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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

SUNDERLAND.—St. John's Lodge (No. 80).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Towara-road, on Tuesday evening, the 12th inst., at 7.30. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Newton. The minutes of the last lodge were read and confirmed, and the ballot was taken for Mr. James Summers, a candidate for Masonry, who was duly elected, and he was then admitted and made an E.A. Mason. Bro. Craven proposed that each candidate be presented with the Book of Constitutions, which was seconded by Bro. Huntly, P.M., and carried unanimously. Bro. Lowes, P.M., was re-elected to represent the lodge on the Charity Committee for the ensuing year. Carried unanimously. All business being done, the lodge was closed, according to ancient custom, in due form. The brethren then retired to refreshment, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

SUNDERLAND.—Phoenix Lodge (No. 94).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Freeman-street, on Wednesday evening, the 6th inst., at 7.30. The minutes of last lodge were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened by the W.M. The ballot was taken for Mr. Jonathan Hollings, a candidate for Masonry, who was declared duly elected. Mr. Joseph Cowan, a candidate previously elected, was then admitted and made an E.A. Freemason by the W.M., who gave the charge in this Degree in a most impressive manner. The lodge was then raised to the Second Degree. Bros. Burns and Cawthorn were then examined and gave satisfaction; they then retired for preparation, when the lodge was raised to the Third Degree, when Bros. Cawthorn and Burns were admitted separately, and raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by the W.M., assisted by Bro. P.M. Pearson. The lodge was then closed to the Second, then to the First Degree. All business being done, the lodge was closed according to ancient custom in due form, when the brethren retired to refreshment, and a pleasant evening was spent.

LIVERPOOL.—Mariners' Lodge (No. 249).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday evening, the 7th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool. There was a large attendance of members and visiting brethren, and the whole of the proceedings were marked by the truest spirit of brotherhood and cordiality. Bro. W. Corbett, W.M., was in his place at the appointed time, and the attendance also included Bros. Fredk. Barnett, P.M.; John C. Jobinson, P.M.; J. Hayes, P.M.; John Whalley, S.W.; H. Wynne Parry, J.W.; J. Keillett Smith, Treas.; Robert Collings, Sec.; W. H. Vernon, S.D.; J. Jenaway, J.D.; Morris Davies, I.G.; Alfred D. Ewart, Org.; David Cangle, S.; Thos. Joseph, S.; and Wm. H. Ball, Tyler. The members present were Bros. B. J. Parry, J. Morrin, T. Grindell, J. P. Jones, M. W. Thornton, M. Goldstone, Thos. Poyser, S. Johnson, John N. Pendleton, Frederick Cooper, James Whitney, J. Nicholas, Wm. Pye, John Baines, John Harries, W. Lothian, R. G. Bradley, J. Sykes, John Pye, Henry J. Pye, Peter Ball, William Hazell, Alfred Samuel, J. Williams, J. Leather, Robert Thomas, Richd. Fitzgerald, William Gamble, James Messenger, John Cribbin, James White, John Harvey, J. H. Walter, Fredk. J. Porter, A. Draper, and H. Hyman. The list of visitors included the names of Bros. Robert Jones, 1182; J. Jacobs, 724 and 1576; Edwin Hartnell, 1264; Robert Bethell, 1094; C. Goble, 594; H. M. Davies, 667; John Corlett, 1325; T. Gray, 1325; Wm. Flintoff, 64, Scotch Constitution; R. Scott, 241; Thos. Johnson, 823; Thos. Brown, 477; Wm. Leatham, 594; Wm. Arthur, 438, Scotch Constitution; R. Maddox, 594; and John Crompton, 823. The lodge having been opened according to ancient form, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for two candidates, Messrs. H. Waggett and R. Roberts; for an honorary member, Bro. Hugh Edwards, P.M.; and for Bro. Alfred E. Ewart, Org., as a joining member, and all were declared duly elected. Mr. Griffiths, who had been duly balloted for and elected at a previous meeting, and Messrs. Waggett and Roberts

being in attendance, were admitted and initiated according to ancient custom. Two candidates for the Second Degree, Bros. Leather and Grindall, were examined, and proving themselves proficient, were entrusted with the test and retired. The lodge was during their absence opened in the Second Degree, when the above-named brethren were re-admitted and passed. Bros. Hazel and Pye having proved their proficiency, were entrusted and retired. During their absence the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, when they were re-admitted and the Third Degree was given them. The Three Degrees were worked in a manner which was highly creditable to all concerned, from the W.M. downwards. According to the circular two degrees, the First and Third, were only to be given, but as Bro. Leather, who was initiated in October last, had just returned from sea, and had not had an opportunity of taking his Second, Bro. Corbett, W.M., considered it his duty to stretch a point in his favour; hence the Three Degrees were given in one evening. The lodge was duly closed down to the Second and First Degrees. "Hearty good wishes" having been given by the visiting brethren, and a gentleman proposed for initiation, the lodge was duly closed. The brethren then sat down to refreshment, provided by Bro. Chaplin, House Steward. After the cloth was removed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. Owing to the amount of business gone through it was late before the brethren separated in peace and harmony.

CHINGFORD.—Chigwell Lodge (No. 453).—This old established lodge met on Saturday, the 16th inst., at the New Forest Hotel, to inaugurate that building, (prior to the public opening), which is one of the handsomest structures in the county of Essex. It stands in the most romantic and picturesque part of what now remains of the grand old forest, that less than a hundred years ago covered 60,000 acres, and is in close proximity to the ancient Hunting Box of Queen Elizabeth. This stately edifice, built in that fine style which matches so well with woodland scenery, the Elizabethan, commands extensive views over Epping and Hainault Forests, so rich in events and incidents connected with the history of England. It has been erected by Bro. John Egan, under the superintendence of Bro. Saunders, whose architectural designs deserve the highest encomiums. Striking as the hotel is in outward appearance, it is no less effective in its internal arrangements. Built expressly for an hotel, it is replete with everything that can add to the comfort and convenience of visitors, and we learn that the tariff will be framed to meet the requirements of all classes. The lodge was opened in due form by Bro. W. Glass, W.M., assisted by Bros. Egan, I.P.M.; Corble, P.M.; Martin, S.W.; Holloway, J.W.; Wrenn, S.D.; Buck, J.D. Bros. Corble, Sibley, Pearson, and Glass, were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, the ceremony being ably performed by the W.M. Prior to the closing of the lodge, Bro. R. Martin, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Corble, P.M., Treasurer. All Masonic business being ended, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall of the old lodge, formerly occupied by Good Queen Bess, where a most sumptuous banquet was provided by Bro. F. Gordon, of the Holborn Restaurant (assisted by a very efficient staff), which gave great satisfaction to all the brethren present. The usual toasts having been disposed of, Bro. Frank Toole and others amused the brethren until nearly nine o'clock, when the company separated. Twenty-three sat down to banquet.

LIVERPOOL.—Duke of Edinburgh Lodge (No. 1182).—The annual installation meeting of this numerous and admirably conducted lodge was held on Thursday afternoon, the 14th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, when Bro. George Musker, W.M. elect, was duly placed in the chair of K.S. in the presence of a gathering which numbered about 100, "all told." The lodge was originally consecrated at Wavertree, and met there for several years, but for "sundry divers and important reasons" it was thought wise to remove its meetings to the Liverpool Masonic Hall, where it has greatly prospered in all its chief concerns, increased largely in numbers, and adding to its influence amongst the eighty lodges of the Province of West Lancashire. There were no fewer than thirty-one W.M.'s and P.M.'s present on this festive occasion, and the gathering was, therefore, one of no common interest. The retiring W.M., Bro. Thomas Davis, took the chair, supported by Bros. John Williams, I.P.M.; Capt. W. Williams, P.M.; T. B. Myers, P.M.; J. A. Edginton, P.M.; George Musker, S.W.; G. D. Hesketh, J.W.; William Brown, Treas.; H. Barclay, Sec.; Thomas O. Dutton, S.D.; John O. Rea, J.D.; H. Haynes, I.G.; R. Martin, jun., P.M., D.C.; T. Wareing, S.; T. C. Holden, J.S.; and P. Ball, P.G.T., Tyler. The members present included Bros. T. Wright, J. H. Tyson, S. Wilkinson, A. Barnes, T. Davis, R. Jones, J. Potter, H. Finger, T. Ward, J. Roberts, T. H. Pierce, H. Sawyer, J. F. Jarvis, J. Holder, W. W. Chapman, J. Rushton, J. J. Ratchford, J. MacIntyre, J. Newport, J. Wilson, E. Paull, J. Coates, R. Hargreaves, J. P. Harvey, J. Waddell, T. J. Thursby, J. Jones, T. Banks, and others. The visitors present were Bros. John Jones, 1035; J. R. Bottomley, W.M. 1675; J. Johnson, J.W. 1675; J. H. Hunter, 1356; T. Whitfield, 203; G. W. Saul, W.M. 1201; W. Barley, W.M. 786; W. Williams, 1609; D. Jackson, P.M. 673; B. Russell, 1393; J. Keet, J.W. 1356; J. L. Houghton, P.M. 594; F. P. Hugo, 1035; A. Morrison, P.M. 1570; H. Firth, W.M. 677; J. W. Williams, P.M. 1356; J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Devaynes, P.M. 667; T. Saiter, W.M. 241; W. C. Erwin, S.W. 1393; W. T. May, P.M. 673; J. T. Callow, P.G. Treas.; L. Herman, S.W. 673; P. M. Larsen, P.M. 594; H. Barrows, P.M. 673; A. Child, 1505; R. E. Mitor, 1356; I. E. Jackson, P.G.S. of W.; A. Woolrich, W.M. 1356, Treas. 1609; J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; T. Roberts, P.M. 673; J. Seddon, J.W. 673; H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec.; J. Hayes, P.M. 249; W.

Brackenbury, W.M. 673; T. Boswell, W.M. 594; R. Brown, P.M. 241; J. Jacobs, 724; W. Forrester, 1035; J. Bryan, 203; C. Waterson, 1035; H. Dunlavy, 594, and others. The W.M. elect, Bro. G. Musker, was presented by Bro. Captain Williams, P.M., and Bro. T. B. Myers, P.M., and effectively installed. The first part of the ceremony was performed by Bro. T. Davis, and the second by Bro. T. B. Myers, both doing their onerous duties in an admirable manner. The following officers were then invested for the ensuing year:—Bros. T. Davis, I.P.M.; A. D. Hesketh, S.W.; A. Barclay, J.W.; W. Brown, Treasurer (re-elected for the thirteenth year); T. O. Dutton, Sec.; W. Davies, Organist; J. O. Rea, S.D.; H. C. Haynes, J.D.; R. Martin, jun., P.M., D.C.; T. Wareing, I.G.; T. Holden, J. H. Tyson, F. Wright, and R. Baines, Stewards. Bro. P. Ball was re-elected Tyler. At the conclusion of the ceremony the brethren sat down to dinner, provided by Bro. Chaplin. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. "The Provincial Grand Master and Officers" was responded to by Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Secretary, who congratulated the brethren on the progress made by their lodge since its formation, and its position in regard to the Masonic Charities. Their P.G.M. and D.P.G.M. would be set free from their Parliamentary duties on the coming day, and he was sure the brethren would give them a hearty welcome back to Lancashire at the approaching P.G. Lodge meeting, which would this year be held at Morecambe Bay, on Wednesday, the 1st of October. He expected that Lord Skelmersdale would be present on that occasion, and that all the arrangements would meet with the approbation and conduce to the comfort of the brethren. It had given him (Bro. Alpass) great pleasure to be present that evening at the installation of a lodge, at the consecration of which at Wavertree he took an active part. It was started under very good auspices, and although there had been many changes he was glad to find the lodge had weathered the storm, and that it was still well worked and well officered. He was likewise pleased to find that the members had not neglected the duty of contributing something towards the Charities, as shown by the balance-sheet for the year, which would compare very favourably with others. As Freemasons it was their duty to be always giving, to meet the circumstances which might arise, and he was glad to find that the Duke of Edinburgh Lodge did its duty in this respect. He concluded by appealing for their liberal support of the decoration scheme in connection with the Masonic Hall, and by wishing the W.M. a happy and prosperous year. The "W.M." was enthusiastically honoured, and "The Installing Masters" was proposed by Bro. W. Williams, P.M., and cordially received, the Installing Masters responding. "The Past Masters" followed, and the W.M., in a few hearty words, presented Bro. T. Davis, the I.P.M., with a handsome Past Master's jewel on behalf of the lodge, a gift which was suitably acknowledged by that brother. "The West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution and other Masonic Charities," proposed by Bro. R. Martin, jun., P.M., was acknowledged by Bro. R. Brown, joint Hon. Secretary of "The West Lancashire," P.M. 241, who said that at the next meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge a scheme for clothing as well as educating the children would be proposed. Bro. J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C., also responded on behalf of the Hamer Benevolent Fund and the Masonic Charities in London, appealing most impressively to the brethren to give these Institutions their cordial and continued support. "The Visitors," given from the chair by the W.M., was acknowledged by Bros. W. T. May, P.M. 673; J. E. Jackson, P.G.S. of W.; J. B. Mackenzie, S.W. 1609; A. Woolrich, W.M. 1356, Treasurer 1609; J. Skeaf, P.G. Org.; and Dunlavy. The toast of "The Officers," proposed by Bro. E. Paull, Treasurer 1356, in eloquent terms, was acknowledged by Bro. A. D. Hesketh, S.W. Other toasts followed, and the harmony of the evening was greatly promoted by Bros. A. Child, 1505; C. Waterson, 1035; T. Foulkes, W.M. 1325; Webster Williams, 1609; John Hill, 1609; and W. Forrester, 1035; the accompaniments being furnished by Bro. J. Skeaf, P.G.O., and Bro. J. P. Bryan, 1035. The annual pic-nic in connection with the lodge took place at Lymm, near Warrington, last Thursday, the 21st inst. A special train left Lime-street Station, Liverpool, at 10.30 a.m., and arrived at Lymm at 11.15 a.m. Dinner was provided at the Plough Hotel, near the station, at 1 o'clock, and tea was served at the same place at 6 o'clock. A military band was in attendance. The return train left Lymm at 8.50 p.m., arriving in Lime-street Station about 10.15 p.m.

HAMPTON.—Lebanon Lodge (No. 1326).—The last regular meeting of this lodge for the present year was held at the Lion Hotel, on Saturday, the 16th inst., Bro. John B. Shakelton, P.G.P. Middx., P.M. 1524, W.M.; Bro. E. Scap, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. John Hammond, officiating as S.W., and the remaining offices were filled by the brethren appointed at the previous meeting, viz.: J. W. Baldwin, Prov. G. Std. Br., J.W.; Fred. Walters, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M., Secretary; H. Gloster, P.M., S.D.; Thos. Stone, J.D.; Steinhauer, I.G.; F. Knight, D.C.; and John Gilbert, Tyler. Amongst those present during the evening were Bros. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., hon. mem.; T. W. Adams, John Thompson, C. W. Baker, J. E. Smith, F. Dye, J. Mc Naughten, W. J. Smith, A. J. Rogers, J. Lawrence, and others. Visitors: Bros. W. A. Barrett, P.M. 76; T. Butt, J.W. 957; J. Hancock, 1657; and T. M. Butt, 1623. The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed, and election made of Bro. C. Paulson, 1309, as joining member. Bros. W. J. Smith and F. Dye were raised to the Degree of M.M. Four propositions for initiation at next meeting were submitted, and it was intimated that probably a lodge of emergency would be called for an early date. Three brethren were recommended to Prov. Grand

Lodge for honours, and there being no further business before the lodge, it was closed with solemn prayer. After a ramble by the river side for about half-an-hour, the brethren again assembled for refreshment. A very excellent and substantial "high tea" had been provided, to which all present did justice, and which appeared to afford more satisfaction than an elaborate and expensive banquet could have done. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured to the accompaniment of a "grog and a cigar," and a very pleasant and harmonious hour or two were passed before the 8.30 train whisked off the metropolitan brethren to their respective homes. Bros. Barrett, Butt, Marsh, and Stevens effectively aided the genial intercourse of the evening, the former producing a fine old song not often heard now-a-days, and the latter reciting, in his most able manner, his increasingly popular "Mason's Vows." Order, peace, and harmony ruled throughout the entire proceedings, and this meeting of the Lebanon Lodge will long be remembered with satisfaction by all those who had the privilege of being present.

GREAT STANMORE.—Abercorn Lodge (No. 1549).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Abercorn Hotel, on the 6th inst., and, although not so largely attended as usual on such an occasion, passed off with great satisfaction to the brethren present. The retiring W.M., Bro. G. Tidcombe, who had held office for thirteen months through the untimely death of Bro. Ebbs, W.M. elect, opened his lodge at 2.50, ably supported by Bros. Helsdon, P.M., acting S.W.; W. Shury Marshall (W.M. elect), as J.W.; Rogers, Treasurer; C. Veal, Secretary; Roy, S.D.; Long, J.D.; Hall, I.G.; Vincent, I.P.M.; Middleton, Tyler; and F. T. Honeywell, Prov. G.O. for Middlesex, Organist; Paten, Darby, Buck, Biggs, Rickett, and Felton. Visitors; Bros. H. C. Levanter, 1415, P.G. Sec. Middx.; Pinniger and Taffis, 186; and Porter, 1719. After the minutes of the previous lodge meeting had been read and confirmed, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree to admit of the examination of Bros. Biggs and Puckett, prior to being raised to the Third Degree, which proving satisfactory, the lodge was opened to that Degree, and those brethren further advanced by the W.M., and duly enlightened as M.M.'s. The W.M. then resumed his lodge to the First Degree, and initiated Mr. W. Marshall, who was accepted on the ballot at last meeting, in his usual instructive manner; he then vacated the chair in favour of his I.P.M., Bro. Osman Vincent, who was privileged to proceed with the ceremony of installation, himself presenting Bro. W. S. Marshall, the respected J.W., to receive such benefit at his hands, and which, after the worthy brother had assented in due form to the ancient charges, was most ably and impressively performed, he placing the candidate in the chair of K.S., amidst the hearty congratulations of the several P.M.'s present. On the re-admittance of the brethren, who had necessarily retired for a short time, the new W.M. received the customary salutes in each Degree, and on resuming to First Degree, Bro. P.M. Helsdon with his wonted excellence delivered the usual interesting addresses from the pedestals; the W.M. then selecting and investing his officers for the coming year as follows: Bros. Roy, S.W.; Long, J.W.; Rogers, Treas.; Veal, Sec.; Hall, S.D.; Darby, J.D.; Helsdon, I.G., pro. tem., and D.C.; and Vincent, W.S. He then, having previously invested the retiring W.M. as I.P.M., in the name of the lodge very appropriately presented a handsome Past Master's jewel on his leaving the chair, which was very suitably acknowledged. A few minor matters having been disposed of, and "Hearty good wishes" received from the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 6.15. All then adjourned to the customary banquet, served à la Russe, midst perfume and flowers, which passed off admirably, the new W.M. displaying equal knowledge of the banquet-table as in the lodge-room. He gave the usual Masonic toasts with great effect, and all were heartily responded to, that of "The Prov. G.M. and his Officers" receiving hearty response from the Prov. G. Sec., who also, with the visitors, thanked the W.M., for their hospitable reception. The brother initiate made a brief but creditable reply, and received the E.A. song from the Secretary, with the usual successful chorus. Bro. Honeywell, the Prov. G.O. for Middlesex, discoursed sweet music in his superior manner to the enjoyment of all, and in which many of the brethren ably assisted. Last, but not least, the W.M. made a truly eloquent appeal to the brethren on behalf of the Boys' School, and successfully completed a plan, originating last year with the previous W.M., of collecting subscriptions in small sums at the banquet-table, thus reaching the amount of ten guineas, and securing a vote in perpetuity for the lodge to bestow on the acting W.M. at each election, the result receiving hearty applause. This, with the Tyler's toast, completed an enjoyable meeting, and the brethren dispersed at 10 p.m.

Mark Masonry.

COCKERMOUTH.—Faithful Lodge (No. 229).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 19th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Station-street. After the permanent committee had made their arrangements for the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. R. Robinson, S.W., which takes place on Wednesday evening, the 27th inst., the lodge was opened, there being present Bros. W. F. Lamsonby, W.M. (Freemason); R. Robinson, S.W.; W. H. Lewthwaite, J.W.; Capt. Sewell, M.O.; R. W. Robinson, S.O.; T. C. Robinson, J.O.; J. Black, Treas., Sec., and Reg. M.; H. Peacock, S.D.; W. Shilton, I.G.; W. Paisley, T. Mason, and Jos. Hewson, Tyler. Bro. T. Weatherston, Lodge 151, was also present as a visitor. The business before the lodge was the advancement of Bro. L. F. B. Dykes, J.P., of Dovenby Hall,

Skiddaw, Craft Lodge No. 1002, son of the late Bro. Dykes, who was successively D.P.G.M. of Cumberland to the late Right Hon. Sir James Graham, M.P., and G.M. of the United Province of Cumberland and Westmorland, being the predecessor of the Earl of Bective. M.P., the present P.G.M. Bro. Dykes being in attendance, was admitted, and regularly advanced to the honourable degree of M.M.M. After "Hearty good wishes" had been tendered by the visiting brethren named, the lodge was closed with the usual address from the chair.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DEVONSHIRE.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge of the Province of Devon was held at the Victoria Hall, Exeter, on Thursday, the 14th inst., when Bro. Hugh Fortescue, Viscount Ebrington, was installed Provincial Grand Master, and one of the largest gatherings of Freemasons ever held in the county took place.

The first Grand Master for Devonshire, under the sanction of the Grand Lodge of England, was Sir Chas. Warwick Bampfylde, Bart., who was elected on the 27th December, 1774, after initiatory steps had been taken by the Union Lodge, which became extinct in 1789. This lodge numbered amongst its members such names as Ellicombe, Carew, Drake, Rous, Foulkes, Pine, including two clergymen afterwards raised to the Episcopal Bench, Dr. Henry Bathurst, Bishop of Norwich, and Dr. Herbert Marsh, Bishop of Peterborough.

This lodge met at the Globe Tavern, and in conjunction with the lodges held at the Old Valiant Soldier and the Bear Inns, now Nos. 39 and 112, elected Sir C. W. Bampfylde on the above date, and he was duly installed on 19th December, 1775, by Bro. John Codrington, W.M. of the Union Lodge. Sir C. Bampfylde held the office for 44 years, and was succeeded by the late Earl Fortescue, in 1819, who held it for 42 years until his decease in 1862. The province was ruled by the Rev. John Huyshe as Deputy until 1866, when he was appointed P.G. Master, and was installed on the 24th May in that year by V.W. Bro. E. McIntyre, Grand Registrar of England. The brethren took the opportunity to present him with a Provincial Grand Master's superb gold chain of office, of the value of 100 guineas, in testimony of their esteem, and to mark their appreciation of his long and valuable services to Masonry, especially as D.P.G.M. of this province. He resigned a few months since on account of the infirmity of age—the venerated and beloved brother having been born with this century.

The present P.G.M.'s grandfather was installed by Col. Tynte, M.P., P.G.M. of Somerset. Dr. Carwithen was appointed Deputy P.G.M. Old Masons will remember the Masonic work carried out under the noble earl's rule. We find that under his auspices sermons were preached and collections made in aid of the North Devon Infirmary, the funds of the Southmolton Bell Schools, the Chudleigh Bell Schools, the South Devon Hospital, and the Royal Female Orphan Asylum. On September, 23rd, 1841, a handsome set of four silver dishes and covers, weighing 218 ounces, were presented by the province to the Rev. W. Carwithen, D.D., D.P.G.M.; and the brethren presented a very handsome Masonic silver candelabrum, weighing over 228 ounces, to Earl Fortescue, P.G.M., on May 19th, 1847. Lord Fortescue, as P.G.M., also laid the foundation stone of the Exminster Asylum and the Royal British Female Orphan Asylum at Devonport. At the decease of Earl Fortescue, on Sept. 14th, 1861, the brethren established the Fortescue Annuity Fund—an institution intended as a permanent and characteristic memorial of the Masonic virtues of the then late revered Grand Master of Devon after having fulfilled this distinguished office for forty-two years—for the purpose of providing annuities for life for aged and infirm Masons of the province.

The present P.G.M. has been happily chosen for this important office by the Prince of Wales as, Grand Master, as he may be considered somewhat hereditary in Masonic office, being the grandson of the noble earl whose memory the Devonians have cherished by the statue in the Castle Yard. The present earl also is an old Provincial Grand Officer. Curiously enough, in an upper chamber of the premises in Gandy-street, now occupied as the Freemasons' Hall, Exeter, some old lead-work glass was found, with the inscription cut in, apparently with a gem, "John Faithfull Fortescue," with the motto, "I lift my heart to Thee, my God and guide;" and on other panes were "William Fortescue, 1725 (?)" also coats of arms and crests. The Rev. R. H. Fortescue, M.A., the present rector of St. Paul's, in which parish the premises are situated, has elicited the fact that the Fortescues had some connection with the parish, as appears by the parish registers, and probably lived in the above historic street and house.

The Committee of Petitions met at the Freemasons' Hall, Gandy-street, at ten o'clock, under the presidency of the Chairman, the Right Worshipful Bro. L. P. Metham, P.G.D. England, P.D.P.G.M. The report of the Secretary having been read, several petitions were considered, and a sum of money (amounting in the aggregate to forty-five guineas) was voted to each. The following notices of motion were considered, viz.:—By W. Bro. C. Godtschalk, P.M. 70, 1255, P.P.G.D., "That this Committee recommend the sum of one hundred guineas be voted from the funds of Provincial Grand Lodge to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons, and Widows of Freemasons," and by V.W. Bro. S. Jones, P.M. 112, P.G.J.W., "That this Committee recommend the sum of one hundred guineas be voted from the funds of Provincial Grand Lodge to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons, and Widows of Freemasons." The result was that a sum of fifty guineas each was recommended to be granted to the

movers of both resolutions. On the motion of the V.W. Bro. J. E. Curteis, P.M. 189, P.P.G.S.W., the Committee recommended that the sum of fifty guineas be voted from the funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. It was also recommended that a sum of twenty guineas be voted for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

At eleven o'clock Viscount Ebrington was duly installed Worshipful Master of a lodge in St. George's Lodge, No. 39, by the Right Worshipful Bro. W. W. B. Beach, Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, the Installing Provincial Grand Master.

At twelve o'clock the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at the Victoria Hall, which had been decorated and arranged as a Grand Lodge by Messrs. Goff and Gully, of Exeter. The room was adorned by the banners of the various lodges in the province, the Fortescue arms occupying the centre of the balcony, and flanked on either side by the shields and banners of the Knights Templars. The throne was placed in the orchestra, and the brethren who were not entitled to vote had seats assigned to them in the balcony. The hall and balcony were well filled with Freemasons from all parts of the county, and the effect of the different decorations was most brilliant.

Among the brethren present at the Grand Lodge were the Right Worshipful the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, Prov. Grand Master of Cornwall; the Right Worshipful W. W. B. Beach, P.G.M. of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Installing P.G. Master; Rev. John Huyshe, P.P.G.M.; the Hon. Walter Hylton Jolliffe, P.M. 1285, P.G.S.W.; S. Jones, P.G.J.W.; W. R. Woodman, W.M. 444, P.G.S.B. England; Rev. R. Swansborough, G. Chap.; Robt. Bishop Twose, G. Treas.; P. Stewart Kersteman, P.G. Reg., 303; W. G. Rogers, P.G. Sec.; H. Woodgates, P.M. 847, G.S.D.; Wm. Brodie, I.P.M. 1254, W.M. 1753, P.G.J.D.; Edgar Tozer, P.M. 1443, G. Supt. Works; Saml. Loram, P.M. 1443, G. Dir. of Cer.; J. F. Long, P.M. 39, G. Asst. D.C.; Geo. Jno. Bishop, P.M. 106, G. Swd. Br.; H. D. Thomas, P.G.S. 444; Benj. Barber, P.M. 1254, P.G.S.; A. Bodley, P.M. 39, P.G.S.; D. Box, P.M. 156, P.G.S.; J. B. Gover, P.P.G.A.D.C.; W. Hine-Haycock, P.P.G.S.D. 13, 114, 164, P.M.; R. M. Worlock, P.M. 1388, G. Sec.; Bristol; L. P. Metham, P.G.D. England, P.D.P.G.M.; Charles Godtschalk, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. Brewer, P.M. 251; Dr. Woodman, P.G.S.B. England; Rev. Jno. Carwithen, P.P.G.C.; Col. Peard, D.P.G.M. Cornwall; Thomas Perry, P.P.G. Treas.; Major-General Henry Bartlett, P.P.G.A.D.C., 394; J. Tanner-Davey, P.P.G.J.W.; Jas. Heammick, I.P.M. 248; W. E. Warren, P.M. 1358, P.P. G.O.; Jas. Russell, P.M. 372; P. Parkhouse, P.M. 1125; W. H. Reed, P.M. 1125, P.P.G.D.; W. Passmore, P.P. G.T., P.M. 444; W. H. Carwithen, P.M. 112, P.P.G. Chaplain; R. G. Bird, P.M., Sec. 1550; Jas. Davy, P.M. 421, P.P.G.S.W.; R. G. Tippet, W.M. 1550; L. J. Webber, S.W. 1550; M. C. Lakeman, J.W. 1550; F. Horspool, P.M. 1254; T. Hancock, P.M. 251; J. Russell, P.P.G. Chaplain; Alex. Bailey, P.M. 444; J. Lemarchand, P.M. 639; James Mills, P.M. 1125, P.P.G.D.C.; F. Sanders, J.W. 1284; J. B. Paterson, P.M. 1125, P.G. Steward; J. Blechenden Crabb, I.P.M. 1125; Geo. Heath, P.M. 710; Samuel Roach, I.P.M. 70; John Beer Witheridge, P.P.G.P., 223; E. T. Fulford, S.W. 1254; E. B. Colston, P.M. 248, P.P.G.S.W.; E. Bishop, J.W. 106; H. Elford, P.M. 977, P.P.G.S.W.; John Northcote, P.M. 164; V. Bird, P.P.G.T., 954; W. Haynes, P.P.G.P., P.M. 106; John Toby, J.W.; Rev. C. W. H. Holley, 357, 1753; G. W. Gould, 282, Sec. 1753; G. W. Madge, W.M. 372; W. Knott, P.M. 372; J. Towner, P.M. 372; W. G. Moore, P.M. 666; Chas. Stevens, W.M. 1138; H. Hooper, P.P. G.R., P.M. 444, 1254; R. Love, P.M., P.P.G.P.; O. Knowles, J.W. 159; G. T. Derry, J.W. 1212; J. P. Horn, 106; T. Freeman, P.M. 106; P. L. Blanchard, 444, P.G. Tyler; J. Page, P.M. 39; T. Obsworthy, P.M. 251; W. Marsh, W.M. 156; W. Creasy, W.M. 106; H. Willey, W.M. 1284; J. Thorne, W.M. 1332; J. Rowe, J.W. 1332; W. Blake, P.M. 106; W. A. Goss, jun., S.W. 1402; J. H. Warren, P.M. 1254; G. W. Legge, P.M. 106; G. C. Maynard, P.M. 106; S. J. Blackmore, S.W. 106; C. Waters, P.M. 954; L. Osborn, S.W. 945; J. Crosley, J.W. 954; J. R. Dugdale, W.M. 954; T. S. Jackson, W.M. 1212; J. J. Marshall, S.W. 156; C. J. Workman, W.M. 303; J. Harper, P.P.G.J.W., 251; Richard H. Watson, P.M. 710; G. Croydon, J.W. 189; T. Browning, P.M. 105; C. Willshire, P.P.G.D.C., P.M. 251; F. H. H. Orchard, W.M. 164; W. J. MacLean, P.M. 248; J. Widgery, P.M. 421; W. Cole, P.M. 421, P.P.G.P.; J. Woods, P.M. 421; H. Melhuish, W.M. 112; A. Kingdon, P.M. and Treas. 421; J. C. Palmer, S.W. 372; A. A. Carter, P.M. and Sec. 106; J. Page Phillips, 253, P.M., P.P. G.D.C.; R. Blight, S.W. 223; J. Shapley, P.M. 223, P.P. G.D.C.; J. Woodman, P.M. 444; S. B. Harvey, P.M. 1255; J. Templeton, I.P.M. 1332; J. Kingdon, W.M. 421; A. Pidsley, I.P.M. 372; W. Elphinstone Stone, P.P. G.J.W., 37; R. Cawsey, W.M. 230; J. R. W. Harris, S.W. 230; R. Ellis, J.W. 230; W. R. Northway, S.W. 282; J. H. Tonkin, P.M. 282, P.P.G.S.D.; D. Banks, J.W. 156; W. C. Oliver, P.M.; 251 Isaac Latimer, 187 P.P.G. J.W.; T. W. Lemon, I.P.M., P.P.G.C.; Robert P. Morrison, J.W. 257; W. H. Ley, P.M. 1091; A. E. Lean, W.M. 70; W. Odum, S.W. 70; E. Sont, J.W. 70; T. Perry, P.P.G.T., 1402; J. Dodge, W.M. 1402; A. Hyne, P.M. 1205; T. Gibbons, W.M. 1205; G. Chadwick, P.M. 444; J. Cock, P.P.G.J.D., P.M. 421; C. C. Kendrick, J.W. 1254; W. T. Orchard, S.W. 164; W. L. Pope, D.D., P.P.G.C., 1138; W. T. Maynard, P.P.G.T., P.M. 106; W. Ward, J.W. 847; H. L. Brewster, P.P. G.R.; T. W. Gray, P.M. 112, P.P.G.R.; E. Murch, W.M. 202, P.P.G.O.; R. Grylls, S.W.; T. Acland, S.W. 847; T. G. Sutton, P.M. 847; J. Killingley, 122, P.P. G.D.C.; G. Searle, S.W. 248; H. S. Eland, S.W. 1284; H. J. Yelland, P.M. 1284; J. S. Whidborne, I.P.M. 1443; A. F. Luke, P.M. 112; T. S. Herbert, 251; B. B. S. Richards, I.P.M. 282; J. Pigott, P.M. 282; W. D. Web-

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On arrival, Bro. Huyshe, who was so feeble as to have to be led to his seat, was very warmly received.

The Grand Lodge having been duly formed and opened, the Installing Master, the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, the Rev. John Huyshe, and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Metham, were saluted, and a deputation of seven Installed Masters (of the seven oldest lodges in the province, Nos. 39, 70, 105, 106, 112, 156, and 159) were sent to attend on and introduce the R.W. Provincial Grand Master (designate). On being placed before the pedestal, the patent of appointment of Viscount Ebrington as P.G.M. was read by the Grand Registrar. Viscount Ebrington was then heartily cheered, and attired in his robes of office, the Past P.G.M. putting around his neck the gold chain which had been presented to himself personally. Having been conducted to the throne by the Installing Master, the P.G.M. was received with a flourish of the trumpet.

In addressing the P.G.M. designate, Bro. Beach pointed out to the noble lord that he was about to succeed in an important office a brother who had been the admiration of the Craft, not only in this county, but throughout the whole kingdom—(applause)—and he need scarcely express the sorrow which he experienced on learning that increasing years rendered it impossible for him any longer to continue in his high office. The P.G.M. would have a worthy example to follow in the discharge of the important duties of an office for which, indeed, he seemed to have a family qualification. He trusted he would prove himself worthy of the confidence which the Grand Master of England had imposed upon him. (Hear, hear.) The P.G. Registrar then read the patent of appointment of Bro. Walter Goddard Rogers as Deputy Provincial Grand Master. Dr. Clarke Whitfield's anthem, "Behold, how good and joyful," was then sung by the musical brethren, Bro. E. M. Vinnicombe presiding at the harmonium. The following address to the new P.G.M. on his appointment was then presented by the P.D.P.G.M. Bro. L. P. Metham, on behalf of the lodges of the province. It was signed by the W.M.'s of all the lodges in the county, and probably represented the united voice of over 2000 Masons under the rule of Viscount Ebrington:—

To the Right Worshipful Hugh Fortescue, Lord Viscount Ebrington, Provincial Grand Master of Freemasons for Devonshire.

We, the Freemasons of the Province of Devon, of every rank and degree, desire to convey to you our most sincere congratulations on your elevation to the august office of Provincial Grand Master.

Under any circumstances an address presented to the eminent brother who had been selected to preside over the province would faithfully reflect the spirit of loyalty and affection which always characterises the tone of Freemasons towards their chief; but in your case these feelings are greatly enhanced, for the province preserves a grateful recollection of the kind and honourable rule of your noble grandfather.

We entertain the hope that the Masonic virtues which so greatly distinguished him are inherited by you, and that you may be enabled to maintain for the Province of Devon that prominent position which has been achieved by our two last excellent and beloved Provincial Grand Masters.

We shall at all times deem it our duty to co-operate loyally and cheerfully in furthering your efforts to maintain and extend the grand principles of the Craft, and we sincerely trust that the Great Architect of the Universe will be pleased in His infinite wisdom and goodness to grant you a long and prosperous Masonic career to rule and guide with pleasure and profit the brethren of this province.

Bro. L. P. Metham, P.P.D.G.M., in presenting the address, said: There is not, I am confident, a Freemason present who will not re-echo, with acclamation, the good wishes this address expresses—that health, happiness, and a prosperous reign may wait upon our newly-appointed Grand Master. There is not, I trust, a brother in this

room who will not agree that he ought, and that he will, as far as his own conduct goes and as far as his influence extends among his fellow Masons, resolve that our Grand Master shall never have cause to regret that he has taken on himself this important and onerous office. With the moral and well-regulated efforts of the Craft to sustain him, his onward progress will be smooth and successful. The road he will have to travel has already been distinctly marked out by his predecessors, and he will have but to tread in their footsteps, keeping his eye steadily fixed on the landmarks of the Order, which they, by their lives and conduct, have so fully and brightly illustrated, to render his rule light and pleasant to himself and advantageous to those over whom he is placed. For myself, Right Worshipful Sir, I am grateful to the Great Architect of the Universe that I, who, more than a generation ago, received my first Provincial honours from your noble grandfather, am permitted to stand here to-day, to take part in this ceremony, and to be the mouth-piece of my brethren of this large province, in welcoming as the successor of my beloved and revered friend a scion of the house of Fortescue. The young who live for what the years to come may bring, and who find the greatest delight in devising ambitious schemes which they sanguinely believe will crown their future with success, think that the old have no pleasures that can equal theirs. But that is a great mistake, as to-day can testify, for if the past carries in its bosom no sting born of an illspent or useless life, but if, on the contrary, there are abiding green spots in by-gone memories on which the mind can dwell with satisfaction when life's busy part has been well played, and the shades of evening are surely but tranquilly closing round, advanced life must possess many pleasures unknown to those who have as yet realised no expectations, and who are still struggling towards the goal which the old have reached and passed. You will all understand to what and to whom these remarks apply. We have to-day prayed the Great Architect of the Universe to speed on his noble mission our newly-installed Master, and, with one mind and one voice, cordially welcomed him to that chair to which he has so strong an ancestral claim. But we have one other duty to perform, without which I am quite sure you, Right Worshipful Sir, would be the first to declare that the ceremony of to-day was incomplete. We have to bid farewell to him—happily only in his official capacity—who, for so many years, has not only been our genial Master, but the steadfast counsellor, sincere friend, and affectionate brother of us all. At his installation, now many years ago, it was my pleasing privilege to present to him an address of welcome such as I have been honoured in presenting to you, his successor, to-day. Then I dwelt, as I truthfully could, without flattery or exaggeration, upon his private virtues and excellent public qualities, as well as upon the services he had rendered not only to the Craft in particular, but to humanity at large, all welded together into one harmonious whole by the daily practice of "Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth" in their best and widest sense. I prophesied then that when the day came which should close his rule over us, the Freemasons who should live to see that day would be able to say, as we said so long ago, with fervent, sincere, and grateful feelings for all that he had done for us and for the Craft: "He led us with a true and faithful heart, and ruled us prudently with all his power." Said I not well then, brethren? Say I not well now? Dear Bro. Huyshe, as sincerely as we have to-day welcomed our coming ruler with loyal acclamation do we, in the face of this great gathering, and in the face of the Masonic world, pray the Great Architect of the Universe to speed you, our parting ruler, and bless you with mental and bodily health to look back, as I know you will, with kindly feeling and affectionate regard to us, your brethren, who on our part shall continue to love and respect, as we have always loved and respected, you.

Bro. the Rev. J. Huyshe then rose and shook the new P.G.M.'s hand, and Bro. Metham called upon the Earl of Mount Edgumbe to say a few words of congratulation on behalf of his Province of Cornwall.

Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, who was warmly received, addressing the P.G.M., said he was glad that he had been afforded the opportunity of making a few remarks, because he attended that day to represent in some measure a great many other brethren who were unable themselves to be present on that interesting occasion, but who were anxious, nevertheless, to convey their congratulations to the brother who had just been elected to so high an honour. He himself was especially desirous of doing so, inasmuch as he was a member of the Province of Devon, having received "the purple" from the hands of the grandfather of the present P.G.M. Since he had been installed P.G.M. of Cornwall he had been in many ways linked to this county, having at the outset been inducted by the P.G.M., who had just vacated that office. And during the time he had held the dignity he had not looked in vain to Bro. Huyshe for the assistance which he had often required. He trusted that many years would be spared their respected brother to enjoy the sympathy and rest he had so richly earned. The P.G.M. of Cornwall proceeded to mention that if he had been unable to attend the gathering himself the sister county would not have been unrepresented at those proceedings, for he observed that there were present two officers of high degree from his province. He trusted that the sympathy that had so long existed between the two counties would long continue. He might vouch for its so doing on his side of the Tamar, and he had no doubt that the brethren present would readily admit that the same sentiments prevailed on theirs. In conclusion, he would once more congratulate the noble lord on having attained to such a position, and he expressed a fervent hope that the Great Architect of the Universe would be pleased to grant him long life, so as to

enjoy a lengthy tenure of office, and when his term came to an end he trusted that he would be able to regard what he had done with as much satisfaction as his predecessors had had cause to do. (Loud applause.)

The P.G. Master, in reply, said he was heartily thankful for the address, and to the D.P.G.M. and the P.G.M. of Cornwall for their kind congratulations. The very kind words were all the more gratifying from the reference they contained to his honoured grandfather. It was seldom, he believed, that so young a man as himself had been appointed to the distinguished office which His Royal Highness the Grand Master had conferred upon him, and the proper discharge of its duties was not rendered the easier by the high standard which had been established by his predecessors. He could hardly hope to equal them, but he was encouraged by the confidence of those present as shown in the address, and that they were not insensible or forgetful of duty well done he was reminded by that banner, preserved all those years in honourable remembrance, and by that gold chain, the proof at once of how well the Freemasons of Devon could appreciate life-long and devoted service, and of the love for the Craft, which was so conspicuous in the warm reception given to his predecessor, whom they were all gratified to see present. (Loud applause.) With the help of the Great Architect of the Universe, he would do his best to walk in the footsteps of those who had gone before him, and to administer the province honestly and impartially, and so in some way to verify the hopes expressed in the address, for which he again thanked them. (Prolonged applause.)

Bro. Rogers said the P.P.G.M. had asked him to read the following paper, being himself too feeble to address them, and his eyesight too imperfect to allow of his seeing, to read it himself:—"I am most anxious that the beautiful and costly chain so affectionately presented to me on my installation as P.G.M. of Devon, on May 24th, 1863, by my Masonic brethren, should become an heir-loom in the province, descending from each retiring Prov. G.M. to his successor. I have great satisfaction in knowing that the first of these is the grandson of my old and venerable chief and predecessor, Earl Fortescue. To Viscount Ebrington's charge I commit this splendid badge of office, to be by him worn as Prov. Grand Master of the Freemasons of Devon, whensoever he sees fit. May the G.A.O.T.U. give him grace, health, and strength to preside over this large province, with benefit to the Craft and satisfaction to himself; winning the esteem and affection of every worthy brother, through a long series of years. This is the earnest and heartfelt prayer of, my dear brethren, your aged and affectionate P.P.G.M., John Huyshe." (Applause.)

Bro. W. G. Rogers was then invested with his D.P.G.M.'s regalia by Bro. G. Hirtzel, W.M. of Lodge No. 39, of which lodge Bro. Rogers is a Past Master of twenty years' standing. The regalia had been subscribed for by the members of that lodge, and presented to Bro. Rogers as a token of their esteem and regard.

The minutes of the last Prov. Grand Lodge, held at Okehampton, were read and confirmed.

The P.G.M. said he anticipated that it would be the unanimous wish of all present that a minute be inserted in the records of this Prov. Grand Lodge, expressing their regret that failing health and infirmity had obliged Bro. the Rev. John Huyshe to give up the office which he had held for so many years with such advantage to the province, and thanking him for the handsome present to himself and successors of the chain of office, which was presented to him on his installation by the Freemasons of Devonshire. He was very sensible himself of the kindness of Bro. Huyshe, and of the assistance already rendered to him in everything connected with the duties of his new office. He was also sure that all felt equally grateful to him for kindnesses received at his hands in time past. (Applause.) The motion was carried unanimously.

The bye-laws of the province were confirmed, and the report of the P.P.G. Sec. was read.

Bro. Rogers remarked that all the lodges had made their returns and none were in arrear.

The Treasurer reported that the whole of the dues and fees of honour had been paid. The total receipts for the year, including a balance in hand at the commencement, were £543 14s. 2d., leaving a balance in hand at the present time of £228 3s.

Bro. F. Pollard, Sec. to the Fortescue Annuity Fund, reported a balance in hand from last year of £64 17s. 7d. The total receipts for the year had been £256 0s. 7d., leaving a balance due from the Treasurer of £79 7s. 1d.

The report of the Committee of Petitions was read by Bro. Gover, the Secretary, and the recommendations contained therein were adopted.

Bro. Metham bore testimony to the value of the work of the Committee, and of the indefatigable exertions of the Secretary; and he presented to Bro. Gover, through the P.G.M., a cheque for £50, collected by private subscription.

In acknowledging the testimonial, Bro. Gover said he had held the office of Secretary for ten years, and he had looked upon his duties as a labour of love, requiring no recognition.

Bro. Rogers proposed the addition to the Committee of Petitions of the name of the P.D.P.G.M., but Bro. Metham declined the honour on account of increasing age.

The report of the Auditors was read, and a Committee formed to carry out a suggestion made therein.

On the motion of Bro. S. Jones, seconded by Bro. Curteis, Bro. Henry George Beachey, of Lodge No. 1138, was elected Treasurer for the ensuing year.

On the motion of Bro. Brewer, seconded by Bro. Rogers, Bros. Curteis, 189, and W. S. Passmore, 444, were appointed to audit the accounts of the year.

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"The Brigwater Mercury," "La Chaîne d'Union," "Hull Packet," "The Citizen," "New Yorker Bundes Presse," "Masonic Advocate," "Royal Cornwall Gazette," "Der Triangel," "Alliance News," "Masonic Eclectic," "Broad Arrow," "Voice of Masonry," "The Warden," "Le Monde Maconique," "East and South Devon Advertiser," "The Hebrew Leader," "Cincinnati Enquirer," "Masonic Newspaper."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

GIBBON.—On the 8th inst., at Willersey Rectory, Gloucestershire, the wife of the Rev. Houghton Gibbon, of a son.

MELLOR.—On the 16th inst., at 2, Ennismore-gardens, S.W., the wife of Mr. James Mellor, of a daughter, stillborn.

MARRIAGE.

THOMPSON—HEWETT.—On the 12th inst., at St. Mary's, Marylebone, by the Rev. W. W. Kelly, John Carby, son of Mr. Charles Thompson, of Hammersmith, to Emily, daughter of Mr. James Hewett, of Witney, Oxon.

DEATHS.

CASE.—On the 17th July, at Mount Lavinia, in Ceylon, William Henry Case, son of Mr. John Case, of Maidstone, solicitor.

FINCH.—On the 16th inst., at Highgate, Forest-row, Sussex, Catherine, wife of Mr. Henry Finch, of 51, Bel-size-avenue, Hampstead.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 1879.

FREEMASONRY IN THE AIR.

Is it possible? Do our eyes not deceive us? No! We read, by the courteous remembrance of our distinguished Bro. A. Fabien, of Paris, that a "profane" was actually initiated in the "circumambient æther!" On the authority of that interesting letter we print with a translation elsewhere, a lodge was held, not on the "highest hills," as of old, but amid the "airs of heaven," and not only a lodge was held, but a profane was actually initiated and received the light and atmosphere of Freemasonry. A French lodge, No. 239, under the Scottish Rite at Paris, "the true brethren united and inseparable," went up in a balloon, and after the lodge was opened and closed, and the initiation completed, returned safely to their mother earth, and to suitable refreshment, (we trust), after so daring an excursion and such arduous labours. We are amused and interested at the same time with the note of our good Bro. Fabien, and congratulate the lodge on so successful an ascent, so safe a descent, and on so amusing and original a summer excursion. We need hardly point out to our many readers that thus in Masonry, as in the world in which we live, there are always "things not dreamt of" in our "philosophy." This is a novel and striking way of making our summer "excursions" linger in our memories, being at once scientific and sensational in the highest degree. What new ideas and fresh emotions might come to some of our good brethren, wearied with the "march of life" and the "sameness of lodge assemblies," in thus ascending in a balloon, and looking down on that dirty little speck beneath their feet, which we call the earth on which we live, with the dignity of enlightened Masons and the complacency of elevated philosophers. Indeed, we forbear to let our minds dwell on the airy scenes and imaginative regions to which such an excursion might conduct some of our worthy brethren, intent upon an exciting and sensational journey, for fear we should be put down at once by some of our "heavy squad" as altogether in "nubibus" ourselves. We simply record the fact, pleased to receive Bro. Fabien's letter, and we leave this successful ascent and this completed initiation to the calm consideration and fraternal appreciation of those who have the benefit and privilege of reading the *Freemason*, and thus realizing week by week what Freemasonry is, what it does, what it says, and where it can go to. We have a special gratification in turning away from the untoward strife setting in for the Rite Ecossais, from malevolent remarks and angry attacks, to such a pleasant scene of fraternal amity, interest, amusement, good humour, and good will, and we thank Bro. Fabien sincerely once more for communicating the incident to our columns.

THE CONFLICT IN THE FRENCH RITE ECOSSAIS.

In the *Chaîne d'Union*, of August, we note that this deplorable contest is extending and increasing in bitterness, and, we venture to think, in destructive principles of theory and action. Bro. Hubert says himself, the able Editor of the *Chaîne d'Union*, at p. 359: "We are no longer in presence of a difference, but we are in presence of a separation, of a revolution." As that esteemed brother does not seem quite to realize the full bearing of the views we have ventured to express on the subject in dispute, and as we are always anxious to agree with him, we think it well to repeat once more the reasons which have led us to support the "Administrative Commission" of the Rite Ecossais in this deplorable and inopportune conflict. We may say, as we know Bro. Hubert will believe, that we speak most seriously and carefully, fully weighing our words, and understanding what we write about. We wish that there should be no possible misunderstanding or misrepresentation of our humble but

honest opinion, and, therefore, we will proceed categorically to state why it is we deem the present agitation in the French Rite Ecossais alike unbefitting, unreasonable, and unjust. We are quite aware of the professed difference between the reforms asked for by the "Premiere Section" of the "Grande Loge Centrale" and the alterations carried on in the Grand Orient of France. But, as we have shown before, in our opinion, the reforms which are claimed constitute a revolution in the Rite Ecossais, and are neither admissible nor defensible. For our Bro. Hubert is, we fancy, too far-seeing not to realize, as we do, that after all the motive principle of action, however it be covered over, is the same in both jurisdictions, and that the "idol" of the movement party in the "Grand Orient" is also the "idol" of the movement party in the "Rite Ecossais." We think that even our able opponent, Bro. Caubet, will not deny that however Professor Littré's initiation may have given an impetus to the movement, to Bro. Massol's initiative must be fairly attributed the great revolution eventually accomplished after many years in the Grand Orient of France. And though it be the fact, that at present, as Bro. Hubert says, only a "modus vivendi" is sought for by the Symbolic Lodges, or rather, to put it in honest language, the preponderance of the Symbolic Lodges in the Administrative Commission as in the Grande Loge Centrale, yet, if that be granted, which amounts to a complete annihilation of the superior rank and authority of the Thirty-third Degree, what is to prevent a majority repeating in the Grande Loge Centrale the system of revision, purgation, and revolution, successfully carried out in the Grand Orient? At this moment a commission of revision is considering the necessary changes to be made in the ritual of the Grand Orient, and what that report to the approaching "Convent" is likely to be, to accord with the views of an ardent majority, it does not require a prophet to foretell. It is this exaggeration of views in respect of the teaching and objects of Freemasonry, it is this fanatic intolerance of all opinions, except one which suits an excited majority, which constitute the great danger for all French Freemasonry. It is this idle cry for reform, this Jesuitism of assumed intolerance, which render this new movement in the Rite Ecossais, veiled though it be by professed principles of moderation, so full of peril to the Rite Ecossais itself. For where is it to end? What are its actual limits of thought and action? If the Symbolic Lodges are to be paramount, alike in the Grande Loge Centrale as in the Administrative Commission, what is there to prevent a complete modification of the teaching and ritual of the "Rite Ecossais," an entire approximation to the "Syllabus" of the Grand Orient? Is it not the case, that some of the most active brethren in this movement in the Rite Ecossais are warm admirers of Massol? Do they not also heartily approve of the proceedings and present position of the Grand Orient? What is to hinder this childish desire of being, as they say, "in harmony with the principles of the hour," completely ruling the words and actions of an active and, we fear, inconsiderate party? What is to save the Rite Ecossais from a Vandalic overthrow, either by the craze of "Positivism" on the one hand, or the suicidal folly of the "Morale Independante" on the other? All Theistic principles must then be disavowed. Behind, then, this seeming vindication of professedly innocent changes, (but which are tantamount to a revolution), lie, in our opinion, the destruction of lawful authority, the development of un-Masonic theories, the actual weakening and the eventual dissolution of the Rite Ecossais itself. In saying this we feel sure that we are only expressing the opinion of a large number of the members of the French Rite Ecossais, very anxious at the present aspect of affairs in that distinguished body. Probably the result of this angry controversy will be, as Bro. Hubert seems to anticipate, the creation of a spurious "Grande Loge Centrale Symbolique," but in this struggle between lawful authority and malcontents the sympathy of English Masons, whether Craft or High Grade, will remain actively and warmly with the Administrative Commission. No such body could or would be recognized in England. At a meeting of the "Premiere Section" of the

"Grande Loge Centrale," July 15th, at Paris, a Bro. Chemalé is said, in Bro. Hubert's careful report, to have declared that the "grossest insults had been published by the *Freemason* against honourable and devoted brethren," and Bro. Clement, whose letter has already been alluded to in our columns, wished to know the name of the brother who had translated and distributed the article of the *Freemason* attacking Frere Massol. A Bro. Metayer asked that this brother should be punished for translating and distributing the article. We smile, as our readers will smile, at such childish bombast, and we may perchance gain a measure of the minds to whom this wild scheme of change is palatable. We beg to say that the *Freemason* never displays personality in its leaders, but it claims for itself what those liberal brethren seem to wish not to accord it,—liberty of thought and words. We can only conclude this article, as we began it, by saying that our sympathies entirely go with the "Administrative Commission of the Rite Ecossais in Paris."

EXAGGERATION.

What a striking characteristic is this amiable but hurtful mistake of all common conversation and current literature to-day! We live in an age of exaggeration, and everything around us assumes the appearance of want of proportion. We speak exaggeratedly of everything and everybody. We form exaggerated ideas of things and persons; the speeches we make, the books we write, the lives we lead, all are tinged with the prevailing colour of wholesale exaggeration! Hence arises so much of that unsatisfactoriness of all modern conversation, or oratorical addresses, of the normal literature of the hour. We are not anxious to speak or know the truth, and so we indulge in innumerable glosses and fashionable equivocations, until society itself has become unreal and unmeaning, both in its aims and existence, and is simply dominated by a love of ostentation and profession, the "shimmering" and the tinsel of rampant vulgarity, that barbarism of mere wealth, without taste or teaching, refinement or culture, which drags us all down to a common level of ineptitude and worthlessness. Everything thus for us wears the gaudy hues of exaggeration. We cannot keep to quiet words or tranquil expressions, but indulge in "superlatives" of all kinds, both meaningless and mischievous. Not caring for truth ourselves, and living in an habitual atmosphere of deliberate exaggeration, the prevailing tone of conversation in all classes alike leans to the sensational and the scandalous, the narration of high-spiced adventure, the facetiæ of dubious morality, and the baseness of personal detraction. And so in the same way as regards our orators: how true it is also that the spirit of "high falutin" and hopeless "bunkum" seems to have seized them, with some, happily, notable exceptions. Hardly a day passes but we take up the broad sheet of the *Times*, for instance, and read a speech which we know is not true, and is simply marked by a ruling spirit of exaggeration and excess. It is not "truth" that the speaker was seeking to establish, but "party," self, a paradox, a parody on all that bears the sacred name of truth. It is lamentable often to think and to note into what excesses this tendency to exaggeration leads many of our contemporaneous public men to bow at the shrine of the loathsome "fetish" of mere party spirit. In its most exaggerated development, they are ready, nay eager, to sacrifice the welfare of the many, and even the peaceful progress of mankind. As for our literature, what can we say of it, but that it represents the "avatar" of exaggeration. Take the books we see announced day by day, open them, read them. Of how few of them can we conscientiously declare that truth is the object either of their professed aim or actual teaching? Of how many of them must we not declare, on the contrary, that exaggeration of theory, argument, sentiment, as the case may be, marks every line, and is blatant on every page? When old Carlyle, writing years ago, gave as his advice to a young generation "keep clear of bottled moonshine," he certainly was a

good "mentor" for us all. But equally to-day the teacher and the philosopher may say to us all, old or young, "Avoid exaggeration." It is now a serious evil, affecting the pulpit and literature, the press and the stage, the society we frequent, the conversation we take part in, the associations we indulge in, the very existence we call our own. Nay, more than this, it is undermining perceptibly the better teachings of "truth" in us all, alike in our public and our domestic life.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

AN INITIATION IN A BALLOON.

A la gloire du Grande Architecte de l'Univers.
Au nom et sous les auspices du Supreme Conseil du Rite Ecossais Ancien Accepté pour la France et ses dépendances. Par 48° de latitude Nord et par 29° de longitude Ouest du méridien de Paris. A 900 metres d'altitude au dessus du monde profane abord du ballon Captif de Paris.

Le 12 Aout, 1879.

T.: C.: F.: Kenning,—

Il est sept heures du soir. La Loge 239, "Les Vrais Freres Unis Inseparables" est entiere au sein des airs, dans la nacelle du grand ballon de Paris transformé pour la premiere fois en loge aérostatique. Le maillet retentit, un profane recoit la lumière, et nous lui expliquons qui s'il domine ainsi le monde profane qu'il voit bien loin sous ses pieds c'est l'emblème de la hanteur a laquelle la Maçonnerie cherche à élever les ames au dessus des passions humaines. Dans la région élevée ou je me trouve en le moment, les instants sont si comptés qui je me borne à ces quelques mots que je vais livrer à la poste aussitôt sorti du temple extraordinaire dans lequel je vous écris.

A FABIEN, 33°.

TRANSLATION.

To the glory of the Great Architect of the Universe. In the name and under the auspices of the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite, Ancient and Accepted, in France and its dependencies. By 48 of latitude N. and 29 of longitude W. of the meridian of Paris. At 900 metres of altitude above the profane world, on board the balloon "Captive of Paris." August 12, 1879.

Very dear Bro. Kenning,—

It is seven o'clock in the evening. The Lodge 239, "Les Vrais Freres Unis Inseparables," (The True Brethren United and Inseparable), is altogether in the bosom of the air, in the basket of the grand balloon of Paris, turned for the first time into an acrostatic lodge. The gavel of the Master resounds, a profane receives the light, and we explain to him that if he thus dominates the profane world which he sees very far off at his feet, it is an emblem of the height to which Masonry seeks to elevate the souls of men above all human passions.

In the elevated region where I find myself at this moment, the instants are so numbered that I confine myself to these few words, which I will deliver to the post as soon as I have emerged from the extraordinary "temple" in which I write to you.

A. FABIEN, 33°

[We have received, and publish with a translation, our distinguished brother's letter with the greatest pleasure. We allude to it elsewhere. For it publisher and editor return Bro. Fabien fraternal thanks.—Ed. F.M.]

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I hear that at the meeting of the House Committee, before which the claim of Bro. S. B. Wilson was taken into consideration, it was decided not to appoint any *Mason* as referee in the dispute between the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys and Bro. S. B. Wilson.

Will some member of the Craft explain how this can be reconciled with the principles of Masonry, and thereby enlighten,

Yours fraternally,

A YOUNG MASON.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you kindly give a reply to the following questions in your next issue?

1. Is a Warden, invested by proxy, after having served his year of office eligible as a candidate for the chair of K.S.?
2. The W.M. not having sufficient time to conclude the business of the evening, calls off from labour to refreshment and resumes the next evening. Are candidates initiated at the latter meeting legally made Masons? If not, supposing that the calling off and resuming were inserted in the summons a week previous, would that make it legal?
3. The I.P.M. of a lodge being elected Treasurer, which office should he take in open lodge, and what should be done with the other collar?

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

M.M. 711.

[1. No. 2. No; adjournments are illegal. 3. I.P.M., but he can wear both if he likes.—Ed. F.M.]

CHARITY REFORM.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Permit me once more to add a few words of comment on your last article, and to correct one or to great misapprehensions under which you labour.

I never put forth any plan, "little" or big, for "reforming our Charities," but I have ventured to point out some great abuses which attach to the election system adopted by our Charities and many others. These abuses cannot be defended by a little innocent banter, such as your article contains, but by some solid argument to prove they have a raison d'être for their existence. This has not been attempted, and, perhaps, for the best of reasons. From information I have received, I believe there is an "entire" absence (not of "investigation" of some kind, but) of proper investigation into the claims of candidates. There is a little investigation, which, like a "little learning," is "a dangerous thing." I am glad to find you are one with me in a desire for reform in this point.

The "scenes" of the polling day—with widows and orphans and voters running about, and canvassing, and exchanging, and purchasing, and waiting for the verdict, and their jubilee and wail—why, Sir, all this is a proverb, and, let me add, a bye-word too; so much so, that the *Graphic* or *Illustrated London News* not long ago had "the scene taken" at the London Tavern or Cannon-street. My good Bro. Creton can see for himself on any of the sensational days to which I allude. The elections can be as "open, honest, and above board" without the abuses as with them, and far more so; and be assured, dear Sir, and Brother, we will never rest until we get rid of them.

Yours fraternally,

R. J. SIMPSON.

14A, Clement's Inn,

August 16th, 1879.

GRAND LODGE OF IRELAND.—REPRESENTATIVE CLOTHING, &c.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As my esteemed friend and our R.W. Bro. William James Hughan in his letter in a late number of the *Freemason* calls on me to send you a description of our Irish Grand Lodge representative collar and jewel, which is presented to each Representative on his appointment, I gladly do so.

The collar is a small but very neat one, made of sky blue (called in Ireland Masonic blue) corded silk; two inches deep in front, narrowing to one inch in back, bound with gold lace of quarter of an inch, and in front (where there is an opening for jewel to hang) gold fringe of a half inch.

The jewel of office is silver gilt, made in the shape of a buckle ring, $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter, the ring being of Masonic blue enamel, on it, in gold letters, the words "Representative from the Grand Lodge of Ireland." In the centre of the ring is an Irish Past Master's jewel, being the square and compass, gilt, and between them the letter "G" in Masonic blue enamel. This collar and jewel are the property of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. Until very recently each Representative on his appointment was presented by the Grand Lodge of Ireland with an Irish Junior Grand Warden's clothing, consisting of collar, jewel, apron, and gauntlets, but owing to the large increase of representation to foreign Grand Lodges a change had to be made, and the Representatives have now to purchase their own apron and gauntlets.

I may mention that the Irish Grand Officers' clothing is of a different pattern from all others, and the gauntlets, I am sorry to say, are seldom worn in Ireland. The clothing of the Grand Lodge of England is garter blue, every part of it being very beautifully ornamented in gold lace. In Scotland it is thistle green, the collar being a simple piece of corded silk ribbon, but the apron being beautifully ornamented. The gauntlets are also handsomely ornamented, but the cordon, or sash (not worn in England or Ireland) is, like the collar, plain corded silk ribbon, with six inches of gold fringe at the end of it. The grandest clothing certainly is that of the Grand Lodge of Egypt, which consists of a collar of a most peculiar shape, being pointed back and front as also over both shoulders. This collar is five inches deep, save in front, where it is eight inches. It is dark green, and made of the richest Lyons (silk) velvet, magnificently embroidered with the lotus leaves (signifying fertility and devotion) in silver lace, meeting in front, where there is what is commonly known as "a true lover's knot," also in silver lace. This collar is edged with red silk ribbon, also embroidered in silver lace, with an exceeding neat chain pattern, in silver, on it (green and red being Egyptian colours). Over the knot and between the lotus leaves is a crescent in gold lace, between the points of the crescent three stars, and over them "Cons. Del. G. Maestro."

My collars were presented to me on my being honoured by being made an Hon. Senior Grand Warden. I am aware the cost of this collar in Egypt is nearly £10 10s.

The jewel is gold or silver gilt, being a Senior or Junior Grand Warden's jewel, according to rank in Grand Lodge or by commission, and contained within a ring three inches in diameter; at the bottom of this ring is a sprig of acacia and an ear of corn, at the top the word "Egypt."

The gauntlets are dark green, silk bound, with silver lace and fringe half an inch deep, and a Warden's jewel on each. The apron is, of course, the lambskin, bound with dark green silk ribbon and silver lace, half an inch deep. The flap is of the Scotch circular pattern, also bound with silver lace, half an inch, and fringe one inch, and on it the letters C. D. G. M. This apron has also levels in gold on it. The collar alone is presented by Grand Lodge, and on death or resignation of Representative (unless it be presented to holder as a special mark of honour) is to be

returned to Grand Lodge. The rest of the clothing is procured by the Representative.

Many of your readers will, doubtless, be surprised at this variety in clothing, but it is well to have it so. But the clothing does not vary more than the working in points non-essential, as no two Masonic bodies work in exactly the same way. This I look on, and I have by experience learned to be, one of our greatest safeguards against impostors. I am aware that many think there should be a perfect uniformity all over the world, in non-essential, as there is in every essential, and by knowing which essentials every true Mason, come he from north, south, east, or west, can obtain admission into any lodge he may wish to visit.

Our valued and R.W. Bro. Theodore S. Parvin, Grand Sec. of Iowa, has truly styled this vain idea of uniformity in non-essentials as "a myth." I would go much further and call it an evil, which, I am sorry to say, some Irish and Scotch brethren, not understanding or apparently appreciating the grandeur and beauty of the Masonic working in non-essentials in England, Ireland, and Scotland (when taken separately, and as each of them being a perfect system of working within itself) are, in their ignorance, trying to import (especially into the grand old Irish working) somewhat of the English working, and thus doing vast injury to both.

Yours fraternally,

JAMES H. NEILSON.

5, Upper Mount-street, Dublin,
16th August, 1879.

Reviews.

THE BANK HOLIDAY. C. Goodall, Printer, Cookridge-street, Leeds.

This is a facetious performance by a learned but anonymous brother of ours, in which the adventures of Daniel, the groom, and Mary, the parlour-maid, on St. Lubbock's Day, are "amusingly described." We agree with the writer that the "rhymes occasionally to be found in this composition are altogether unnecessary," and that they "have been allowed to stand out of consideration for readers not yet educated up to the appreciation of a purely classical metre" is a proof of much consideration for his readers on part of the author. Poor Polly's sufferings may serve to show that the "course of true love never did run smooth," but we refer our readers to the affecting and edifying little tale itself.

GREENHOUSE FAVOURITES. Groombridge & Sons.

Part III. maintains its position as a work of art and interest. The illustrations are beautiful. To all who have greenhouses the work is invaluable.

AT NIGHT IN A HOSPITAL. By E. LYNN LYNTON.

This interesting little pamphlet, which seems to be intended for private circulation only, is a reprint from "Belgravia." It gives a most graphic account of the work of that most admirable institution, the London Hospital, and will well repay perusal and thought. Its statistics are very remarkable. This much needed hospital has a paid income of £14,000 per annum, but its expenditure is three times that amount. During 1878, of 6448 in-patients, 4794 were admitted free, and 1654 cases were recommended by Governors. Of 49,791 out-patients, 29,215 were treated free, and 20,576 were recommended by subscribers. As the writer truly says of its accounts "these items are not uninteresting." From seventeen to eighteen cwt. of artificial ice are used weekly. The milk bill is over £2100 yearly, eggs over £820, and vegetables a few pounds less. Bread stands at £1386 14s. 3d., meat at £5777 18s. 6d. The water bill is £190 7s. 8d., and coals and light come to £2658 7s. 2d. Thus it is virtually a "Free Hospital," nearly three-quarters of the patients being received without the recommendation of subscribers, and admitted into wards according to the severity of their cases, as adjudged by the medical and surgical officers, while no accident or similarly urgent case, from whatever quarter it comes, is ever turned away. Need we say anything more to prove the value of this noble institution to the humbler classes, and the absurdity, in our opinion, and the irreligion of the movement which is seeking on grounds of political economy, or rather of Pharasaic selfishness, to interfere with these great free hospital institutions of ours, and make them self-supporting and remunerative. Happily, so far, it is only a very small section of the medical profession, always benevolent, which patronises such retrograde notions.

THE FOUR ELEMENTS. By FRATER JOHN SARTAIN.

Wm. Hildare, 734, Samson-street, Philadelphia, U.S.

This is a very mystic paper by a Rosicrucian adept, and more fitly belongs to our good contemporary the "Rosicrucian." What it means, or to what it tends, we are positively unable to say. The four elements represent "earth, air, fire, and water," but what they have to do with us, or we with them, in this mystic sense, it is impossible for us to guess, much less explain. But we are struck with the eloquence of the writer, and his ingenious moral application of mystic speculations. We can only suppose that it is our personal denseness and want of Rosicrucian light which prevent us deriving all the benefit we ought to derive from so abstruse and well written a production. To us it is "Chalde," to Rosicrucians it will, no doubt, be "Caviare."

KELET. Buda Pesth.

This is the official organ of Johannite Grand Lodge of Hungary, and though we are not privileged to read, much less understand, Hungarian, we are glad to recognize a contemporary well-printed, and which, no doubt, is of deep interest to all its Masonic compatriots.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DEVONSHIRE.—(continued.)

The P.G.M. then invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. W. G. Rogers, 39	...	Prov. D.G.M.
" H. Walrond, 303	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" W. Hine-Haycock, 164	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. R. Swansborough, 1181	}	Prov. G. Chaplains
" Rev. C. W. H. Holley, 1753		
" H. G. Beachey, 1138	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" George Hirtzel, 39	...	Prov. G. Registrar.
" J. Brewer, 251	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" H. D. Thomas, 444	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" Alfred Latimer, 189	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" T. B. Patterson, 1125	...	Prov. G.S. of Wks.
" Alfred Bedley, 39	...	Prov. G. D. of Cer.
" B. Barber, 1254	...	Prov. A.G.D. of C.
" E. M. Vinnicombe, 39	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Major Swann, 847	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" D. Box, 156	...	Prov. G. Purs.

Bros. F. Pollard, 1284; J. Jerman, 39; Wm. Pidsley, 1254; E. Furse, 421; Harris Square, 1496; and E. J. Knight, 202 } Prov. G. Stewards.

Bro. Peter Blanchard, 444 ... Prov. G. Tyler.
" John Rogers, 202 ... Prov. A.G. Tyler.

On the motion of Bro. Tanner-Davy, the thanks of the Prov. Grand Lodge were given to the retiring Auditors, Bros. J. Way and V. Bird, who had most satisfactorily performed the duties of that office for several years.

The following notice of motion stood in the name of Bro. J. E. Curteis, P.P.G.S.W., viz., "That, having regard to the difficulty in securing the election of the adopted candidates of the province for the Royal Masonic Institutions for Boys and Girls, it is expedient to found an educational scheme confined to the province, which, whilst not antagonistic to the Charities before mentioned, will secure speedy relief being afforded to a larger number of deserving cases than can be hoped for with the means at present at the disposal of the province; that it be referred to the Committee of Petitions to draw up such a scheme and regulations for the management thereof." However, after expressing his views on the subject, he withdrew the motion.

On the proposition of Bro. Curteis, a vote of thanks was accorded to the Installing Master, Bro. Beach, for the way in which he had performed the ceremony of that day.

In response, Bro. Beach thanked the Prov. Grand Lodge for the compliment paid him, and said he echoed the good wishes expressed on behalf of the new P.G.M. for a long life and a prosperous rule over the province.

The banquet was held at four o'clock, at the Royal Public Rooms, which were prettily decorated for the occasion. A splendid cold collation was supplied by Messrs. Palmer and Battershall, and it gave unqualified satisfaction. The Prov. Grand Master presided, and was supported by Bros. Beach, Rogers, Swansborough, Rev. John Carwithen, Hon. Hylton Jolliffe, Tanner-Davy, Curteis, S. Jones, Perry, Hine-Haycock, Elphinstone Stone.

The toast list commenced with "The Queen and the Craft," proposed from the chair. Viscount Ebrington remarked that when a law was passed interfering with secret societies, the Ancient Society of Freemasons was specially excepted, and he was sure that they were not now less loyal than they were then.

"The M.W.G.M. of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," was also proposed from the chair. In doing so, the noble Chairman said that His Royal Highness had, since his connection with Freemasonry, been of great advantage to the Craft, for he had brought to it the same interest and attention which made the English department of the Paris Exhibition such a grand success. (Hear, hear.) It was gratifying to know that His Royal Highness would soon be in that province again on the errand of laying the foundation stone of the Eddystone Lighthouse. That building seemed to him to represent in the water the three great principles of their Order—brotherly love, relief, and charity. On his journey, he was sure that His Royal Highness would have the good wishes of all. (Applause.)

In proposing "The R.W. the Pro Grand Master of England, Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present," the Chairman remarked that their Senate could challenge the Senate of the nation on two points—the speediness of their legislation—for obstruction was not one of those hidden mysteries of nature and science which had yet received much attention—and with regard to the illustrious names on its rolls. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Dr. Woodman, Past Grand Sword Bearer of England, and Past Master of No. 444, Union, Devon, who responded. He said it had given him the greatest pleasure to witness the ceremony of the day, by which they had all acknowledged the rule of one whose position in the province might be considered all but hereditary. The Order was never more prosperous nor in greater favour than it was at present, under the rule of our Royal Prince, assisted by such chiefs as Lords Carnarvon and Skelmersdale, and supported by the rest of the Grand Officers, who were ever ready at the call of duty to do whatever work they might be required to perform, whether for Grand Lodge or for their respective provinces; and he was proud in their name to thank the Grand Master of Devon for the manner he had proposed their health, and the brethren generally for their cordial response to the same.

The Right Worshipful the Installing Master proposed, "The R.W. the Provincial Grand Master of Devon, Viscount Ebrington." He said that the Chairman had that day taken upon himself a position which involved large and important duties, but he was sure that all would agree that from the earnestness he had shewn that day they need not entertain any apprehension of the way in which he

would discharge the duties of his office, or that he would not justify the expectations formed of him. (Hear, hear.) The duties of his office were by no means light, but he had entered upon them with the full sense of his responsibility, and he was sure he would do his best to carry out the duties to the fullest extent. He would have active, energetic, and able Masons to support him, and he would, no doubt, conduct their business in a manner which would draw forth the encomiums of all the Masons in England. (Hear, hear.) He asked the brethren to drink long life and prosperity to the P.G.M. (Applause.)

The P.G.M., in reply, heartily thanked the brethren for the kindness expressed towards him, and he could only hope that half the good things said about him would be accomplished. If such were the case, he did not think that either they or himself would have reason to complain. But among all the virtues and good qualities ascribed to him, the speaker was not able to reckon that of experience in Masonry. He had one advantage, however, in that respect, for it could not be said of him that he was too old to learn. (Laughter.) He meant to do his best to rule the province wisely and well, and in a manner worthy of his predecessors. He would promise that he would do so honestly, and with an impartial regard for the true interests of the Craft. In the West they were proud of their character for hospitality, and they heartily welcomed a stranger, even if he had no other recommendation than that he was one. But the brother whose health he should now ask them to drink came to them from Hampshire, with the reputation of being a good landlord, a good neighbour, a good magistrate, a good member of Parliament, and a good master of hounds. (Laughter and loud applause.) Besides all those recommendations, he brought the reputation of being a very good Mason, which should be of especial weight in such an assembly as that. (Hear, hear.) At various times he had served no less than six years as W.M. of a lodge, and now for many years he had been P.G.M. of the extensive Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. Of his love for the Craft they had him there as a living example, for he had come a considerable distance, at no slight personal inconvenience, to assist them that day. He (the Chairman) was therefore sure that those present were as grateful to the R.W. Bro. Beach as he was for the way in which he had performed the ceremony that morning, and he believed that they would show their appreciation of him by heartily receiving the toast. (Applause.)

Bro. Beach returned his warm thanks for the manner in which his name had been received. He was not quite a stranger, for a good many years ago he came to Devonshire to seek a wife. (Hear, hear.) But, if he had been a stranger before, the welcome and kindness he had received that day would make him a stranger no more. He was glad of the opportunity afforded him that day of seeing the admirable way in which Freemasonry was carried out in Devonshire, and he should take the first opportunity of attending one of the lodges in the province. (Hear, hear.) As the Order extended, so the responsibility of each Mason increased, and it behoved every one to sustain the credit of the Craft and to maintain its ancient principles. The change of principles in other countries had been most disastrous, but in England there had been no disturbance of attachment to the Order.

Bro. Tanner-Davy proposed, "The Health of the R.W. Past Provincial Grand Master of Devon, the Rev. John Huyshe, M.A., P.G.C. England." He regretted that Bro. Huyshe had been obliged to resign an office which he had filled for so many years to the entire satisfaction of every Mason in the province, and an office the duties of which he had discharged with great courtesy and firmness. (Hear, hear.) He had known the P.P.G.M. as an intimate personal friend, and he would assure his brethren that he was as good in his private life, as thorough and sincere, as in the discharge of his Masonic duties. He was always ready to dispense acts of kindness or charity to anybody who required them, and in his own parish he was looked upon as a sort of "prophet, priest, and king." Col. Tanner-Davy went on to congratulate Viscount Ebrington on his elevation, and said that Bro. Huyshe was exceedingly gratified at the selection of his successor.

The toast was heartily received, three cheers being given for the P.P.G.M., and three for Mrs. Huyshe.

Bro. the Rev. J. Carwithen acknowledged the compliment, in the absence of the P.P.G.M. He said he was one of Bro. Huyshe's oldest friends, and perhaps the oldest Mason in the room. The P.P.G.M. was much pleased at the appointment of Viscount Ebrington, and was sure that he was the right man in the right place, and that he would add lustre to Masonry. The Chairman's grandfather first made him P.G. Chaplain.

In proposing "The V.W. the Deputy P.G.M. of Devon, Bro. Rogers, and the rest of the P.G. Officers, Present and Past," the noble Chairman said that he felt sure of the same support and assistance from all of them as had been kindly and freely given to him by the P.P.G.M. (Applause.)

Bro. Rogers said he was very gratified at the manner in which his name had been received, and he could not but think that his distinction was due to some extent to his late chief. The ordinary ambition of a man had been more than realised in his case, and he hoped to deserve the confidence placed in him, to carry out the duties of his office with satisfaction to everybody, and that none of its dignity would be lost in his hands. In conclusion, he thanked his brethren of Lodge 112 for presenting him with his beautiful Deputy Provincial Grand Master's regalia, in token of their fraternal esteem and affection. He valued the gift highly, and gratefully acknowledged the feelings which prompted it. (Hear, hear.)

In proposing "The W.M.'s of the Lodges of the Province, Present and Past," the noble Chairman claimed

for the Province of Devon as prominent a place in Masonry as she held in everything else, and that position it would ever be his earnest endeavour to maintain and advance, and it was to the W.M.'s of lodges and their immediate predecessors and successors that he must look to for help to do that. With the toast he gave the name of Bro. J. Jerman, the W.M. of the ancient lodge which held the proud position of heading the long list that begun with 39, and ended—he hoped only for the present—with 1753. (Applause.)

In the unavoidable absence of Bro. Jerman, his I.P.M. —Bro. John Stocker—responded to the toast.

"The Visiting Brethren," proposed by Bro. the Rev. R. Swansborough, P.G.C., and "Our Poor and Distressed Brethren," by the P.G. Tyler, Bro. P. L. Blanchard, concluded the toast list.

Bro. S. Jones, P.P.G.J.W., had charge of the arrangements, assisted by the P.G. Sec. and a Committee of the P.G. Stewards, and the W.M.'s of the three Exeter Lodges, Nos. 39, 112, and 1254.—*Exeter and Plymouth Gazette.*

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. John M. Clabon, President, Bro. Joshua Nunn, Senior Vice-President, and Bro. James Brett, Junior Vice-President, occupied the three chairs. There were also present Bros. H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary; W. Dodd, J. M. Case, P.G.D.; Erasmus Wilson, P.G.D.; C. A. Cottebrune, J. B. Shackleton, W. Stephens, G. P. Britten, Charles Dairy, H. Garrod, Neville Green, Charles Atkins, Herbert Dicketts, W. Hilton, Dr. W. Hill Evans, Thos. Senior, A. Lamarque, R. E. K. Wilkinson, T. F. Knight Smith, J. H. Matthews, Alfred Withers, John Holden, W. Body Date, John Lee, George B. Brodie, J. G. Robinson, W. Foulsham, Henry Speedy, Dr. W. Hope, E. Farwig, J. J. Cattle, Thos. Wm. Bond, George S. Elliott, A. Timothy, G. F. Seige, E. Squirell, W. W. Gray, Robert Harman, D. Belfrage, George Coope, and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

The brethren first confirmed grants to the amount of £410, made at last meeting, and then proceeded to the new list, on which there were eighteen candidates. Five of these cases were dismissed and two were deferred. The remainder were relieved with a total sum of £425, consisting of two grants of £100 each (£200); one of £50 (£50); three of £40 (£120); one of £20 (£20); one of £15 (£15); one of £10 (£10); and two of £5 (£10). Lodge was then closed.

SUMMER FESTIVAL OF THE BERKHAMPTSTED LODGE.

The summer outing of the Berkhamptsted Lodge took place on Wednesday, the 13th inst. Bro. W. C. Maddever, G.S.D., W.M., presided. Upon the arrival of the London train, 11.25, the visitors and others were met, and all adjourned to the Old Castle Green, in the Earl of Brownlow's park, where a substantial luncheon, under a marquee, was waiting. After the brethren had fully paid their devotions to the viands, &c., four drags were soon occupied, and, under weigh through the vast park, staying for a while to view the most attractive spots and distant landscapes, which this part of the country is noted for. Just before arriving at the Bridgwater Monument a drenching storm came on, which rather damped the ardour of the party, keeping them under the trees for a time until the sun again showed. On again, however, and stopped at one of the park lodges to wet the inner man, now thoroughly wet outside, and after another short sojourn were on the road again, making for the Earl's beautiful house and gardens. Having done the gardens, rosary, fountains, &c., which are, indeed, rare specimens of artistic taste and high-class cultivation, the company were ready to leave, when the Countess sent one of her attendants to know whether the gentlemen would like to view the chapel. Of course, all did like, and replied to that effect, thanking her ladyship for her condescending kindness.

Whilst in the chapel a surprise took place—the Steward of the house asked if any among the company would try the organ?

Bro. Haskins, of the Earl of Zetland Lodge, 1364, said he would, and taking a brother with him to blow, he quietly went into the organ gallery and pealed forth some most exquisite music, to the delight and great gratification of his hearers, who had not (until they heard the organ) the remotest idea they were going to be in for such an intellectual treat in the day's programme.

After a little more walking all took their places, and were rattled off at a good pace to the King's Arms Hotel, in the town, where a most recherché banquet was partaken of. Only a few toasts were given. Songs were sung by some of the brethren, and at 9.25 all were ready to start by the last train for London.

The utmost praise is certainly due to Bro. Wilson, the Secretary, who carried out the arrangements so thoroughly, and whose good taste, forethought, and great kindness were the means of all enjoying a pleasurable day, although it did rain bucketsful at one time during the drive.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—The stomach and its troubles cause more discomfort and bring more unhappiness than is commonly supposed. The thousand ills that settle there may be prevented or dislodged by the judicious use of these purifying Pills, which act as a sure, gentle anti acid aperient, without annoying the nerves of the most susceptible or irritating the most delicate organisation. Holloway's Pills will bestow comfort and confer relief on every headache, dyspeptic, and sickly sufferer, whose tortures make him a burden to himself and a bugbear to his friends. These Pills have long been the popular remedy for a weak stomach, for a disordered liver, or a paralysed digestion, which yield without difficulty to their regulating, purifying, and tonic qualities.—[Adv't.]

Masonic and General Tidings.

Arrangements are being made for the opening of a new lodge at St. Leonard's, and a petition has been lodged for a warrant authorising the lodge to be opened. The petition is supported by the old Derwent Lodge, No. 40, and there is no doubt that Masonry will soon find a home and habitation in the western portion of the town, the non-existence having been long felt by the members of the Craft residing in that locality.

MONMOUTHSHIRE.—At the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting held at Tredegar, on the 7th inst., Bro. Jos. Gibbs, P.M. 471, and P.P.G.S.B., was appointed Steward to represent the province at the next annual festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and a sum of twenty guineas was voted to be placed on his list in the name of the P.G.M.

The name of Comp. W. Stephens, M.E.Z. Holmesdale Chapter, No. 874, was inadvertently omitted from our report of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Kent as one of the companions present at the convocation.

MAJOR CHARD, R.E.—Major Chard, R.E., the hero of Rorke's Drift, was formerly quartered in Exeter, and is a Freemason and a member of one of the Exeter lodges, the brethren of which have had the following address beautifully illuminated for presentation to him on his return home: "To Brother John Rouse Merriott Chard: We, the undersigned, Master, Wardens, and brethren of St. George's Lodge, No. 112, desire to express to you our great admiration of the determined and well-sustained courage and gallantry with which you defended the post of Rorke's Drift against an overwhelming force of Zulu warriors on the night of the 22nd and morning of the 23rd of January, 1879, our sincere congratulations on the well-deserved honours in the shape of a majority in the army and the Victoria Cross for valour with which her Most Gracious Majesty has been pleased to recognise your gallant feat of arms, and our earnest hope that you may long be spared to serve your Queen and country with that devotion and courage you have so early evinced."

On Saturday last, at the Shire Hall, Dorchester, the Lord Mayor (Alderman Sir C. Whetham) took the oaths as a magistrate for Dorsetshire. The Lord Mayor was accompanied by Bro. Sheriff Burt, to whom he has been paying a visit. In the evening the Lord Mayor presented the portrait of Bro. Sheriff Burt, on behalf of a deputation from 1000 of the employés of Messrs. John Mowlem and Co., in which firm the Sheriff is senior partner, the deputation having travelled to Swanage for that purpose. A portrait of Mrs. Burt, the gift of members of her family, was presented to her at the same time.

The Archbishop of Canterbury and the Bishop of London have become patrons of the Early Closing Association.

Bro. T. W. Boord, M.P., has taken Ockenden Park, Sussex, one of the residences of Bro. S. W. W. Burrell, for a short term.

Among the list of visitors present at the late Grand Chapter of Kent meeting, held at the Skating Rink, Plumstead, should have been the name of Comp. H. Shaw, P.S. Union Waterloo Chapter, 13, and W.M. United Military Lodge, 1536.

BIGOTRY IN AUSTRIA.—A sad story of heartless fanatical bigotry comes from Prague. A nun of the English Cloister for Young Girls has at a moment's notice been turned out into the streets, without a florin in her pocket, for having given shelter during one night in her cell to her sick and destitute father, who had paid her a visit during the day, and who, as he was leaving his daughter, said that he had not the wherewithal to procure himself a night's lodging. He was at last persuaded by his daughter to remain all night in the convent. He was once a cavalryman, and very well off, but lost his money in speculation; beyond this there is no harm in the poor fellow. In most countries he could have procured some relief, and perhaps have been sent back to his native town had he desired and deserved it, for he is a Mason, but in Austria the Craft is at a discount, for its members—as, alas! is the case in many continental lands, notably in Italy and France—have had the imprudence to meddle with politics. The consequence is that, unlike their brethren in England, Germany, Sweden, &c., who boast sovereigns or heirs-apparent amongst their members, the Austrian Freemasons are looked upon with a jealous eye by the police. Indeed, no lodge is allowed within six miles of Vienna, the nearest being at Klosterneuburg. A subscription is being got up for father and daughter, and great indignation is expressed at the intolerant and summary way in which the latter—a charming girl of eighteen—has been expelled. Doubtless the proverbially and hard-hearted world will in this instance prove more humane than Mother Church. It will not be the first time.—*Yorkshire Post*, August, 13th.

The Duke of Cornwall Lodge is to be consecrated at Freemasons' Hall on the 30th inst. The Consecrating Officer will be Bro. Col. S. H. Clerke, P.G.D., assisted by Bros. Capt. G. N. Phillips and Rev. J. Simpson, P.G.C.

Constitutions of the Ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, containing the Charges, Regulations, E.A. Song, &c. A copy should be in the possession of every brother. It may be obtained for 2s. at the office of the *Freemason*, or will be sent post free to any part of the United Kingdom on receipt of twenty-five penny stamps. Address, Publisher, 198, Fleet-street, London.—[Adv't.]

WORDSWORTH'S "COCA PILLS" the successful remedy for sleeplessness, neuralgia, and Hay fever. 2s. per box. Homœopathic Chemist, 6, Sloane-street, London.

Public Amusements.

OLYMPIC.—"Davy Crockett." The main interest of this play is centred in a certain backwoodsman whose name gives the play its title. The plot is very simple and not very original, the incidents having a flavour of a happy combination of many plays. But the leading actor, Mr. Frank Mayo, portrays the character of *Davy Crockett* with such vigour and pathos that we are fain to be interested when we should otherwise be bored. It is only the clever acting of this clever actor that saves the piece, for the plot is, as we have said, very simple, and there is not a smart or clever saying in the whole five acts, and the way in which a certain fair actress reads some lines from Scott's "Young Lochinvar" is so bad, so devoid of all feeling and spirit, that we are only saved from laughter by keeping our attention fixed on *Davy*, whose face plays to the lines as they should be delivered, not as they are. If fairly cast all round, "Davy Crockett" might hold the boards for some considerable time, instead of, as announced, for four weeks only. We must not forget to give a word of praise to Mr. Meade, who played the villain remarkably well; he certainly showed great presence of mind and wonderful control over the risible muscles of his face when he delivers the line "No matter, the time will come." We strongly recommend our readers to see Mr. Frank Mayo as *Davy Crockett*; it is most refreshing, for his style is altogether new to English playgoers. The new farce "Cut and Come Again," from the pen of Mr. R. Soutar, produces much merriment and is decidedly clever.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, August 29, 1879.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23.

Lodge 1541, Alexandra Palace, A.P., Muswell Hill.
Lodges of Instruction.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.

MONDAY, AUGUST 25.

Lodges of Instruction.
Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.

St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-rd.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26.

Chap. 1275, Star, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
Lodges of Instruction.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Blds., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hot., Wandsworth.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey.
Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27.

Gen. Com. Grand Lodge, at 6.
Lodge 778, Bard of Avon, Greyhound H., Hampton Ct.
" 898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.
" 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.

Lodges of Instruction.

Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., at 7 till 9.
Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-rd., Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd, Holloway, at 8.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Sutherland Chapel, Walworth Road.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Albion-rd., N.
United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., N.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.
Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tav., at 8.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28.

Gen. Com. Girls' School, at 4.
Lodges of Instruction.
Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.

Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
 Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
 Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
 The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
 High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham.
 Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
 Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
 Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
 Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
 Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden, at 8.
 Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
 Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
 FRIDAY, AUGUST 29.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
 London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C.
 Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
 Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
 Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.
 Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford.
 Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
 St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
 Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
 St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E.
 Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
 Doric, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
 Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
 St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
 Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
 Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
 Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
 Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.
 William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.
 Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulbourne-rd., Notting-hill.
 Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, August 30, 1879.

MONDAY, AUGUST 25.
 Lodge 148, Lights, M.H., Warrington.
 " 613, Unity, Palatine-bdgs, Southport.
 " 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.
 " 1325, Stanley, M.H., Liverpool.
 Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
 TUESDAY, AUGUST 26.
 Lodge 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.
 " 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hot., Poulton-le-Fylde.
 " 1609, Liverpool Dramatic, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1675, Antient Briton, M.H., Liverpool.
 Chap. 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
 Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
 WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27.
 Lodge 86, Loyalty, Crown Hot., Prescott.
 " 220, Harmony, Wellington Hot., Garston.
 " 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-in-Makerfield.
 " 580, Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.
 " 724, Derby, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak, Chorley.
 " 758, Ellesmere, M.H., Runcorn.
 " 1756, Kirkdale, Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool.
 Chap. 605, De Tabley, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.
 " 1052, Callender, Public Hall, Rusholme.
 De Grey & Ripon, L. of I., 80, N. Hill. st., Liverpool.
 THURSDAY, AUGUST 28.
 Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 950, Hesketh, Royal Hot., Fleetwood.
 " 1032, Townley Parker, Howard's Arms, Whittle-le-woods.
 " 1070, Starkie, Black Horse Hot., Kirkham.
 " 1313, Fermor, M.H., Southport.
 " 1505, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1576, Dec, Union Hot., Parkgate.
 Chap. 216, Sacred Delta, M.H., Liverpool.
 Stanley, L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
 SATURDAY, AUGUST 30.
 Chap. 178, Harmony, Royal Hot., Wigan.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EAST LANCASHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, August 30, 1879.

MONDAY, AUGUST 25.
 Lodge 467, Tudor, Red Lion Hot., Oldham.
 " 999, Robert Burns, M.H., Manchester.
 Chap. 219, Justice, M.H., Todmorden.
 TUESDAY, AUGUST 26.
 Lodge 126, Silent Temple, Cross Keys, Burnley.
 " 1774, Mellor, Guide Bridge Hot., Guide Bridge.
 WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27.
 Lodge 116, Royal Lancashire, Swan Hot., Colne.
 " 128, Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bury.
 " 277, Friendship, M.H., Oldham.
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 " 1775, Leopold, M.R., Commercial-st., Church.
 Chap. 42, Unanimity, Derby Hot., Bury.
 Rose Croix Chap. Phillips, M.R., Athenæum, Lancaster.
 THURSDAY, AUGUST 28.
 Lodge 283, Amity, Swan Hot., Haslingden.
 " 286, Samaritan, Green-Man, Hot., Bacup.
 " 344, Faith, Bull's Head, Radcliffe.
 " 346, United Brethren, Windmill Inn, Samlesbury.
 " 348, St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate.
 " 369, Limestone Rock, M.H., Clitheroe.
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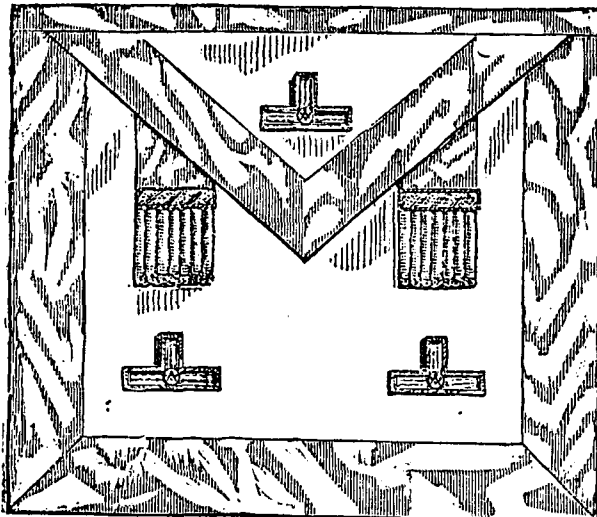
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