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NINETY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE result of this year's Festival of the Girls' School, although the lowest of the last five years, must be considered as satisfactory. As we stated in our analysis of the subscriptions announced at the Benevolent Festival, in our issue of the 10th of March last, there are many causes at the present time which tend to keep down the totals of amounts subscribed to the Charitable Institutions. The country is, and has been for some time past, in a state of commercial depression, and bearing in mind that whatever is announced at one or other of our Charity Festivals represents the free offerings of the brethren, it naturally follows that the total very much depends on the prosperity or otherwise of the country generally, for it is impossible for either as many, or as large amounts, to be spared in bad times as in days of great activity. The result, however, of the present year's Festival—according to the figures supplied us from the Office of the Institution, and published in a recent issue—totals up to no less than £10,590 17s 3d, and is a sum of which we, as Freemasons, may justly be proud. As usual, this amount does not represent the full result of the Festival; it is made up without the returns of eight Stewards who had not reported the extent of their lists at the time the details were supplied, and further there will doubtless be a few additions made to the totals that have already been sent in, so that we may look for £10,750, or more, as the total of promised subscriptions to the Girls' School for the year 1883. This amount of £10,590 17s 3d is, as we have said, the lowest that has been announced at any of the last five Festivals, and is some £2,641 odd below that of last year, £854 below that of 1881, £2,917 below that of 1880, and £1,122 odd less than was announced at the Festival of 1879. Yet we are among those who are satisfied with the result; satisfied, from the fact that in many quarters it was considered doubtful whether this year's Festival would realise a total of five figures. Anything below £10,000 would, no doubt, be now looked upon as a poor result of one of the great Masonic Festivals, but there were many of the best friends of the Girls' School who thought it next to impossible that that sum could be reached this year. It has, however, been reached, and exceeded by a little short of £600; the Stewards, and all who have assisted in the result are, therefore, entitled to our warmest congratulations, and to the thanks of all interested in the welfare of our Charities.

The Chairman who presided at this year's Festival—Bro. the R.W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Provincial G. Master for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight—is, as we have previously observed, a man highly respected by his brother Masons; respected in the Province of which he is the ruler, respected in Grand Lodge, and respected throughout the country, wherever he is known. That the Girls' School benefited from the fact of his presidency we think undoubtedly a fact, the regret is that he should have acted as chairman at a time when the general state of the country all but prevented a total being reached above those which has gone before. The present is not his first experience as Chairman at our Masonic Festivals. In 1877 he presided at the annual gathering on behalf of the Boys' School, when a total of subscriptions was announced

higher than anything then known; the actual result at the time of the Festival having been £13,160 15s, increased a few days afterwards to £13,312 2s. This year's total, on behalf of the Girls' School, represents the work of 250 Stewards, distributed as follows:—London (including eight members of the House Committee) 112, the Provinces (including the Chairman) 137, and Foreign 1. The 112 London Stewards collected among them nearly one-half of the total sum, namely, £5,222 5s 9d; while the 137 Provincials sent £5,358 1s 6d, and the Foreigner £10 10s; the average per Steward is about £46 12s 6½d in the case of the Londoners, £39 2s 2½d in that of the Provincials, and £42 7s 3d in that of the whole body; sums which will favourably compare with the averages of past Festivals.

London, represented by 112 Stewards, contributes £5,222 5s 9d. Of this sum £4,454 2s 9d comes from 91 Stewards acting on behalf of 91 of the Lodges, and one of the Chapters of the Metropolis; £394 17s represents the total collected by the eight members of the House Committee, while the balance, £373 6s, was collected by 13 "unattached" brethren. Bro. Lieut.-Col. James Peters heads the House Committee list, with one hundred guineas. Bro. Peter de Lande Long following with eighty, Bro. Joshua Nunn with £54 12s, and the others with sums ranging from £46 5s to £25. The place of honour among the "unattached" is occupied by Bro. Edgar Bowyer, whose list of £94 is one of which he may well feel proud; he is followed by Bro. T. W. C. Bush, with £68 5s, and then by Bro. W. H. Farnfield, who collected £57 15s. The other lists in this section range from £23 2s down to £10 10s. In the general body of London Stewards, Bro. Robert Grey comes first in point of amount collected, with a list totalling up to £199 10s; this, from a representative of the St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 222, a Lodge which appeared in last year's Girls' Festival list with a total of £65 2s, proves that the older Lodges—those which have been in existence longer even than either of the Masonic Charities—are to the fore in support of the Institutions, while the totals of some of the younger ones, which will be referred to hereafter show that they also are mindful of the wants of our less fortunate members. Lodge No. 1383, the Friends in Council, is ably represented on the present list, its Steward (Bro. M. P. F. Caulfield) having collected the next highest amount, £149 2s, while he, in turn, is followed by the representative of one of our youngest Lodges—the Montagu Guest, No. 1900, for which Bro. G. P. Festa once more takes the office of Steward. His efforts on this occasion have again proved his worth as a supporter of the Institutions, his list figuring up to no less a sum than £147. Bro. J. F. Porter, M.D., the Steward representing another young Lodge, the Evening Star, No. 1719—follows close on Bro. Festa, with £144 18s, while Bro. J. Neilson, of the Creaton Lodge, No. 1791, puts another "youngster" to the front with a list of £130. The Athenæum Lodge, No. 1491, comes next on the list, its representative, Bro. P. H. Waterlow, having secured £116 11s towards the general total. He, in turn, is close pressed by Bro. Walter Wood, of Confidence Lodge, No. 193, whose list of £115 10s is a creditable production for even so well supported a Lodge as the "Confidence." No. 834, Ranelagh, contributes £108 11s at the hands of Bro. A. C. Bean, while No. 1287, Great Northern, is well represented by a list of £106 1s, collected by its representa-

tive Steward, Bro. W. Cleghorn. Other Lodges sending up lists of, and exceeding £100, are Nos. 1657, Aldersgate, and No. 1949, Brixton, each of which figures for £105, taken up by Bros. S. Benton, M.D., and H. B. Marshall, C.C., respectively; No. 1056, Victoria, whose Steward, Bro. J. Boulton, collected £101 17s 6d, and No. 1963, Duke of Albany, which sent £100 by its representative, Bro. R. J. Vincent. The other London Stewards have each, we have no doubt, done their best, and there are doubtless many who deserve separate mention, but the space at our disposal does not admit of our specially referring to lists under £100, although the part they play in the general success of a Festival renders them of no small importance. We hope that the sparseness of the comments usually accorded to minor lists will not deter brethren who are unable to manage large ones from trying their hands, it is not possible for all to excel, and if a brother has done all that lay in his power, he has done as much, may be more, than he whose total heads the list.

Berks and Bucks is the first, in alphabetical order, of the Provinces which appear in this year's list. It is represented by six Stewards, who between them have brought up £183 11s; Bro. Richard Dowsett, of Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101, collecting the largest amount (£60) from this district. The Province was represented at the Benevolent Festival of the current year by four Stewards, with a total of £109 12s 6d. It has not been absent from one of the Girls' School Festivals which have taken place since the starting of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE (1875), the total contributed from its members to the nine Festivals we have recorded being £1,632 7s.

Cambridgeshire presents a glorious change at this Festival compared with its past record of services rendered to the Institutions; its total contributions to the Festivals held from February 1875 to February 1883—twenty-five in number—having been but £46, viz., £25 to the Benevolent in 1875, £5 5s to the Girls' in 1878, and £15 15s to the Boys' the same year. It now appears on the list of contributing Provinces with an amount of £128 2s collected by its Steward, Bro. N. J. York; and right glad are we to chronicle the fact. We trust the brethren of Cambridgeshire may find it within their power to continue the good work thus begun, and that having now won a high place in the list of contributing Provinces, it will act in such a manner as to maintain, if not improve, such position.

Cheshire, represented by three Stewards, sends £85 12s; this is its second donation to the London Charities this year, its total to the Benevolent in February being £37 16s. It is seldom absent from the three central Institution Festivals, and also finds funds to support a home Charity. Cheshire might be adopted as a pattern by many of the other Provinces.

Cornwall, which also put in an appearance at the February Festival of the current year, now contributes £73 10s, at the hands of two Stewards. It was represented at last year's Festival of this Institution, when £32 11s was sent up. Previous to that it had only contributed to one of the seven Girls' School Festivals which we have noticed, viz., that of 1879, when its contributions reached the sum of £378. We are glad to see it among the contributors two years running, and hope that the old system of long breaks will now be abolished.

Cumberland and Westmoreland opens the ball this year with a contribution of £26 5s to the Girls' Festival. Its last donation to this Institution was in 1880, when H.R.H. Prince Leopold undertook the office of Chairman, and then it figured for £375 7s. We notice that Bro. McKay, the Steward from this district, describes himself as "unattached," a distinction which, we trust, does not arise in consequence of any disinclination of the Lodges of the Province to be represented. We should have liked Bro. McKay to have been accredited to "the Province," in which case, perhaps, his list might have amounted to something more than is now the case.

Derbyshire, at the hands of Bro. John Stanley, of Lodge No. 1235, sends up £70 7s. This Province was represented at the first Festival of the current year, £50 being then contributed, and is to be found among those present at most of the gatherings of the last eight years.

Devonshire is now represented by four Stewards, three of whom contribute £203 3s, while the fourth is yet to declare the amount of his list. The Province sent up £74 11s to this year's Benevolent, and is, as we stated when reviewing the donations at that Festival, among the

most consistent supporters of the central Charities. It has also a local fund, which calls for assistance at the hands of its members.

Dorsetshire is on the list of represented Provinces, but its Steward, Bro. R. N. Howard, of No. 1027, had not, at the time the list was supplied us, given in the amount he had secured for the Institution. At the Benevolent in February the same brother took up a list of £100, a total which we hope will be at least equalled for the Girls.

Durham supplements its donation of £63 11s to last February's Festival, by one of £86 2s 6d to the one now under notice, and thus keeps up the regularity of the "representations" it has now made at the three Festivals for some years past.

Essex is another regular attendant at the Festivals, and now comes forward with £97 2s towards the general total. This sum was collected by three brethren, representing respectively Nos. 276, 1000, and 1545. This district, as we said in our issue of 10th March last, has only missed being represented at three out of the last twenty-six Festivals.

Gloucestershire, a contributor of £213 3s in February last, and one of the strongest supporters of the three Institutions during the preceding eight years, now continues the good work, with a contribution of £36 15s from its two Stewards.

Hampshire and the Isle of Wight—the Province of which the Chairman is the head—supported its ruler by sending up eighteen Stewards, who between them collected £1,254 13s, which, with a donation of fifty guineas from the Chairman himself, gives £1,307 3s as the contribution of Hampshire to the Girls' Festival of 1883. It figured in February last for £149 16s, and, as was then stated, had contributed upwards of £4,596 during the previous eight years to the three Institutions, so that its total donations since 1875 now reach £6,053 4s 6d.

Hertfordshire continues on the good course which has marked this Province for many years past. It was represented by four Stewards on the occasion of this year's Girls' School Festival, and between these four brethren a total of £158 11s 6d has been raised, the representative of the King Harold Lodge, No. 1327, being accredited with £96 12s of the total. It was represented in February last, when £233 4s was collected for the Benevolent.

Kent now sends £238 8s as the result of five of its six Stewards' exertions. We must wait until the Boys' Festival is over, in June next, before we can say anything as to this year's contributions from this district, as the Provincial Grand Master—Viscount Holmesdale—will then preside, and will no doubt be well supported. Its lists in February last, or rather three out of four of them, totalled up to £148 5s.

Lancashire is represented by eight Stewards from the Eastern Division and ten from the Western, the amounts sent up being £89 5s in the case of the former, and £244 13s in that of the latter. Each was represented in February last, and each has played a conspicuous part in the maintenance of the three Institutions in the past. The day is not far distant when another "magnificent" total—such as was forthcoming from this county in 1876 and 1880—may be looked for. If either of its Provincial Grand Masters could be induced to take the chair, we feel sure the whole county would rally round.

Middlesex follows its donations of £356 8s 6d to the Benevolent in February last by a total of £117 13s to the Girls on the present occasion. It is represented by four Stewards, Rev. Dr. P. H. E. Brette, as representative of No. 1460, being accredited with £44 2s of the Provincial total.

Monmouthshire, absent from the Benevolent in February last, appears here with £236 5s, collected by one Steward. It has done well in the past, and may be considered as one of the regular supporters of the Charities.

North Wales and Salop has four representatives, and these have secured, between them, a total of £64 1s as a follower to the £52 6s for which the Province figured in February last. For some time past this district has done well, its donations to the Girls School last year (£352 10s) being specially noticeable.

Oxfordshire continues the regularity of its support to the Charities, which has marked the 8½ years we have been in existence. It has not missed one of the twenty-six Festivals we have recorded. It now contributes £85 12s 6d at the hands of four Stewards.

Somersetshire, with one Steward to represent it, sends

up £44 2s for the second Festival of 1883. It contributed fifty guineas to the Benevolent in February, and so keeps up the continuity of its attendances.

South Wales (Eastern Division) shows a very good list from Bro. G. H. Noel, amounting to £217 7s. There is another Steward from this district to report himself, so that the total may be materially increased. The Province was not represented at the Benevolent Festival in February last, but has done fairly well for the Educational Institutions in the past.

Staffordshire, with four Stewards (one of whom is not yet accredited with any amount), has contributed £272 6s towards this year's Girls' Festival, which amount was preceded in February last by £57 15s contributed to the Benevolent, and by upwards of £3,700 subscribed during the eight years 1875-1882 to the three Institutions.

Suffolk continues to do well for our Charities. Up to February last, including donations of £166 2s 6d at the Festival held that month, the total subscribed by its members since 1875 was close on £2,480, now it increases that total by £136 10s brought up by Bro. N. Tracy, the Steward representing the Province.

Surrey, with five Stewards, adds to its past gifts by contributions of £109 10s on behalf of the Girls' Festival of 1883. It will be remembered that the Benevolent Festival of the current year was presided over by the esteemed Grand Master of this Province, and that the subscriptions then amounted to £905 14s, so that this year promises well to sustain the reputation of Surrey.

Sussex again comes out well. It sent £210 to the Benevolent in February, and now furnishes four Stewards, with lists amounting in the aggregate to £363 6s. It has long taken an active interest in the Masonic Charities, and has been represented at nearly all of the Festivals which have been celebrated during the last nine years.

Warwickshire had five representatives on the Board of Stewards at this month's Festival, and between them they collected £59 17s. The Province was also represented in February last, when £57 15s was subscribed; she did exceedingly well last year, and has done so in the past generally.

Worcestershire sends up nine of the Provincial Stewards, who between them secured £217 7s for "Our Girls." The Province did equally well for the Benevolent in February, contributing £218 13s on that occasion. Having started so well, we can only hope the brethren of the district will finish up the year with a similar amount for the Boys' School.

Yorkshire (North and East) had one Steward, who brought up £15 15s, while the Western Division of the same county was represented by twenty brethren and a list of subscriptions amounting to £400. Each of these Divisions appeared in the last returns of the Benevolent Institution, the one for £29 13s, and the other for £450, and representatives of each have come to be recognised as constant attendants at the regularly recurring Festivals. We trust it may be many years before either are omitted from the lists.

Having now come to the end of the Provincial contributions, we have only to record the donation, by Bro. H. De Tatham, M.D., of £10 10s from abroad, and our task is at an end. In conclusion, we can but reassert the opinion we gave in the opening passages of our remarks;—the Girls' School Festival of 1883 has resulted most satisfactorily, and express a fervent hope that as years roll on each succeeding Festival may prove as good, if not better, than the one of which we have just analysed the subscriptions.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bros. Joshua Nunn President, Brett and Atkins Vice Presidents, occupied their respective chairs. There was a very large attendance of brethren. The Board of Masters was first held, at which the agenda paper of the Quarterly Communication of 6th June was read. The scrutineers for the porch, and for the ballot for the Board of General Purposes and Colonial Board were appointed, and the Lodge of Benevolence was then opened. The brethren first confirmed the recommendations of grants to the amount of £350 made at last meeting, and then proceeded with the new list, which contained thirty-eight cases. Five of these were deferred. The remainder were relieved as follows:—One £150, one £100, two £50, three £40, four £30, one £25, five £20, four £15, nine £10, and three £5, or a total of £880.

THE LATE ELECTION.—R.M.B.I.

WE have little to add to the particulars we furnished last week in regard to the election which took place on Friday last. The death of one of the candidates—Francis Joseph Wirtzfeld—occurred about the time the Poll was declared. This applicant was returned as No. 15 on the List of Successful Candidates. This will at once create a vacancy for the brother who stands highest on the deferred list. We append the names of Unsuccessful Candidates, with particulars of the votes polled for each. These, of course, will be carried forward for next election.

MALES.

No. on Voting Paper	NAME	Brought forward	Polled to-day	Total polled
4	Inwood, John	158	384	542
46	Willcox, Christopher			495
28	Fitzwater, Charles			458
38	Lotinga, Noach S			439
43	Weston, Thomas R			411
14	Heigho, Daniel	43	355	398
29	Goodchild, James			395
1	Ensell, George	238	70	308
35	Gardner, Hannibal			138
50	Jones, John Thomas			118
13	Reid, Alexander	21	81	102
24	Towning, John L			77
16	Harrison, William	11	42	53
7	Sarl, Charles	30	3	33
18	Kingsbury, John			28
25	Wade, Andrew			6
27	Allies, Frederick			4
17	Harper, Francis			3
23	Musham, John			3

FEMALES.

24	Stubington, Fanny	486	907	1393
30	Wood, Annetta T H	512	805	1317
40	Bowen, Emma	275	1041	1316
48	Beattie, Ellen G	696	580	1276
42	Russell, Mary	263	931	1194
33	Haynes, Eliza	522	639	1161
2	Wakefield, Ann	919	204	1123
23	Thomas, Elizabeth Mary	571	531	1102
3	Child, Elizabeth Mary Ann	430	665	1095
22	Emmerson, Zelia	678	277	955
32	Buckley, Caroline C H V	591	356	947
58	Jager, Magdalene			904
1	Elliott, Isabella	764	99	863
53	Mardon, Sarah Anne			782
20	Rumsey, Phoebe Ann	594	143	737
11	Smith, Mary	172	541	713
31	Chapple, Elizabeth	376	270	646
59	Perridge, Rebecca			589
5	Allen, Sarah Ann	439	42	481
52	Hobbs, Elizabeth			475
45	Evans, Harriet	252	207	459
6	Rowell, Margaret	368	17	385
12	Geary, Mary	243	112	355
18	Hill, Elizabeth	273	36	309
66	Isaac, Frances			307
54	Timms, Susan			271
16	Pelton, Mary	94	112	206
46	Potter Ellen	52	99	151
57	Tribe, Jane			141
61	Townsend, Jane Mary			81
28	Rodgers, May Marianne	66	10	76
67	Rebbeck, Hannah			71
56	Heppel, Mary			66
55	Lovelock, Louisa			61
49	Polkinghorne, Jane			50
69	Cooley, Elizabeth L			50
65	Leaver, Jane			37
14	Copeland, Charlotte	12	4	16
19	Madeley, Harriet Matilda	6	8	14
7	Maddick, Jane	13	—	13
51	Matthews, Mary			9
17	Rigarsford, Sarah	6	2	8
44	Crisp, Mary	8	—	8
50	Barras, Elizabeth Ann			7
9	Coates, Sarah	5	—	5
60	Croad, Susan			4
63	Greenwood, Ellen			4
38	Parker, Annie	—	3	3
64	Hargreaves, Amelia			—
68	Cook, Elizabeth Ann			—

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Bilious complaints and irregularities of the system, produced by redundancy of vitiated bile, can always be corrected by a few doses of these inestimable Pills, which are everywhere admired for their rare combination of mildness and power; for, though they conquer with ease and rapidly the most obstinate disease, they never weaken the stomach or necessitate any interruption of ordinary duties or amusements. On the contrary, they increase the appetite, strengthen the organs of digestion, give increased energy and life to all the animal functions, and fit both hand and brain for fresh exertions. The sick and enfeebled may, by a single trial, speedily discover what a happy revolution these Pills have the power to effect in the human system.

INITIATION OF A MAGI.

FROM THE FRENCH OF M. HENRI DELAAGE.

IN Egypt, for four thousand years, the Pyramids have revealed, by their form, to the generations which have passed away, the eternal, immutable doctrine of the Holy Trinity. Ancient temples of the initiation, they have been traversed by all the great geniuses of ancient times; they have given lawmakers and promoters of civilisation, as their traditions devoutly attest; they have seen, without trembling, the convulsions of empires; they have remained standing in the majestic attitude of eternal truth; also those consciences which suffered from the scepticism of the century would go back with happiness to the times of the earnest faith, when the founders of religion came to drink of the living waters of the eternal truth; for, following the remark of St. Augustine, "Moses was versed in all the sciences, and mysteries of the initiation of the Egyptians."

We will consider these mysteries from their truthful point of view, viz., "the regeneration of the mind;" also to learn in what manner the man was placed in a state to enter into immediate communication with his God.

When a man felt in his mind an ardent thirst for the truth, and in his heart the necessary courage to brave the terrible ordeals of the initiation, he climbed up to the seventh course of the Grand Pyramid, where he found a window cut in the granite, which remained open day and night. This opening, of about "three feet square," the only entrance to the temple of the initiation, was situated towards the north, that being the side from whence comes the cold, darkness, and ignorance. There the aspirant would find before him a corridor—cold, damp, low-pitched, and arched like a tomb. Here he would find a hand-lamp. So low was the roof, that he was compelled to commence his forward progress in a crawling position. This consisted of a circuitous road, at the end of which was a pit with a large mouth; its edges and sides covered with a dark asphalte, as smooth as ice. The mouth of this gulf emitted a thick black smoke, and seemed to be one of the "vent-holes of the infernal regions." Often, in the presence of this unfathomable pit, the heart of the aspirant failed. Some would slip backwards on their belly from this new obstacle, retrace their steps, and renounce their perilous enterprise. On the contrary, the man who had the courage to persevere, saw the initiated who accompanied him place over his head the lamp, then disappear down the dark precipice by the aid of a ladder placed in the interior; the profound obscurity concealing the iron steps of which it was composed. The candidate would follow him in silence.

After having descended about sixty steps, he arrived at an opening cut in the rock, which served for the entrance to a road; he would enter this aperture, and continue his descent in a spiral direction for about fifty yards. At the end of this road was a double swinging door, made of brass, which opened by itself at his approach, without effort or noise, but when it closed after him, produced such a crash that the echoes, reverberating through the deep subterranean passages, warned the priests that a profane was coming to pledge himself in the gallery which led to the place of trial.

At this moment, the initiated, who had accompanied the aspirant, would tell him that he was not able to go with him any further, but before leaving him he made him write his "will;" and informed him that Death was probable in the perilous trials which he had undertaken; in fact, that it was necessary to have a bold heart to enable him to persevere in his perilous enterprise. The aspirant who desired to continue his route came next to the new gallery. Both sides of this gallery disclosed to him some deep recesses, or caves, in which were placed statues made of basalt. These fantastic images were disposed in such a manner that the vacillating light projected from the lamp of the aspirant, falling on them, made him believe that he was surrounded by the shades of the dead, gathered together to contemplate the strange sight of a mortal descending alive into the infernal regions.

At the end of this gallery was a door guarded by three men armed with swords, wearing helmets or head-dresses, made in the form of the head of the jackal. These guardians—called in mythology Cerberus—at his approach advanced quickly towards him, one of them grasping him by the throat, at the same time saying—"Pass if thou darest, but take care not to retreat, for we

watch at this door day and night to oppose the retreat of those who have passed its threshold, and to keep them shut up for ever in these subterranean places." If these words did not shake the resolution of the aspirant, the guards stepped aside and allowed him to pass. He would scarcely have proceeded fifty yards when he would see before him a very vivid light, by the aid of which he was enabled to perceive that he was in a vaulted chamber, about one hundred yards square. On the right and the left were raised two funereal piles, formed of branches of the Arabian balsam tree, the Egyptian thorn, and the tamarind tree; three kind of wood, supple and sweet scented, but very inflammable. It was necessary that the aspirant should pass these two furnaces, and as he did so the flames united and formed a flaming bower over his head. Scarcely had he passed this scorching fiery furnace than he saw that he was in the presence of a torrent fed by the River Nile, which barred his further progress. The aspirant would strip himself naked, roll up his clothes into a bundle, attach them firmly to his head, taking care to fix above them his lamp, whose clear light pierced the blank darkness which enveloped him, and enabled him to guide his course to the opposite side of the river.

As soon as he gained the opposite side he saw before him an inclining arcade, which led to a landing stage six feet square, whose flooring concealed from his sight the mechanism on which it rested. Before him was a door, made of ivory, and garnished with two fillets of gold, which indicated that it opened from the interior. Vainly would the aspirant try to force this door and thus find a road; it resisted all his efforts. Suddenly, two rings, very highly polished, appeared before him, which he grasped with his hands; but hardly had he done so than the flooring on which he stood was gradually drawn away, leaving him suspended by the rings over an abyss, out of which rushed a blast of wind which extinguished his lamp. Deafened by the noise, frozen by the cold, tossed about by the wind, he remained in this cruel suspense about a minute. Little by little, however, the rings would descend, and the aspirant again felt the landing stage under his feet, the ivory door would open, and he would find himself in a Temple, brilliantly illuminated.

These trials were not only for the purpose of ascertaining the courage of the aspirant, but to show him, by a frightful symbolism, that the man of this life who aspired to possess the "eternal truth," ought to commence by becoming dead to this world, descending alive into the grave, sojourning long enough in the bowels of the earth to divest himself of his mortal body, and not to return until converted and regenerated, and born again unto a new life, after having triumphed over the "four elements of nature," of which, by original sin, he had become the slave. The ideas which the nations of antiquity formed of the initiation were so grand, that we see the Epic poets make their heroes descend into the infernal regions, those who had not previously taken their part in the initiation of the revelation of the mysteries of the Goddess "Isis." We have seen the aspirant victorious in his struggle with nature; we shall now see him fighting a desperate dual between his soul and his body; in order that the "child of darkness" may become a "child of light," or demigod. Those heroes of antiquity who were of the initiated were indicated by the word "Love." They would have the soul kindle, not with the limited love of a woman, but with the infinite love of the Divinity, and humanity, which creates on earth heroes and saints.

The door by which the aspirant entered into the sanctuary was situated in the pedestal of the triple statue of Iris, Osiris, and Orus, sacred trinity, image of the three manifestations of the "creative God of the universe." There the neophyte was received by the priests, ranged in two lines, like rich costly ornaments. Above them the aspirant discerned a triangle beaming with light; in the middle was a sparking diamond, in the form of an "eye," indicating that they were priests of Osiris, whose name signified the "Eye of God." At their head was the torch-bearer, holding in his hand a gold vase in the form of a boat, named "Baris," from which issued a brilliant light, symbol of the increased light. A second held the mystic "Fan;"* all carried in their hands some symbol, either of purification, power, or of virtue. The hierophant, after embracing him three times, made him fall on his knees before the triple statue, and invited him to unite with them

* Or winnow for grain—symbol of Plenty.—T. B. R.

in heart in the following prayer which he delivered in a loud voice:—

"O great goddess Isis, enlighten with thy knowledge this mortal, who has overcome many perils, and accomplished much work; make him again triumphant in the trials of the mind, so that he may be made worthy to be initiated into thy mysteries."

When all the priests had repeated this prayer, they struck their breasts, in token of fidelity. The chief priest then took him by the hand to assist his rising, and conducted him to a door which opened at the farther end of the first temple. Arrived before this door, he invited the aspirant to knock "three times," in response to which a stern voice from the interior demanded of the profane "What he wanted?"

Following the advice of the priests he answered, "That he was a penitent descended alive into the bowels of the earth, there to confess his sins, for them to make atonement, and to obtain the light." Then the aspirant heard a terrible rattling of chains, and the door slowly opened on its hinges. Entering he found himself in a place dimly lighted, in the presence of a tribunal composed of three priests, whose white robes of initiation were covered with a large tunic of bright red.

To these priests the aspirant would have to declare not only the guilty actions which he had committed, but the circumstances which had led him to commit them, finally ending by an exact account of his good or bad inclinations.

When he had finished his confession, the priests conducted him into a waiting room, and examined if his confession coincided with the knowledge gained in advance, and confirmed by the phrenological configuration of his skull, the look of his face, and the play of his countenance. When the judges—whose power of perception enabled them to dive into the innermost recesses of his conscience—had found him sincere, they admitted him to the benefits of their initiation, but before he underwent these new and formidable trials, they presented him with a cup containing the beverage of "oblivion." After he had drank from the first cup, they offered him a second, containing the beverage of the "memory," emblematical that he ought to forget the "errors" of the world, and only to remember the "Eternal Truths," which he would learn at his initiation.

The sides of the cup of oblivion were covered with honey, but the wine which it contained was as bitter as gall; whilst the sides of the cup of memory were coated with gall, but it contained the most exquisite nectar; a profound symbol of the "Eternal Truth."

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MASONIC BLUNDERERS ONCE MORE.

BY BRO. JACOB NORTON.

THE 125th anniversary of a Royal Arch Chapter in Pennsylvania was recently celebrated in Philadelphia. The Chapter's record is not quite as old, but as the Philadelphia Lodge charter, derived from the so-called "Ancients," arrived about 1764, it is not impossible for the disciples of Dermott to have begun to work both Craft and Chapter Masonry six years or so before they received a charter. Two orations were delivered upon that important occasion. I shall however confine my remarks to the historical oration by my friend Brother Charles E. Meyers, who, after giving a few rhetorical flourishes about Solomon's Temple, the Obelisks, Pyramids, Ancient Temples, &c. proceeded thus:—

"Listen to the story of the past. The operative Masons who annually assembled at York, prior to the forming of private Lodges, increased to such an extent that the attention of the learned men of the day was attracted to their mysterious meetings. Such influence was brought to bear upon the operative Masons that they were induced in time to admit such as had not worked with the implements of labour, but who had delved in nature's mysteries, and had made themselves Masters of science and art."

With due respect to the Philadelphia orator, I must inform him that the above paragraph is a mere tissue of blunders. Who knows the history of the operative Masons at York? When did Masons meet without having private Lodges? When, where, and who, were the learned men, "the Masters of science and art," whom the Masons' mysteries attracted to York? In the 17th century, and perhaps earlier, non-operatives used to join the operative guilds. I have already called attention, in my previous paper, that in 1607 James I. of England was a Cordwainer, and his son Prince Henry and a host of courtiers joined the Tailors' guild. I have no doubt the Goldsmiths' guild, the Fishmongers' guild, &c., also had gentlemen as honorary members, and the Masons, though they cannot boast of having received into membership Kings and Princes in those days, undoubtedly now and then received into their ranks a private

gentleman or may be a nobleman; but which of the said non-operative Masons were "masters of science and art?" Again says Brother Meyers:—

"Masonry prior to 1717 consisted of one degree, that of the Apprentice, which differed greatly from our present degree of that name, inasmuch as it contained the elements of all of the degrees of Masonry."

Now, what did the orator mean by the word "all," which he so carefully italicised? Bro. Meyers is probably Master of from a hundred and fifty to two hundred degrees, or even more; but these are not all the Masonic degrees Masons believe in. Brother Meyers has received three degrees in the Blue Lodge; four in the Royal Arch; three in the Templar; three, or so, in the Cryptic Rite; thirty in the Scotch Rite (omitting the Craft degree); he may have received ninety-three degrees in the Rite of Memphis, and ninety in the Rite of Mizraim. Our brother is a Rosicrucian, a Red Cross Knight of Constantine, and a something in the Royal Order of Scotland. Dr. Oliver enumerates the following degrees:—"The Ark, Mark, Link, Wrestle, Babylonish Pass, Intendent, Noachites, Sublime Scotch Masonry, Excellent, Prussian Blue, the various elected Architectural, Priestly, and Crucible degrees, Red, White, and Black; the Knightly Orders and Mediterranean Pass, the Kadosh, Provost and Judge, Black Mark, Order of Death, Perfection, and innumerable others." In all, says Dr. Oliver, somewhere, there were about two thousand degrees afloat during the last century. Bro. Woodford, in "Kenning's Cyclopædia," enumerates a hundred and fifty or more Knighthoods, and nearly all were Masonic. I would, therefore, like to learn where Bro. Meyers had seen a pre-1717 Ritual which contained the elements of "all" the Masonic degrees.

Supposing, however, by "all," our brother meant only the three Craft degrees; if even so I am sorry to say he still blundered. I presume that I have read as many pre-1717 rituals as Bro. Meyers has; thus, the oldest Masonic ritual is contained in the Halliwell Poem, and in that ritual neither King Solomon nor his Temple is referred to. That poem was written after the year 1407, probably near 1430. Matthew Cook's MS. was written about a century later, and the MSS. published by Bro. Hughan and others, about thirty or more in all, of the 17th century, are mere abridgments of the Cooke MS. Now all the said rituals mention King Solomon and King Hiram, but ignore the architect. So we see that the principal personage of the third degree was not mentioned in the pre-1717 rituals. In short, the said rituals were minus the elements of the third degree at least. Now for the next:—

"Secession and expulsion (says Bro. M.) marked the period from 1738 to 1750, when another Grand Lodge was formed composed of the seceding brethren, who, acting under the example set them by the old Grand Lodge, in dividing the first degree, and forming the second and third; in turn divided the third degree, and from the latter part of that degree formed a fourth degree, styled the Holy Royal Arch; it is supposed this was done about 1740 to 1744."

The above implies that the Masters' degree of 1738 or so contained the elements of the Royal Arch degree, which elements or element was then separated from the parent trunk, and planted by itself under the name of "Royal Arch Masonry." Now, I happen to possess a Master Mason's ritual older than 1738, and the latter part thereof does not differ from the present ritual. Indeed, the Masters' ritual never contained the slightest allusion to the second Temple, nor the personages who figured at its building. I cannot very well furnish proof in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, but I could convince even Bro. Meyers, in ten minutes, that neither the Ancients nor Moderns ever clipped off anything from the third degree to form the Royal Arch. Brother Meyers quotes from Bro. Hughan's "Masonic Memorials," viz., 1st, "It will thus be seen that the special object of the seceders from 1740 or earlier, was the promotion of Royal Arch Masonry." And 2nd, "The chief feature of the new ritual consisted in a division of the third degree into two sections." Now, the "Masonic Memorials" was published in 1874. Bro. Hughan's opinion of then and now may differ. But whatever may be Bro. Hughan's opinion, it cannot outweigh facts; if he has not already changed his opinion, he will have to change it upon due reflection.

I shall not attempt to follow Bro. Meyers' earlier history of Masonry in Pennsylvania; the question about Daniel Coxe's connection with the Pennsylvania Masonry of 1732 has been discussed again and again in English and American papers; the Philadelphians have since then brought forward no new demonstrations, and have most singularly dropped the "Henry Bell" letter of 1754 from their proofs and demonstrations. The said letter was never alluded to by their orators at their celebration in 1882, nor did the orators of the Chapter celebration mention it. But the mere assertion and reassertion of the Philadelphia Masonic creed by Bro. Meyers—and a dozen other orators—even Bro. Hughan's opinion in the bargain—cannot change my belief that the theory of Daniel Coxe's connection with the Philadelphia Masonry of 1732 is a mere assumption and blunder. Again:—

"The Old Grand Lodge (says Bro. M.) changed the mode of recognition in order to detect the members of the seceding Lodges. For thus violating the landmarks they were styled by their adversaries as 'Moderns;' they (the seceders) claiming for themselves the title of 'Ancients.'"

This notion, that the Grand Lodge of England changed something in the mode of recognition, in order to keep out the seceders from its Lodges, originated with Preston in 1772. Previous to that time no one mentioned it; even Dermott's editions of the Ahiman Rezon of 1756 and 1764 make no mention of it. Preston's account of the origin of the Ancients is obscure and unmethodical. The first informs us, that during the Grand Mastership of the Earl of Crawford (that is between 30th March 1734 and the 24th February 1735) "A few resolutions also passed respecting illegal conventions of Masons, at which it was reported many persons had been initiated into Masonry on small and unworthy considerations."* As we have no evidence of the appear-

* The Grand Lodge held no meeting during the Grand Mastership of the Earl of Crawford. Such resolution could not, therefore, have

ance of the Royal Arch before 1740, the irregularities above given, could not (as Bro. Hngham claims) have been due to "the promotion of Royal Arch Masonry" in 1734 or 1735.

The next trouble about irregular Lodges, Preston places in 1738. He says: "A number of dissatisfied brethren withdrew themselves from their Lodges and held meetings in different places for the initiation of persons into Masonry * * * In consequence of the breach which had been made in the friendly intercourse between the Grand Lodges of London and York (he ought to have said, "in consequence of the Grand Lodge of York having been dormant since 1730") these disaffected brethren * * * assumed, without any legal authority, the character of York Masons. Certain measures being adopted to check their progress. They made no considerable addition to their numbers, till, taking advantage of a murmur * * * among the Lodges in London, on account of some innovations that had lately been introduced * * * This imprudent measure of the regular Lodges offended many old Masons; but through the mediation of John Ward, Esq. * * * matters were in some measure accommodated." Again:—

In 1739. "Brethren again met in unwarranted Lodges, and initiated persons into Masonry on small and unworthy considerations. To disappoint the views of these irregular Masons, and to distinguish the persons thus received into Masonry, the Grand Lodge silently acquiesced in the imprudent measures which even the urgency of the case could not warrant. This had the intended effect, but gave rise to a new subterfuge. The brethren who seceded * * * immediately announced independency, and assuming the appellation of *Ancient Masons*, propagated an opinion that the ancient tenets and practices were preserved by them, while the regular Lodges had adopted new plans, and being composed of *modern Masons*, to counteract the resolutions of the Grand Lodge, a new Grand Lodge was instituted in London. * * * A civil rebellion ensued, and under the feigned name of the *Ancient York Constitutions* its Lodges daily increased * * * and under the false appellation of the *York banner*, they gained the countenance of the Scotch and Irish Masons, who readily joined in condemning the measures of the Lodges in London, which, they insisted, tended * * * to introduce novelties and to subvert the original plan of the society."

From Preston's history, one would infer that the secession, the declaration of independence, and the formation of the *Ancients'* Grand Lodge, took place simultaneously in 1739 or 1740; the truth is, the first formation of the said Grand Lodge was in 1751; whether the original six Lodges, or even part of them survived since 1739, is, to say the least, *doubtful*. It is my opinion that from the very start of Masonry, there was a succession of unscrupulous Masons who conferred Masonry for small sums of money. Dermott, in 1756, complained that somebody then conferred the Royal Arch degree. Within my recollection, in Boston attempts have been made two or more times to establish such illegal Lodges. They failed in their attempts, because the *Mason makers* were neither men of position, means, nor talent, and such may have been the case in England with the old *Mason makers*. Even the concern of 1751 would have melted away, if Dermott, quite a *genius in his way*, had not placed himself at the head of it. In the earlier charters granted by Dermott he styled his concern "The Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted *York Masons*." This he could do with impunity, because there was no Grand Lodge at York from 1730 to 1761. But in the Charters he granted after 1761 he styled his concern "The G.L., &c., of Free and Accepted (not *York Masons*, but) *Masons according to the old Constitution granted by His Royal Highness Prince Edwin of York*." Now Dermott undoubtedly changed the mode of recognition in every degree of Craft Masonry. About the Masters' degree he says:—

"About the year 1717 some joyous companions who had passed the degree of a craft (though very rusty) resolved to form a Lodge for themselves, in order to recollect what had formerly been dictated to them, or if that should be impracticable, to substitute something new * * * At this meeting the question was asked, whether any person in the assembly knew the Masters' part? and being answered in the negative, it resolved *nem con* that the deficiency should be made up with a new composition." This accounts as to why the Masters' part differed in the two Grand Lodges. But even Dermott furnishes no hint as to why they differed in the first and second degrees, nor did he even allude to the existence of any difference in the two first degrees. That Dermott's statements are a tissue of falsehoods, Bro. Meyers himself conceded, by admitting that there was only one degree before 1717, &c. The establishment and perpetuation of the 1751 Grand Lodge was therefore entirely due to the talent and *cheek* of Dermott.

But I must now recall to mind Bro. Preston's account of the origin of the *Ancients*; he says, that in 1738 the English Masons, in order to keep out of their Lodges the *irregulars*, changed something in their ritual (which is understood to mean *their mode of recognition*), and that in 1739 the Grand Lodge *silently* acquiesced in the change; and this *change* gave great offence to the Scotch and Irish Masons, &c., all which, for obvious reasons, he gave us in very obscure language, which I shall, however, endeavour to make a little more clear.

Modes of recognition consist of *signs* or *words*, or both. Let us now suppose that before 1738, when an Apprentice wanted to make himself known to a Brother Mason, he gave the brother a slap on the back, and the word was "*Tweedledee*;" and a Fellow Craft to make himself known as such gave two slaps on the back of the brother and gave the word "*Tweedledum*." Whether Preston's alleged change meant the introduction of entire new signs and words, or whether the mode of recognition of the Apprentice was changed into the former mode of recognition of the Fellow Craft, and *vice versa*, I know not. But be that as it may, his account about the offence the Scotch and Irish brethren took thereat is clear enough. But here comes the

been passed in 1734. Anderson does not mention such a resolution. In 1735 Anderson mentions a resolution condemning a book called "*Freemason's Vade Mecum*." The question is, where did Preston get hold of his statements about 1734?

question. There is no doubt that both in Scotland and in Ireland Masons give the same signs and words in the first two degrees, as is given by English Masons. Hence, at some period subsequent to 1738, the Scotch and Irish brethren must have conformed their modes of recognition to that of the Grand Lodge of England. The question then comes, *where, when, and why* have our Scotch and Irish brethren adopted the said change which their predecessors of the last century condemned as innovations and novelties?

The fact is, the statements of Preston with regard to the origin of the *Ancients* are on a par with his *compact* of 1721, with his narrative about the Grand Lodge of York, and other historical blunders. The ritual of 1730, discovered a few years ago by Bro. Abbott, is sufficient to upset the notion that any change was made *since then* by English Masons in the first two degrees.

Now for another Masonic blunderer. In the preface to "*Hutchinson's Spirit of Masonry*," Dr. Oliver gives an account of the Grand Lodge procession of 1742, and of the counter procession of the "*Scald and miserable Masons*," who met the G.L. procession in front of the old Somerset House, and the picture thereof, called "*Geometrical view of the Grand procession of the scald miserable Masons*," &c. To which Dr. Oliver adds:

"Anderson thus notices the circumstance: Some unfaithful brethren, disappointed in their expectations of the high offices and honours of the society, had joined a number of the buffoons of the day, in a scheme to exhibit a mockery of the public procession to the Grand Feast. This, as may well be supposed, furnished mirth to the gaping crowd, and disgust to the fraternity, who, wisely recollecting themselves, determined in future to confine their operations within the limits of their own assembly."

The whole of the above paragraph appeared in the said work, between quotation marks, as the writing of Dr. Anderson. The truth however is, I could find no such paragraph in Anderson's writings. Nor could Anderson have written remarks of events which took place in 1742, about three years after he was dead and buried, for he died in May 1739.

I sincerely hope that Bro. Gould's History will be free from blunders. I trust that he is endowed with sufficient courage to tread upon the toes of those who deserve it, and that he will discard the notion of "*Masonic Courtesy*" when dealing with Masonic misleaders. I would also respectfully suggest, that when his History is finished he should render a great service to the Craft by following it up with "*Anecdotes of Masonic Blunderers*." For the collection of materials for such a work there will be no need to sneeze over old musty folios, or to spend years hunting in libraries. The said materials are scattered everywhere, and ready for gathering. For instance begin with the old MSS., Anderson, Hutchinson, Preston, Oliver, in short the English and American Masonic literature in general. Volumes of anecdotes of Masonic blunderers might be collected from those sources, and when these are exhausted he would find a wealthy mine of blunders in the legends and writings of the high degrees, for the higher Masons mount the more blunders they make. Such a work might be issued in volumes, or in monthly or weekly parts, I think it would be more remunerative, as far as pounds, shillings and pence is concerned, than the History. The said work would find its way into every public and private library, and even Masons, who as a rule do not relish serious reading, and do not care about history, as they are by no means averse to fun and humour, 99 out of every 100 brethren would readily subscribe to the "*Anecdotes*," where scarcely one would invest in a history. But the really great service the work would render the Craft would be, the driving away from the Masonic press of all kinds of pretenders, dreamers, and blunderers, *be they scribblers or orators*.

Boston, U.S., 4th May 1883.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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UNITED LODGE, No. 697.

THE installation festival of this Lodge was held at Colchester on Wednesday, May 16th, and passed off most successfully. The Lodge was opened at 3 p.m. by Bro. Thomas G. Mills W.M., when two brethren were raised. Bro. G. A. Eustace (W.M. elect) S.W. was then introduced and duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Col. Somerville Burney P.G.D. P.M. and also one of the Founders of the Lodge. At its conclusion, the new W.M. appointed and invested his Officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Bros. C. D. Marshall S.W., Robert Smith J.W., Rev. W. Morgan Jones Chaplain, Thomas Eustace P.M. P.P.G.S.B. Treasurer, Thomas Rix P.M. P.P.G.S.B. Secretary, S. H. Ellis S.D., A. S. B. Sparling J.D., R. Clowes W.M. 650 M.C., J. T. Bailey I.G., Simon Munson Tyler, G. P. Hazell and J. G. Renshaw Stewards. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Col. Burney, for his kindness in attending and performing the ceremony of the day. The sum of five guineas was voted towards the Brightlingsea Relief Fund. The annual banquet followed at the George Hotel, when an excellent repast was served *à la Russe* by Mrs. Guiver. At its conclusion the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and Bros. C. Osmond, A. F. Amos, A. S. B. Sparling, C. D. Marshall, &c., kindly contributed some capital vocal music between the toasts. Among those present either in Lodge, or at the festive board, were Bros. H. S. Somerville-Burney P.G.D., Thomas J. Ralling P.M. 51 P.G. Sec., Rev. E. H. Crate P.M. 697 P.P.G.C., Thomas Rix P.M. Secretary 697 P.P.G.S.B., Thomas Eustace P.M. Treasurer 697 P.P.G.S.B., R. Clowes W.M. 650, W. Sowman W.M. 51, A. Gosling P.M. 697, Rev. A. Pertwee W.M. 433 P.P.G.C., J. J. Cavil W.M. 1312, J. E. Wiseman P.M. and Secretary 433 P.P.G.A.D.C., C. Osmond J.W. 51

P.P.G.O., Joseph Hope, A. R. Clench, and the following members of 697:—C. D. Marshall, Robert Smith, S. H. Ellis, A. S. B. Sparling, J. T. Bailey, A. L. Langford, W. Strutt, A. S. Went, H. Burton, W. G. Siggers, J. G. Renshaw, R. J. Godfrey, C. Frost, H. E. Williams, T. Matthewman, Jesse Eccles, W. Jelley, T. Warner, H. E. Heath, A. F. Amos, Percy Mitford, Henry Brown, H. J. Everett, A. J. Norman, G. P. Hazell, and W. Merry.—*Essex Standard*.

LODGE OF FINSBURY, No. 861.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 24th instant, at "The London," Fenchurch-street. Lodge was opened at four o'clock, by the Immediate Past Master, Bro. W. G. Hallows, who was supported by Past Masters George Leach, Meanwell Treasurer, G. W. Preston Secretary, A. Finch, W. Mackey, R. S. Hart; E. W. Parkes (W.M. elect) S.W., Fred. Hallows J.W., &c. &c. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. G. W. Hodges 1310, E. Isaacs 1816, H. Pritchard I.G. 1415, A. Ross J.D. 435, Henry T. Gordon W.M. 907, Henry G. Genton S.D. 1228, G. C. Peacock P.M. 201, W. J. Ferguson P.M. 177, J. Carty 700, E. Davey P.M. 861, H. E. Inman I.G. 1662, W. E. Williams 18, H. Baker 1669, R. P. Hewey 1687, A. H. Clements, W. Seckham Witherington 907, J. Seigenberg 212, A. Benabo 212, H. J. Amphlett 1511, Obed Roberts P.M. 188, F. W. Wenborn 813, W. Hicklin S.W. 1261, W. Garrett 173, H. Shepherd 754, J. L. Cogan P.M. 1365, W. France 860, W. W. Morgan S.W. 211. After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, Lodge was advanced, and, with due regard to proficiency being displayed by the candidates, Bros. Ernest Francis Brown, and Hewey of the, Crusaders' Lodge, No. 1677 (by request of the W.M. of that Lodge) were raised to the sublime degree. This ceremony was ably conducted by the acting Worshipful Master. For the ceremony of installing Bro. Edward William Parkes the Master Elect, Bro. A. Finch took the chair, and carried out the work in a most careful and impressive manner. Bro. Finch gave the explanation of the working tools in full, and his exhortations and addresses were listened to with rapt attention. He well deserved the applause he received at the conclusion of his labours. The Officers were invested as follows:—F. Hallows P.M. S.W., J. B. Edwards J.W., W. Meanwell P.M. Treasurer, G. W. Preston P.M. Secretary, Guyer S.D., Byatt J.D., D. Ayling I.G., W. Groom P.M. M.C., Shepherd W.S., Thomas Tyler. The report of the Auditors, with a full balance sheet (which had been printed and sent to the members), having been presented and adopted, Bro. Groom announced that, thanks to the help he had received from members and friends of the Lodge, he had been enabled to secure the return of the candidate in whose election they were interested on Friday last; but, he regretted to say that Brother Wirtzfeld, to whom he referred, died about half an hour before the result of the poll was declared. A candidate was proposed for initiation at the next meeting, and routine work having received attention, Lodge was closed. A capital banquet was supplied, the viands and wines being of excellent quality. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M. gave the customary toasts in brief but pertinent phrase. In speaking of Her Majesty he regarded her as the Imperial mother of three energetic Craftsmen. He thought the brethren might, with more than customary enthusiasm, drink the health of Her Majesty on this her sixty-fourth birthday. In speaking to the toast of the Most Worshipful Grand Master the Prince of Wales, the Worshipful Master referred to the recent testimony of the Earl of Carnarvon as to the zeal displayed by the present Grand Master; this testimony he was sure all present would endorse. After the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers had been toasted, Brother W. G. Hallows proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. He undertook the duty with much pleasure. The shadow of Death had been hovering over the Lodge for the past two years, and had made sad havoc in their ranks, but he trusted that some considerable interval might elapse ere they again had to acknowledge its presence. The brother who had been elected to preside over the destinies of the Lodge was highly respected, not only in Lodge, but by a large circle of friends who were associated with him in the business walks of life. In proposing the toast of health and happiness to the Worshipful Master, he could but wish Brother Parkes might have energy and strength to carry out his duties. The Worshipful Master in reply thanked Brother Hallows for the kind way in which he had introduced the toast, and the brethren for the reception they had given it. When he considered the able Masters who had preceded him, he felt fully the responsibilities he had undertaken. However, he should strive to his uttermost, and if he could only emulate the worthy Masons who heretofore had ruled the Lodge, he should be well satisfied. The Past Masters was the next toast offered by the W.M. He had around him both young and old Past Masters, and each had rendered good service to the Lodge. The W.M. referred to the able and efficient way in which Bro. Hallows performed the ceremony in the early part of the evening, while all present recognised the ability of the Installing Master. Bro. Parkes next made reference to the recent death of Bro. Willson, and to the memorial which had been exhibited in Lodge. For the other P.M.'s, he had among them some old and sincere friends. He would not take up their time, but would at once offer the toast for acceptance. In reply Brother Hallows expressed his thanks to the W.M. for his kind reference to what little service he had been able to render. If he had done the work to the satisfaction of the members he could but be gratified. Brother Finch endorsed what had been said by Brother Hallows. He had had great pleasure in installing Brother Parkes, who was a true hearted man, and would do credit to the Lodge. Bro. Finch then alluded to the loss the Lodge had sustained through the death of Bro. Willson, who, had he been permitted, would certainly have installed his successor. Bros. Leach, Hart, and Groom also addressed a few words to the brethren. The W.M. next rose to propose a toast always welcome to the brethren of the Finsbury Lodge,

He referred to their Visitors. With the toast he would associate the name of Bros. Ferguson and Gordon. These brethren responded with commendable brevity, and they were followed by several other of the Visitors. The health of the Treasurer and Secretary was the next toast introduced by the W.M., who enlarged on the zeal each of his Officers displayed in the fulfilment of their respective duties. Bros. Meanwell (Treasurer), and Preston (Secretary) acknowledged the compliment. For the other Officers the S.W. and others replied, and soon afterwards the Tyler gave the parting toast. The memorial, to be sent to the family of the late Bro. Willson, who died during the year of his Mastership, and to which reference has already been made, had been most artistically illuminated, and is worded as follows:—

LODGE OF FINSBURY, No. 861.

At a meeting of the above Lodge, held at the "LONDON TAVERN," FENCHURCH STREET, 26TH APRIL 1883, Bro. W. G. HALLOWS P.M. presiding,

It was unanimously resolved: To record on the minutes of the Lodge the expression of universal regret of the members on the death of their most esteemed Worshipful Master,

Bro. PHILIP H. WILLSON,

Who had been initiated in, and a constant attendant at, the Lodge, since February 1865. His earnest personal advocacy and generous contributions to Charity, and his amiable and courteous manner endeared him to all, and calls for the warmest gratitude and admiration.

The members of the Lodge also desire to express their sympathy and condole with the Mother, Sister, and Brother, upon the irreparable bereavement they have sustained.

Here follow several signatures.

The following programme of music was performed under the direction of Bro. Herbert Schartau, assisted by Bros. Edward Dalzell, Charles Beckett, and Franklin Clive. Grace, "For these and all Thy Mercies;" National Anthem; Madrigal, "The pleasant month of May," Beale; Song, "Ehren on the Rhine," Hutchinson; Part Song, "Summer Eve," Hatton; Humorous Song, "He did and he didn't know why," Grain; Ballad, "Is she not fair?" Pilati; Song, "I never can forget," Milton; Glee, "As the moments roll," Webbe. The music was thoroughly enjoyed by all present, and Bros. Schartau and Franklin Clive added each a song to those set down for them; the former singing "The Three Pigs," while Bro. Clive, by request, gave "In cellar cool."

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at the Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, on Saturday, 19th instant. Bros. Wolf W.M., Marks S.W., Cook J.W., Gibbs S.D., Brock J.D., Venning I.G., Lorkin Acting Preceptor, and Galer Secretary; also Bros. Ferrer, Weeden, Houghton, Fenner, Lone, Manger, Ashton, Langdale, Allardyce, Spencer, and Von Jail. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree; Bro. Weeden offered himself a candidate, was examined and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and Brother Wolf vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Ferrar, who rehearsed the ceremony of raising, giving the traditional history. The Lodge was closed in the third degree, and Bro. Fenner worked the first section of the second lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed in the second degree, and Bro. Langdale, of the St. Andrews in the East Lodge, No. 401 (Scottish), and Bro. Von Jail, of the Leigh Lodge, No. 957, were unanimously elected members. Bro. Marks was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further having offered for the good of Freemasonry, the Lodge was closed in ancient form, and adjourned to Saturday, 26th of May.

Combermere Lodge, No. 605.—At the usual monthly meeting of the members of this Lodge, held at the Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, on the 17th instant, Bro. Alfred Judd S.S. proposed, and Bro. A. Moore S.D. seconded, "That the annual subscription of the Combermere Lodge to the Boys' Educational Institution and the Girls' Educational Institution be two guineas per annum respectively." After considerable discussion, Bro. J. Sillitoe P.M. and Treasurer, and A. Coveney P.M. opposing the motion, it was put to the meeting by the W.M. (Bro. Simm) and lost by one vote.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—On Friday, 18th inst., at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. Bros. Gunner W.M., Matou S.W., Sperring J.W., C. E. Botley Sec., F. Botley S.D., A. Turner J.D., Cammell I.G., Gomm P.M.; Hirst, Weeden, &c. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Turner candidate. Lodge was closed in third and second degrees, when the first section of first lecture was worked by Bro. Secretary and Preceptor.

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By the members of the Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, at the Percy Lodge of Instruction, held at Bro. Langdale's, the Jolly Farmers' Southgate-road, Islington, N., on Saturday, 2nd June, at seven o'clock. Bros. Fox W.M., Larchin J.W., and Gush J.W. Brethren who will kindly favour the Lodge with a visit will be cordially received.

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THE SUMMER HALF-YEARLY COMMUNICATION OF THIS Grand Lodge will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, W.C., on Tuesday, the 5th day of June next, when and where all Grand Officers (Past and Present), W. Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, and Overseers of private Lodges, are hereby summoned to attend, and at which, by permission, all regularly registered Mark Master Masons may be present.

Grand Lodge will be opened at five o'clock p.m.

By command of the M.W. Grand Master,

FREDERICK BINCKES (P.G.J.W.)

Grand Secretary.

N.B.—A Banquet will be provided at Seven o'clock, at which the Grand Master will preside. The Tickets will be 15s each, inclusive of wine, if taken before the day of meeting; and 17s 6d if taken on that day; and it is requested that every Brother intending to dine will forward his name to the Grand Stewards, care of the Grand Secretary, not later than Saturday the 2nd of June.

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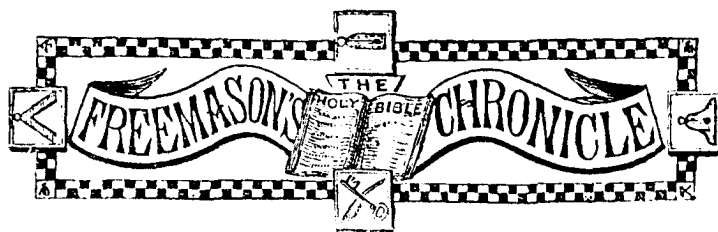
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CONSECRATION OF THE GORLESTON LODGE,
No. 317.

CONSTITUTION OF THE PROVINCE OF EAST ANGLIA.

FAVOURED, on Monday last, as the Mark Master Masons of Suffolk and the adjoining counties were as regards the weather, and taking into consideration the interest which attaches itself to the doings of all degrees of Freemasonry in the Province of Suffolk, we were not surprised that a large gathering of Craftsmen assembled to take part in the consecration of this new Mark Masters' Lodge and the formation of the Province of East Anglia. The representative men of Gorleston—if we may be allowed so to designate them—Bro. E. P. Yonell and Bro. Major Dods, had striven to their uttermost to the end that the meeting should turn out a successful one; and each vied in a spirit of honourable rivalry in offering a cordial welcome to the many visitors, with a result eminently satisfactory to all who participated in their hospitality. It has been said that Suffolk is fortunate in the number and position of its representatives in the various degrees in Freemasonry, and unquestionably she is securing for herself a position in the Masonic world. During the past few years great strides have been made in the Craft and Royal Arch degrees, which have respectively their Provincial Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Chapter, both of them are well represented, and constantly increasing in numbers of membership. The Mark degree until Monday had but two Lodges in the county—one at Ipswich and the other at Bury St. Edmunds; on that day, however, the little corner of Suffolk—Gorleston—aspired to the possession of its Mark Lodge, following its earlier aspirations of a Royal Arch; and a large gathering of Mark Masters, and candidates for advancement, attended at St. Andrew's Hall. "The Yonell" is the title under which this new Lodge will work, and is the sixth in the now-established Province working under the Mark Masters' Constitution, the other five Lodges being named—Albert Victor 70, Ipswich; Walpole 92, Norwich; Freeman 105, Bury St. Edmunds; Isaac Newton 112, Cambridge University; and Constantine 145, Colchester. Amongst those present were the Right Hon. Lord Henniker G.M.M.M., W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M.M.M., Rev. C. J. Martyn, Frederick Binckes Grand Sec. P.G.J.W., D. M. Dewar (Past G.O.) Assistant Grand Secretary, Giovanni P. Festa M.O., T. Cubitt (St. Marks) P.G.S.O., Fred. Long P.M. Freeman 105 P.G.D.C. G.S.B. England, Dods (S.W. designate) Albert Victor 70, C. Pulman (Panmure) G.I.G. P. Prov. G.J.O. Middx. and Surrey, N. Tracy P.M. Albert Victor 70, H. C. Casley W.M. P.G.J.O. Albert Victor 70, C. E. Bignold S.W. Walpole 92, George Abbott Albert Victor 70, H. A. Smith Constantine 145, S. R. Anness S.W. Albert Victor 70, A. Hanlon Walpole 92, Thos. Rix P.M. Constantine 145, John W. French Constantine 145, Alfred Cubitt Constantine 145, G. B. Mickleburgh Sydney N.S.W., W. Armstrong S.W. Freeman 105, J. P. Lewin W.M. Constantine 145, James M. Harvey J.W. Albert Victor 70, A. Langton S.O. Freeman 105, Thos. J. Ralling P.M. and Sec. Constantine 145, Joseph Tomlinson (Francis Burdett) P.G.S.E., Edward Armitage J.D. Isaac Newton 112, Cambridge University, John R. Bridgman J.W. Walpole 92, James Dunsford J.O. Walpole 92, Charles F. Bond Walpole 92, E. Baldwin M.O. Walpole 92, George Baxter Secretary Walpole 92, S. Maude (Grosvenor) Prov. G. Chap. Middx. and Surrey, Hy. George Fleming P.M., John B. Pearce Reg. Walpole 92, H. G. Barwell W.M. Walpole 92, and about twenty brethren who sought advancement.

Lodge having been opened with Bro. Dewar as W.M., Bro. N. Tracy as S.W., and Bro. T. Cubitt as J.W., the following candidates were advanced to the degree of Mark Master Mason:—Bros. Charles Diver, Yarmouth; G. A. Ward, Newcastle; H. W. Yonell, Gorleston; H. H. W. Elwes, Lowestoft; Geo. Bush, Lowestoft; B. M. Bradbeer, Lowestoft; J. J. Owles, Yarmouth; H. H. George, Gorleston; R. Martins, Yarmouth; H. F. Brooks, Yarmouth; Joseph Hudspeth Southtown; William Sayer, Yarmouth; Alexander Mitchell, Yarmouth; John Hammond, Gorleston; C. L. Chipperfield, Southtown; F. W. Rolfe, Yarmouth; C. P. W. Laing, Southtown; T. R. Elkington, Ipswich; and W. W. Morgan, London.

At this stage of the proceedings it was announced that the M.W. Brother the Right Hon. Lord Henniker Grand Mark Master Mason of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, attended by several of his Grand Officers, was in waiting and sought admission. A deputation was formed, and the Most Worshipful Grand Master was received in the usual form, and with honours. On taking the chair, Lord Henniker expressed the great pleasure it gave him to witness the growth of Mark Masonry as evidenced by the increasing labour it entailed. He was especially proud of the duty that now devolved upon him in consecrating a new Lodge in his own county, particularly as in connection with the day's proceedings a Province was to be constituted. He complimented the members of the Lodge upon the excellent start it had made, and thought this might be accepted as a happy augury for its future. The founders of the new Lodge were then arranged in order, and the Petition and Warrant read. The brethren having signified their approval of the Officers named in the warrant, the Most Worshipful Grand Master proceeded to constitute the Lodge,

with the customary formalities. The V.W. Brother Frederick Binckes, Grand Mark Secretary, took the chair as Installing Master, and Brother Edward P. Youell, of the Walpole Lodge, No. 92, was installed as the first Mark Master of Lodge No. 317. The Officers appointed and invested were Bros. Major Dods S.W., J. Bond J.W., J. W. French M.O., J. Hall S.O., H. Elwes J.O., C. Diver Treasurer, H. F. Brooks Secretary, C. Buckland Senior Deacon, C. Bush J.D., H. H. Smith I.G., F. W. Rolfe Org., C. P. Laing Tyler. The addresses were delivered in splendid style by Brother Binckes, who thus completed his share in the labours of the day.

The next feature of the day's proceedings was the formation of the Provincial Grand Lodge of East Anglia, and to conduct this ceremony the Most Worshipful Brother W. Wither B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M.M. had kindly consented to preside. The hymns for the occasion had been arranged by the Rev. R. N. Sanderson, and as we consider they were of more than ordinary merit, we give them in full.

OPENING HYMN.

The Sun and Moon, Eternal Lord,
Attend Thy sovereign call;
They run, obedient to Thy Word,
Whose laws are concord all.

In storm or sunshine, on the way
By Thee assigned they go;
The Lights that rule the night and day
Their Maker's guidance know.

Teach us, like them, where'er we be,
To do the Craftsman's part,
To work the work assigned by Thee,
True Master of our Art.

So let the sky be dark or bright,
And rough or smooth our way,
The day, though long, shall bring the night,
The night, though dark, the day.

Eternal Wisdom, Beauty, Power,
To Thee be glory given:
The Name we praise in life's short hour
We hope to praise in Heaven.

So mote it be.

The Worshipful Master of the Youell Lodge was now informed that Most Worshipful Brother W. W. B. Beach was without, and a deputisation was appointed to receive the Past Grand Master and the Officers of Grand Lodge. Brother Beach having assumed the throne, Provincial Grand Lodge was opened, and the acting Grand Master was saluted. The following Ode was then sung—

Great Overseer of All,
On Thee for aid we call,
Sons of the Craft:
Steep is the bank to land;
Lend Thou the helping hand;
Safe on the shore to stand,
Raised on the raft.

Where'er our work be found,
Wood, hill, or casting-ground,
Thine aid we ask:
Grant in the noontide heat
Hour for refreshment sweet;
Call back to work when meet;
Speed thou the task.

Then when the shadows fall,
When labour ends for all,
Our wages tell:
Shew Thou the Master's choice;
Bid all our hearts rejoice;
Speak with approving voice,
"All have marked well."

The Grand Secretary having read the summons convening the meeting it was intimated that the M.W. Prov. G.M. designate, the Right Hon. Lord Henniker was without, and requested to be installed, the Grand Director of Ceremonies, with several Grand and Provincial Grand Officers, then formally introduced the Prov. G.M. designate, and conducted him to the front of the pedestal. The Grand Secretary read the memorial from the brethren of the proposed Province, and the Grand Master's assent thereto. After a prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the following Ode was sung by the musical brethren:—

Eternal Wisdom, whose decree
Made light to dawn, and darkness flee,
Illumine Thou our earthly sight,
Make us indeed the Sons of Light.
Eternal Strength, whose mighty hand
Hath framed the sky, the sea, the land,
Without Thee vain were mortal skill;
Make strong our hearts to work Thy will.
Eternal Beauty, who hast blessed
The works Thy hands in order dressed,
Make us Thy loveliness to know,
And bear Thy Image here below.

Proclamation was then made that "East Anglia is now and henceforth constituted a Mark Province;" the P.G.M. was invested, and inducted into the chair, the M.W.P.G.M. taking the chair on the left. The Prov. Grand Master was then proclaimed and saluted with full honours. Lord Henniker appointed Brother the Rev. C. J. Martyn as his Deputy, and nominated and invested his Officers as follow:—

Bro. Frederick Long	-	-	G. Senior Warden
E. P. Youell	-	-	G. Junior Warden
H. Barwell	-	-	G. Master Overseer
T. J. Ralling	-	-	G. Senior Overseer
H. C. Casley	-	-	G. Junior Overseer
Rev. R. N. Sanderson	-	-	} G. Chaplains
Rev. Dennis Hall	-	-	
Colonel Bignold (elected)	-	-	G. Treasurer
Rev. S. Maude	-	-	G. Registrar
N. Tracy	-	-	G. Secretary
J. Lewin	-	-	G. Senior Deacon
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J. B. Bridgman	-	-	G. Director of Ceremonies
George Abbott	-	-	G. Asst. Dir. of Cer.
Major W. Dods	-	-	G. Sword Bearer
T. Rix	-	-	G. Standard Bearer
J. Buckland	-	-	G. Organist
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S. R. Anness	-	-	} G. Stewards
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After the Provincial Grand Officers had been invested, Lord Henniker proposed a vote of thanks to the Most Worshipful Past Grand M.M.M. for his kindness in attending. Bro. W. W. B. Beach was an excellent Mason, always ready to assist, no matter in what part of the country. He (Lord Henniker) was very glad to see him in Suffolk on the present occasion. The proposition was seconded by the Dep. Prov. Grand Master, Rev. C. J. Martyn, and carried with acclamation. In acknowledging the compliment, Bro. Beach wished the new Province every success in the future, and assured the brethren he appreciated the kind remarks of Lord Henniker. Amongst other matters that received attention was the appointment of a Committee to consider and prepare a code of Bye-laws, and after thanks had been tendered to the Grand Officers for the assistance they had rendered, hearty good wishes were given, and Prov. Grand Lodge was closed, after a very heavy day's work, which had much exceeded the time allotted for its transaction.

The Banquet took place at the Victoria Hotel, Great Yarmouth. The Most Worshipful the Right Lord Henniker presided in the first part of the evening, but in consequence of an important engagement he was compelled to leave early, and even then, as we were informed, had to post a distance of twenty-seven miles. The dinner gave great satisfaction, and on the removal of the cloth the Loyal and Mark toasts received full attention. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, who now occupied the chair, on rising to propose the toast of the Right Hon. Lord Henniker, Most Worshipful Grand Master, and the Past Grand Masters of the Mark Degree, remarked that all must regret Lord Henniker had been compelled to leave. Their Grand Master had entered thoroughly into the duties of his office, and spared no exertion to promote the welfare of Mark Masonry. With respect to the Past Grand Mark Masters, they all were equally zealous: in fact, it might be asserted that the degree had never had a bad Grand Master. With the toast he would associate the name of one whom he considered the Past Grand Mark Master Mason *par excellence*; he referred to Brother Beach, to whom he was personally much indebted, inasmuch as it was he who initiated him; he was certainly one of the most hard working Masons we ever had; his services were always readily dispensed, and as warmly appreciated. This, perhaps, was his first visit to the Eastern part of the kingdom, and he (Bro. Martyn) thought he expressed the sentiments of all present when he trusted it might not be the last. In the course of his reply, Brother Beach said he hoped the brethren would accept his best thanks for the hearty reception they had given him. He had been associated with Bro. C. J. Martyn for many years, and in this regard it was pleasant to recall the memories of the past. He appreciated many lasting friendships that he had made through the medium of Freemasonry. He could but regret, in common with them all, the absence of Lord Henniker, but was gratified to note the advance the degree was making under his Grand Mastership. They were all indebted to the Rev. Canon Portal, their first Grand Mark Master, who had always taken a warm interest in the advancement of the Degree. The next toast that was brought under notice was the health of the Right Hon. the Earl of Kintore, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Mark Grand Officers; the speaker commenting on the care exercised in the selection of brethren for the several parts, and recognising the zeal each brought to bear in the fulfilment of his duties. Bros. Davison, Tomlinson, and Cubitt responded. The latter touched upon some interesting episodes in connection with similar gatherings to that he was now taking part in, and drew a most satisfactory picture of the day's work as compared with other of his experiences. The health of the Deputy Provincial Grand Mark Master was proposed by Bro. Beach, and Bro. Martyn in responding remarked that he felt almost as proud as a peacock at the recognition his efforts were receiving. He had recently had a Lodge in Suffolk named after him, and he was now again prominently brought under notice in connection with the formation of this new Province of East Anglia. In responding to the toast of the Worshipful Master and Brethren of the Youell Lodge, Brother Youell referred to the establishment, seven years ago, of the St. Andrew's Lodge, and the sustained interest taken in Freemasonry by the brethren at Gorleston. A Royal Arch Chapter had since been firmly established, and that day they had taken part in the formation of a Mark Lodge. It was not to be expected they would stop where they now were, and he anticipated the more advanced degrees would be sought after by the Gorleston Masons. For himself he greatly appreciated the honour conferred on his Lodge, through him, by his having been selected for the collar of Provincial Grand Junior Warden. The next toast was the health of the Installing Master. The Rev. C. J. Martyn spoke in most eloquent

terms of the services Brother Binckes, who had so well sustained his part that day, had rendered to Freemasonry in general and the Boys' School in particular. In acknowledging the compliment Brother Binckes said he felt somewhat awed by the too eulogistic way in which his poor services had been referred to. As regards the progress of Mark Masonry throughout the country, it unquestionably had had its ebb and flow, but it was now fairly established in this new Province. He had had the honour of consecrating the Walpole Mark Lodge, No. 92, and he was much gratified at the share he had taken in the events of the day they were now celebrating. He felt he might truthfully say all had striven to make it go off pleasantly. The degree, whatever might have been its vicissitudes, was now generally recognised, and received sympathy and support from all classes. Its financial position was a sound one; G. Mark Lodge had £5300 invested, and they were educating ten or twelve children. Bro. Binckes next referred to the connection of the Mark with Ancient Freemasonry, and recommended all to study its archæology. At that late hour of the evening he feared he should be wearying them, but as regards Mark Masonry, its early history was soundly authenticated, and 1670 might be named as the date when Operative ended, and Speculative began. Bro. Binckes concluded an excellent speech by thanking the brethren for the reception they had given him. There were several other toasts proposed, and the replies to each were brief, but well to the purpose. It was a late hour when the brethren separated. The musical arrangements of the day were conducted by Bro. Charles Buckland, who was ably assisted by Bros. Rolfe and George Abbott.

The next meeting of the Walpole Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 92, will be held at 23 St. Giles' Street, Norwich, on Monday, the 28th inst., at 6.45 p.m., when the following candidates will offer themselves for membership:—

Bros. Everett Howell M.M. Walpole Lodge, 1500, William Robert Tidman M.M. Walpole Lodge, 1500, proposed by Brother Jas. Hobrough, seconded by Brother M. J. Bailey; Brother the Right Hon. Lord Suffield Provincial Grand Master, proposed by Brother Barwell W.M., seconded by Brother Colonel Bignold S.W.; Bros. W. H. Doughty W.M. Soudes Lodge, 996, W. J. Butler J.W. Perseverance Lodge, 213, proposed by Brother F. Long, seconded by Bro. J. B. Bridgman; Bros. W. H. Stevens jun., Walpole Lodge, 1500, Charles Sexton, W.M. Perseverance Lodge, 213, proposed by Brother J. B. Bridgman, seconded by Brother George Baxter; Brother Fred. Morgan, Walpole Lodge, 1500, proposed by Brother George Baxter, seconded by Brother J. B. Bridgman; Brother Edward Arthur Ernescliffe, Cabbell Lodge, 807, proposed by Bro. W. F. Stratford, seconded by Bro. J. B. Bridgman. Bros. George Green, J. W. Browne, T. C. R. King, R. Woodward, H. Rosling, E. Pankhurst, G. F. Crane, W. H. Preston, W. Gaze, J. E. Short, and G. H. Ladyman, if present, will be advanced; the ballot already having been recorded in their favour.

Grand Mark Lodge will be held at Freemasons' Tavern on the 5th of June, at 5 p.m., when Lord Henniker will be again installed as Grand Master. The great progress of the Mark Degree is observable from the report of the General Board, which states that in the six months ending 31st of March last 738 certificates had been issued, the total number of registered Mark Master Masons being now 17,471. During the same period eleven warrants for new Mark Lodges were granted, seven for England and four for the Colonies. In the Degree of Royal Ark Mariners 100 certificates were issued, and two warrants for new Lodges, both for England. New Provinces were constituted at Montreal and Tasmania. The appointment of two additional Grand Officers is recommended, a Second Director of Ceremonies and a Second Standard Bearer; and donations of fifty guineas to the "Preparatory School Building Fund" of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and £25 to the sufferers by the recent fire in Jamaica are also recommended.—*Evening News.*

MASONIC REQUITAL.

WE extract the following from a recent number of the *Masonic Advocate*:—

In all the vocations of life man hopes to receive a just reward for his labour. That it should be commensurate with the work performed, and yield proper compensation to enable him to support himself and family, he has a right to expect while he faithfully employs such talent and strength as he may possess. Not only this, but while in the vigour of manhood he may reasonably expect to accumulate something more, so that, when he has passed the meridian of life, and in the weakness of declining years is no longer able to go forth to his accustomed task, he may enjoy the fruits of his labour and know that he is not dependent upon others for a home while life shall last, nor upon charity for a decent burial when his days are ended. But, alas! there are many, who, after long years of honest toil and self denial, find at last that their expectations are not thus realised. More than a bare subsistence, as the years roll by, they have nothing to shew in return for the great work they have done. What little strength that remains must still be constantly employed in providing the necessities of life so long as it shall last. Can it be that such a requital is all that is deserved?

The last number of the *Voice of Masonry* contains an urgent appeal in behalf of an aged brother—now in his seventy-seventh year—who has spent nearly his whole life in the interest of Masonry. He began his work long before most of the Masons of the present day became members of the great Brotherhood, and has laboured without intermission in disseminating light and knowledge for the benefit of the

Craft. And now, verging to nearly fourscore years, the veteran must still keep his pen going to provide his daily bread. This aged Mason, now in need of assistance, is none other than Bro. Cornelius Moore, for thirty years the editor of the *Masonic Review* at Cincinnati. His present address is Box 518 Windsor, Ontario, where he now resides. We most heartily join with the *Voice* in its appeal to the Masonic fraternity in behalf of this worthy brother in distress.

There are a few thoughts that arise in connection with the case here presented that we deem worthy of consideration. Is there anything in Freemasonry, aside from its ceremonial work, that is worth knowing? If so, then why is it that so few Masons appreciate the fact and avail themselves of this knowledge? From what source can these benefits be obtained? What requital may a Mason expect for time and money spent for the good of Masonry?

To one who has informed himself in regard to the Institution, it is apparent that no man of fair intelligence can pass through the initiatory ceremonies of being made a Mason without failing to discover that they are only the key that opens the door to the sublime principles, upon which it is founded. To enter in and receive a knowledge of the great truths that will be unfolded to him is now his privilege. Strange as it may appear, a very large proportion of initiates seem to be satisfied when they have reached this point. Why such is the case can be explained only upon the hypothesis that curiosity prompted them to seek admission, and having satisfied that they have no higher interest in Masonry. To still satisfy their curiosity they can spend hundreds of dollars in taking more degrees, but when asked to invest a few dollars in a valuable Masonic book, from which they could derive a more correct knowledge of Masonry, or to subscribe for a Masonic journal that would keep them posted in the work of the Order, they have no money to spare for that purpose, nor time to devote to it. From the best information we have been able to gather, not more than six per cent. of the Masons in this country own a Masonic book of the value of one dollar, and few to exceed that number are now subscribers to a Masonic journal. Many eminent and learned Masons, in the last fifty years, have tried to establish Masonic publications, but they have generally soon abandoned them for want of proper support. Not only Bro. Moore, whose case we have presented, but also Bros. Mackey, Morris, Mitchell, Charles W. Moore, Gouley, Wheeler, Guilbert, and others, go to make a long list of bright lights in Masonry, whose efforts in that direction were not appreciated to the extent of a proper requital for their labours. We are stating facts as we find them, not expecting to accomplish any particular good by so doing, but as matter of information to our readers. If any have thought otherwise, we have perhaps convinced them that a Mason is not necessarily a millionaire because he is engaged in publishing a Masonic journal.

THE FIVE POINTS OF FELLOWSHIP.

WHEN need or distress, when misfortune or sorrow,
O'ertake or encompass thy brother around,
Go, serve and assist him, nor wait for the morrow,
On foot, e'en though out of thy way it be found.

Ah, yes, there is help in fraternal devotion,
A solace in sorrow, and aid in distress,
Which fills the sad heart with soft thrilling emotion,
When true to the First on love's pathway we press.

When faint thro' the darkness the vesper is pealing,
When clear on the morn rings the matin's sweet tone,
With heart and with voice, on the closet floor kneeling,
Remember a brother's welfare as thine own.

Thank Him for His grace and His love; ask His blessing
On thee, and thy home, on thine own, loved and dear,
Then think of the Second, and when Him addressing,
Let brotherly love plead in language sincere.

Preserve in thy breast what a brother, confiding,
Commends to thy keeping, when honest and just,
Inviolate hale it, and hold it in hiding,
And, strong in thy honour, betray not the trust.

Forget not the Builder beset and in danger,
E'en death from his bosom extorted no word,
So keep thou the Third, though it come from a stranger,
Enough that a brother the trust has conferred.

Aye, stretch forth thy hand if a brother be falling,
Support him, and aid him his feet to regain,
Await not the summons, the sign or the calling,
But fly to his succour from danger and pain.

If slander's foul tongue his fair name is assailing,
Though absent or present, his virtue defend;
And prove that the Fourth shall be ever availing,
To rescue the fame of a brother and friend.

To err is but human, a brother, forgiving,
Performs but a duty, a labour of love;
And he who demurs in his heart is not living
The life shown and taught by the Master above.

Nay, more, in the ear of the wayward and erring,
Reproof should admonish, and counsel should aid
In self-reformation; thus nobly conferring
The Fifth in its fullness, its light and its shade.

—Voice of Masonry.

BIRTH.

COOPER.—On the 22nd instant, at Spring Lane, Boxley, the wife of Brother ROBERT COOPER, of a Son.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 26th MAY.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1541—Alexandra Palace
 1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1679—Henry Muggeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1777—Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
 1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
 R.A. 176—Cavenc, Albion, Aldersgate Street
 R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1462—Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
 1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
 1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
 R.A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan.
 M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

MONDAY, 28th MAY.

- Grand Mark Masters, Masonic Hall, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
 4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 26—Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
 45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 183—Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
 186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 902—Burgoyne, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street
 905—De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
 1507—Metropolitan, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
 1623—West Smithfield, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)
 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
 1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1745—Farringdon, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 1828—Shepherds Bush, Athenæum, Goldhawk-road, W.
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
 R.A. 188—Joppa, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
 R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1237—Enfield, Court House, Enfield
 48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
 148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
 999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 219—Justice, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
 R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 411—Commercial, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
 R.A. 448—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
 R.A. 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham
 M.M. 146—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 29th MAY.

- 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)
 1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1380—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
 1440—Mount Edgumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
 1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
 1707—Eleonor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30
 211—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
 310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
 357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
 573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
 1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Plaignton
 1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
 1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead

WEDNESDAY, 30th MAY.

- 15—Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 30—United Mariners', The Lizard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 73—Mount Lebanon, Horse Shoe Inn, Newington Causeway, at 8. (Inst.)
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
 538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
 898—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, E., at 8. (Inst.)
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
 1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)

- 1768—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, V.C.
 1791—Creton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 3—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
 M.M. 1—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)
 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
 996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
 1033—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Boswick, near Manchester
 1035—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby (Instruction)
 1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
 1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester
 1233—Ryburn, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
 1953—Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Chard, Somersetshire
 R.A. 322—Hope, Vernon Arms Hotel, Stockport
 R.A. 357—Apollo University, Apollo University Hall, Oxford
 R.A. 376—Royal Sussex of Perfect Friendship, Masonic Hall, Ipswich
 M.M. 1—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
 M.M. 178—Wiltshire Keystone, Town Hall, Devizes
 K.T.—Alpass, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.C.—Philips, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
 R.C.—Stanhope, Queen Hotel, Chester

THURSDAY, 31st MAY.

- House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3
 General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 704—Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
 902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30 (Inst.)
 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
 1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
 1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction)
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
 1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford-street, W.C., at 7.45 (Instruction)
 1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8. (Inst.)
 111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
 807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
 904—Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
 968—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
 1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
 1530—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Osborne Street Hull
 R.A. 360—Northampton, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
 R.A. 1395—Weyside, Masonic Hall, Woking
 M.M. 32—Union, Freemason's Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

FRIDAY, 1st JUNE.

- Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 706—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
 766—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., at 8 (Inst.)
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1058—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
 1153—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1499—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 1716—All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar
 1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 R.A. 65—Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
 R.A. 78—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
 R.A. 95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
 R.A. 259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, King Street, St. James's
 M.M. 1—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)

- 44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
 127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
 219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
 242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
 442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
 453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
 539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
 837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
 908—Welchpool, Railway Station, Welchpool
 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
 1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 1528—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
 1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
 1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
 1618—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
 1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
 R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30

SATURDAY, 2nd JUNE.

- General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 193—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
 R.A. 173—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
 1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
 1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
 1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham
 R.A. 811—Yarborough, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

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CONSTITUTION OF A NEW PROVINCE.

WEDNESDAY, 16th May, was a red letter day among the Royal Arch Masons of Essex, when the four Chapters working therein were constituted into a Provincial Grand Chapter, with the popular D.P.G.M. of the Craft Lodges—M.E. Comp. Frederick A. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G. Soj.—as Provincial Grand Superintendent. The needful ceremonial of installation, which was held at the Shire Hall, Chelmsford, was most kindly undertaken by M.E. Comp. the Lord Lathom, Grand H. of England, and was performed, it need hardly be added, in a most impressive manner. The other acting Officers were—E. Comps. Colonel Shadwell Clerke G.S.E. as H., the Rev. C. W. Arnold as J., T. J. Ralling Z. 51 as S.E., Frank Richardson P.G.A.S. as D.C. P.G. Chapter having been duly opened, the Grand Supt. designate was introduced by the following Comps:—the Rev. E. H. Crate P.Z. 51, W. W. Brown Z. 214, F. Adlard P.Z. 214, Vero W. Taylor Z. 276, E. Judd Z. 1000, and A. Lucking P.Z. 1000. The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with, and at its conclusion the Grand Superintendent appointed E. Comp. the Rev. F. B. Shepherd, P.Z. and S.E. Essex Chapter, No. 276, and E. Comp. George Cooper, P.Z. and S.E. Hope and Unity Chapter, No. 214, to the Chairs of H. and J. respectively. The other Officers were then invested as follows:

Comp. T. J. Ralling Z. 51.	-	-	P.G.S.E.
Rev. E. H. Crate P.Z. 51	-	-	P.G.S.N.
A. Goodchild P.Z. 276	-	-	P.G.P. Soj.
E. E. Phillips P.Z. 1000	-	-	P.G. 1st Assist. Soj.
E. Judd Z. 1000	-	-	P.G. 2nd Assist. Soj.
E. B. Florence P.Z.	-	-	P.G. Registrar
W. Pissey P.Z. 1000.	-	-	P.G. Sword Bearer
J. E. Wiseman P.Z. 51	-	-	P.G. Standard Bearer
A. Lucking P.Z. 1000	-	-	P.G. Dir. of Cer.
W. W. Brown Z. 3214	-	-	P.G. Organist
— Martin	-	-	P.G. Janitor

On the motion of E. Comp. the Rev. F. B. Shepherd P.G.H., seconded by E. Comp. E. E. Phillips P.Z. 1000, E. Comp. Andrew Durrant P.Z. and Treasurer 276 was unanimously elected Prov. Grand Treasurer. The following were appointed a Committee to frame Bye-laws:—E. Comps. Rev. F. B. Shepherd P.G.H., George Cooper P.G.J., T. J. Ralling P.G.S.E., Rev. E. H. Crate P.G.S.N., Andrew Durrant Prov. Grand Treasurer, and Vero W. Taylor Z. 276. On the motion of the Grand Superintendent, seconded by the Provincial Grand H., a hearty vote of thanks was passed to M.E.Z. Comp. Lord Lathom, for his kindness in attending and performing the ceremony of the day. The Grand H., in responding, congratulated the Province of Essex upon meeting, for the first time, as a P.G. Chapter, and expressed a hope that from so auspicious a beginning they might grow and prosper. He was pleased to have been present that day to instal so worthy and distinguished a Comp. as the Grand Superintendent. Thanks were also voted to the acting Officers for the day; and to the County Magistrates for the use of the Shire Hall. The Grand Superintendent said, as a memento of the day's proceedings, he would ask the Grand Chapter to accept as a present from himself the collars and jewels which had been used to invest the Officers. He thanked the Companions for attending to greet him on his installation, and expressed a hope that Royal Arch Masonry would flourish in the Province. A hearty vote of thanks having been accorded to M.E. Comp. Philbrick for his munificent gift, the interesting proceedings closed. Between forty and fifty Companions afterwards dined together at the White Hart Hotel, a sumptuous repast being served by Brother Haxell, the host. The newly-installed Grand Superintendent presided, and was supported by the Grand H. of England, the Grand Superintendent of Suffolk, and other distinguished members of the Grand Chapter. After dinner, the usual Royal Arch toasts were given, and success to the Prov. Grand Chapter of Essex was enthusiastically drunk. The musical arrangements were efficiently carried out by Companions G. F. Smith, G. F. Smith jun., T. Lawler, and G. T. Carter. Among those present during the day, in addition to those already mentioned, were Companions the Rev. C. J. Martyn Grand Superintendent Suffolk, E. J. Barron P.G.S.B. P.Z. and Treasurer 214, Thomas Fenn P.G.S.B., Nathaniel George Philips P.G.S.N., W. H. Saunders, Frederick Adlard P.Z. 214, W. Gosling P.G.S. Bengal, Edgar Bowyer Grand Standard Bearer, Joshua Nunn P.G.D.C., H. H. Locke P.Z. 109, &c., James Gosling 1000, R. Clowes 1st Assistant Sojourner 51, B. S. Barnes H. 276, D. M. B. Wheeler 276, K. Wilson P.Z. 276, E. Shedd J. 276, G. Wallace, 214, M. J. O'Connor P.P.S. 214, F. Whitmore P.Z. 276, A. C. Veley P.Z. 276, E. H. Carter P.Z. 276, Alf. Williams 8, G. F. Smith jun. J. 1839, G. F. Smith 1839, G. T. Carter 145, T. Lawler 92, J. H. Matthews 9, Joshua Street P.Z. 389, J. P. Lewin P.S. 276, G. W. Pascall 276, James S. Brown 276, Frederick A. Cole P.Z. 51, J. Terry Z. 1471 P.G.J., W. Sowman P.S. 51, James Nicholls P.Z. 276, A. Mead 276, &c.—*Essex Standard*.

A meeting of the members of the North London Chapter of Instruction was held at the Canonbury Tavern, St. Mary's Road, Islington, on Thursday, the 24th inst. Comps. Dean occupied the chair of Z., Sheffield H., Higgins J., Fraser S.N., Hunter P.S. The weather was warm, yet there was a good muster. It being Her Most Gracious Majesty's birthday, the Companions, before separating, drank to her health.

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PANTOMIME—"HARLEQUIN FREEMASON."

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In January 1880, Bro. Parker, Superintendent of the Boston Masonic Temple, showed me a Diary by a New England Royalist refugee, while residing in London, containing an account of a Pantomime of the above name, acted at Covent Garden Theatre, 9th March 1791, which account appeared in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. Soon after this, I discovered the printed Pantomime itself (which I brought with me to London), and it was reprinted in the same paper in the latter part of February or beginning of March 1880. During my late visit to Europe, the same Bro. Parker found, in the Worcester Library, a Boston paper of 1802, containing the enclosed advertisement. There seems to be a mistake about its being acted in London in 1783. The arrangement differs from the original. It is not impossible, therefore, that another pantomime of that name may have appeared in London in 1783. The Boston papers contained no editorials in those days about theatrical performances, and I could not find in the papers that the said pantomime was ever performed here before, or after 5th May 1802. I think it would be worth while to look over the London papers of 1781 and of 1783, to learn what notice (if any) was taken of that performance. But any how, the enclosed advertisement will be new, both to English and American Masons, and there can be no harm in reprinting it in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

Yours fraternally,

JACOB NORTON.

Boston, U.S., 7th May 1883.

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This evening, May 5th, will be presented (by desire) Shakespeare's favorite play of Henry the Fourth, with the humours of Falstaff.

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End of the third act (for this night only) a Hornpipe, by a Young Gentleman. End of the Play, a Fancy Dance, in Scotch character, by the Young Gentleman and Miss Bates.

To which will be added, for the last time this season, a new Grand Pantomime Entertainment, in 2 acts, called,

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As originally performed at Convent Garden Theatre in the year 1783, with the sanction and approbation of the Grand Master, and the principal Lodges of London. Hiram Abbiff, Mr. Harper; Harlequin, Mr. Bates; Pierot, Mr. Dickinson; Columbine, Miss Bates; other Characters in bills. By desire, the Song "Tally Ho," by Mrs. Graupner.

In the course of the Pantomime, the following incidents, scenery, &c.—To commence with a view of Hiram's Garden, and Recluse by Moonlight, in which Masonic Emblems change to Harlequin—A Fashionable Head-Dress inclosed in a Magical Band-box—A Clock just in time, and a New Constructed Toilette—A Dog Kennel changed to a Pigeon House, with an Old Woman Enraged, or the Clown in the Wrong Basket.

Act 2nd—A Collection of Animated Pictures, or the Portrait turned Painter—A Magic Cabinet, Organized—the Exaltation, or the Hanging of Harlequin, who drops Limb from Limb, and is instantaneously reanimated. To conclude with a Display of the Regions of Friendship, with Masonic Emblems, personifying Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty, with Faith, Hope, and Charity.

The whole arranged and got up under the direction of Mr. Bates, who respectfully assures the public he has dedicated a great deal of time and expense in its preparation, and humbly hopes it may be found deserving their approbation and patronage.

Doors open at 6. Curtain rises at 7. Conclude by 11.

Columbian Centinel, May 5, 1802.

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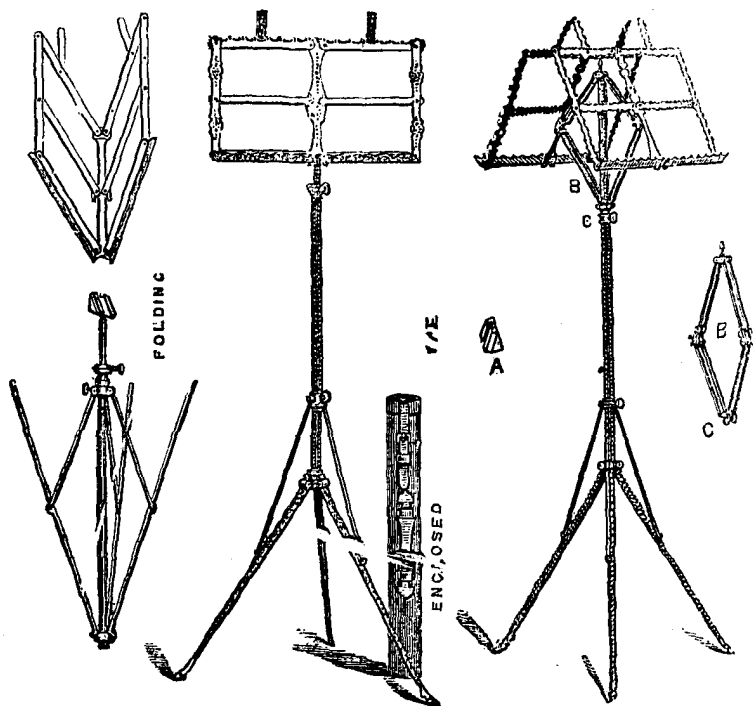
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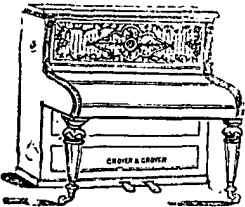
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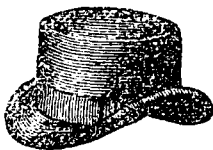
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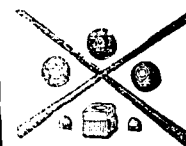
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