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THE QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE.

THE business to be transacted in Grand Lodge, at its Quarterly Communication, to be held on Wednesday next, the 6th inst., is of the most formal character excepting the one item which has reference to the reconstruction of our Masonic Temple. This one exception will render next week's gathering one of the most important in the annals of the Craft in the present day, and it will doubtless call forth many proposals, counter-proposals, suggestions and lengthy discussions. The main proposition on the subject to be considered by Grand Lodge next week will be submitted by the President of the Board of General Purposes, and is based on a report presented by the Premises Committee. This proposal, to which we refer at length below is, we think, the best that can be made, and if properly carried out, should meet the approval of brethren generally, as its adoption would be the means of providing something like double the accommodation to which we have been accustomed, and that, too, without materially interfering with existing arrangements as regards private Lodge-rooms, offices, and other adjuncts to Grand Lodge, the Freemasons' Tavern, &c.

Taking the items on Wednesday's agenda in the order in which they there appear, we have first the submission of the minutes of the last Quarterly Communication, and of the Grand Festival, for approval. Next will come the election of members of the Board of General Purposes. For the fourteen vacancies on the Board which have to be filled by the vote of Grand Lodge, there are thirty-two nominations; but as one brother is nominated twice and two others three times each, there are but twenty-seven brethren actually before Grand Lodge. What does this double nomination mean? Does it not imply that the brother thus honoured (?) has never been consulted as to his willingness to contest the position—for surely no one who was asked would allow two brethren to divide the privilege of naming him for so important a post in the Craft? There is one point in connection with this plurality of nomination we think it desirable to mention here. It has never struck us before, although, doubtless, similar instances have frequently occurred. Will the names on the ballot papers be the same as those which appear on the Grand Lodge agenda, because if such is the case it will be possible for any brother so entitled to give two votes to Bro. Smallpeice (the brother twice nominated) and three each to Bros. Bristow and Escott (who each appear three times on the list). In such a case would the votes be added together, or each nomination stand on its own basis? The former course would be manifestly unfair to the other nominees, while the latter might seriously affect the pluralists themselves.

Having disposed of the election for the Board of General Purposes, that of the Members of the Colonial Board will follow, but as in this case the number of brethren nominated exactly corresponds with the number to be elected by Grand Lodge, no poll will be needed, the declaration of election being only a matter of formality. In the case of the members for the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the case is different, as there are eleven nominations for the ten vacancies; a poll will, therefore, be necessary.

The sixth item on the list is the Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter. The grants which will come before Grand Lodge for approval at its next meeting are much smaller in number than has been the average of late, there being but seven recommendations—four of £50 each, two of £100 each, and one of £150. The Report of the Board of General Purposes comes next. After formally recording the fire which occurred at Freemasons' Hall on the 3rd ult., and which is described as having caused considerable damage to the premises, the Board acknowledge the receipt of a report thereon from their Premises Committee, which they say they have carefully considered, and, believing the recommendations therein to be for the welfare and convenience of the Craft, they submit them for the favourable consideration of Grand Lodge. The Board also report that a fresh Catalogue of the Library and Museum of Grand Lodge is about to be prepared, and solicits donations of Masonic works, &c. on behalf of the Library Committee.

The Report of the Premises Committee, to which reference has already been made, deals entirely with the question of the reconstruction of the Masonic Temple. The fire, says the report, resulted in the almost entire destruction of the time-honoured "Temple," in which the meetings of Grand Lodge have taken place for over a hundred years—together with the valuable pictures of Past Grand Masters contained therein, as also a great part of the furniture and other fittings. The Hall thus destroyed was formally dedicated to Masonry on the 23rd May 1776, by the Right Hon. Lord Petrie, then Grand Master, who had, in the year preceding, laid the foundation stone. Since that time Grand Lodge has, uninterruptedly, held its meetings there. The premises were fully insured, the only loss to the Craft being the many articles which cannot be replaced, such as the pictures already referred to, the "Ark of the Covenant" (wherein were deposited the Articles of Union between the two Grand Lodges on the occasion of their being united in 1813), and other "Antiquities."

The Committee, after careful consideration, have come to the conclusion that the removal of Grand Lodge premises to the Thames Embankment (a proposition long since mooted) is impracticable, as not only is involved the question of constructing, at an immense cost, a building suited to the requirements of the Craft, but also the almost equally prominent question of the Freemasons' Tavern, the goodwill, of which, of course, depends on the close proximity of the Hall. The G. Superintendent of Works having therefore been called upon for his opinion as to the best possible plan for carrying out such works of renovation and enlargement as will afford accommodation for the attendance in Grand Lodge of at least 1,500 brethren (double the number provided for in the old Hall) states, that to renew the premises destroyed, on the old lines, would be a simple matter, and, looking at the insurance, of little expense to the Craft; but he submits the following scheme for doubling the present accommodation, viz., to add to the area occupied by the Hall just destroyed, the present great Dining Hall of Freemasons' Tavern (the two now running side by side), and that by due and equitable arrangements with Messrs Spiers and Pond (Limited), the lessees of the Tavern, and with Mr. Bacon, the lessee of Bacon's Hotel, adjoining the Tavern, the necessary substituted accommodation for a new Dining Hall, and for improved kitchen accommodation for the Tavern, should be

provided on the site of the Hotel. He further points out that at the present stage it is impracticable to submit any accurate estimate of the cost of this scheme; but is of opinion that the total expense would probably not exceed from £30,000 to £35,000 beyond what would be received from the Insurance Companies, and from Messrs. Spiers and Pond, as a contribution for improvements especially affecting their premises.

The Premises Committee refer to the funds to credit of Grand Lodge, and intimate that any balance required could be raised without difficulty, and conclude by recommending the scheme, fully believing that should it be adopted by Grand Lodge, it will give to the Craft premises worthy of the present flourishing state of Freemasonry in England. Little need be said in reference to this proposition, it seems to us the best that could be made. It would be a pity to sacrifice the portions of the premises still uninjured, and give up the old Masonic associations which are inseparable from Great Queen Street, for the purpose of erecting a showy Temple on the Thames Embankment, or other public thoroughfare, which, to many, would be looked upon as only a huge advertisement of the greatness of Freemasonry. In addition, there is the question affecting the income derived from the Freemasons' Tavern, which would no doubt be affected by any removal of the Lodge accommodation, as well as many other matters which will doubtless strike our readers.

The Report of the Board of Benevolence is followed by a resolution of the members, expressive of their sense of the ability and courtesy of the President, and by a statement of Grand Lodge Accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee (held on the 18th ult.) Then comes the consideration of the Annual Report of the Benevolent Institution; an appeal against sentence of expulsion; and three notices of motion.

The first of these latter refers to the rebuilding of the Temple, the second to the reconsideration of the Revised Book of Constitutions, and the third is a proposal that the usual annual grant for coals for the old people at Croydon shall be made from the funds of Grand Lodge. We can but express a hope that the meeting will be numerously attended, and that whatever decisions may be arrived at they may ultimately prove of benefit to the Craft at large.

THE APPROACHING FESTIVAL OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THIS year's Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys promises to be the most important gathering ever held in connection with either of our Masonic Institutions, as no doubt this year's total of subscriptions will prove to be the largest ever collected. The Committee of the Boys' School, we believe, by the all but unanimous opinion of the subscribers, decided conditionally on an enlargement of the School buildings at Wood Green by the erection of a Preparatory School, a course which will enable them to take on an additional number of pupils, and thus relieve the pressing wants of some of the many candidates who periodically present themselves at the half-yearly elections of the School. It having been determined that a special Fund should be raised to meet the cost of building this proposed Preparatory School, especial advantages, in the way of extra votes, were offered, to induce old supporters of the Institution to come forward and contribute towards the enlargement, and this plan has met with such a hearty response as will lead to the collection of—it is said—as much as £20,000 during the year, a very large portion of which will, as we have explained, be specially contributed for the purpose of enlarging the premises at Wood Green. That such a result should even be anticipated goes far to prove the popularity of the proposed enlargement. It cannot be said that all of this extra support is given because additional votes are offered; that might influence some few, but, on the other hand, it must be borne in mind that unless a brother sympathised with the Institution, no amount of enticement, in the form of extra votes, would induce him to subscribe. We may, therefore, safely assume that the Boys' School is in favour with a very large majority of English Craftsmen.

It has fallen to our lot on many occasions in the past to lament the inability of the Committee to take on a larger proportion of the lads deemed eligible for the benefits of

the School, and there is very little doubt but that the great number of boys who have had to be returned as unsuccessful after the various elections has made an impression on the minds of many who have come forward during the present year to assist in providing more accommodation at the School. We only hope they may live to see the fruits of their generosity; and that the lads who will be taken on in consequence of the extra exertions now being made will appreciate the help afforded them, and, should opportunity occur, will do their best to maintain those who, in years to come, may seek the benefits they in their youth secured.

So far we have only spoken of the support it is anticipated will be given to the School itself, during the present year; no mention has yet been made of the men who are working to bring about the grand result expected. The Stewards of the year seem to us to deserve especial consideration on the present occasion. They are entrusted with a work which will remain, not merely for a year or two, but as long as the School exists; they are called upon to demonstrate the practicability, or otherwise, of maintaining the enlargement that has been agreed upon, and in proportion to the success they achieve may be reckoned the success which will attend the first few years, at least, of the Preparatory School. If, as we believe will be the case, the Stewards are this year enabled to collect sufficient to pay the extreme cost of the addition, it will ever remain a monument to their exertions, and will stand as an example for future generations to follow.

At the present time there are something over 360 brethren enrolled on the list of Stewards, and from these some enthusiastic Craftsmen say no less a sum than £20,000 is to be received! A large amount, it must be admitted, but one which it is possible for them to raise under the special circumstances which can be associated with this year's appeal. The holding of the Festival at the Crystal Palace on one of the days set apart for the Handel Celebration, may influence some few at least to assist who would not otherwise do so, and if strangers to our Charities can be induced to attend these meetings, it usually happens that a donation follows, if not at once, at least some short time afterwards.

The Right Hon. Viscount Holmesdale has a good Province at his back, and we look forward to seeing him and the Craftsmen of Kent heading the list, so far as the Provinces are concerned, with a total which will do credit, not only to the county from which it emanates, the worthy brother at its head, the Institution for which it is subscribed, but to Freemasonry in general.

In conclusion, we can but tender our best wishes for success to all who are associated with the Festival, and express a fervent hope it may realise as grand a total as Brother Binckes, the energetic Secretary—to whom much of the credit of the work is due—and other friends desire. In any case we feel sure that the donations will prove beyond a doubt that the Boys' School has the sympathy of the entire English Brotherhood.

FREEMASONRY IN RUSSIA.

IT was the Grand Lodge of London that established the first Lodge at Moscow in 1731, under the reign of the Empress Anna Ivanowa, and for the purpose of constituting others in the country, patented John Phillips as Provincial Grand Master. Freemasonry made but very little progress in Russia, and it was not until the year 1771 that the first Lodge was organised at St. Petersburg. In 1772 the Grand Lodge of London delivered to John Yelaguine, a Senator and Privy Councillor, a patent constituting him Provincial Grand Master for Russia. After his death he was succeeded by the Count Roman Woronsow. At this time the Lodges increased to a greater extent in St. Petersburg than in any other portion of the empire, the membership belonging in great part to the nobility. Under the reign of Catherine II. it would have been difficult to find in St. Petersburg a noble who was not a Freemason. It is true that the Empress often manifested some chagrin when, after finding but a single chamberlain in attendance upon her, she inquired for such and such a one as she missed, and was told that he had gone to the Lodge; but, nevertheless, she was well enough

disposed towards the Fraternity to have her son, Paul I., initiated immediately upon his coming of age. The high degrees, and, above all, those of the system of Strict Observance, invaded the territory of Russia about the year 1775, and it lacked nothing of creating the same disorders it had everywhere caused. Many of the Lodges, professing only the English Rite, had no desire to accept this Templar parody, which was principally the cause of the interdiction of Freemasonry in 1790.

The system of Strict Observance, under the patronage and Grand Mastership of the Duke of Brunswick, had organised at St. Petersburg a power, under the title of Grand Lodge of the Order of Vladimir, which assumed to direct all the Lodges of Russia, and thus came in conflict with a great many operative Lodges which practised only the English Rite. In few countries did Masonry rise to the splendour it attained under Catherine II., for the Masonic temples at St. Petersburg were indeed palaces. Many beneficial establishments were also founded by her directions and under her patronage. During the sojourn of the King of Sweden, Gustavus III., in St. Petersburg, who in his own country was Grand Master of the Templar Lodges (which is virtually the same as Strict Observance), the Lodges of this system gave him the most superb feasts, at which he assisted with his whole suite, composed entirely of Freemasons.

Notwithstanding these brilliant appearances, the true Freemasonry, so far from making corresponding progress in Russia, had, on the contrary, degenerated to such a point that the Empress Catherine not only openly expressed her discontent thereat to the gentlemen of her court, in respect to the abuses which were being introduced, but published a pamphlet very severe in its strictures against Freemasons. It has been translated into French and German, a copy of which we have seen in London. Such was the situation of Masonry in Russia upon the accession of Paul I. to the throne in 1796. Although he had been initiated, this prince had allowed himself to be prevailed upon by intriguants, who obtained of him an interdiction of Masonic assemblies, as well as those of all other secret societies, under the most severe penalties. Subsequently, regarding the Order of the Knights Templar as the true possessors of Masonic science, he desired to re-establish that Order, and, in fact, to bring about this pretended regeneration of Masonry, he had, on 16th December 1798, taken the title of Grand Master of the Order of Malta, as a means of more effectually accomplishing his purpose. Afterwards, however, he renounced the project, which was, in fact, impracticable.

To Paul I., assassinated 23rd March 1801, succeeded Alexander I. At once he confirmed the interdiction pronounced by his predecessor against Freemasonry, but in 1803, consequent upon a circumstantial report which he ordered to be made upon the subject and principles of Freemasonry, he revoked it, and was himself initiated. We have been unable to ascertain the exact date of the ceremony, the place or the Lodge in which it occurred, nor can we assert that he ever took part in the labours of the Fraternity; no record can be found. It is pretty well known, however, that he always exhibited a certain degree of mistrust in the Institution. Russian-like.

The Grand Lodge Vladimir, which, with the Operative Lodges under its jurisdiction, was suspended by the interdiction pronounced by Paul I., after 1803 awoke to renewed activity. From that time the struggle recommenced. The Lodges of the English system established a new Masonic code for all the Lodges of Russia; but not wishing to recognise certain privileges that the Grand Lodge Vladimir revindicated, and to withdraw for ever from the systematic domination of it, he founded, in 1815, another Grand Lodge, under the title of 'Astrea,' of which the rules and regulations were approved by the government, and which from that time directed all the Lodges in Russia. Though Freemasonry has not greatly extended, it appears that it afforded some inquiet to the Emperor Alexander; for, by an ukase, dated 21st August 1821, he interdicted anew all Masonic assemblies, and in the autograph rescript that he addressed to his minister charged with the execution of this ukase, he based his promulgation upon the assertion that the Lodges occupied themselves with the discussion of political subjects. None of the successors of Alexander have revoked this prohibition. Further comment upon Masonry in Russia would be superfluous. Masonry remains under a ban of this interdiction, and in the present condition of its

political affairs, we are very much inclined to think that it will continue so to remain, until, by some stupendous power, the light of humanity will be permitted to shine in their hearts, or as we should say, of their government.—*Hebrew Leader.*

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

A MEETING of the General Committee was held on Thursday, when Col. Creaton was elected chairman. There were several hundred brethren present on the occasion, this being the day for the election of the House Committee, as to which a keen contest was expected. The arrangements for the proper distribution of the voting papers were utterly inadequate for the occasion, although the Committee sat in the Zetland, and the papers were distributed in the ante room.

Before proceeding with the business on the agenda paper the chairman announced that Bros. Moon, Clutton and Thrupp had withdrawn their names from the list of candidates for election on the House Committee. He added that the poll would remain open till 5 p.m., and that all Governors in the room at that hour (when the door would be shut) would be entitled to receive their voting papers.

The minutes of the General Committee, of the Quarterly Court April, were read and verified, and those of the House Committee were read for information. The following votes, recommended by the House Committee, were then agreed to:—£11 for a new skylight, £150 for additional fire mains and hydrants, and £20 for providing extra instruction to qualify Selina Sharp for a superior position. The chairman was authorised to sign cheques for the quarter's salaries and wages. Nine petitions were submitted, one of which was deferred consideration till next meeting.

The following is the result of the polling for the successful candidates for election on the House and Audit Committees:—

HOUSE COMMITTEE.

Joshua Nunn ...	...	...	254
F. Richardson ...	...	...	253
J. H. Matthews...	...	...	251
E. C. Mather ...	...	...	250
H. A. Dubois ...	...	...	249
Lt.-Col. J. Peters ...	...	...	249
Peter de Lande Long ...	...	...	248
E. Letchworth ...	...	...	246
J. A. Rucker ...	...	...	246
Robert Grey ...	...	...	245
Charles Hammerton ...	...	...	244
Edgar Bowyer ...	...	...	236

AUDIT COMMITTEE.

H. Dicketts ...	...	...	255
H. C. Levander ...	...	...	255
W. Roebuck ...	...	...	247
H. Venn ...	...	...	244
J. C. Chancellor ...	...	...	234
Jas. Cutbush ...	...	...	229
W. Bailey ...	...	...	224
T. Kingston ...	...	...	221
E. C. Davies ...	...	...	125

Bro. Tattershall thanked the brethren who had given him their support, and regretted that they had not been strong enough to secure his election.

Votes of thanks to the scrutineers and the chairman closed the proceedings.

A meeting of the North London Chapter of Improvement was held on the 31st May, at the Canonbury Tavern, St. Mary's Road, Islington. Comps. Gregory Z., Higgins H., Sheffield (Scribe E.) J., Brasted S.N., George P.S. At the next convocation the sum of £5 5s will be ballotted for as a Life Subscription to one of the Masonic Institutions. Companion T. C. Edmonds ably fulfils the duties of Preceptor.

We have been requested to announce that in future the members of the William Preston Lodge of Instruction will hold their weekly meetings at the St. Andrew's Tavern, George Street, Baker Street, W. Brother G. Coop acts as Preceptor, and the meetings are held every Friday evening, at eight o'clock.

INTERESTING MASONRY.

FROM THE KEYSTONE.

MASONRY ought to be interesting, deeply interesting, and if it isn't it is somebody's fault. Primarily, we mean interesting to its members; but it ought also to have certain elements of interest for every thoughtful, cultured man. Let us observe what these elements are, and how they present themselves.

If any organisation in the world possesses a *raison d'être*, Freemasonry does. It is founded upon a rock—the rock of ideas. It owes its glory not to its originator, for historically he is unknown, although traditionally King Solomon is credited with the Craft's origin. No man can claim, or has truly claimed, to be the father of Freemasonry. Like Melchisedek, it is without father, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life. All that we know about it in this respect is, that it was, it is, and it shall be. That is sufficient. We cannot peer through the mists of the past, we cannot divine the far off future. The present only is ours, and it is with reference to it that we shall now speak. We assert and maintain that Masonry *now* is, and should be intensely interesting to the average man and Freemason. We will give our reasons.

Freemasonry engages, enlarges, and elevates the human mind. The ideas upon which it is founded are large ideas. It is the teacher of truth, and of truth of momentous importance. This truth is threefold—Faith in God, Hope in Immortality, and Charity to the Craft, aye, and to the world. Where can you find nobler or farther reaching ideas than these? They reach back to the Grand Architect of the Universe—they cover our present relations with our fellows, and they reach forward to the infinite hereafter. Who can find, or imagine, nobler, purer ideas? They fill the mind, purify the morals, and elevate the soul. Therein, certainly, Freemasonry is interesting. But there are other relations in which the Craft comes home to us.

Freemasonry gratifies the heaven-implemented instinct of man for social and convivial enjoyment. While it lifts him up to the high level of divine truth, it does not continuously keep him breathing the rarified atmosphere of that region, but it lowers him again to his natural level, and then generously stoops to him, and comes in and sups with him. While the Craft is at Labour it is dispensing the truth, lifting up the brethren to the high level of the triune virtues of Faith, Hope, and Charity; but when the Craft is at refreshment, it condescendingly stoops to our every-day life, shares our joys with us, and heightens them by lending them a charm that we do not hesitate to say cannot be duplicated outside of Freemasonry. There is more intense satisfaction and pleasure to be derived from association with our brethren around the festive board, than in any other association known among men. It is innocent, it is recreative, it is enlivening. It is intensely interesting. And yet, in spite of these facts—for they are facts—some brethren fail to continuously take an interest in Freemasonry. Somehow or other their Lodge cannot hold their attention. For a certain percentage of absentees one can readily account—old age, illness, absence from home, and permanent removal, will together account for, say one-eighth of the members being absent from their places. But where are the other seven-eighths? If the truth were known, we are inclined to think that fully one-half of these, for some cause or other, failed to find the Lodge and its proceedings interesting. Men *will* go where they are interested, and ordinarily they will *not* go where dullness reigns supreme; and they are not greatly to be blamed. What if Freemasonry does *theoretically* teach inspiring ideas, if it *practically* teaches nothing, in consequence of there being no work? How can dullness be interesting? The Lodge without work is in a deplorable plight, and somebody is to blame. Primarily, its members are to blame. Their inaction has produced the complete stagnation that is so appalling. When even the few that are diligent in their attendance fulfil their duty to the Lodge, it cannot fail to improve in all of its interests, and thereby prove interesting to its members generally, who will soon learn of the revival in their Lodge.

A Grand Visitation to a Lodge by the Grand Officers is an unfailing source of interest to a very large number of members and visitors, and on this account that Grand Master who makes the largest number of Grand Visitations, is doing what in the nature of things is the best that can be done by him for the prosperity of the Craft. It is a mistake to suppose that those brethren who are drawn out by these special occasions fail afterwards to appear again until a similar inducement attracts them. A certain percentage are continuous in their attendance from the time that they awaken out of their lethargy. Whatever therefore tends legitimately to fill the Lodge-room with brethren, contributes to the welfare of the Brotherhood. Freemasonry in action is always interesting. Of course if there be but a score, or a dozen, in the Lodge-room, and no work and nothing to supply its place, it is dull, supremely dull. Such things ought not to be. In itself Freemasonry possesses elements of the deepest interest, and if it fails to be interesting to the brethren, it is because those very brethren have failed themselves in the performance of their duty to their Lodge. We trust the time will come when there shall be no indifferent Masons, and no idle Lodges, and right sure we are that then there will be no body of the Craft in which the exemplification of Freemasonry will not be interesting.

The members of the Loughborough Lodge of Instruction intend, at their meeting on Monday evening next, at the Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, Loughborough Junction, S.W., to discuss several points of Brother James Stevens's Lecture on the Ritual and Working of the First Degree. Brethren from other Lodges will be welcomed. Bro. Stevens has promised to attend on the occasion.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of the above Lodge was held, for the first time at Burton-on-Trent, on Tuesday, the 22nd ult., and was attended by upwards of two hundred members of the Craft, a number which has not hitherto been exceeded at more than three or four gatherings of Masons in Staffordshire. The preparations for the meeting were made by Bro. Capt. J. A. Bindley W.M., and the Officers of the Abbey Lodge, No. 624, whose ordinary place of meeting is the Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton; but on this occasion the gathering was so large that it was found necessary to assemble at St. Paul's Institute, where the business of the Provincial Grand Lodge was transacted, and the banquet was held. The arrangements throughout reflected the greatest possible credit on Bro. J. A. Bindley W.M., whose efforts were admirably seconded by Bro. Bailey P.M., the zealous corresponding Steward, as well as by the other Stewards, Bros. Dr. Lowe and Martin Past Masters, W. Swinnerton, J. Tong, and G. Lathbury. Nothing could exceed the courtesy and kindness of the Burton brethren towards their numerous visitors. The Abbey Lodge was opened by Bro. Bindley at 12.30, when the following, with about forty other members, were present:—W. Walters I.P.M. and P.G.W. Derbyshire, W. J. Gothard P.P.G.S.W., P.M.'s Dr. W. G. Lowe, Thomas Martin, R. Auty, J. H. Meredith P.P.G.R., C. Graham P.P.S.G.W., S. Briggs P.P.G.S.D., E. Starey P.P.J.G.W., R. R. Robinson P.P.S.G.D., Alfred Hooper, S.D., Percy Evershed J.W., the Rev. W. F. Drury Chaplain, W. H. Bailey P.M. Secretary, M. L. Nicholas J.D., John Wood I.G., R. Harrison Organist, R. Lane and F. Carter Tylers, Bro. Stirk acting as S.D.

Soon after the opening of the Abbey Lodge brethren from all parts of the Province began to arrive. Bro. Major G. S. Tudor R.W.P.G.M., accompanied by Bro. Col. Foster Gough S.B. of Grand Lodge and D.P.G.M., Bro. Frank James P.D.G.M., and other Officers and members of the P.G. Lodge were admitted, Bro. Tudor taking the chair. Amongst those who signed the Tyler's book besides the brethren named above were the following Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge:—Bros. A. L. Broad J.W., J. Bodenham Treasurer, W. Cartwright Secretary, John Fowler S.D., C. Bunting J.D., T. E. Fowke D.C., C. W. Graham A.D.C., F. Mountford Organist, J. W. H. Mackenzie Pursuivant, E. Piddock Sword Bearer, Thomas H. Rathbone Standard Bearer, W. H. Bailey, T. Martin, W. G. Lowe, W. Swinnerton and G. Lathbury Stewards, H. Bagguley Tyler, and a large number of Past Officers, members, and visitors.

Bro. Cartwright, the Provincial Grand Secretary, having read the notice convening the present meeting, and the minutes of meetings previously held at Rugeley and Stafford, and the latter having been confirmed, the Provincial Grand Master and his Deputy were saluted in Masonic form. It was explained by Bro. Cartwright that the committee appointed at the Stafford meeting had taken into consideration the resolutions of the various Lodges with regard to the proposed Revision of the Book of Constitutions, and the same had been forwarded to the Grand Lodge of England. Bro. Tudor mentioned that Lord Holmesdale, P.G.M. Kent, had invited him to a meeting of Provincial Grand Masters, which was to be held on the 30th instant, to consider the subject, and he should endeavour to attend. Letters of apology were announced from Bro. Sir A. Bass, M.P., Bro. Allsopp, and others, who were absent from various causes. The roll having been called over, showing that every Lodge in the Province was represented, Bro. Bodenham produced the Treasurer's account, from which it appeared that the expenditure during the past year had been £165 1s 10d, and that there was a balance in hand of £107 13s 8d. The statement of the Treasurer was adopted. Bro. Bodenham expressed his desire to resign his position as Treasurer, and proposed as his successor Bro. Thomas Wood, Staffordshire Knot Lodge, No. 726, which was seconded by Bro. Cartwright and carried. Bro. James Senior, P.M. Staffordshire Knot Lodge, thanked the brethren for the honour conferred on Bro. Wood, who was unable, through illness, to be present that day. Bro. Tudor said he was sure they would all regret that Bro. Bodenham had retired, and he proposed a vote of thanks to him for the admirable manner in which he had for many years discharged the duties of Treasurer. Bro. Gough, who seconded the proposition, also testified to the zeal and fidelity of Bro. Bodenham, the Provincial Grand Treasurer. The motion was very heartily and unanimously approved, and Bro. Bodenham acknowledged the compliment paid him. He observed that he had felt lately that he had not been able to exercise that energy in the office which he did in the earlier flush of his zeal, but this arose from want of time and not from any disinclination to serve the Province in the best way he could. He had completed a register of the members of the Province, which he hoped would be kept up every year. In Staffordshire much work had been divided between the Treasurer and Secretary. The arrangements which had been made had answered well, and, with such an excellent Secretary as Bro. Cartwright, would work satisfactorily and save the Province the cost of a paid Secretary. He (Bro. Bodenham) hoped he might see his successor improve the position of the Provincial Grand Lodge financially. The R.W. Prov. Grand Master then referred to the recent appointment of Bro. Gough as Grand Standard Bearer of England, which he said was an honour conferred not only on Bro. Gough, but on the Province of Staffordshire. He had long been anxious to see Bro. Gough in office in the Grand Lodge, and if the Prince of Wales should always make such a good selection when appointing his Officers he could not but give great satisfaction to the Craft. He (Bro. Tudor) acknowledged the great assistance he had received from Bro. Gough since he had been a Mason. The R.W. P.G.M. then made the following appointments to office in the Provincial Grand Lodge for the ensuing year:—

Bro. Capt. J. A. Bindley	...	624	G. Senior Warden
J. H. Parkes	...	482	G. Junior Warden
Thomas Ashworth	...	418	G. Registrar
Rev. J. Seddons	...	526	} G. Chaplains
Rev. W. F. Drury	...	624	

William Cartwright	...	460	G. Secretary
James Senior	...	726	G. Senior Deacon
E. Roberts	...	637	G. Janior Deacon
S. Clapp	...	662	G. Sup. of Works
T. E. Fowke	...	726	G. Director of Cerem.
W. H. Bucknall	...	460	G. Asst. Dir. of Cer.
William Ormson	...	1520	G. Sword Bearer
F. Mountford	...	460	G. Organist
F. M. Julian	...	451	G. Pursuivant
G. Sharpe	...	696	G. Standard Bearer

Brother Henry Baggaley, 460, was re-elected Tyler.

Brother Cartwright considered that in consequence of the great increase of Lodges and Provincial Grand Lodge business it was desirable to appoint an Assistant Tyler for the Province. He proposed the appointment of Bro. R. Tomlinson, 627, as Assistant Tyler. This was seconded by Bro. Bodenham and carried.

The Stewards appointed were Bros. W. H. Bailey, Dr. Lowe, T. C. Martin, J. Tong, W. Swinnerton, and G. Lathbury.

The P.G. Lodge then adjourned for Divine service at St. Paul's Church, on the opposite side of the road, a procession being marshalled by Bro. Fowke, which included four youths, who were sons of Masons, carrying the volume of the Sacred Law. Prayers were read by the Rev. J. Addenbrooke, who is not a member of the Fraternity; the first lesson by the Rev. W. F. Drury P.G. Chaplain, and the second lesson by the Rev. W. Randall P.P.G. Chaplain. Bro. the Rev. J. Seddon, P.G. Chaplain, preached an appropriate sermon from Psalm viii. 3 and 4—"When I consider Thy heavens, the work of Thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which Thou hast ordained; what is man, that Thou art mindful of him; and the son of man, that Thou visitest him?" The service was earnest and impressive, and included the singing of an anthem, "God is the Spirit" (Dr. Bennett) by the church choir. On the return of the brethren to the Lodge, business was resumed. Bro. Gough moved a vote of thanks to Rev. J. Seddon, the esteemed Chaplain, for the excellent discourse with which he had favoured them that afternoon. One of the first principles of Masonry was to be mindful of the wants of others, and, in accordance with the invariable custom of the P. Grand Lodge, he should propose that from the collection in the church (which on that occasion was something over £12) £5 5s should be contributed towards the debt in connection with their Chaplain's church and £5 5s to the Vicar of St. Paul's, who had allowed the use of his beautiful church for Divine service. Bro. the Rev. W. Randall seconded the proposition, remarking that Bro. Seddon's excellent discourse furnished abundant matter for the most soaring Mason to exercise his faculties upon. The Vicar of St. Paul's, who was not a Mason, had kindly allowed them the use of his church, and in dedicating the receipts of that day in the manner proposed by Bro. Gough they were carrying out the practice and principles of Freemasonry. The proposition having been carried, Bro. Cartwright said they had all heard, with regret, of the resignation of the P.G. Treasurer, and he certainly thought the duties Bro. Bodenham had performed entitled him to some mark of their esteem. He (Bro. Cartwright) begged to propose that as Bro. Bodenham was a Past Senior Warden and Past Treasurer of the Province of Staffordshire, a jewel combining the representation of those two offices be presented to him out of the funds of the Province. This was seconded by Bro. Gough, and carried. Bro. Bodenham having acknowledged the compliment conveyed in the resolution, the P. G. Lodge was closed by Bro. Tudor, and the Abbey Lodge by Bro. Bindley.

At the banquet which followed, which was of an excellent description, and was attended by most of the brethren who had been at Lodge, Bro. Tudor R.W.P.G.M. presided, the Wardens' chairs being occupied by Bros. Bindley and Parkes. The loyal toasts were followed by that of the M.W. Pro G.M. (the Earl of Carnarvon), the V.W.D.G.M. (the Earl of Lathom), and the Officers of Grand Lodge Past and Present. Bro. Tudor, in proposing the latter (which was received with applause), said that was the first time since he had been connected with Masonry that any Staffordshire brother had been called upon to respond as Officer of the Grand Lodge of England. Bro. Gough, in acknowledging the toast, said he highly appreciated the honour which had been recently conferred upon the Province of Staffordshire by the appointment which the Prince of Wales as Grand Master had thought fit to make. He received the appointment of G.S.B. as an honour which he had done for the Province. He did not wish to arrogate to himself any personal merits which had brought that honour upon the Province, and he acknowledged with gratitude the kind, generous, and unsolicited aid which he had received from the R.W.P.G.M. He assured them that the toast was no mere formal one. In P.G. Lodge an appointment entailed duties rather *in posse* than *in esse*; but in the Grand Lodge there was real hard work to be done, and the Officers had no sinecure. He had received within the last three days four summonses to attend meetings with regard to the government of the Craft to be held in London during the next few weeks. He next pointed out the chief characteristics of the principal Officers of the Grand Lodge, and said those who served under them were actuated by the same spirit of zeal for the interests of Freemasonry. Bro. Bindley, in proposing the health of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, said he considered a very great honour had been conferred upon Burton and upon the Abbey Lodge by the visit of the Provincial Grand Lodge. The Burton brethren entertained the most hearty good wishes towards the Visitors, and would have made even more ample provision for their comfort if they had known that there would have been such a large gathering. He was sure that the Prov. Grand Master had won the gratitude of all Masons who had served under him. They were quite aware of the sacrifices which Bro. Tudor made, both with regard to his health, and those comforts and conveniences which conduce to health, rather than forego anything which was calculated to give satisfaction to the Lodges under his rule. He (Bro. Bindley) was grateful for the honour which had been conferred on the Abbey Lodge by appointing as Prov. Grand Chaplain one of the finest men in Burton, whether considered as a Churchman, as a Volunteer, or as

one who was ever ready to assist and comfort the distressed—namely, Bro. Drury, the worthy Chaplain of the Abbey Lodge. The toast was drunk with great cordiality. The R.W. Prov. Grand Master acknowledged the toast, and urged the necessity of doing all they could to promote an increase of funds to the Masonic Charities. Since the Prince of Wales took the office of Grand Master of English Freemasons there had been an increase of five hundred Lodges, and it required more votes now to get a candidate into a Masonic Institution than it did formerly. Twelve years ago Staffordshire Masons sent £500 to the Masonic Charities in London, but that was nothing like what would have been sent if all the brethren had done their best. If the brethren all knew what good was being done by those Masonic Charities, there would be more money raised for them than there was at the present time. He reminded them that votes acquired by individual members died with them, but votes of Lodges were held in perpetuity, and he urged that it was important to support the Staffordshire Charitable Association as a means of increasing the voting power of the Province. Some years ago it only took 1000 or 1200 votes to secure the election of a candidate for one of the Charitable Institutions; but now it required between 2000 and 3000. He (Brother Tudor) then proposed the health of Bro. Foster Gough as D.P.G.M., and the other Provincial Officers Past and Present. Bro. Gough in responding spoke of the great harmony prevailing in the Lodges in the Province, and offered a few words of advice to Masters of Lodges past and present. Bro. Parkes also responded. Bro. Bodenham, in an appropriate speech, proposed the toast of the R.W.P.G. Masters of Adjoining Provinces and the Officers of their respective P.G. Lodges, for whom Bro. Coulson, P.G.S.W. Derbyshire, responded. At this stage of the proceedings the exigencies of the railway service rendered it necessary for a large number of the brethren, including the P.G.M., to leave, and for the remainder of the evening Bro. Bindley presided. Bro. the Rev. W. F. Drury proposed the Worshipful Masters of the Lodges in the Province. Bro. Bindley, in a neat and appropriate address, acknowledged the toast, mentioning, in the course of his remarks, that no body of men could be more loyal than were the members of the Abbey Lodge to their W. Master. Bro. the Rev. W. Randall submitted the toast of the Visitors, for whom Bro. A. O. Worthington responded. Bro. Bindley, in presenting the toast of the Masonic Charities, acknowledged with a feeling of pleasure the support which he received, not only from his own Lodge, but from the Province, when he went as a Steward to the Masonic School for Girls. He thanked those brethren who had supported him, and reminded them that there was another charity which needed all the help it could get, and nothing would give him more pleasure than to subscribe £5 5s this year towards the fund which would be raised at the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Brother Frederick Binckes, the Secretary, who had arrived but a short time previously from Yarmouth, where he had been attending a Masonic meeting on Monday night, responded to the toast. He thanked them for the cordiality with which he had been received. He said he had a peculiar affection for Staffordshire. He had known and visited that Province while it was under Colonel Vernon, than whom a more able Grand Master never presided over any Lodge, also while it was under Bro. Harvey, again under that excellent brother the Earl of Shrewsbury, who was prematurely cut off from amongst them, and now they had as Prov. Grand Master one of the most sincere and hearty Masons in the world. He (Bro. Binckes) was one of those who, having laboured in the Masonic vineyard, did not like to lose old associations. He mentioned that the probationary School in connection with the Institution for Boys had been inaugurated, and, having acknowledged the generous aid rendered by Staffordshire to the Masonic Charities, he appealed to the members of the Craft present not to relax their efforts on behalf of those excellent Institutions; his remarks being well received. The Prov. Grand Stewards, and the Tyler's toast were the last on the list. The speeches were interspersed with some capital glee singing by members of the choir of St. Paul's Church.

It is always a gratifying duty for us to refer to any recognition of courtesy and zeal in the fulfilment of the every-day duties of life by those who minister to our comforts. We have frequently had occasion to speak of the unwearied attention displayed by Bro. John Baker, the manager of the Cock Tavern, at Highbury Corner. On Friday next, a presentation will be made, at a complimentary dinner which will be given, under the presidency of Alfred W. Stroud, Esq., a gentlemen well known to Islingtonians. Bros. E. Woodman (Secretary) and R. P. Forge (Treasurer), of the Testimonial Committee, have exerted themselves most strenuously to carry out the wishes of the many friends of both Mr. and Mrs. John Baker, and we anticipate the meeting of Friday next will be one of the most successful ever celebrated at this popular establishment.

A literary outcome of the International Fisheries Exhibition is the appearance of *The Fish Trade Gazette and National Fisheries Record*, conducted and written by practical men, and intended to be the representative of the innumerable industrial and manufacturing interests connected with fishing and fisheries all over the world.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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LODGE OF UNION, No. 414.

AN emergency meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Reading, on Tuesday, 29th May, when there were present Bros. Ferguson W.M., Mount I.P.M. and Treasurer, Wheeler jun. S.W., Withers J.W., Parry Secretary, Witherington S.D., Webb Steward acting as J.D., Martin M.C., Tirbutt Organist, Butler I.G., Hemmings Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. Stephens, Bradley, Honnslow; also Bros. Stabington, Dodd, Tubbs, Sydenham, Sherwood, Hawkes, Walters, Wellman, Hayward, Millar, Rayner, George. Visitors—Bros. Ridley S.W. 414, Featherstone 591, &c. Lodge was opened in the first degree. Mr. Joseph Milton was initiated into Freemasonry. Bros. Wellman and Millar, candidates for passing to the second degree, were examined and entrusted; they then retired. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bros. Wellman and Millar were re-admitted and passed by the W.M. to the degree of Fellow Craft; both the ceremonies were correctly performed. Bro. Tubbs, a candidate for raising to the third degree, proved his proficiency in the former degrees, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and Bro. Tubbs on re-admission was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The ceremony was performed by the I.P.M., Bro. Mount, in his usual correct and impressive manner; the effect was considerably heightened by the instrumental and vocal accompaniment, under the able direction of Bro. Tirbutt Organist. The W.M. resumed the chair, and closed to the first degree, when, the business being ended, Lodge was closed, and adjourned till October next.

EWELL LODGE, No. 1851.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, on Saturday, 26th May, when a large gathering of visitors and members assembled. The Lodge being opened in due form, Mr. J. O'Connell was initiated into Ancient Free and Accepted Masonry in an impressive manner by Bro. W. H. Paddle W.M., who was ably supported by his Officers. Bro. Paddle then installed his successor, Brother George Moss P.M. 1201 into the chair of K.S., the work being carried out perfectly. The W.M. then proceeded to invest his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Paddle I.P.M., Dunkley S.W., Room J.W., Baber P.P.G.D. Surrey Treasurer, Saul P.M. 1201 Secretary, Davis P.M. S.D., Sibley J.D., Rush I.G., Yonens M.C., Dupree and Wedgwood Stewards. Bro. Bowler was again invested as Tyler. After the installation, the W.M. presented to Brother Paddle, in the name of the Lodge, a jewel set with brilliants, as a mark of esteem for the unwearied kindness and energy displayed by him during two successive years of office as W.M. An enjoyable dinner was afterwards served in the Hotel, by Bros. Bond and Frayling, the energetic hosts, and the evening was enlivened by some good vocal and instrumental music, to which the visitors materially contributed. In responding to the toast of the health of the Provincial Grand Officers for Surrey, Bro. Chas. Greenwood P.G.S.B. Prov. G.S.W., testified to the pleasure he felt at the prosperity of the Ewell Lodge, at the consecration of which he had assisted, and referred to the members of the Lodge (Bros. Taylor and Paddle) who held Provincial Grand rank, as a proof of the discrimination of the Prov. Grand Master in recognising merit in the various brethren under his jurisdiction; this he (Bro. Greenwood) stated to be no easy matter for decision among so many good Masons in the Province. It was stated during the meeting that a warrant had been granted for a Chapter in connection with the Ewell Lodge, and that the same would shortly be consecrated. Among the visitors were Bros. Lloyd W.M. 1201, Bigley P.M. 1298, Cooper J.W. 1298, Walker 858, Mayfield 1298, Davieson 1541, Foreman 1201, Potter P.M. 11, Mills P.M. 49, Williams 1261, Haras 1694, Cooke 1694, Bygrave 1658, Rush 1201, Poore 1949. The members present were Bros. Paddle, Moss, Taylor, Baber, Saul, Dunkley, Room, Parker, Sibley, Rush, Yonens, Greenwood P.G.S.B. Prov. G.S.W., Ackerman, Dupree, Wedgwood, Cooke, O'Connell, Poore, and Pochin.

New Concord Lodge of Instruction, No 813.—The usual meeting of this successful Lodge was held on Wednesday last, at the Jolly Farmer's, Southgate-road. The chair was occupied by Bro. Dixie, who was supported by Bros. Weeden S.W., Jones J.W., P.M. Cusworth Preceptor, Perl Secretary, Lone S.D., Gadsby J.D., Smith I.G., Manger, Ockelford, Schuler, Allsopp, Laughton, Flack, Powell, Killick, Ashton, and others. The previous minutes having been read and confirmed, the W.M. proceeded to work the initiation ceremony, Bro. Powell acting as candidate. Bro. Flack having proved himself efficient to be passed, the Lodge was opened in the second degree, and ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Flack acting as candidate. Lodge was closed in the second degree. The W.M. having risen for the necessary number of times, and Bro. Weeden having been elected to occupy the position of W.M. at the ensuing meeting, Lodge was closed and adjourned until Wednesday, 6th June, when Bro. P.M. Cusworth will work the ceremony of installation. Brethren are cordially invited to attend, at eight p.m. precisely. After Lodge was closed, a little harmony was indulged in by the brethren, who afterwards separated, having spent an instructive and pleasant evening.

Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No 1949.—A meeting was held on Tuesday evening, the 22nd inst., at Bro. Monk's, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton. Bros. Thomas Edmondston P.M. 1658 and 1669 as W.M., Richard Poore S.W., Hakin P.M. J.W., E. A. Francis Preceptor, C. H. Phillips Treasurer, Hy: M. Williams Secretary, J. Jones S.D., H. Hooper I.G., J. Harling P.M., George

Moss P.M., W. H. Williams P.M., I. G. Norrington, R. R. Johnstone, G. Monk, Croucher, Pooler, Hudepohl, Rontledge. After preliminaries, Lodge was advanced to the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, with Bro. Richardson as candidate. Lodge was regularly closed to the first degree. The Audit Committee (Bros. Knight, Poore and Richardson, appointed at the previous meeting), brought up their accounts for the past year, which show a small balance in the hands of the Treasurer. The books and accounts had been most carefully and accurately kept by the Secretary, Bro. Williams, while every voucher required by the Auditors had been produced by the Treasurer, Bro. Phillips. The Audit Committee considered that the best thanks of the Lodge were due to those brethren for their zeal and ability in conducting the financial business of the Lodge. Resolutions were unanimously carried, conveying the thanks of the Lodge, for their very efficient and valuable services since the formation of the Lodge, and re-electing them in their several offices for the ensuing year. To the following brethren:—Bros. E. A. Francis and Thomas Poore P.M., &c. as Joint Preceptors, Bro. C. A. Phillips as Treasurer, and to Bro. Hy. M. Williams as Secretary. It was duly proposed, seconded and resolved unanimously—"That Bro. C. H. Phillips Treasurer, and Bro. Hy. M. Williams Secretary, having rendered essential service to the Lodge, first as Founders, and secondly as Treasurer and Secretary respectively, be and are hereby (in accordance with Bye-law No. 13) elected Honorary Members of the Lodge, with all privileges." Further resolutions were passed thanking the Auditors for their services; to the host, Bro. Monk, for providing every necessary for the comfort of the Lodge, for the care of the Lodge furniture, and his help at the musical portions of the meetings. On the motion of the W.M., and seconded by Brother Williams Secretary, Bro. George Norrington, Royal Leopold Lodge, No. 1669, was unanimously elected a member. Hearty good wishes having been expressed, Lodge was closed in due form, in peace and harmony, and adjourned. The brethren subsequently met for refreshment, when the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were eloquently given from the chair, and enthusiastically received by the brethren. Bros. Johnstone, Monk, and Williams contributed to the excellent musical programme of the evening.

ROSICRUCIAN SOCIETY.

York College.—On Wednesday, the 23rd ult., the summer meeting of this College was held in the Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds. There were present R.W. Frs. T. B. Whytehead Chief Adept of the Province, W. Rowley acting Suffragan, T. W. Holmes Prov. G. Secretary, C. L. Mason Celebrant, J. Moncks as P.A., J. L. Atherton as S.A., R. W. Moore T.A., C. Palliser Q.A., T. Trevor C. of N., G. Ayre as G.T., and Rev. W.C. Lukis as Deputy. The M.C. having been formed, a ballot was taken for a number of candidates, and the following, who were in attendance were accepted and received: Bros. C. D. H. Drury, M.D., P.M. 1379, Monckman P.M. 1018, Brown 1611, Craig P.M. 304, Tomlinson P.M. 304, and Waddington 304. The ceremony having been completed, the Celebrant called upon Fra. Moore, who delivered a most interesting address upon the old Templar Preceptory, of Temple Hirst, near Selby. Going into minute details as to the Order, and especially with reference to the condition of the Temple Hirst Preceptory at the time of its suppression. A vote of thanks was passed to Fra. Moore, and the paper was ordered to be printed. Fra. Rev. W. C. Lukis made some interesting remarks respecting an ancient Templar seal lately found near Temple Hirst, and in the possession of Bro. T. W. Tew D.P.G.M. West Yorkshire; and he acceded to the request of the meeting that his remarks should be embodied in the publication of Fra. Moore's paper. The report of the Bye-laws' Committee was read and adopted. It was arranged that, if possible, the next meeting should be held at Rievault Abbey, on the Saturday in the third week in August. Several proposals of candidates were made, and the M.C. was dissolved. The fratres subsequently met at tea, under the presidency of the Celebrant, and a very pleasant evening was spent in the discussion of various subjects connected with Masonry in its varied branches.

A YEAR OF LIFEBOAT WORK.

EVERY year brings a fresh list of terrible shipwrecks and disastrous collisions, resulting too frequently in a fearful loss of life; but, while deploring that such is the case, we can turn with satisfaction to the splendid and successful efforts made for rescuing the shipwrecked sailor from a watery grave on our dangerous shores. First and foremost in this noble work is the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, which last year saved, by means of its boats, no less than 884 poor fellows, who otherwise would most probably have perished. In addition to this the Board of Trade and the Coastguard have, by the use of the rocket apparatus, rescued a number of lives. It is remarked in the Report of the Institution just published, that it might have been hoped that increased skill in navigation, the substitution of steam colliers for the sailing craft of former years, and increased sobriety among our merchant seamen, would have greatly diminished the number of wrecks and of lives lost, at least on our own coasts. But, whilst those changes may have occasioned some diminution, the increase of collisions on our crowded sea thoroughfares and other causes, have made up the average amount, and the courage and capacity of our Lifeboat men have been called into requisition as often, if not more frequently, than in previous years.

During the past year, at the suggestion of the Chairman, Edward Birkbeck, Esq., M.P., the Committee made an exception to their general rule to confine their attention exclusively to the work of the Institution, hoping to diminish the loss of life amongst that in-

dastrious and invaluable class of the population, our coast fishermen, on whom the Institution is often dependent to man its Lifeboats.

Some twelve years ago, the Institution was mainly instrumental in the introduction of decked fishing-boats on the east coast of Scotland, which improvement has undoubtedly been the means of saving many lives. And now again the Committee, hoping to be indirectly the means of saving many more, are trying to induce all fishermen whose vocation is prosecuted at long distances from the land, to provide themselves with reliable Aneroid Barometers, which when far at sea, beyond sight of land, shall forewarn them of the approaching storm, and enable them to run for shelter ere overtaken by it.

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Since the last Annual Report nine new Lifeboats have been provided, for the following stations:—England and Wales—Lincolnshire, Mablethorpe; Norfolk, Mundesley; Sussex, Winchelsea; Cornwall, Looe and Porthleven; Somersetshire, Weston-super-mare; Glamorganshire, Swansea; Carnarvonshire, Llanaelhaiarn. Ireland—Donegal, Aranmore Island.

The number of Lifeboats now under the management of the Institution is *Two hundred and seventy-three*, and their services during each month of the past year were as follows:—January, 13 launches, 15 lives and 1 vessel saved; February, 12 launches, 15 lives; March, 26 launches, 100 lives and 3 vessels; April, 26 launches, 77 lives and 3 vessels; May, June and July, 10 launches, 33 lives and 4 vessels; August, 15 launches, 54 lives and 1 vessel; September, 9 launches, 57 lives and 1 vessel; October, 19 launches, 75 lives and 3 vessels; November, 47 launches, 171 lives and 3 vessels; December, 54 launches, 144 lives and 4 vessels. Total number of Lifeboat launches during the year, 231; lives saved, 741; and vessels saved, 23.

In addition to these services, 143 lives were saved from shipwreck by shore-boats and other means, which had received rewards from the Institution, making the total of 884 lives rescued last year. The number of lives saved during the fifty-nine years from the establishment of the Institution, to the end of the year 1882, either by its Lifeboats or by special exertions for which it has granted rewards, is 29,608.

Every one must feel that the saving of so many thousand lives from drowning shows the absolute necessity of maintaining and extending the benevolent work of the National Lifeboat Institution, which has thus been productive of such noble results.

Unfortunately the brave services of the Lifeboat crews during the past year have not been performed without some loss of life, as if to remind their countrymen of the dangerous character of the Lifeboat work, three fatal accidents having occurred to the boats in that period, resulting in the loss altogether of six lives. In each of these cases the poor men left a widow and children unprovided for, but the Committee granted to each widow the sum of £200, or £1200 in all towards the local subscriptions raised on behalf of the widows and orphans.

Last year 11 Silver Medals and Clasps, 19 Votes of Thanks inscribed on vellum, and £3,144 were granted as rewards for saving lives. Since the establishment of the Institution it has voted 96 Gold Medals, 962 Silver Medals, and £74,800 in pecuniary rewards for saving life from shipwreck.

During the year 1882 the receipts of the Institution, in donations, subscriptions, and dividends, amounted to £43,117, while the expenditure was £36,746. As usual the items of receipt and expenditure are fully detailed in the financial statement, which has been audited by Mr. Lovelock, public accountant.

The valuable and earnest co-operation afforded by the Local Branch Committees, and their Honorary Secretaries is suitably acknowledged, and so are several munificent contributions to the Institution.

Since the Report was read to the Annual Meeting, the Committee have had regretfully to record the death of their late Secretary, Mr. Richard Lewis, who had held that important office, to the great advantage of the Institution, for the long period of thirty-three years.

After rendering a faithful account of the great trust the public has for nearly sixty years confided to them, the Committee refer with pardonable satisfaction to the fact that the organisation of the Institution was never more complete and active than at the present time, which has prompted them afresh, and with unshaken confidence, to appeal for continued and increasing support to an Institution which, with God's blessing, has been, and is productive of such manifestly gratifying results in the cause of humanity.

We trust that appeal will meet with a hearty and liberal response, and we will only add that contributions are received for the Lifeboat Institution by all the London and country bankers, and by the Secretary, Charles Dibdin, Esq., F.R.G.S., 14 John Street, Adelphi, London.

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INSTALLATION of M.W. GRAND MASTER.

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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QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF
UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 6th June 1883:—

1. The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 7th March, for confirmation.
2. The Minutes of the Grand Festival of the 25th April for confirmation.
3. Election of members of the Board of General Purposes.
4. Election of members of the Colonial Board.
5. Election of members for the Committee of management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons."

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

6. Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following Grants, viz.:—

The Widow of a Brother of the Chislehurst Lodge, No. 1531, Chislehurst	£50	0	0
A Brother of the Wellesley Lodge, No. 1899, Sandhurst, Berkshire	50	0	0
A Brother of the Albion Lodge, No. 9, London	100	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 402, Nottingham	50	0	0
A Brother of the Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 73, London	100	0	0
A Brother of the Fidelity Lodge, No. 3, London	150	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Britannic Lodge, No. 33, London	50	0	0

7. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

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

The Board of General Purposes have to report as follows:—

A fire having unfortunately occurred at Freemasons' Hall on the 3rd May, causing considerable damage to the premises, the Board have received the subjoined Report thereon from their Premises Committee, which they have carefully considered, and believing the recommendations therein to be for the welfare and convenience of the Craft, they submit them for the favourable consideration of Grand Lodge.

REPORT OF PREMISES COMMITTEE TO BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES,
dated 22nd May 1883:—

The Committee deeply regret to have to report that a disastrous fire occurred at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, on the night of Thursday the 3rd instant, resulting in the almost entire destruction of the time-honoured "Temple" in which the meetings of Grand Lodge have taken place for over a hundred years—together with the valuable pictures of Past Grand Masters contained therein, as also a great part of the furniture and other fittings; the statue of His late Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex being likewise greatly damaged by fire and smoke.

The old Hall now destroyed was commenced in the year 1775, its foundation stone being laid on the 1st May in that year by the Right Hon. Lord Petre—then Grand Master, and the Hall being formally dedicated to Masonry on the 23rd May on the following year by the same Grand Master, since which time Grand Lodge has uninterruptedly held its meetings within its walls.

The premises were, as a matter of course, fully insured, but the Craft have to deplore the loss of many articles which cannot be replaced, amongst them the "Ark of the Covenant" wherein were deposited the Articles of Union between the two Grand Lodges on the occasion of their being united on the 27th of December 1813, the documents themselves being, however, fortunately preserved in another part of the Building.

The Committee are glad to be able to report that by great exertions the fire was confined to the Temple itself, and that the other portions of the building containing the Archives, Offices, Lodge and Board Rooms, &c., are entirely uninjured.

The Committee have lost no time in directing their most serious consideration to the steps necessary to be forthwith taken for the reconstruction of the Hall and for taking advantage of the opportunity thus offering for considerably enlarging the accommodation for the meetings of Grand Lodge, which has of late years been quite insufficient, owing to the great increase in the number of members.

The Committee have, in the first place, given careful attention to suggestions already made for the removal of Grand Lodge premises to the Thames Embankment, and in result they are of opinion that many financial and other reasons render such a step impracticable, as not only is involved the question of constructing, at an immense cost, a building sufficiently large to contain a Grand Hall, Ante Rooms, Board Rooms, Offices for the Executive, Lodge Rooms for Private Lodges, &c., and this on one of the most expensive sites in London, where the difficulty as to obtaining foundations is unusually great, and where a freehold is unobtainable except at a price far beyond the resources of Grand Lodge, but also the almost equally prominent question of the Freemasons' Tavern, the goodwill of which is, of course, dependent mainly on the continued existence of the Hall on its present site—while, on the suggested situation no accommodation would exist for dining purposes at Grand Festivals and for Private Lodge Meetings.

The Committee consequently requested the Grand Superintendent of Works to consider and report to them his opinion as to the best possible plan of carrying out such works of renovation and enlargement as will afford accommodation for the attendance in Grand Lodge of at least 1,500 brethren, being about double the number now able to be present therein.

The Grand Superintendent of Works, in his report thereon, states that to renew the premises destroyed, on the old lines, would be a simple matter, and, looking at the insurance, of little expense to the Craft; but he submits the following scheme for doubling the present accommodation, viz., to add to the area occupied by the Hall just destroyed, the present great Dining Hall of Freemasons' Tavern (the two now running side by side), and that by due and equitable arrangements with Messrs. Spiers and Pond Limited, the lessees of the Tavern, and with Mr. Bacon, the lessee of Bacon's Hotel, adjoining the Tavern, the necessary substituted accommodation for a new Dining Hall, and for improved kitchen accommodation for the Tavern, should be provided on the site of the Hotel.

The Grand Superintendent of Works points out that at the present stage it is impracticable to submit any accurate estimate of the cost of the above-mentioned scheme; but he is of opinion that the total expense would probably not exceed from £30,000 to £35,000 beyond what would be received from the Insurance Companies and from

Messrs. Spiers and Pond as a contribution for improvements especially affecting their premises.

The Committee may here mention that at the present moment Grand Lodge possesses some £21,000 in the Funds, and that its nett average income, as shown in the Report of a Special Committee to Grand Lodge on the 7th June last was, to that date, about £4,000 a year, since which time £800 a year has been alienated as a permanent grant from Grand Lodge to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which, with the interest on the £21,000 (on its expenditure for the rebuilding) would henceforth have to be deducted, leaving a future nett average income of some £2,500 a year.

The balance of from £10,000 to £15,000 required to carry out the scheme now submitted, could no doubt be raised without difficulty, and the Committee have therefore no hesitation in submitting the scheme for the favourable consideration of the Board, fully believing that should it be adopted by Grand Lodge, it will possess premises worthy of the present flourishing state of the Craft in England.

The Board have also to report that, a fresh catalogue of the Library and Museum of Grand Lodge being shortly about to be prepared, donations of Masonic Works, &c., will be gladly received by the Library Committee.

(Signed)

JOHN B. MONCKTON,
President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C. .
22nd May 1883.

At the meeting of the Board held on Tuesday, the 22nd of May, after the ordinary business had been disposed of, the following resolution was passed, viz. :—

The members of the Board unanimously desire to express their sense of the ability and courtesy uniformly displayed on all occasions by the V.W. Brother Sir John B. Monckton, as President of the Board of General Purposes.

(Signed)

FRANK GREEN, J.G.D.,
Vice President.

To the Report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts at the last Meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 18th May last, shewing a Balance in the Bank of England of £4,444 16s 5d, and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £75, and for Servants' Wages £100.

The President will move—

- 1st. That the report be received and entered on the minutes.
- 2nd. That the recommendations of the Board of General Purposes with reference to the suggestion of the reconstruction and enlargement of the Premises at Freemasons' Hall be referred back to the Board for execution, under the direction of the Grand Superintendent of Works.

8. The Annual Report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, dated the 18th of May 1883, including an alteration and addition to Rule 25, will be laid before Grand Lodge.

9. Appeal of Brother Alexander Dimant, P.M. New Zealand Pacific Lodge, No. 517, Wellington, New Zealand, against sentence of expulsion from Masonry, passed on him by the District Grand Lodge of Wellington, North Island, New Zealand, on 21st December 1882.

N.B.—The papers relating to these appeals will be in the Grand Secretary's office till the meeting of Grand Lodge, and open for the inspection of the Brethren during office hours.

10. NOTICES OF MOTION.

- (1) By W. Brother RAYNHAM W. STUART P.G.D. :—
"Having regard to the recent destruction of the Temple by fire, and the great increase of Masons, that it be referred to a Committee in conjunction with Members of the Board of General Purposes to consider the advisability of rebuilding the Temple, or of acquiring a site to erect thereon a Hall capable of meeting the wants of the Order."
- (2) By W. Brother CHARLES JOHN PERCEVAL P.M. No. 1607 :—
"That it is of very great importance for the wellbeing of our honourable Order that the reconsideration of the Revision of the Book of Constitutions as presented to Grand Lodge in September last, together with the amendments and alterations suggested by the various Provinces, Lodges and Brethren, should be submitted to Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication in September next, or at such earlier date as it may please the Most Worshipful the Grand Master to appoint a Special Grand Lodge for that purpose."
- (3) By V.W. Brother Lieut.-Col. JOHN CREATON, Past Grand Treasurer :—
"That the sum of £70 be given from the Fund of General Purposes; that the money be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the 'Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons,' to supply the residents of the Institution at Croydon with coals during the winter season."

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

MASTERS.

GIOVANNI PAULO FESTA	-	-	-	-	-	1900
THOMAS CHARLES WALLS	-	-	-	-	-	141
RALPH CLUTTON	-	-	-	-	-	631

GEORGE JOHN HAKEWILL	-	-	-	-	-	1150
GEORGE HENRY HOPKINSON	-	-	-	-	-	14
GEORGE PITT-LEWIS	-	-	-	-	-	46
HENRY RICHARD COOPER SMITH	-	-	-	-	-	1731
SHARON GROTE TURNER	-	-	-	-	-	2
THOMAS LEAN WILKINSON	-	-	-	-	-	92
WILLIAM SMALLPEICE	-	-	-	-	-	969

PAST MASTERS.

EDWARD F STORR	-	-	-	-	-	22
WILLIAM H DEAN	-	-	-	-	-	417
THOMAS HASTINGS MILLER	-	-	-	-	-	907
THOMAS BESWICK PURCHAS	-	-	-	-	-	1635
CHARLES ATKINS	-	-	-	-	-	27
HENRY BISHOP	-	-	-	-	-	66
WILLIAM BRISTOW	-	-	-	-	-	G.S.L.
ALBERT ESCOTT	-	-	-	-	-	1592
JOHN LAURENCE MATHER	-	-	-	-	-	1471
ALFRED MEADOWS, M.D.	-	-	-	-	-	4
ROBERT PERCY MIDDLEMIST	-	-	-	-	-	5
JAMES GARNER	-	-	-	-	-	975
WILLIAM JOSEPH MURLIS	-	-	-	-	-	1642
WILLIAM BRISTOW	-	-	-	-	-	G.S.L.
ALFRED H TATTERSHALL	-	-	-	-	-	140
WILLIAM SMALLPEICE	-	-	-	-	-	1395
ALBERT ESCOTT	-	-	-	-	-	1593
JOHN H WATTS	-	-	-	-	-	63
CHARLES ALFRED WOODS	-	-	-	-	-	145
ALBERT ESCOTT	-	-	-	-	-	1593
WILLIAM BRISTOW	-	-	-	-	-	G.S.L.
JAMES STEVENS	-	-	-	-	-	1216

List of Brethren nominated for the Colonial Board :—

BRETT, JAMES	-	-	P.M.	No.	177
LEMON, WILLIAM GEORGE	-	-	"		1601
LETCHWORTH, EDWARD	-	-	"		197
MATTHEWS, JAMES HENRY	-	-	"		143
MILLER, THOMAS HASTINGS	-	-	"		907
SMITH, GRIFFITHS	-	-	"		21
STEPHENS, WILLIAM	-	-	"		1489

List of Brethren nominated for the Committee of Management for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons :—

BERRY, JOHN JAMES	-	-	P.M.		554
BUSH, THOMAS W. C.	-	-	"		1728
COTTEBRUNE, CHARLES A.	-	-	"		733
GOODALL, WILLIAM H.	-	-	"		1567
MCPHERSON, HENRY	-	-	"		890
MOORE, GEORGE L.	-	-	"		169
MURLIS, WILLIAM J.	-	-	"		1642
TATE, ROBERT PERRY	-	-	"		862
TATTERSHALL, ALFRED H.	-	-	"		140
WILLING, JAMES JUN.	-	-	"		1507
ATKINS, CHARLES	-	-	"		27

List of Lodges for which Warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge :—

- No. 1994.—The Malwa Lodge, Mhow, Bombay.
- 1995.—The Rising Star Lodge, Rawul Pindee, Punjab.
- 1996.—The Priory Lodge of Acton, Acton.
- 1997.—The John Carpenter Lodge, Aldersgate Street.
- 1998.—The Light in Tirhoot Lodge, Somastipore, Bengal.

The "Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book" for 1883 can be had at the Grand Secretary's Office, Freemasons' Hall, London, price 2s, bound in roan.

The Revised Book of Constitutions; Critically Considered, and Compared with the Old Edition. London: Simpkin, Marshall & Co., 4 Stationers' Hall Court, E.C. Sent on receipt of stamps, One Shilling, by W. W. Morgan, Freemason's Chronicle Office, Belvidere Works, Hermes Hill, Pentonville, London, N.—(Adv't).

The oldest Freemason is constantly turning up, and he is each time a different person. There seems to have been some difficulty in establishing the title of the latest claimant, but still it has been done. Mr. John Armstrong, the clerk of St. James's Church, Guernsey, who is now in his ninety-third year, was made a Freemason in Guernsey in the early part of the year 1815. Somehow or other, however, his name was never registered in the Register of the Grand Lodge of England. Perhaps this arose from some confusion which existed at that time, scarcely two years after the Union of the Ancients and Moderns which made the United Grand Lodge of England. Mr. Armstrong consequently has enjoyed the privileges of local membership for nearly seventy years, without being the possessor of the customary Grand Lodge certificate. But this omission has at length been rectified through the energetic action of Mr. William De Jersey, who has had a lengthened correspondence with Grand Secretary on the subject. Clear proof of the initiation, &c., having been furnished, the certificate was granted, and was handed to Mr. Armstrong the week before last. Is there any older Freemason?—*Evening News.*

CORRESPONDENCE.

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REBUILDING OF THE TEMPLE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—Allow me to say a few words on the above-named subject.

I see by the agenda paper for the business of Grand Lodge to be holden on the 6th June, a scheme will be presented for the rebuilding and enlargement of the Temple.

Without going fully into the question at this early stage, I can venture an opinion that no scheme will be satisfactory to members of the Craft in London, as well as in the Provinces, which does not embrace ample accommodation for those who have to transact Masonic business with the Executive of Grand Lodge, or with the Secretaries of our valued and increasing Charitable Institutions, whose offices are under the same roof, more particularly about the election times.

At present, there is not a room, not even a desk, where a Mason can write a letter, or a room in which to wait the arrival of any person you may have appointed to meet.

I will add an opinion that the so-called "strong room," in which our valuable books and documents are kept, is little better than a sham—and that everything in it would be destroyed if a serious fire occurred.

Trusting that ample opportunity will be given for the consideration of these very important matters, and necessarily large expenditure,

I am, Sir,

Yours fraternally,

HENRY SMITH P.M.

St. John's, Wakefield, 29th May 1883.

REVISION OF THE BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—There appears to be a disposition in some places to run counter to the old proverb, "Leave well alone," and to revolutionise old customs. Not long since we had a new Grand Treasurer elected, as was said at the time that Grand Lodge might bestow the Purple on a worthy brother of forty years' Masonic service, and I am told that it is intended to fill this office annually in future.

Now, may I ask, is there any reason why other offices hitherto looked upon as permanent should not share the same fate if these changes be for the good of Freemasonry in general and Grand Lodge in particular? The following offices have been held by the same worthy brethren from the dates I annex to the present time—

Grand Director of Ceremonies	1860
Grand Registrar	1862
President Board of General Purposes	1874

and the two former have received the additional honour of the rank of Past Grand Warden.

Now that it is in contemplation to revise the Book of Constitutions, a fitting opportunity is afforded to lay down the law that these offices be held for a period of, say, three or five years at most.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally.

HIRAM.

ELECTION FOR COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—I see, by the agenda paper for the next Quarterly Communication, that an election will take place for a portion of the R.M.B.I. Committee of Management, by the nomination of a brother who, whilst a member of it, some time since, rarely attended any of its meetings, and who, being a member of the Finance Committee also, did not attend once during the year. Strange to say, the brother nominating this apathetic brother is not even a subscriber of 5s a year to the Institution. Again, the nominee is about to change his residence from London to Bournemouth; this would still further militate against his chance of attendance. Now, the brethren who have been in during the year have attended very punctually, and are nominated for re-election. May I therefore ask the Craft to vote for those nominated by Bro. Perceval, and to leave the aforesaid brother where he left the business of the R.M.B.I., when he had the honour of election,—alone.

Yours fraternally,

P.M.

30th May 1883.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Those who have given these remedies a fair trial freely admit that they inherently possess every property suitable for healing and removing eruptions, ulcerations, fistulas, abscesses, sores, bad legs, gathered breasts, and all disorders of the glandular system. When carefully rubbed in the Ointment relaxes the swollen muscles, diminishes inflammation, assuages pain, and even alleviates dangerous maladies which may have lasted for months, or even years. Holloway's excellent preparations are effective singly, resistless in combination, and have been recommended by grateful patients to be resorted to as alternatives when all other means of regaining health has failed. Their action is temperate, not violent or reducing.

MARK MASONRY.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MALTA.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Tunis, on the 26th ult. The Kingston Lodge, No. 222, was opened by its W.M. R.W. Bro. A. Broadley P.D.G.M.M. of the Mediterranean, with a satisfactory attendance of Officers and brethren, and two candidates were duly advanced to the M.M.M. Degree. Prov. Grand Lodge was then opened by R.W. Bro. T. F. Reade, Her Britannic Majesty's Consul General at Tunis, P.G.M. of North Africa, assisted by several of his Grand Officers and his D.P.G.M. Dr. A. Perini. The P.G.M., in a short address, congratulated the brethren on the continued and increased prosperity of the Mark Degree in North Africa. He attributed this mainly to the untiring zeal of his friend and predecessor, Bro. Broadley, who always found time amidst his private pursuits, however pressing (and they knew how hard worked he was), to fulfil his duties to the Craft. Since Provincial Grand Lodge last met Brother Broadley had twice visited Egypt, and the flourishing Lodge of Egypt, No. 311, at Cairo, was a memorial of his handiwork. The zeal of the Egyptian brethren was beyond all praise, and he was pleased that the M.W.G.M. had conferred distinguished honours on his old friend, Bro. Borg, M.W.G.M. of Egypt, and on Captain Williams-Freeman, who had worked the Lodge since its opening. He hoped soon to see a prosperous Lodge in Alexandria. He felt bound before sitting down to publicly thank Bro. Broadley for his invaluable assistance, and he trusted that when his term of office ended, that brother might be induced to succeed him and carry out in the new Province of North Africa the same work as would ever render memorable his administration as head of the old Province of Tunis and Malta.

The following Provincial Grand Officers were then appointed:—

Bro. Captain Williams-Freeman 311	Deputy G.M.
Col. Sir W. N. D. Pringle, Bart., 311	G. Senior Warden
Jules Emile Geissel 222	G. Junior Warden
E. T. Rogers Bey 311	G. Master Overseer
E. A. Perkins 254	G. Senior Overseer
J. Wilson Bey 311	G. Junior Overseer
The Hon. M. Napier 311	G. Registrar
A. Andrey 222	G. Secretary
Captain Pemmington 311	G. Asst. Secretary
Commandant Coyne 222	G. D. of C.
R. C. Waller Bey 311	G. Sup. of Works
N. D'Amico 254	G. Senior Deacon
Quartermaster H. McKinnon 311	G. Junior Deacon
Michel 222	G. Standard Bearer
Prince 311	G. Sword Bearer
Commander W. M. Bridger, R.N., 222	G. Organist
Flak 222	G. Inner Guard
Audemar	G. Stewards
Goodall	
Angelica	
A. Villareale 222	G. Tyler.

Bro. Broadley briefly acknowledged the complimentary remarks of Bro. Reade, who then closed the Provincial Grand Lodge, and retired. The Kingston Lodge was then closed in ancient form.

The Summer Half-Yearly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, on Tuesday next, the 5th inst., under the presidency of the Right Hon. Lord Henniker, Most Worshipful Grand Mark Master.

A very satisfactory meeting of the Walpole M.M.M. Lodge, No. 92, was held at Norwich, on Monday last; twelve candidates were advanced to the degree on this occasion.

Among the brethren nominated for election to the Board of General Purposes, on Wednesday next, is Bro. G. P. Festa, W.M. No. 1900, who we trust will receive such support as will secure for him a place on the Board. During the short time the Montagu Guest Lodge (the one of which Bro. Festa is now W. Master) has been in existence, he has made for it a reputation for charitable proclivities which doubtless will continue as long as it exists. One of the youngest on the list of London Lodges, it has achieved such distinction as will justify the members of Grand Lodge in conferring the honour of membership of the Board of General Purposes on one of its number, and should Bro. Festa's candidature prove successful, it will hold out an inducement to other young Masons to endeavour to obtain similar distinction. We are among those who consider the few offices in the gift of the brethren of Grand Lodge should be conferred on those who distinguish themselves in the advancement of the Order, and under such circumstances Bro. Festa is justly entitled to some recognition at the hands of his fellows.

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, 2nd JUNE.

- General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1384—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction)
 Sinner 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
 1453—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
 1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham
 R.A. 811—Yarborough, Old Ship Hotel Brighton

MONDAY, 4th JUNE.

- 22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 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)
 186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
 1319—Asaph, 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, 48 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1623—West Smithfield, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-street, E.C. at 8. (Inst.)
 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road
 1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1691—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
 R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
 37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
 119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven
 133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
 156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
 236—York, Masonic Hall, York
 381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
 395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
 431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
 478—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford
 482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
 597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
 622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
 1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
 1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster
 1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
 1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
 1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
 1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
 1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.
 1330—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
 1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea
 1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
 1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
 1798—Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester.
 R.A. 108—Sun, Royal Beacon Hotel, Exmouth
 R.A. 390—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
 R.A. 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
 M.M. 2—Phoenix, 110 High Street, Portsmouth
 R.C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

TUESDAY, 5th JUNE.

- Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 65—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)
 171—Amity, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 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)
 763—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 390—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)
 1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
 1383—Friends in Council, 33 Golden-square
 1446—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)
 1553—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—Eleanor, 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
 R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
 70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
 120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
 124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
 158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
 265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
 364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Nenth.
 393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
 558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
 794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
 804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
 847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.

- 949—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Lincolne, Leighton Buzzard
 980—Rite, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
 995—Furness, Masonic Hall, Ulverston.
 1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
 1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
 1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
 1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
 1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
 1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
 R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 R.A. 903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, Gosport
 R.A. 1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
 M.M. 11—Joppa, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
 M.M. 115—Bedford, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 M.M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 6th JUNE.

- Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, at 6 for 7
 15—Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 30—United Mariners', The Lugard, 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)
 229—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crown-dale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
 539—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)
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, E., at 8. (Inst.)
 1289—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1331—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.)
 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.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)
 74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
 298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
 326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
 327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
 408—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
 417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
 645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
 992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton.
 1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.
 1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
 1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent
 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
 1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
 1107—Cornwallis, Lullingstone Castle Hotel, Swanley.
 1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
 1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
 1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
 1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan.
 1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester
 1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
 1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
 1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
 R.A. 231—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
 R.A. 369—Limestone Rock, Swan and Royal Hotel, Clitheroe
 M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness
 M.M. 56—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden

THURSDAY, 7th JUNE.

- 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
 10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 87—Virruvian, 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)
 742—Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
 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.)
 1155—Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-road
 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
 1178—Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
 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.)
 1539—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 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.)
 R.A. 1716—All Saints, Vestry Hall, Fairfield Road, Bow
 M.M. 190—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8.30 (Inst.)
 M.M. 244—Trinity College, 13 Mandeville-place, W.
 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
 31—United Industrials, Masonic Room, Canterbury
 123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
 266—Naphali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
 269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
 294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
 295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
 300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
 309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
 410—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
 446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
 509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
 637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
 792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby.
 913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead.
 974—Pentagon, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland

1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
 1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
 1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
 1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster
 1381—Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes
 1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
 1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
 1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
 R.A. 187—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
 R.A. 384—St. John, Bulls Head Inn, Bolton
 R.A. 429—Thanet, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
 R.A. 591—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Ardwick, Openshaw, Man
 R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
 M.M. 63—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 8th JUNE.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
 134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 607—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruc.)
 788—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8 (In.)
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
 983—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
 1159—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbrooke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 R.A. 6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, King Street, St. James's
 R.A. 10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 65—Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules' Pav., Leadenhall St.
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
 36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
 64—Fortitude, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
 453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
 526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
 662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich.
 697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
 815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme
 1001—Harrogate and Claro, Maconic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate
 1087—Beauesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
 R.A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
 R.A. 137—Amity, Masonic Hall, Poole
 R.A. 406—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 9th JUNE.

Provincial Grand Chapter Surrey, Sun Hotel, Kingston
 176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 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)
 1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
 1423—Era, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
 1446—Mount Edgecumbe, Swan Hotel, Battersea
 1684—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
 1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
 1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
 1637—Unity, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore
 1928—Mozart, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon

JOPPA CHAPTER, No. 188.

THE regular convocation of this excellent working Chapter was held on the 28th ult., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Companions H. P. Isaac M.E.Z., E. P. Albert as H., A. Henochsberg J., M. J. Emanuel P.Z. S.E., J. Lazarus P.Z. Treasurer, J. W. Dewsnap S.N., P.Z.'s M. Lazarus, L. Lazarus, W. Littaur, H. M. Levy, P. Dickinson. Visitor—B. Lyon 1055. The Chapter was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. A letter was read from Comp. I. P. Cohen H., stating that through ill health he should not be able if elected, to fill the chair; he begged therefore most respectfully to resign it. The election for Principals then took place, and Comp. L. Lazarus P.Z. of this Chapter was elected M.E.Z., A. Henochsberg H., W. Littaur P.Z. J.; Comp. J. Lazarus P.Z. was re-elected Treasurer, Emanuel P.Z. S.E., Da Silva S.N., Dewsnap P.S., Goddard Janitor. Comp. Levy proposed, and L. Lazarus seconded, that a sum of two guineas be given from the funds of the Chapter for the purpose of presenting the retiring Z. with a testimonial for his excellent working, not only as M.E.Z., but in every office he has filled. Comp. Lazarus proposed that honorary membership be accorded to Comp. Littaur, who had on three occasions filled the chair of M.E.Z. This was seconded by Comp. L. Lazarus, and the M.E.Z. supplemented their remarks by a suggestion that this compliment should be paid Comp. Littaur so that every privilege the Chapter could confer should be given, a record of this resolution to be inscribed on vellum, and presented to him by the Chapter as a birthday gift. Comp. Levy proposed, and Comp. Albert seconded, that a letter of condolence be sent to Comp. Baum on a recent bereavement—the death of his respected father. The Chapter was then closed until the last Monday in November, and the Companions sat down to a simple and *recherché* banquet, provided by Comp. Jennings, and superintended by Comp. M. Silver. The M.E.Z. proposed the usual Loyal and R.A. toasts. Companion Lazarus said it was with great pleasure he had to propose the toast of the M.E.Z., whose excellent working had given them every satisfaction. The toast having been ably responded to, Comp. Lyon replied as a Visitor. With the toast of the P.Z.'s was coupled the name of Comp. L. Lazarus P.Z. and M.E.Z. elect who, in response, said it was a great pleasure to him to be re-elected to the chair again. It was an honour he was unprepared for, but having done his duty in the past, he hoped to their satisfaction, he would strive to do so in the future. The toast of the H. and J. was given, and regret expressed at the resignation of Comp. I. P. Cohen H. Comp. Henochsberg responded. The Z., in proposing the toast of the Treas-

urer, Comp. J. Lazarus, and the S.E., Comp. M. J. Emanuel P.Z., paid a just compliment to their exertions for the Chapter; he was pleased to see the former Companion had returned to his native land. Comp. Dewsnap, in a very able speech, returned thanks for the Junior Officers. The Janitor's toast was then given. Comps. Henochsberg, Dickinson, Isaac, and Hobinstock contributed to the harmony.

Loughborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 22.—On Monday evening, 28th May, at the Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, Loughborough Junction. Present—Bros. Bellis W.M., Littlewood S.W., Westley J.W., McDiarmid Treasurer, McKinley Secretary, Banks S.D., McKinley J.D., Johnson Preceptor, Hampton I.G. P.M.'s Bros. Stevens, Sherring, Perkins, Powell, Reid. After preliminaries, the three ceremonies were rehearsed. Bro. Littlewood was elected to the chair for Monday next. One ceremony only will be rehearsed, afterwards a general discussion will ensue on the merits of Brother Stevens's Lecture, as delivered on 30th April and 21st May. Masons are warmly invited to take part in this discussion.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at Bro Langdale's, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., Saturday, 26th May. Bros. Dixie W.M., Gribbell S.W., Venning J.W., Weeden S.D., Wolf J.D., Jones I.G., Lorkin Preceptor, and Galer Secretary; also Bros. Brasted, Houghton, Manger, Lone, and Liedman. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Brasted offered himself as candidate, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Brother Manger answered the questions leading to the third degree, but was not entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, with the traditional history, Bro. Lowe being the candidate. The W.M. worked the second section of the lecture, assisted by Bro. Gribbell. Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Liedman, of the Urban Lodge, No. 1196, was unanimously elected a member. Bro. Gribbell was elected W.M. for the ensuing fortnight. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in ancient form and adjourned to Saturday, the 2nd of June, when the members of the Strong Man Lodge of Instruction will work the Fifteen Sections. We trust that the brethren will master numerously, so as to give the Visitors a hearty reception.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—An emergency meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, the 21st ult., at the Queen's Hotel, York, when there was a very large muster, upwards of forty brethren being present. The object of the meeting was the initiation into Masonry of the Lord Mayor of York (Alderman Thomas Varry), who had been proposed in emergency by letter in view of the visit of the Grand Master to York in July, when the foundation-stone of the new Institute will be laid by him with Masonic honours. The W.M. Bro. Millington presided, and was supported by P.M.'s Bros. T. B. Whytehead, J. S. Cumberland, C. G. Padel, J. T. Seller, G. Simpson, George Balmford, J. Blenkin S.W., and most of the other Officers. Several visiting brethren were also present from 236, 1991, and from other parts of the Province. The ballot having been taken, the candidate was introduced and duly initiated, Bros. T. B. Whytehead acting as W.M. and J. S. Cumberland as conducting Deacon, and also giving the Charge. After the close of Lodge, the brethren and their guests met at supper, after which the usual toast list was duly honoured. In responding to the toast of his health the Lord Mayor said he was pleased to have become a member of an Order so ancient and of such high standing, and he should be very glad to place the Guildhall and Mansion House at the service of the Order on the occasion of the visit of the Grand Master. A most harmonious evening was spent, enlivened by songs and glees.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—A meeting of this Lodge was held at the Canonbury Tavern, on Monday last, when the following brethren were present:—Marks W.M., Galer S.W., Brock J.W., Killick jun. Treasurer, Collingridge Sec., Dixie S.D., Jones J.D., Wolf I.G., Kidder acting Preceptor; also Bros. Osborn, Western, Bevan, Killick sen., and Clark. Lodge was opened in the first degree, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Brother Bevan acting as candidate. Bro. Clark, a candidate for passing, was examined and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and closed in the third and second degrees. Bro. Galer will preside on Monday, 4th June.

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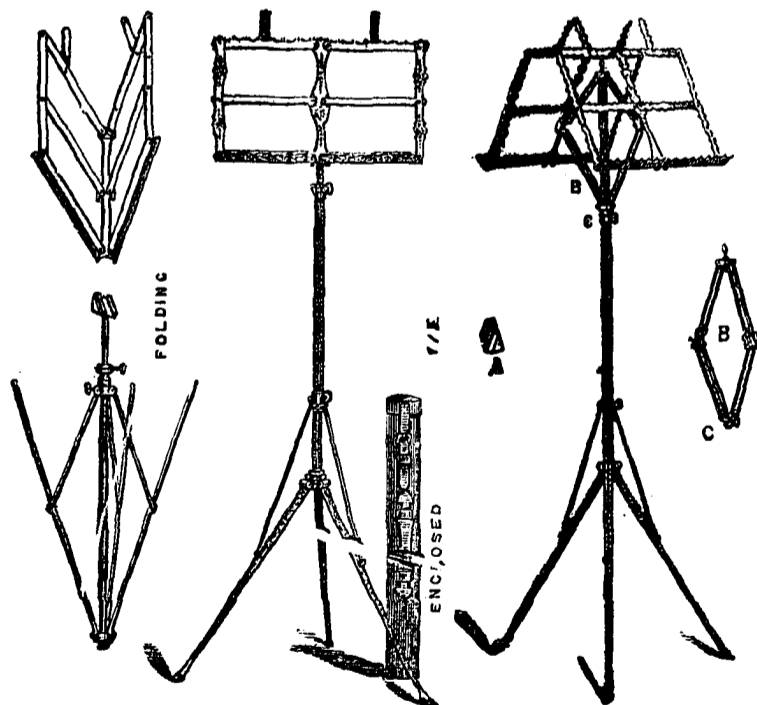
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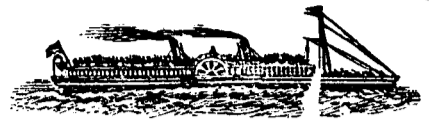
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