the Foreign powers without weighty consideration. Science has done much in the manufacture of deadly engines of warfare, but we yet place the greatest confidence in the pluck of our soldiers and sailors. It is this knowledge that enables our country at the present time to enjoy the blessing of "peace, with honour," and our merchantile enterprise to penetrate throughout the world. Holloway's Pills and Ointment are now also regarded as the friends of all who suffer from disease. They are securities of health to all nations and harbingers of peace and goodwill to all men. They relieve or cure every disease.

#### PIC-NIC OF THE ALBERT VICTOR LODGE, No. 1773.

(COMMUNICATED).

THE annual pic-nic of this Lodge took place on Saturday, the 8th inst., the locality selected being Castleton, Derbyshire. Our party, which consisted of 40 persons, left London Road Station, Manchester, at 9.15 a.m., and arrived at Chapel-en-le-Frith shortly after 10, carriages being in readiness to convey us to the Castle Hotel, Castleton, our place of destination. The ride through the hills of Derbyshire was a very beautiful one, and gave rise to many admiring comments. On our way we passed Main Tor, or the Shivering Mountain, and an old Roman mine, besides other places of very great interest, arriving at the hotel (where an excellent dinner had been provided) at 11.30. This finished, the major portion of the company strolled to what is perhaps the most remarkable of all places in this neighbourhood, viz., the Cavern of the Peak; some went to view the ruins of the Castle which overlooks the town; while others paid a visit to the old parish church, which is close by. Peak Cavern is said to be the principal wonder of the district, and we are not prepared to dispute this statement, for it is certainly a very extraordinary place. It is approached by a narrow pathway, alongside of which runs a stream whose waters issue from the cavern, and meander into the town, both pathway and rivulet being banked by rocks which rise to a height of over 260 feet. The mouth of the cavern, which is described as "magnificently grand," and as "a stupendous canopy of unpillared rock, extending in width 114 feet," is utilised as a rope-walk of an apparently primitive character. Having been supplied with candles, we entered through a narrow doorway, being preceded by a guide whom we followed through a number of small caverns like a flock of Admetus's sheep in the wake of the banished Apollo, until we came to what is called the river Styx, by whose side we walked until the great Cave was reached. Our guide, whose tones were sufficiently sonorous, but rather indistinct, told us that the Cave was 270 feet long, 210 feet wide, and 150 feet high, and was the largest in England.

The air was cool, and at no time did any feeling of warm oppressiveness weigh upon us, although occasionally we could not help being struck by the eerie and mysterious position in which we were placed. The silence, except when broken by the voices of our party, or the echo of their feet as they picked their way along the unequal ground was sometimes almost terrifying, and when, at the request of our leader, we put out our lights, we were instantly submerged in darkness, whose opaqueness seemed real and tangible. Various portions of the cavern, of which the guide gave us a rapid commentary, were frequently seen to advantage by the aid of Bengal lights. He described Roger Rain's house, where he asserted the water is always falling, and which forms part of the rivulet outside; also the Victoria Cavern, discovered in recent years, 1,100 yards distant from the grand entrance, and 250 yards in depth from the surface of the earth.

Upon retracing our steps the guide again requested us to put out our lights, asking us at the same time to wait until he unlocked the door and gave us a signal to issue forth. Many conjectures were rife as to this strange demand, which was easily understood, however, when, upon quickly emerging from almost Cimmerian darkness, our eyes encountered a scene which it is impossible adequately to describe. A sporadic glimpse of light revealed to us the verdure-clad rocks beyond the great entrance, lit by the effulgent rays of a glorious sun which had not long since passed its meridian altitude, and which as yet had scarcely begun to cast a shadow upon the earth. Nature had produced a perpetual picture finer than any transformation scene in a pantomime, which was all the more beautiful from the fact that it was unadorned by any adventitious touches of art.

We returned to the hotel, where Bro. T. T. Sefton S.W. put us *en group*, and we were photographed by him. At 5 p.m. tea was served, after which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were indulged in. Bro. W. Hardcastle P.M. P.P.G.D.C. introduced the names of Bro. J. L. Smith I.P.M. to the company, the latter brother responding. He said it was customary at times like the present to place on record the care and assiduity which distinguished the W.M. for the time being. On every occasion Bro. Threlfall, their present W.M., had shown himself to be indefatigable in promoting the welfare of the brethren, and he (Bro. Smith) could not do otherwise than speak very highly of him. He called upon all present to testify by their acclamations how much they were indebted to Bro. Threlfall and Mrs. Threlfall for a very happy and successful pic-nic.

The Worshipful Master, in response, said that there was indeed a great amount of anxiety connected with the promotion of such gatherings as the present one, but this was compensated for by the fact that it was one of those occasions when brethren put away their exclusiveness, and invited wives, sweethearts, and other friends to partake of their pleasures. As Masons, they were sometimes accused of selfishness, but they were compelled to conform to rules which had been made by others for their guidance, and these rules were sometimes very strict. It had often been said that ladies could not keep a secret, and he considered this statement to be a libel upon the sex, for he knew a lady who had positively kept one for three days. Someone had suggested that the ladies ought to have a Lodge of their own, but were this the case one great difficulty would arise,—they would be short of Past Masters. In concluding a very excellent speech, Bro. Threlfall thanked them for their kind expressions of confidence, and said that if another pic-nic should be promoted in connection with the Albert Victor Lodge, he would be in attendance.

Bro. Sefton S.W. said that he had much pleasure in proposing the toast of the ladies. He was sorry that so many of them were appropriated, but he gave them a hearty welcome that day. The members of the Albert Victor Lodge were very fortunate in their

choice of partners, and he was glad to say that the ladies had now an opportunity of seeing something of what their husbands did in Lodge.

The task of responding to this toast was placed in the hands of Mr. Gilbert L. Harcastle, who acquitted himself very creditably.

Bro S. Statham P.M. P.P.G.T. proposed the toast of the visitors, to which Mr. Conucillor Hudson and Bro. Hadfield responded. The former stated that he had attended all the pic-nics in connection with this Lodge for the last 15 years, and in this respect he was not behind the brethren, while the latter said that he did not recollect ever having drunk a toast in tea before, and perhaps he would have acquitted himself better if he had done it in something else. He spoke of the enjoyment which he had derived from his presence at the pic-nic, and sincerely hoped the others had had a like experience.

The return to Chapel-en-le-Frith was varied by a long walk through a wild and rugged part called the Winyats, where carriages were in readiness to convey the party back to the station, the drive being rendered interesting by various songs, &c., from Bros. James Clough Secretary, Richard Hilton, and a young lady (Miss Chapman), the latter especially distinguishing herself in this particular manner.

Manchester was reached at 10 p.m., a most pleasant day having been spent.

### MEMORY.

**D**R JOHNSON, Burke, Clarendon, Gibbon, Locke, and Tillotson were all distinguished for strength of memory. According to Sir William Hamilton, "for intellectual power of the highest order, none were distinguished above Grotius and Pascal; and Grotius and Pascal forgot nothing they had ever read or thought. Leibnitz and Euler were not less celebrated for their intelligence than for their memory, and both could repeat the whole of the 'Æneid.' Donellus knew the 'Corpus Juris' by heart, and yet he was one of the profoundest and most original speculators in jurisprudence. Ben Jonson tells us that he could repeat all that he had ever written, and whole books that he had read. Themistocles could call by their names the twenty thousand citizens of Athens. Hortensius (after Cicero, the greatest orator of Rome), after sitting a whole day at a public sale correctly enunciated from memory all the things sold, their prices, and the names of their purchasers. In his youth, Niebuhr, the historian, was employed in one of the public offices of Denmark. Part of a book of accounts having been destroyed, he restored it by an effort of memory."

Seneca says that he could, by the mere effort of his natural memory, repeat two thousand words upon once hearing them; Cyrus, according to Pliny, knew every soldier in his army by name; L. Scipio, all the citizens in Rome; and Mithridates, the king of twenty-two nations, held courts in as many languages, and conversed with each nation in its own tongue.

The Admirable Crichton.—In a notice of the Admirable Crichton, published in 1580, the following particulars occur:—"James Crichton, a native of Scotland, is a youth, who, on the 19th August last, completed his twentieth year. He is master of ten languages. The Latin and Italian in perfection; the Greek so as to compose epigrams in that tongue; Hebrew, Chaldaæ, Spanish, French, Flemish, English, Scotch, and understands also the German. He is most skilful in philosophy, theology, the mathematics, and astrology, and holds all the calculations hitherto made in this last to be false. He has frequently maintained philosophical and theological disputes, with learned professors to the admiration of all present. He is well acquainted with magic; of a memory so retentive that he knows not what it is to want recollection; and can recite word for word that which he has once heard." In fact, according to the notice of him, he was a perfect prodigy in oratory, soldiery, dancing, feats of activity, and horsemanship, and was eminently handsome.

Without a Rival.—Cardinal Mezzofanti as a polyglot stands without a rival, his knowledge of languages being so extensive that "he might have acted as interpreter-general at the tower of Babel."

Poet and Player.—The German poet Klopstock could repeat Homer from beginning to end; William Lyon, a travelling player, could repeat the whole contents of a newspaper.

Magliabecchi Tested.—It is said of Magliabecchi, that a gentleman, having lent him a manuscript which he was going to print, came to him soon after it was returned, and pretending that he had lost it, desired him to repeat so much of it as he could, upon which Magliabecchi wrote down the whole without missing a word.

Voltaire Enraged.—An Englishman once went to Frederick the Great for the purpose of giving him some specimens of his extraordinary memory. Frederick sent for Voltaire, who read to his Majesty a poem which he had just finished. The Englishman was concealed in such a manner as to be able to hear every word that was said. When Voltaire had concluded, Frederick observed that a foreign gentleman could immediately repeat the same poem to him, and therefore it could not be original. Voltaire listened with astonishment at the stranger's declamation, and then becoming enraged, he tore the manuscript into pieces. When Frederick informed him of his mistake, the Englishman again dictated to Voltaire the whole of the poem with perfect correctness.

A Marvellous Calculator.—Jedediah Buxton, born in 1704, was a prodigy with respect to mental calculations. Although his father held the position of village schoolmaster, yet the boy's education was sadly neglected, and he was never taught to write. He could not tell how he first gained a knowledge of the relative proportion of numbers, but by his own method (which he had used with amazing facility, without the aid of a pen, pencil, or chalk), he would work

problems of a very complex nature, and what is more to the point, produce correct answers. He once mentally calculated how much a farthing doubled one hundred and forty times would come to, and the answer was set down from his lips in thirty-nine places of pounds, and an odd two-and-sixpence; and being once asked how many barley corns would reach eight miles, answered in one and a half minutes, one million, five hundred and twenty thousand, six hundred and forty. He measured the whole lordship of Elmton (some thousand acres), belonging to Sir John Rhodes, by simply striding over it, bringing the contents, not only in acres, roods, and perches, but even in square inches. His occupation was of a very rustic character, for in the winter he used a flail, and in the summer spent his time in fishing.

In the year 1754 he was introduced to the Royal Society, who, after testing his abilities in arithmetic, dismissed him with a handsome gratuity. During his stay in London, he was taken to the theatre in Drury Lane to see Shakespeare's play of Richard the Third. But his mind, instead of being concentrated on the acting itself, was directed to counting the number of steps in each dance, and also the number of words uttered by the famous actor David Garrick.

This man, who answered in a quarter of an hour that the quantity of cubical yards of earth to be removed in digging a canal four hundred and twenty-six feet long, two hundred and sixty-three wide, and two feet and a half deep would be ten thousand three hundred and seventy-three yards twenty-four feet, considered that a slice of bacon afforded a most delicious repast.

A Parson's memory.—The Rev. Thomas Threlkeld was born in 1739 at Halifax. In 1762 he became minister of a Presbyterian church at Risley, near Warrington, from whence he removed to Rochdale in 1778, where he remained until his death in 1806. He had such a powerful memory, that upon the recital of any passage of the Bible, he could, without hesitation, name the particular chapter and verse from which it had been selected. It was sometimes sought to confound him by mixing up certain passages, but he invariably detected the attempt.

He was also a linguist, and is said to have possessed a critical knowledge of nine different tongues. Mr. Threlkeld was as familiar with the Greek Testament as he was with its English translation, and found no difficulty in quoting any chapter and verse. He was perfectly familiar with Hebrew, and his knowledge of Welsh enabled him to speak and write the language with great facility.

Matters of biography and historical dates were mere playthings to him, although in other respects he seems, according to Dr. Barnes, to have been a man of only fair average ability. He was simple, good-hearted, gentle, and ungainly, and so short-sighted that he dare not ride on horseback.

Fuller.—The Rev. Thomas Fuller, author of the "Worthies," had a most retentive memory; he could repeat five hundred strange, unconnected words, and a sermon verbatim after reading it once. He undertook one day, after passing from Temple Bar, to the farthest end of Cheapside, and back again, to mention all the signs over the shops on both sides of the streets, repeating them backwards and forwards, and performed the task with wonderful exactness.

Macklin Puzzled.—In 1754 Charles Macklin (McLaughlin), the actor, opened a large tavern and coffee-house under the Piazza, in Covent Garden, and thinking to render it more profitable, established a school of oratory which he termed "The British Inquisition." After dinner he daily debated with his customers, endeavouring to correct their defects, and at night appeared in what has been termed by Foote's biographer, "the full dress of that gaudy age." A rivalry had sprung up between the two actors, and Foote frequently attended these lectures, when, by his questioning, and smart repartee he invariably turned into ridicule his remarks, and availed the eloquence of Macklin, thus keeping the audience in a perpetual roar of laughter.

On one of these occasions the veteran actor was lecturing upon literature and the stage, and in his remarks upon memory boasted that he could repeat any formula of words after once hearing it. Foote was one of the audience, and at once wrote and sent to the lecturer that unconnected rigmarole that has since grown so famous:—"So she went into the garden to cut a cabbage-leaf to make time an apple-pie; at the same time a great she-bear coming up the street, pops its head into the shop. 'What! no soap?' So he died, and she very imprudently married the barber; and there were present the Piccininies, the Joblillies, and the Gayrulies, and the Grand Panjandrum himself, with the little round button at the top; and they all fell to playing the game of catch-as-catch-can till the gunpowder ran out of the heel of their boots." Our readers will not be surprised to learn that Macklin failed to perform the task which his rival had provided for him.

(To be continued).

"Book of Rarities," by Bro. EDWARD ROBERTS P.M. Prov. G.D.T.

### NEW MUSIC.

All Music intended for review should be addressed to the Editor of the Freemason's Chronicle, Belvidere Works, Hermes Hill, Pentonville, London, N.

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"The Royal Bridal." Song. Words by Chas. F. Forshaw, music by Bradley M. Hullah. Bradford: Fattorini & Sons.

THIS excellent song is well worth getting, as the words by Brother Forshaw are most appropriate to the happy event which has just past. The author calls on the nation to be happy, and "The Royal Bridal" will go towards bringing that about. The music by Bradley M. Hullah is both bright and tuneful; it is easy to learn and to play, and we feel sure will become popular. We congratulate both gentlemen on their work.

## 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, 29th July.

149 Peace, New Masonic Hall, Meltham  
444 Union, Courtenay Arms, Starcross  
453 Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford  
1146 De Moulham, Mowlem Institute, Swanage  
1462 Wharncroft, Rose and Crown Hot., Penistone  
1965 Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley  
M.M. 14 Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield

## Monday, 31st July.

302 Hope, New Masonic Hall, Bradford  
307 Pr. Frederick, M.R., New Rd., Hebden Bridge  
388 Prudence, Masonic Hall, Halesworth  
557 Loyal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Callington  
699 Boscawen, Masonic Hall, Chacewater  
1177 Tenby, Masonic Hall, Tenby, Pembroke  
1271 Friendship & Unity, M.R., Bradford-on-Avon  
1272 Tregenna, Masonic Hall, St. Ives  
1399 Marlborough, Marlborough Arms, Woolstock  
1486 Duncombe, Masonic Hall, Knightsbridge  
1564 St. John, Prince of Wales Hotel, Woking  
1753 Obedience, White Hart, Okehampton  
1977 Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon  
2373 Harwick, Star Hotel, Chesterfield

R.A. 310 Union, Freemasons' Hall, Carlisle  
R.A. 321 Faith, Crewe Arms Hotel, Crewe  
R.A. 1205 Elliott, 1 Carolina Place, E. Stonehouse  
M.M. 9 Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton

## Tuesday, 1st August.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, 4  
171 Amity, Ship Hotel, Greenwich  
70 St. John, Hayshe M.H., Plymouth  
103 Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol  
124 Marquis of Granby, M.H., Old Elvet, Durham  
158 Adams, Britannia, Mile Town, Sheerness  
252 Harmonic, Freemasons' Tavern, Dudley  
265 Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Keighley  
294 Constitutional, Masonic Hall, Beverley  
315 Royal York, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
364 Cambria, Masonic Hall, Neath  
378 Loyal Welsh, Masonic Hall, Pembroke Dock  
393 St. David, Mas. Hall, The Parade, Berwick  
421 Loyal of Industry, F.M.H., South Molton  
443 St. James, Freemasons' Hall, Halifax  
510 St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard  
558 Temple, Masonic Hall, Folkstone  
660 Camalodunum, Freemasons' Hall, Malton  
673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
734 Londesborough, M.H., Bridlington Quay  
847 Fortescue, Masonic Hall, Honiton, Devon  
948 St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Leighton  
960 Bute, 9 Working Street, Cardiff  
967 Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Penryn  
974 Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Bradford  
1002 Skiddaw, M.R., Challenger St., Cokermonth  
1244 Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar  
1780 Albert Edward, Masonic Hall, Southampton  
1785 St. Petros, Masonic Hall, Padstow  
R.A. 203 St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool  
R.A. 681 Scarsdale, Masonic Hall, Chesterfield  
R.A. 764 Wellington, Public Rooms, Deal  
R.A. 938 Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, Birmingham  
R.A. 949 Williamson, Masonic H., Monkwearmouth  
R.A. 1139 Devon, Masonic Hall, Newton Abbot  
M.M. 161 Walton, Skelmersdale M.H., Kirkdale  
K.T. Loyal Volunteers, Queen's Arms Hotel, Ash-ton-under-Lyne

## Wednesday, 2nd August.

Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., 6  
74 Athol, Masonic Hall, Birmingham  
94 Phoenix, Masonic Hall, Sunderland  
137 Amity, Masonic Hall, Market Street, Poole  
159 Brunwick, Masonic Hall, East Stonehouse  
168 Mariners, Masonic Temple, Guernsey  
274 Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch  
282 Bedford, Bedford Square, Tavistock  
290 Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, Huddersfield  
298 Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Rochdale  
326 Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol  
327 Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton  
406 Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Newcastle  
417 Faith and Unanimity, M.H., Dorchester  
429 Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate  
730 Ellesmere, Town Hall, Chorley  
750 Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cleckheaton  
838 Franklin, Peacock Hotel, Boston  
970 St. Anne, Masonic Hall, East Loos  
1003 Prince of Wales, Masonic Temple, Jersey  
1013 Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1063 Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling  
1085 Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower St., Derby  
1167 Alnwick, M.H., Prudhoe Street, Alnwick  
1274 Earl of Durham, F.M.H., Chester-le-Street  
1431 St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull  
1461 Clausentum, Masonic Hall, Woolston  
1549 Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore  
1660 Arlecdon, Freemasons' Hall, Frizington  
1736 St. John's, St. John's Rooms, Halifax  
1862 Stranton, Masonic Hall, West Hartlepool  
2259 St. Nicholas, Peace Hall, W. Yorkshire  
2382 Loyal Hay, Hry, Brecknockshire  
R.A. 86 Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Prescott  
R.A. 221 St. John, New M.H., Silverwell St., Bolton  
R.A. 659 Blagdon, Mechanics' Hall, Blyth  
R.A. 1358 De Grey and Ripon, M.H., Liverpool  
M.M. 36 Furness, Hartington, Barrow-in-Furness

## Thursday, 3rd August

742 Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace, Sydenham  
1790 Old England, M.H., New Thornton Heath

21 Newcastle-on-Tyne, F.H., Newcastle  
110 Loyal Cambrian, Mas. Hall, North Tyndal  
123 Lennox, F.M.H., Richmond, Yorksairs  
195 Hengist, Masonic Hall, Bournemouth  
215 Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden  
219 Prudence, Masonic Hall, Tolmorden  
230 Fidelity, Ebrington Masonic Hall, Devonport  
249 Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
266 Naphali, Navigation Inn, Heywood  
269 Fidelity, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn  
259 Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Leeds  
293 Combermere, Union Army, Macclesfield  
317 Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
324 Moira, Wellington Inn, Stalybridge  
509 Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham  
531 St. Helen's, Masonic Hall, Hartlepool  
625 Devonshire, Masonic Hall, Glossop  
637 Portland, Tavern Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent  
703 Clifton, County and Lane Ends Hot., Blackpool  
792 Polham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Great Grimsby  
856 Restormel, Duchy Palace, Lostwithiel  
971 Trafalgar, Masonic Hall, St. James St., Batley

1231 Savile, Masonic Room, Northgate, Elland  
1284 Brent, Globe Hotel, Devonshire  
1394 Equity, Central Hotel, Widnes  
1514 Thornhill, Masonic Hall, Lindley  
1565 Earl of Chester, Masonic Hall, Lymm  
1748 Castlemartin, Assembly Rooms, Pembroke  
1829 Burrell, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
1899 Wellesley, Wellington College Hot., Sandhurst  
2342 Easterford, Angel Hotel, Kelvedon  
2350 Corinthian, Bird-in-the-Hand Hotel, Hindley

R.A. 187 Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol  
R.A. 337 Confidence, Masonic Hall, Upper Mill  
R.A. 496 Mount Edgcombe, Mas. Rooms, St Austell  
R.A. 581 Rectitude, Midland Hotel, Ardwick Higher  
R.A. 587 Howe, Masonic Hall, Birmingham.  
M.M. 53 Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

## Friday, 4th August.

1489 M. of Ripon, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N.

242 St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster  
291 Rural Philanthropic, Railway Hot., Highbridge  
306 Alfred, Masonic Hall, St. George St., Leeds  
521 Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Huddersfield  
837 De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon  
936 Adair, Private Room, Aldeburgh  
998 Welchpool, Railway Station, Welchpool  
1102 Mirfield, Masonic Hall, Mirfield  
1230 Barnard, Masonic Hall, Barnard Castle  
1529 Duke of Cornwall, Masonic Hall, St. Colomb  
1618 Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Bradford  
1664 Gosforth, Freemasons' H., Gosforth  
1754 Windsor, M.H., Landowae, Penarth  
2376 Carnarvon, Eagle and Child Inn, Layland, Lancashire.  
2433 Minerva, Masonic Chambers, Birkenhead  
R.A. 214 Hope & Unity, White Hart, Romford

## INSTRUCTION.

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## Saturday, 29th July.

87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's Park, near Nunhead Junction, 7'30  
179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C. 8  
198 Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tav, Southgate Rd., N. 8  
1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E. 7  
1238 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8  
1364 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7  
1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney, 8  
1624 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Pimlico, 7  
2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, 7'30  
R.A. Sinai, Red Lion, King Street, Regent St., W.

## Monday, 31st July.

22 Neptune, Gaudon Hotel, Clapham, 7'30  
27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8  
45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St.,  
174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7  
180 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8  
211 St. Michael's, Noland Arms, Addison Road, Notting Hill, at 8  
248 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brixham, Devon  
332 Royal Union, Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge  
513 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford, 8  
975 Rose of Denmark, Gaudon Hotel, Clapham, 7'30  
1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., 8  
1320 Blackheath, Milkwood Tav., Loughboro' Junc.  
1339 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, 292 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  
1803 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, Deacons' Tavern, Walbrook, 7  
1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Ct. Hot, W. Kensington, 8  
1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, 8  
2030 Abbey Westminster, Town Hall, S.W., 7'30  
2192 Walthamstow, Chequers Hotel, High Street, Walthamstow, 8  
2427 Hampden, Hampden House, St. Pancras, 8

## Tuesday, 1st August.

25 Robert Burns, Frascati, Oxford Street, 8  
55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 7  
74 Athol, M.H., Severn Street, Birmingham, 6'45  
177 Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7'30  
138 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8  
212 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, 8  
241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
551 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8  
700 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 7'30  
753 Prince Fred. William, Eagle Tav., Maida Hill, 8  
820 Lily of Richmond, Station Ho., 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 Edgcombe, Three Stags, Lambeth Rd., 8  
1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 7'30,  
1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich  
1473 Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, 6  
1540 Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High St.  
1633 Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Norbiton, 8  
1695 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav, N.  
1707 Kensington, Scarsdale Arms Ho., Kensington  
1839 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7  
1949 Brixton, Prince Regent East Brixton, 8  
2146 Sarbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton  
2411 Clarence and Avondale, M.H., Leytonstone, E.  
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, 2nd August.

3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, 8  
30 United Mariners, Lugard, Peckham, 7'30  
65 Prosperity, Old Parr's Head, Knightrider St.  
72 Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., 8  
73 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, Borough, 8  
193 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall St.,  
228 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8  
538 La Tolerance, Portland Hot, Gt. Portland St., 8  
591 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7  
673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8  
720 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, 7  
733 Westbourne, 112 Queen's Road, Bayswater,  
781 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav, Burdett Rd., 7'30  
813 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Rd. 8  
862 Whittington, Red Lion, Fleet Street, 8  
972 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, 8'30  
1037 Portland, Portland Hall, Portland  
1269 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney  
1350 Toxteth, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool, 7'30  
1475 Peckham, 518 Old Kent Road, 8  
1511 Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull  
1801 Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rusby Green, Catford, 8  
1604 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W., 7'30  
1662 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow, 7'30  
1881 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair, 8  
1892 Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, 8'30  
1791 Creaton, Wheatsheaf, Shepherd's Bush, 8  
1922 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, 8  
1963 Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, 7'30  
2206 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 8  
R.A. 177 Domestic, 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, 3rd August.

144 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 7'30  
147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8  
263 Clarence, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.  
749 Belgrave, Alb on Tavern, Russell St., W.C., 8  
754 High Cross, Coach and Horses, Tottenham, 8  
879 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolsley, Rotherhithe New Road  
890 Hornsey, Masonic Room, Lewisham, at 8  
902 Burgoyne, King's Arms, John Street, Bedford Row, W.C., 8  
1017 Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, W.,  
1158 Southern Star, Sir Syd. Smith, Kennington, 8  
1178 Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, S.E. 7  
1182 Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool, 7'30  
1250 Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, Commercial Road, Limehouse, E., 7'30  
1278 Burdett Coutts, Swan, Bethnal Green Road, 8  
1306 St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, 8  
1300 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales, Wimbledon, 7'30  
1428 The Great City, Masons' Hall Avenue, 6'30  
1558 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, Ealing Dean, 7'45  
1614 Covent Garden, Criterion, W., 8  
1622 Rose, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8  
1625 Tredegar, Wellington, Bow, E., 7'30  
1673 Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 5'30  
1744 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, 4th August.

Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, 8  
General Lodge, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 8  
167 St. John's, York and Albany, Regent's Park,  
507 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7'30  
765 St. James, Princess Victoria, Rotherhithe, 8  
780 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 8  
834 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith  
1058 Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, 7  
1135 Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green, 7'30  
1228 Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, 8  
1293 Royal Standard, Castle, 81 Holloway Rd., N., 8  
1355 Clapton, G.E. Hotel, Liverpool Street, 7  
1381 Kennington, The Horns, Kennington, 8  
1457 Bagsbaw, Public Hall, Loughton, Essex, 7'30  
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We understand that Mr. Oswald Yorke, who so successfully took the part of the old marquis in "Cigarette," has been engaged to support Mr. Edward Terry on his return from Australia.

"Mam'zelle Nitouche" was performed for the 75th time at the Trafalgar Square Theatre, on the 20th inst., and still continues to meet with great success. Miss Sylvia Gerrish, the well-known American actress, is now rehearsing for the part of Nitouche, and will undertake that character in the course of a day or two. This will be Miss Gerrish's first appearance in England.

Another flower show was opened at Earl's Court Exhibition on Wednesday last. The exhibits includes collection of carnations and picotees and many other hardy flowers. These flower shows are becoming very popular at South Kensington.

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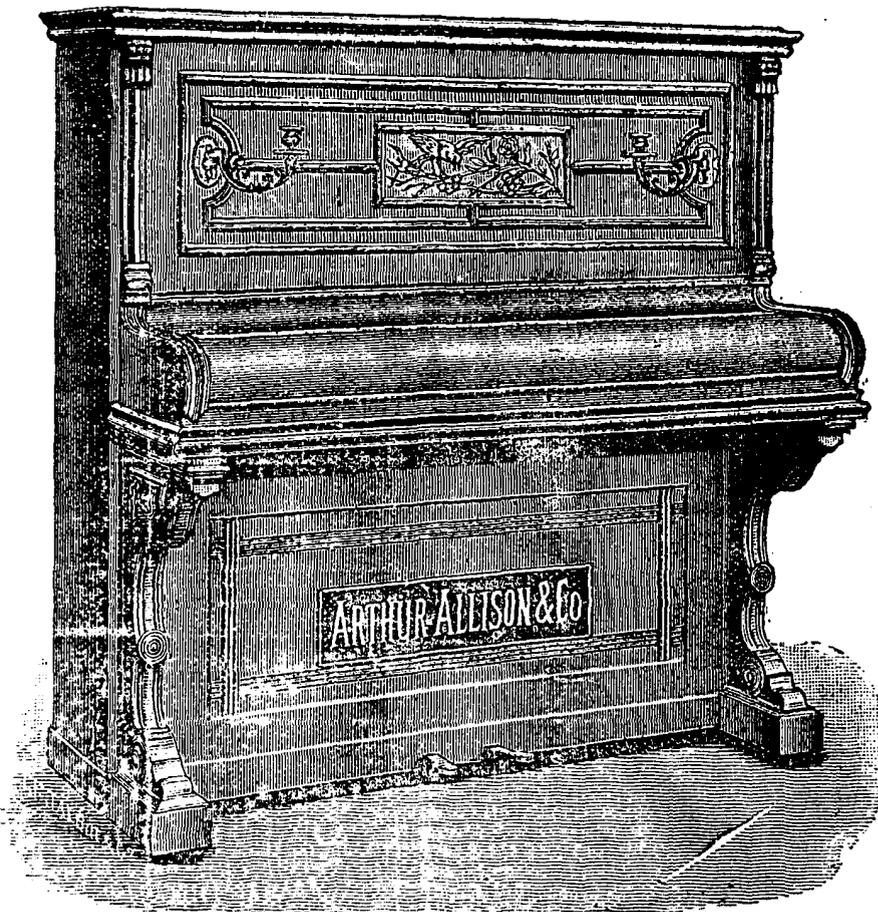


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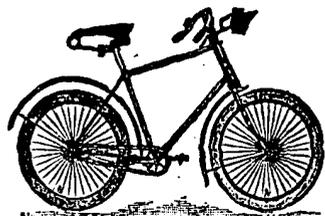
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