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## OUR TWENTY-FOURTH VOLUME.

THE commencement of the Twenty-Fourth volume of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE marks another epoch in our career of Masonic journalism, and it also reminds us that the year 1886 is on the wane. More than half of the usual recess has passed, and the opening of the next Masonic season is looming in the future. What that season will result in, and what will be the future of Freemasonry, it is impossible to foretell, but there is little to fear when we consider the future on the basis of the present condition of the Order. It will be our desire to continue to devote our best attention to the doings of the Craft, and in the discharge of our duties we hope we shall meet with as hearty support in the future as we have received in the past.

## MARK MASONRY.

### INSTALLATION OF H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES AS GRAND MASTER.

THE most numerous, enthusiastic and imposing gathering ever witnessed in connection with the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons took place on Thursday last, at Freemasons' Hall, when the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, was installed as Grand Master of the Mark Degree. His Royal Highness, who was accompanied by H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught Prov. G. Craft Master of Sussex, the Earl of Kintore Grand Master, and a distinguished array of Grand and Provincial Grand Officers, arrived shortly before one o'clock, when the brethren, not being Present or Past Grand Officers, took their seats in the Hall, under the direction of the Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies and Grand Stewards appointed for the purpose. The Most Worshipful Grand Master then entered Grand Lodge, preceded by the Grand Officers Present and Past, and occupied the Throne, after which Grand Lodge was opened in due form, Lord Kintore being supported by His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught Senior Grand Warden designate, Lord Henniker, the Earl of Lathom, Lord Jersey, Lord Egerton of Tatton, Lord Limerick, the Marquis of Hertford Grand Warden, Lord Onslow Junior Grand Warden, the Rev. Canon Portal and Bro. W. W. Beach (Past Grand Masters), Colonel Sir Francis Burdett, and some hundreds of Past and Present Grand Officers, Provincial Grand Officers, and representatives of India, the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown. The usual preliminaries having been observed, the Most Worshipful Grand Master was saluted with the customary honours, and the Grand Secretary (Bro. Frederick Binckes) read the notice convening the special meeting of Grand Lodge, and so much of the minutes of the Half-yearly Communication of Tuesday, 1st June, as related to the election of Most Worshipful G. Master and Grand Treasurer. The routine business having

been disposed of, Bro. M. J. Rowley, of the Royal Savoy Mark Lodge, presented to the Grand Lodge a beautifully bound volume of the Sacred Law, on the front cover of which was inserted a well executed portrait of the Prince of Wales in his clothing as Grand Mark Master Mason, together with a richly embroidered velvet cushion, bearing the arms of his Royal Highness, and the Prince of Wales' plume, the latter being the work of Bro. Rowley himself. On the first leaf of the Bible was the following inscription:—

"This Bible, with velvet cushion, worked in silk embroidery, is presented to the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales by Brother M. J. Rowley, Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 355, on the occasion of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales being installed as Most Worshipful Grand Master. 1st July 1886."

Lord Kintore, in the name of the brethren assembled, thanked Bro. Rowley for his handsome and valuable gifts to the Grand Lodge. The Grand Master then appointed a deputation for the purpose of introducing his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, consisting of two Grand Stewards, two Masters of Lodges, Grand Director of Ceremonies (Bro. Robert Berridge, P.G.M.O.), Grand Secretary (Bro. F. Binckes), Grand Registrar (Bro. F. Richardson) two Grand Chaplains (Bros. Rev. H. Cummings and Rev. J. W. Lemon, M.A.), two Past Grand Wardens, two Provincial Grand Masters, and two Past Grand Masters. In that order the deputation re-entered the Hall, followed by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the apron of the Grand Master being borne on a cushion by Bro. C. E. Soppet W.M. Old Kent Lodge T.I., and the chair and jewel of the G.M. by Bro. J. Collins W.M. Bon Accord Lodge T.I. As the procession passed up the Hall the National Anthem was played on the organ by Bro. E. J. Hoare Grand Organist, the brethren standing to order. Bro. the Rev. H. Cummings, Grand Chaplain, then offered prayer, and the Most Worshipful Grand Master administered the usual obligation to the Prince of Wales, whom he invested and placed on the Throne amidst prolonged and enthusiastic applause. The M.W. Past Grand Master was conducted to his chair on the left of the Throne, after which his Royal Highness was proclaimed and saluted, and the ceremony of installation was completed in masterly manner by Lord Kintore, who, addressing the newly-installed M.W. Grand Master said, the brethren were desirous the first opportunity should be taken that he might give expression to the feelings of loyal devotion and pleasure which were felt by every Mark Mason in Great Britain, and in the Greater Britain beyond the seas, at the step which the Prince had been pleased to take that day. He desired to explain to his Royal Highness that the large gathering present was but a section of those who desired to attend, still it was sufficient to fill the largest available hall in London. This was not an occasion on which he need address the newly-installed Grand Master on his duties, because the Prince was not in the habit of undertaking any duty that he was not willing and able to perform. Freemasonry owed a deep debt of gratitude to the Prince of Wales, and he would greatly increase that debt by the step he had taken that day. Mark Masons could never properly discharge the debt they owed to his Royal Highness, and could only ask him to receive their expressions of devotion and loyalty as an instalment of interest. In the course of his observations on the progress of Mark Masonry, the noble Earl remarked that the Mark degree, as it at present existed, was founded in 1856. There were

now thirteen Time Immemorial Lodges, and 375 Warranted Lodges, divided into 44 Provincial Grand Lodges, including those in New Zealand, South Africa, Natal, Victoria, Tasmania, Gibraltar, India, and other parts of the globe. The financial position of the Grand Lodge was most satisfactory, and the Mark Benevolent Fund had the happy habit of doubling itself each successive year. He was also glad to say they were in a position of fraternal relationship with all foreign bodies, with one exception, that of Grand Lodge of Quebec. The presence of Mark Masons from far distant parts of the Queen's territories was evidence of the good result attending the Prince of Wales's personal efforts to draw together Colonists to the mother country. He was sure that on this the first great gathering of the Mark Masons held in Her Majesty's jubilee year they would all desire to convey to the Queen, from the Mark Masons of all parts of her vast Empire, the assurance of their unswerving loyalty to her throne. The M.W. Grand Master, who was received with prolonged and enthusiastic cheering on rising to reply, said he begged to thank Lord Kintore most heartily and sincerely for the address he had just delivered. He feared the noble Lord had referred to him in terms far too kind and flattering. He assured the brethren that he considered it a high honour and compliment which had been paid him that day, and he accepted the distinguished position of Grand Master of Mark Master Masons with a deep feeling of gratitude, and as a high honour to himself. He assured the brethren that anything he could do to further the interests and welfare of the Mark Degree would be done with sincere pleasure. He was most thankful and grateful for the kind feeling the brethren had manifested towards him, and he appreciated very highly the compliment which had been paid by the Mark Masons who had attended from distant parts of the Empire. Lord Kintore had spoken in kind and feeling terms of his beloved mother the Queen. It would afford Her Majesty sincere gratification to know the kind terms in which her name had been mentioned, and the hearty manner in which it was invariably received in all parts of the globe, and especially in a meeting of this description. Personally he thanked them from his heart, and he desired to assure them that all he could do for the welfare of Mark Masonry would always be done with very great pleasure. The M.W. Grand Master then appointed and invested the Grand Officers for the ensuing year, as follow :—

Bro. The Earl of Kintore	-	-	Pro Grand Master
Lord Egerton of Tatton	-	-	Deputy Grand Master
H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught	-	-	Senior Warden
Lord Saltoun	-	-	Junior Warden
Lient.-Colonel Addison	-	-	Mark Overseer
G. Galloway	-	-	Senior Overseer
George Kenning	-	-	Junior Overseer
Rev. T. Cartwright Smythe	-	-	} Chaplains
Rev. T. Cochrane	-	-	
James Moon	-	-	Treasurer
Frank Richardson	-	-	Registrar
Frederick Binckes	-	-	Secretary
W. K. Miller	-	-	} Senior Deacons
N. Tracey	-	-	
H. Ward	-	-	} Junior Deacons
F. Crouch	-	-	
Lient.-Col. Edis	-	-	Inspector of Works
R. Berridge	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
G. P. Festa	-	-	} Assist. Directors of Cers.
A. M'Dowell	-	-	
C. P. Evans	-	-	Sword Bearer
T. Taylor	-	-	} Standard Bearers
W. J. Thompson	-	-	
Professor Rose	-	-	Organist
Vincent	-	-	Inner Guard
Pinder	-	-	Assist. Inner Guard
A. Walkley	-	-	Tyler
G. Edwards, J. Church, J. Boulton,	}	Stewards	
J. Terry, J. W. Fuller, J. Ramsay,			
H. C. Burt, W. H. Lowick,			
R. Glasspool, R. Owen, J. T. Seller,			
R. J. Fountaine, E. H. Thorne,			
and R. Fitzhugh			

The Earl of Kintore, on behalf of the Grand Masters' Lodge, then presented to the Prince of Wales a handsome gold jewel, which His Royal Highness accepted with great cordiality, remarking that it would be a gratifying memento of the pleasant proceedings of the day. Grand Lodge was then closed in form, and the Grand Master with the Grand Officers withdrew in procession, during which a brilliant march was played on the organ by Bro. Rose Grand Organist. Luncheon was afterwards provided in the Venetian Salon of the Holborn Restaurant, to which place their Royal Highnesses the Prince of Wales and the Duke

of Connaught proceeded on foot, and being recognised by many people along Great Queen-street and in Little Queen-street, they were respectfully saluted, and bowed their acknowledgments at the demonstrations of loyal feeling. A sumptuous repast was provided under the personal superintendence of Bro. Hamp, whose arrangements, as usual, were of a most complete and elaborate description, and elicited the utmost approbation from the Royal and other distinguished guests. The Prince of Wales briefly proposed the health of the Queen, which was received with great enthusiasm. Lord Kintore gave the health of the Prince and Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family, acknowledging how much the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Connaught had added to the benefits they had conferred on Masonry by the step they had taken that day. The Most Worshipful Grand Master, in replying, thanked the brethren for the kind reception they had given him. He hoped he might be spared to meet them on many future occasions, and he only regretted that he could not remain longer with them, having an engagement to fulfil in the East end of London. The Duke of Connaught said that, as Senior Grand Warden, his first duty was to obey the commands of the Grand Master, who desired him to respond also. He expressed his high appreciation of the honour that had been done him that day, and was grateful to the Grand Master for having appointed him as Senior Grand Warden. So far as he had the power, he should carry out the duties of the office to the best of his ability. He hoped that the circumstances—over which he had no control—that would take him out of the country, might not prevent him from discharging the duties during his year of office. He hoped to be able to show, by his regard to attendance, the interest he took in the duties of the high office which he had been called upon to hold, and in conclusion he once more thanked the brethren for their kind and hearty reception. A few other complimentary toasts were honoured, but they were very brief, the Prince of Wales having to leave early, in order to accompany the Princess of Wales and the young Princesses to Hoxton, where His Royal Highness opened a fine block of industrial dwellings. That neighbourhood was profusely decorated with flags, and the Royal party was greeted with a most enthusiastic reception. The departure of the Grand Master was the signal for a break up of the company, and thus early in the afternoon the guests who had assisted at this auspicious event gradually withdrew.

### THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MIDDLESEX AND SURREY.

THIS Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, 8a Red Lion Square, High Holborn, London, on Monday the 28th June, and was well attended by representatives of the several Lodges in the Province, and a goodly array of Provincial Grand Officers, as well as past and present Officers of the Grand Mark Lodge. Every available portion of the Hall was occupied, and but for the excellent arrangements for ventilation provided by the large lantern roof, the discomfort of a large meeting on an intolerably hot day would have been great and almost unendurable. As it was, however, a fair amount of unvitiated atmosphere was obtainable, and the usefulness of this Hall for the meetings of Masonic Lodges or moderately large gatherings of the Brethren for Masonic purposes was amply demonstrated. The Worshipful Masters, Wardens, and Brethren who represented the Provincial Lodges assembled shortly before five o'clock, at which hour the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, accompanied by his present and past Officers, entered the Hall in procession, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was at once opened. There were present at the opening and during the meeting the following Grand Officers of the province, viz :—

Bros. Fredk. Davison P.G.W. Dep. Grand Master, G. H. Newington Bridges J.W., Thos. Murray Gorman Chaplain, C. Hammerton Treas., Horace White Registrar, Wm. G. Brighton Secretary, W. E. Williams M.O., J. Terry S.O., Thos. Clarke S.D., Thomas Kingston J.D., John F. Rumball Supt. of Wks., J. Smith Dir. of Cers., Ebenezer Whittaker Sword Bearer, Jas. F. Lovelock Standard Bearer, E. J. Hoare Organist, Cecil Quennell I.G., H. J. Clutton, Jas. Shilcock, Philip A. Scratchley Stewards, John Gilbert Tyler. The Past Grand Officers, Masters, and Wardens present were Bros. Berridge P.G.J.W. 104, H. T. Goodall P.P.G.J.W. W.M. 239, Wm. Vincent P.G.S.O 139,

James Stevens P.G.J.O. P.P.G. Sec., F. J. C. de Crespigny Past Grand Chaplain, Henry Baldwin P.P.G. Assist. Dir. of Cers., W. A. S. Humphries P.P. Assist. D. of Cers. P.M. 176, George J. Dunkley P.P.G.M.O. 234, Byron H. Ridge P.P.G.I.G. 198, J. R. Hubbard W.M. 198, J. D. Birkin W.M. 284, Edward J. Mills W.M. 350, Henry Stephen P.M. 199, Jas. Fauston P.M. 199, S. Fountaine J.W. 176, Frederick Laurance J.O. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. J. T. Briggs W.M. 181, E. West P.M. 173, J. Frye M.O. 211, R. Lawson P.M. 211, George Gardner W.M. 357, H. M. Appleton W.M. 223, Samuel G. Bake P.G.S.B. 315, F. Farrington W.M. 238, W. E. Farrington W.M. 238, G. Haldane W.M. 197, W. Winnett S.W. 259, F. R. Hales S.D. 251, W. Fisher P.M. 181, Jas. Linzell P.M. 236, L. G. Gordon Robbins M.O. 361, H. A. Worcester Reeves M.O. 14, Jas. Willing jun. W.M. 355, C. F. Matier P.G.W., Philip Monson 211, C. Algernon Moreing I.G. 7 361, C. J. Knightley Sec. 355, C. J. Axford W.M. 234, H. Dickey S.O. 355, G. Mordey Registrar 355, H. Ingles Davis S.O. 357, W. J. Heath S.W. 4, B. R. Bryant P.G. Standard Bearer 333, R. J. Taylor M.O. 357, Jas. Powdrell 355, Adam Pringle jun. S.D. 357, M. J. Rowley I.G. 355, Josh. Badkin P.M. 236, Jos. W. Hobbs P.M. 236, Alfred Meadows P.M. 357, Henry Pigache P.P.G. Org., E. F. Storr Old Kent T.I., W. A. Scurrah J.D. Royal Savoy, W. M. Stiles S.W. 355, A. Mooney J.D. 257, and others who did not sign the attendance book.

The minutes of the previous Provincial Grand Lodge meeting, held under the banner of the Kintore Mark Lodge, No. 333, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on the 1st of June 1885, were read and confirmed. The Roll of Lodges in the province was called, and each of the thirty-two was represented; the Prov. Grand Secretary's report, stated that all dues were fully paid (in fact, in one case a Lodge had sent more money than was due), and that the increase in the aggregate number of members was 138. This report was received with expressions of great satisfaction. The Provincial Grand Treasurer's (W. Bro. C. Hammerton) accounts were presented, a printed statement thereof being delivered to each brother present, and showing balances in hand amounting to some £63, after liberal grants and additions to Grand Lodge property had been fully discharged, and all obligations satisfied. This report also had a cordial reception. A warrant of re-appointment of the Right Wor. Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett having been previously issued by the M.W. Grand Mark Master, W. Bro. Berridge Grand Director of Ceremonies proclaimed Sir Francis as Prov. Grand Master for the ensuing three years, and the Prov. Grand Master was saluted according to ancient custom. In acknowledgement of his hearty reception, the Prov. Grand Master expressed his thanks, and stated that as in the past he had certainly endeavoured to discharge the duties of his Office to his utmost ability—he had not been altogether able to visit each and all of the Lodges over which he ruled—so in the future he would continue such endeavours, and he hoped to fulfil his promise to see the brethren at work in those Lodges which as yet he had not had time to visit. The appointment of Prov. Grand Officers for the year next followed, W. Bro. Frederick Davison being re-appointed Deputy Prov. Grand Master, amidst acclamation; and Bro. Davison was saluted accordingly. The other Officers invested in person or by proxy were:—

Bro. Lt.-Col. G. H. J. Haldane 197	-	Senior Warden
Philip A. Scratchley 7	-	Junior Warden
Charles Hammerton 144	-	Treasurer
Hubbard J. Reed 198	-	Registrar
William Green Brighten 4	-	Secretary
Robert Lawson 211	-	M.O.
W. Beasley 199	-	S.O.
Joseph S. Badkin 236	-	J.O.
James Willing jun. 355	-	Senior Deacon
Charles J. Axford 234	-	Junior Deacon
H. S. Clutton 224	-	Superintendent of Works
George Gardner 357	-	Director of Ceremonies
J. H. Clutton 224	-	Assistant Director of Cer.
F. Farrington 238	-	Sword Bearer
W. Winnett 239	-	Standard Bearer
R. W. Ward	-	Organist
G. G. L. Robbins 361	-	Inner Guard
J. Hepburn Hastie 333	-	Stewards
H. M. Appleton 223	-	
L. S. Fountaine 176	-	
C. A. Moreing 361	-	
H. A. W. Reeves	-	
John Gilbert	-	Tyler

Bro. P. A. Scratchley Prov. G.I.G. having kindly volunteered to act as Steward for the Mark Benevolent Fund at its ensuing Festival, was warmly thanked, and a sum of Ten Guineas was unanimously voted for the purpose of heading his donation list. The Prov. Grand Treas. (Bro. Hammerton), having referred to the balances available, suggested a grant on behalf of the R.M. Benevolent Institution, but the Deputy Grand Master pointing out that the Educational Fund of the Mark Degree, which is doing a large amount of good work, should not be

neglected by Mark Masons, it was resolved to assist that fund by a donation of Five Guineas. Bros. G. H. N. Bridges P.P.G.J.W., E. F. Storr, James Willing jun. Prov. G.S.D., and H. S. Goodall were appointed members of the Committee for General Purposes. The ordinary proceedings of Prov. Grand Lodge were here pleasantly varied by the presentation to the Prov. Grand Secretary, W. Bro. W. G. Brighten P.P.G.S.W., of a testimonial, in recognition of his past ten years' service in that capacity. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master having addressed the brethren, informing them that it had been resolved at the previous meeting to offer some tangible evidence of appreciation of zealous work by Bro. Brighten, on behalf of Mark Masonry in the province, and humorously suggesting that if it were offered in the form of cash, it might "take unto itself wings and depart;" called the worthy recipient towards the East, and, earnestly thanking him for, and eulogising his zeal and strict attendance to all the duties which his office had imposed on him, in the name of Prov. Grand Lodge, presented him with a handsome 18 inch rose water salver and ewer, hoping that he might for many years have the gratification of looking thereon, and remembering the many pleasant associations connected with his labours. The highly artistic productions of Messrs Elkington were then displayed, and were much admired, as well for elaboration of design as for style of workmanship. The presentation inscription ran thus:—

"Presented to Bro. W. G. Brighten P.P.G. S.W., by the Provincial Grand Lodge M.M.M. Middlesex and Surrey, in recognition of his valuable services as Secretary for past 10 years. 1886."

Bro. Brighten in a few well-chosen remarks expressed his thanks for the testimony afforded of satisfaction with his endeavours to promote the best interests of the Province, which during his term of office, and under the genial sway of its Grand Master, to whom he desired permission to say a far larger share of the credit belonged, had so greatly increased in the number of Lodges and members. The handsome present now made to him would remind him that whatever he had done in the past to merit such appreciation, gratitude for so generous an acknowledgment should still further stimulate him, if indeed that were necessary, to continued efforts in the like direction. Bro. Brighten was warmly applauded and congratulated on resuming his official station in the Lodge. A few minor matters of ordinary business, including the announcement of reception of letters of apology for absence from several distinguished brethren, were then disposed of, after which the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren separated. A Banquet was subsequently given at the Holborn Restaurant, at which the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master presided. It was not so largely attended as had been anticipated, regard not having been taken as to the numerous important Masonic gatherings of the week, which naturally would attract Freemasons, especially those connected with Mark Masonry, towards other expenditure of time and money. A very agreeable evening was, however, spent by those who had the privilege of being present. Toasts, with the exception of the principal Loyal and Masonic sentiments, being for once dispensed with, and social chat and harmonious fellowship prevailing.

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## SURREY MASONIC HALL.

*To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—I have read with much concern the article in your record of the 19th inst., on "Desecration or Sacrilege;" and, well knowing that Bro. Jas. Stevens has done so much for Masonry, I am surprised that amongst his numerous admirers no one has thought fit to take the matter in hand to expose the unmasonic act of some one who cannot possess the principles of Masonry. Bro. Stevens is well known to a great number of the Craft, and in justice to himself should give some explanation of these unwarrantable proceedings. By inserting this in your next issue you will oblige,

Yours fraternally,

W. M.



## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

ON Wednesday last, the Eighty-Eighth Anniversary Festival of this Institution was held at Brighton, under the presidency of Brother Lord Suffield, Provincial Grand Master of Norfolk, the occasion attracting, as usual, a very numerous assemblage of distinguished members of the Craft, the representatives of various Lodges, both in London and the Provinces, who were accompanied by their ladies. The weather was delightfully fine, and the "Queen" of southern watering places appeared at its best, being crowded at this season with visitors. The banquet was served in the Dome of the Royal Pavilion, covers being laid for between 500 and 600 guests. The President of the day was supported at the principal table by Bros. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, Captain S. G. Homfray P.G.A.D.C.; George Plucknett, R. W. Stewart, W. Roebuck, Trustee, Grand Sword Bearer, J. L. Mather, C. F. Hogard, Rev. Dr. Morris (Head Master), Thomas Cubitt V.-Patrons; Rev. Mortimer Heath Grand Chaplain, H. B. Marshall Past Grand Treasurer, Dr. Jabez Hogg P.G.D., J. L. Thomas P.G.A.D.C., Colonel Peters P.G. Sword Bearer, W. H. Perryman Assistant Grand Pursuivant, Frederick Binckes P.G. Steward Secretary of the Institution, &c. During the afternoon a selection of music was performed by the band of the Boys' School, under the leadership of Bro. W. Whare, and in the intervals between the toasts an excellent programme of vocal music was sustained by Miss Effie Clements, Miss Grace Damian, Brother Arthur Thompson, Mr. Harper Kearton, and Mr. W. G. Forington, under the direction of Brother Turle Lee. At the conclusion of the well-served repast, the President proposed Her Majesty the Queen, Grand Patron of the Institution, in loyal terms, the toast being followed with the singing of the National Anthem. In proposing the Most Worshipful Grand Master, President of the Institution, he said the Prince of Wales was known not only throughout this country but everywhere in Her Majesty's dominions. Only a few days since he (the speaker) accompanied His Royal Highness to Brighton, where he was most loyally and enthusiastically received. He then spoke at length on the interest which the Prince manifested in all that concerned the welfare of the Craft, and his readiness at all times to come forward for its good, especially when he was called upon to do that which he considered might confer a benefit upon his countrymen. Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke then proposed the health of the noble President, whom they welcomed with the utmost cordiality. Lord Suffield had great and special claims upon every Freemason because of his long and brilliant services to the Order. He had been Provincial Grand Master of Norfolk for ten years, and had ruled over that Province in a most exemplary and distinguished manner. That day they had special reason to feel grateful to the noble Lord for being with them, because he had other and most important duties to attend to in London; but he had said, I was determined to support your Institution to-day, and be at Brighton with you. Therefore they had reason to thank him for occupying the chair on that occasion. That was not the first time Lord Suffield had shown his interest in the Institutions by taking the chair at the Masonic Festivals, for only four or five years ago he presided at the Girls' School Festival, which was attended with a remarkably good result. They might, therefore, congratulate themselves upon having so excellent, noble, and distinguished a President as Lord Suffield, and they would most cordially unite in drinking to his health, thanking him for his presence amongst them on that occasion. The toast was received with immense applause, and His Lordship, in acknowledging the toast, tendered his heartfelt thanks for the kindly and flattering terms in which it had been proposed by the Grand Secretary. It was little indeed that he could claim of the merits of a Freemason; but he took an interest in the Craft because he had received nothing but kindness from the whole of the brethren. He recognised the vast amount of good that was done by Freemasonry, and he was glad and proud to belong to the Order. Seeing there were other toasts to follow he would not trouble them with any further words more than to thank them once more for the hearty reception they had given to the mention of his name to-day. He then proposed the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom Deputy Grand Master, and the Prov.

Grand Masters, and Present and Past Grand Officers, with which he coupled the name of the Grand Chaplain Rev. Mortimer Heath. In the course of his response the Grand Chaplain spoke of the interest taken by the Grand Officers in administering the affairs of the Craft, and of the beneficial results of their deliberations. From the earliest history of Grand Lodge the Charities held a very large place in its organisation and working, and as the Craft increased so had the anxiety of Grand Lodge increased for their well-being. As the Charities advanced, they had carried out, as the first principle of the Order, not only that brotherly love, but also that which was the outcome of the other, that relief which was shown in such institutions as that which they were then celebrating, and others of a kindred sort. He thought he might say that the Grand Lodge of England would never be wanting in promoting those great principles taught in our Lodges—Benevolence and Charity. Bro. McKay, Prov. Grand Secretary Cumberland, then gave "The Vice Patrons, Vice Presidents, Trustees, and Members of Committees," with which he coupled the name of Bro. W. Raynham Stewart. The success of this noble Institution was in an eminent degree due to the efforts of those brethren who were included in the toast. Bro. Stewart, after thanking the company for the cordial manner in which the toast had been received, said they had been brought together by mutual good feeling, in the hope that they might be enabled to enhance the work they all recognised, and which they desired faithfully to discharge. Had it not been for the ladies, many members of the Craft would not have thought it a proper thing to be Masons; they took an interest in, and were anxious to do all they could to get their special candidates into the Institutions. As far as he was concerned, he was a trustee, and did his duty to the best of his ability; the other brethren did the same, and he could simply say to those present, "Send us the money, and we will take care of the children." The noble President, in proposing "Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys," observed that it was a very important thing that money should be forthcoming to support this Institution, but they wanted more than money—they wanted interest. They wanted the interest that is shown year by year still more and more, because the Institution which they were called here to assist was increasing year by year. He was not about to trouble them with a report, or any statistics from the report, which had been in the hands of all concerned. He had the good fortune to visit the Institution at Wood Green on Saturday, and was extremely well satisfied with what he saw there. It was not the first time that he had had such a pleasure; he visited it four years ago, and it was his earnest hope that it should go on increasing. But it cannot do so without means, which he hoped would be forthcoming that day. There were other Institutions, but this and the Girls' School deserved, he thought, something more than the others. The Boys' Institution had been doing excellent work for the last 88 years, and it was a monument to the wisdom and foresight of their predecessors. He felt assured they would never allow such an ancient institution to lack funds for its support. It was an ungrateful task to ask for money, but there was no shame in it, because before them was an object worthy of their subscriptions. It was unfortunate for this gathering to take place now, on account of the dissolution of Parliament, which had deprived them of many who would have been glad to come here, though he must say there were many kind faces there that he knew. However, it had given him extreme pleasure to see the noble hall so well attended; an extremely pretty sight it was. He could say with truth that he never presided at a more graceful assemblage. Bro. Plucknett P.G.D., whose name was associated with the toast, observed that the Institution was doing really good work, and was pursuing its onward career most successfully. His duty as Treasurer was to thank them for coming to Brighton to support the Institution, and to say that the funds subscribed were economically expended, having regard to the efficiency, comfort, and happiness of the boys. The Prince of Wales recently referred to the extension in the number of Lodges since his accession to the position of Grand Master. There were now some 500 Lodges more than were in existence twelve years ago. That was a significant fact, indicating a large addition to the Craft, and also to the expansion of the Institution.

In recounting the lists Bro. F. Binckes remarked that

the announcement he had to make was somewhat disappointing, but that was invariably the case, their Festival coming as it did after the Festivals of the other Institutions. He said, on Saturday, that the present political crisis might to a great extent interfere, not only with the personal attendance at this Festival, but also with the result of the

Stewards' exertions on behalf of the Institution. They were not, however, altogether without reason for thankfulness as to the results that had been achieved, but which were not quite equal to the anticipations of some of their more sanguine friends. There were 120 London Stewards, and 169 Provincial Stewards, as follows:—

**LONDON.**

Lodge	£	s	d
1 Br. Lonis C Lumley	10	10	0
2 E J V Husey	42	0	0
3 Charles Challen	40	19	0
4 Baron H de Stern	15	15	0
5 A Finlay	56	15	0
6 J R F Claridge	31	10	0
8 John Pullman	11	11	0
11 E G Coleman	26	15	6
12 O F Peall	50	0	0
14 Gordon Smith			
19 W M Bywater	37	16	0
21 R Hovenden	28	7	0
23 J A Blackman			
26 D Brey Ledsam	27	6	0
28 J Boulton	40	0	0
29 John W Green	21	0	0
33 R C Rapiet	23	18	0
46 Edward J Humphrey	52	10	0
55 G M E Snow	73	10	0
58 F W Smith	90	6	0
60 Eliab Rogers	52	10	0
79 C Kedgley	105	0	0
91 Sydney Claris	38	17	0
96 J Gordon Langton	46	4	0
99 C E Wilson	78	10	0
101 Edward J Altman			
108 W H Smith	23	2	0
141 C W Frommholz	65	0	0
142 H A W Reeves	17	17	0
145 W F Masters	84	0	0
157 Walter Snodin	21	0	0
172 Charles Meierhoff	200	11	0
172 Carl T Fleck			
183 E Ernest Harding	35	14	0
188 Lewis Lazarus	40	0	0
192 Wm. Medwin	107	0	0
193 S Smither	53	9	6
197 A Millington Naylor	25	2	0
198 Col. J G North			
205 G F Hogard	109	4	0
227 Alfred James Thomas	23	2	0
235 Wm. E. Harrison	5	5	0
259 John Scott	31	10	0
435 W H Hooper	27	16	6
534 J G Tongue	15	15	0
569 John Pash	112	7	0
657 T H Gardiner			
715 F E Upfield Green	20	9	6
822 E C P Scott	31	10	0
861 F Hallows	58	16	0
957 Wm. T. Woodruff	115	0	0
975 James Garnar	73	10	0
1150 T H Gardiner			
1158 W Holloway	50	13	0
1196 Benjamin Simpkins	38	17	0
1216 Capt. N Bridges	52	10	0
1383 Moliere Tabuteau	90	4	0
1425 James Stephens	36	15	0
1471 W Shurmur	107	2	0
1475 W G Sayer	57	15	0
1491 G S Waterlow	51	19	0
1507 George Edwards	63	0	0
1598 Walter C Claridge (see No. 1962)			
1509 G J Woodman	38	17	0
1604 Frederick J Wray	165	18	0
1612 Samuel Dyer	35	0	0
1615 S T Fisher	28	7	0
1622 Fred Hilton	52	10	0
1623 H J Lardner	53	11	0
1657 E Y Jolliffe	106	1	0
1671 C W Meiter	105	0	0
1677 Robert D. Cummings	52	10	0
1681 Asher Barfield	61	18	6
1704 W D Milner	40	19	0
1707 A Money	64	1	0
1719 James Randall	66	13	6
1728 Richard Kimpton	51	12	0
1767 J W Barker	31	10	0
1769 T B Linscott	69	6	0
1818 Lonis Hirsch	79	16	0
1962 W C Claridge	163	16	0
1963 V T Murché	57	15	0
1986 H M Williams	26	5	0
2012 George Gardner	240	9	0
2020 Alderman J Staples			
2108 C W Eves	15	15	0
2127 A M Broadley	157	10	0
2128 J L Cooke	15	15	0
Lodge of Instruction			
1732 B Kauffman	31	10	0

**Chapter**

12 Comp. W B Kidder	21	0	0
95 Samuel Brooks	34	13	0
174 James Knight	15	15	0
1604 Frederick J Wray (see Lodge 1604)			
1900 G P Festa			

**COMMITTEE DINNER CLUB.**

H T Miller	107	0	0
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**UNATTACHED.**

Robert Berridge			
F Binckes	10	10	0
Edgar Bowyer			
Thomas Bruce	26	5	0
H V Clements	26	5	0
J W T Chapman	26	15	6
George Cooper	5	5	0
Henry Cox	59	17	0
R T Fennell			
W Gomm			
George Graveley	15	15	0
William Herbage	26	5	0
John P Houghton	10	10	0
William Lake			
H B Marshall	10	10	0
J Lawrence Mather	63	0	0
Dr. G Mickley	10	10	0
James Moon	10	10	0
William Morley	10	10	0
Henry F Nash	10	10	0
F J Vander Pant	10	10	0
Colonel James Peters	10	10	0
M J Rowley	5	5	0
Charles Sanders, M.D.			
Ald. Joseph Savory			
James Stevens	22	1	0
David Stroud	10	10	0
J Lewis Thomas			
Abner Torkington			
John Weston			
Alfred Williams	10	10	0
E C Woodward	10	10	0

**THE PROVINCES.**

**BERKS AND BUCKS.**

Lodge			
414 Br Samuel Wheeler jun.	55	13	0
591 John Lawson	47	5	0
795 William Fenton	10	10	0
945 Maurice Wheeler	59	17	0
1899 S G Kirchhoffer	26	5	0

**BRISTOL.**

103 William Purnell	26	5	0
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**CAMBRIDGESHIRE.**

88 Andrew H Moyes	131	5	0
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**CHESHIRE.**

537 Geo H Brown	10	10	0
941 W Wildgoose	36	15	0

**CORNWALL.**

Charles Truscott	250	0	0
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**CUMBERLAND AND WEST-MORELAND.**

The Province, G J McKay	425	9	0
129 J H Hogg	74	11	0

**DERBYSHIRE.**

353 John Cooper Webb	48	6	0
802 Edwin Belfield	27	18	6

**DURHAM.**

C D H Drury	63	0	0
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**ESSEX.**

160 Henry Harper	15	14	6
650 Richard Clowes	75	12	0
2005 } Geo Henry Finch	63	0	0
2005 } Henry T Sibley			
2006 A J Dudgeon	14	14	0
2063 W J Nunn	63	0	0
2077 James Salmon			

**GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**

Lodge.			
900 William Powell	30	14	0
1005 Arthur S. Lemon	43	11	6
1067 W Crawshay Heane	58	16	0

**HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.**

Lodge 76	Richard Glasspool	42	0	0
Chapter 723				
Lodge 130	George J Tilling	131	5	0
1461				
175				
309				
342				
1776	William Miles	155	0	0

**HERTS.**

403 Lieut. Richd. B. Croft				
1327 Edward West	75	1	6	
1479 A H Debenham	19	8	6	

**KENT.**

The Province			100	0	0
558 Spurgen			31	10	0
1209 J O Eve			115	10	0

**LANCASHIRE (East Division).**

221 Br Charles Crompton	21	0	0
317 J Garside	10	10	0
1009 George Everatt	26	5	0
1723 E G Harwood	31	10	0
Nathaniel Nicholson			
1789 George Board	52	10	0
S E Levi			
George Rideal			
Effraim Nahum			
Alfred de Bolton			
Rob Williamson	10	10	0

**LANCASHIRE—West Division.**

Reginald Young	10	10	0
155 E Pierpoint	10	10	0
1384 W J Thomson	10	10	0
1730 J Slyman			

**LEICESTER AND RUTLAND.**

1560 Thomas Macaulay	257	5	0
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**LINCOLNSHIRE.**

792 James Duke	10	10	0
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**MIDDLESEX.**

778 E W Stanton	94	10	0
865 W Johnson	26	10	0
1310 John Etherington	15	15	0
1526 John Alfred Wilson			
1597 W Cock	32	11	0
2024 J Sadler Wood	60	0	0
2048 Philip Cheek	26	5	0
2105 D P Cama	15	15	0

**MONMOUTHSHIRE.**

1429 Samuel Davies	31	10	0
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**NORFOLK.**

Lord Suffield (Chairman)	420	0	0
213 Br George Baxter			
G. W. Girling Barnard			

**NORTH WALES.**

1336 C K Benson	32	11	0
1849 Lt.-Col. W E Sackville-West	54	12	0

**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.**

1434 B Franz Stiebel	102	2	0
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**OXFORDSHIRE.**

340 Frederick W Ausell	35	14	0
357 F P Bulley	27	10	0
478 W Kinch	22	2	0
599 Mark Nathan	19	8	6
1515 Joseph Richardson	10	10	0
1703 H C Habgood	10	10	0

SOMERSETSHIRE.			WARWICKSHIRE.			YORKSHIRE (WEST).			
446	Lt.-Col. A T Perkins	161 5 0	74	John Slater	-	139	John H Burrows	-	
	W J Nosworthy	141 15 0		Felix Jones	-		Simeon Hayes	-	
SOUTH WALES—East Division.				James Moffatt	-	208	Geo. Wm. Hawksley	-	
651	T Lawrence Lewis	105 0 0		David Archer	-		James France	-	
SOUTH WALES—West Division.				John Rawlins	-	289	T Bateman Fox	-	
	Samuel Read	210 0 0		Charles Lee	-	296	Alfred Williamson	-	
STAFFORDSHIRE.				Wm Henry Wood	-		Joseph Mellows	-	
	The Province	120 15 0		George Edwin Mewis	-		Robert Schott	-	
624	Br Percy Evershed	26 5 0		W H Johnson	231 0 0		Joseph Hardy	-	
1792	F J Turley	-		C Joseph Collins	-	380	Harold Thomas	-	
	Matthias Barker	21 0 0		Thomas Surman	-	408	Sidney T Steele	-	
	J R Lee	-		Josiah Collins	-	458	Edwin Lee	-	
SUFFOLK.				Joseph Gothard	-		H Trevor Gardiner	-	
1224	T B Ardley	100 0 0		Hugh S Thomas	-	495	H Wilson	-	
	W J Nunn	21 0 0		George Shread	-		Lieut.-Col. Albany H	-	
SURREY.				Josua Perkins	-	521	Charlesworth	-	
	G J Dunkley	12 12 0		Josua Howell	-		Ernest A Beaumont	-	
410	C Greenwood jun.	26 0 0		T James Graham	-	600	John Wm Turner	-	
1638	George Moorman	17 17 0	567	Jos. Boddington	-	910	Charles Crabtree	-	
1872	W H Dunning Pearse	10 10 0	587	Joseph W Martin	26 5 0	974	Robert Fisher	-	
2096	Hugh M Hobbs	267 15 0	WILTSHIRE.				W C Lupton	760 19 0	
SUSSEX.				WORCESTERSHIRE.				J R Oddy	-
215	John Belcher	10 10 0		A F Godson D.P.G.M.	-	1019	H A. Foster	-	
1110	Chas. H. Haine	31 10 0		J W Consterdine-Chadwick	-		John Wordsworth	-	
1141	L B Henderson	36 4 0	355 } J Campbell Maclean	61 13 0	1211	Herbert J E Green	-		
1303	Major W W Turner	21 0 0	1295 }	Edward J Chambers	52 10 0		William H Milnes	-	
1636	W R Wood jun.	220 0 0	YORKSHIRE (N. & E. Ridings).			1239	George F Crowe	-	
1726	W H Causton	37 16 0	1010	Col. R G Smith	41 14 6		Joseph Stanfield	-	
1947	John Sayers	63 0 0	GUERNSEY.			1311	Maurice J Dodworth	-	
			243	J H Parsons	110 5 0		J Grayson Lowood	-	
			MARK DEGREE.				Thomas Crossley	-	
			333	G Norrington	63 0 0		J Boorne Hargreaves	-	
			FOREIGN STATIONS.				James Stables	-	
			349	Lt.-Col. G Haldane	52 0 0		C E Richardson	-	
			684	Rev. A. H. Hildesley	-		A F M'Gill	-	
						1513	Walter S Blackburn	-	
						2069	Thos W Embleton	-	
							Rev T C Smyth	-	
							Robert Abbott	-	
							Benj. Sykes Bailey	-	
							Walter Storey	-	
							Tom Atkinson	-	

Brother Captain Homfray proposed success to the other Masonic Institutions,—the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. It was a noble thing that, as Masons, they were enabled to raise such large sums for their Institutions, and he associated with the toast the names of Bros. Terry and Hedges, the Secretaries of those Institutions. Brother J. Terry congratulated the Institution for Boys on the result of the Festival, disappointing as in some respects it was. More especially could he congratulate Brother Binckes upon the result. There was one subject, however, which his Lordship would forgive him for referring to—the comparison which had been made by the noble Chairman between the Schools and the Benevolent Institution. He felt sure that it was not intended to overlook the claims of the Benevolent Institution; but his Lordship had gone on to say that the Girls' School also deserved support. He (Bro. Terry) had expected a word to say that the Benevolent Institution also deserved support. He urged that when this year had gone by, the brethren's attention would have to be given first to the Benevolent Institution. He should be glad to receive for 1887 the names of some of the brethren under his Lordship's presidency. He had already secured one Steward from his Province, and was sure he would be a good one. Brother Hedges, responding for the Girls' School, thanked the brethren for the support which had been extended to his Institution, and in doing so he had prominently in his mind the Province with which the Chairman was very nearly connected—the Province of Norfolk. He had only further to say that when the turn of the Girls' School again came round he trusted the oldest of the Masonic Institutions would not lack support. Bro. J. L. Mather in responding for the Stewards, said they had done their best to make this Festival a success, and so to arrange matters as to give satisfaction to one and all. They had received assistance on all sides in carrying out the arrangements, and they had had the pleasure of hearing from every quarter praises of the manner in which they had done their duty. He trusted the lists which had not yet come in would considerably increase the total. Bro. J. Lewis Thomas proposed the Ladies, for whom Brother C. F. Hogard suitably replied. The President said he did not think they could separate without expressing their hearty thanks to Bro. Binckes for the energy which he had displayed; it was to him to whom the success of the Institution was due. Bro. Binckes had said the result was disappointing; but, considering the adverse circumstances, they must con-

gratulate themselves on the result of the evening. Bro. Binckes briefly acknowledged the compliment paid him, and the proceedings soon afterwards terminated, the guests expressing a unanimous verdict that a thoroughly agreeable day had been enjoyed.

### THE WAGES OF THE CRAFT.

THERE is a mine of wealth in the verbiage of Masonry. To ordinary observers the surface indications may be slight, but to the thoughtful Mason every word contains a nugget of ore. Often the Senior Warden of a Lodge is regarded as a greatly inferior officer, with little authority, and merely a sort of Deputy Master, a lay figure, unless the Master be absent. Not so; and he tells us so, and what he tells is true, and indicates a deeper truth than he tells. The Senior Warden is the paymaster of the Craft, now nominally, once really. He is a sort of stranded Masonic official on the shores of time. His vocation is largely gone. But what he now asserts of himself gives us a hint of what he once really was. It proves that he is an historic character; that time, the great leveller, has lessened his authority, that his office was not created in the present or the last century, but originated with Freemasonry itself, in the remote past. The language used by the Senior Warden proves that he is a kind of fossil. When does he ever pay the Craft wages now? But he did once—aye, and as long as three thousand years ago, if there is anything in Masonic tradition, or in Masonic philology. This carries us back to the building of King Solomon's Temple.

According to the traditions of the Lodge, which are fortified in certain respects by the facts and traditions of Mark Masonry as well, there were two classes of stone hewers and squarers, or Fellow-Crafts, at the building of Solomon's Temple—first, a superior class, of skilled workmen, who were each in possession of an individual "Mark," and who always designated their work by this Mark; and second, an inferior class, of probably younger and less experienced workmen, who had no mark, and probably performed only the rough work of the quarries. The former received their pay in silver, the latter in corn, wine and oil. It was the duty of the Senior Warden of the Lodge to pay these wages, and he did it on the sixth day of the week (Friday), at the sixth hour (High Twelve), when the Craft was called off from Labour to



Refreshment. Now that the Mark Degree has been severed from the Fellow-Craft Degree, and made a special degree, the Senior Warden's vocation in the Fellow-Craft or Master Masons' Lodge is gone. He has no wages to bestow, and no Craftsmen to pay. Nevertheless he retains the old language, which indicates what his duty once was, and thereby testifies to the antiquity of his station, and the dignity with which he was once clothed.

But let it not be inferred that Freemasons no longer receive wages. Far from it. There is no man who receives better wages than a Freemason. He is a member of that ancient and honourable Fraternity which has no rival, whose wealth—intellectual, moral, social and material—is untold, and which dispenses its wealth with a liberal hand. Let us see what the wages of the Craft now are, and to whom they are paid.

The non-affiliate gets nothing, and merits nothing. He is a backslider, out of all sympathy with his fellows. He comes not near the Lodge, and of course can receive no wages. Neither does the habitual absentee from the Lodge who is in good standing receive any wages. Seeing is receiving, and he never sees. Hearing is receiving, and he never hears. No one receives wages but the Brother who is dutiful to his Lodge. But what does *he* receive? Most liberal wages. He is enriched in mind, in body and in spirit. The sublime truths taught in the Craft, by sign and symbol, by word and act, are impressed again and again on his memory, so that he cannot forget them. Every devoted Freemason should be a noble man. He has no excuse for turpitude. He unflinchingly knows what is right, and cannot err through ignorance. Besides this, he is enriched in spirit, by communion and fellowship with his Brethren. He has their sympathy. He sits with them both at Labour and Refreshment. The convivial joys of the banquet-room are his. He is enriched also in body. Often the wages are material in form. He partakes of the viands which upbuild the body and rejoice the heart—the corn, the wine and the oil of the Craft. His wages often include all of these payments. Can any Brother under these circumstances go away dissatisfied? Can he be aught than happy, yea delighted? Is the Fraternity a useless one which can offer such rewards to its initiates—truth for the mind, nourishment for the body, encouragement and inspiration for the spirit, the emotional nature? Aye, and its wages are larger still. Does fortune fail, do friends fall away, does penury follow sharply on the heels of misfortune, then heaven-born charity is dispensed by the Craft. Then the wages are in shekels, as well as in the corn of nourishment, the wine of refreshment and the oil of joy. The unfortunate Brother is paid the wages of both classes of Fellow-Crafts, those with Marks and those without; he is paid in specie and he is paid in kind.

Were Freemasons ever better paid than now? Were their wages ever larger? We would rather be a Freemason to-day than to have been one in the days of King Solomon. We would rather enjoy the Labour and Refreshment of the Lodge now, than that which our primitive Brethren enjoyed. The best times are these times, all that is said about the "good old times" to the contrary notwithstanding. All Freemasons are entitled to receive their wages, and if they do not, it is owing to the wilful neglect of their duties; it is their fault and not the fault of the Craft.—*Keystone.*

#### CHISLEHURST LODGE, No. 1531.

THE annual recurrence of installation in this Lodge took place at Bull's Head Hotel, at Chislehurst, Kent, on Saturday the 26th ult. The place of meeting is situate in a picturesque and highly interesting neighbourhood, surrounded by pleasant and varied walks, of which the brethren avail themselves during the interval between labour and refreshment on each occasion of meeting; thereby securing a healthy and agreeable addition to the business and pleasure of Masonic reunion. The excellent grounds in rear of the Hotel, with gardens, lawns and bowling courses, are also attractive for such as do not care for distant rambles before dining; whilst the internal accommodation afforded by a spacious and lofty Lodge room, with all necessary ante-chambers and conveniences on the same floor, render this hostelry especially suitable for Masonic meetings at no great distance from London. To these advantages may also be added the willingness with which provision is made, according to the requirements of the Brethren, for either "high teas," elaborate dinners, or still more elaborate "banquets," such willingness on the part of "mine host" enabling the Lodge to have regard to the state of its finances, without the pressure, sometimes elsewhere applied, of considering the "good of the house" as an important factor in securing accommodation and attention. At this agreeable "home"

the Chislehurst Lodge was opened on Saturday, by Bro. Edward J. Goodale, the W.M. Amongst the brethren present at the opening and during the meeting were Bros. W. T. Brailey S.W., Richard Nevill J.W., W. Hollis Treasurer, J. C. Main Secretary, W. T. Hunt P.M. S.D., John Mason P.M. J.D., R. Strachan I.G., C. F. Quicke D.C., H. C. Dana Steward, J. Rawles Tyler; Past Masters W. H. Drinkwater and T. C. Nunn; and Bros. John Breton, W. Strudwick, W. J. A. Gleaves, John Tuck, Geo. Holding, &c. The visitors were Bros. James Stevens P.M. 720 1216 1426, H. W. Roach J.D. 55, and J. H. Montagne 2030. The minutes of the previous regular Lodge meeting having been confirmed, Lodge was passed and raised, and resumed to the first degree, a very satisfactory report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. This report, but for unfortunate circumstances arising out of some extreme measures taken by a small minority of the members during the past year, and which have greatly retarded the progress of the Lodge, would have been still more satisfactory; but it is pleasant to know that common sense and some return towards brotherly feeling and regard for the welfare of the Lodge have prevailed, and the differences which have existed will no longer be continued. Resolutions were passed for the increase of annual subscriptions of members, and that non-dining (or country) members should not be residents within fifteen miles of the place of meeting. Ballots were taken and resulted in unanimous approval of Mr. Francis Martin Hunt, of Chelsea, as a candidate for initiation, and of Bro. John Peacock, of the Mizpah Lodge, No. 1671, as a joining member. To the regret of the brethren generally, neither of these gentlemen were able to be present to receive at once the benefit of their successful candidature. Lodge having been resumed to F.C., W. Bro. Past Master Nunn, at the request of the W.M., presented Bro. Wm. Thomas Brailey S.W., and W.M. elect, for the benefit of installation; Bro. W. H. Drinkwater P.M. then occupied the S.W. chair, and subsequently Bro. John Mason P.M. that of the J.W.; Bro. James Stevens P.M. was invited by the W.M. to discharge the duties of D.C. In most perfect manner the W.M. Bro. E. J. Goodale performed the entire ceremony of installation, and completed a finished rendering of this most important part of Masonic ritual by the delivery of the addresses to W.M., Wardens and Brethren in admirable style. The warmest acknowledgments of hearty satisfaction were accorded to Bro. Goodale on his thus completing his year of office, and receiving at the hands of the newly-installed Master a handsome Past Master's jewel, and a collar with the usual pendant signifying his newly-acquired rank. The Officers invested by the W.M. for the ensuing year were Bros. Richard Nevill S.W., W. T. Hunt P.M. J.W., Wm. Hollis Treasurer, J. C. Main Secretary, R. Strachan S.D., Charles Quicke J.D., W. Powell D.C., H. C. Dana I.G., John Marshall Steward, and Jas. Rawles Tyler. Before the Lodge was closed a special vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes in favour of Bro. Past Master Goodale in token of his successful performance as Installing Master, and a similar vote was also unanimously accorded to Bro. James Stevens P.M. for his valuable assistance as Director of Ceremonies. Bro. Hollis Treasurer having accepted the position of representative of the Lodge, as Steward at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, a sum of Ten Guineas was voted to head his list of donations, and from the high appreciation in which that worthy brother is held both in the Chislehurst Lodge and other Masonic Associations, there can be no doubt that his Stewardship will prove highly creditable, as well to the Lodge in particular as to himself as its representative. A few brief remarks on the happy augury for future harmony and renewed friendship, which the proceedings of the evening had fully justified, resulted in re-proposition of a candidate for initiation, whose overtures had been, through no fault of his own, previously rejected, and there can now be no doubt that the fullest amends will be made to him at the ensuing meeting by a reception all the warmer for the restoration of peace, and forgetfulness of private piques and resultant differences:—May we be permitted to say, "So mote it be." The Lodge having been closed in due form and with solemn prayer, the brethren "took the air" for awhile—it was much needed—and some in short walks, and others in quiet saunter in the Hotel grounds—where they were gratified to find ladies connected with esteemed members of the Lodge—pleasantly passed an interval before dinner was announced. The weather being in every respect agreeable, the relief afforded by this brief diversion was most enjoyable, and gave zest to the subsequent entertainment in the "fourth degree." After the cloth had been cleared the usual routine of toasts and responses was observed, but with satisfactory brevity and without omission or alteration of programme; the W.M. acquitting himself, on this the first occasion of the exercise of his supremacy, most courteously. To the great satisfaction of all present the amiable daughter of Bro. Main, the Secretary of the Lodge, and the no less amiable wife of Bro. Quicke, the S.D., were good enough to discourse music, and to "accompany" the singing brethren; so that when the inevitable moment for parting had arrived, and the stern fact that the last train was close at hand was assured, the merry company, with many hand-shakes and fervent aspirations for similar enjoyable reunion, separated, and so terminated a meeting long to be remembered in connection with the Chislehurst Lodge, No. 1531.

**Princess's Theatre.**—Mr. Wilson Barrett's arrangements for the final performances, prior to his departure for America, are now complete. "Clito" will be played for the last time this afternoon (Saturday), the theatre remaining closed in the evening. On Monday next "Claudian" will be revived for eleven nights, and one matinée. "Hamlet" will be given for four nights, commencing on Monday, the 19th inst. On the Saturday intervening, the theatre will again be closed, while for the 23rd and 24th inst., special programmes will be announced.

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NOTICE is hereby given that a PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE will be held at the "GREYHOUND" HOTEL, CROYDON, in the County of Surrey, on Wednesday, 7th day of July 1886, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

By command,  
CHARLES GREENWOOD jun. P.P.G. Reg.  
Acting Prov. Grand Secretary.

N.B.—Morning Dress.

61 Nelson-square, Blackfriars-road, S.E., 9th June 1886.

P.S.—The Reception and Entertainment of the Provincial Grand Lodge has, by command of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, been placed under the direction of the George Price Lodge, No. 2096, Croydon.

A dinner will take place at 5 o'clock punctually. For tickets apply to W. Bro. H. M. Hobbs, Lloyds, E.C., W.M. No. 2096, enclosing 7/6 (which will not include Wine). N.B.—Dinner will be provided for those only who have taken Tickets, and no Ticket will be issued after 6th July next.

The R.W.P.G. Master requests the attendance of the brethren at Divine Service, at the Parish Church, Croydon, at four p.m. A Sermon will be preached by the W. Bro. the Provincial Grand Chaplain. Brethren not to appear in Masonic costume at Divine Service.

Trains to W. Croydon—from Victoria, 12:10, 12:40; from London Bridge, 12:15, 1:5. Trains to E. Croydon—from Victoria, 1:30; from Charing Cross, 12:57; from Cannon Street, 1:9; from London Bridge, 1:12.

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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held at FREEMASONS' HALL, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Saturday, 10th July 1886, at Twelve o'clock precisely, on the General Business of the Institution, to place candidates on the List for the Election in October next, to declare the number of Girls then to be elected, and to consider Recommendations of General Committee and Notices of Motion, as under:—

RECOMMENDATIONS OF GENERAL COMMITTEE:

1. "That the proposals of the District Surveyor of Battersea (Wandsworth District), respecting the proposed new road between St. John's Hill and Battersea Rise, be accepted in principle, provided satisfactory arrangements can be made as to details."
2. "That in consequence of three of the girls elected in April last being below the age for admission in August next, the three highest unsuccessful candidates on the Poll at the above Election be admitted by the Quarterly General Court in accordance with the recent addition to Law 60."

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

By Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON P.G.D., Patron—

"In the event of the recommendation of the General Committee with respect to the proposed new road in front of the Institution being adopted: That the negotiations in the matter be referred to the House Committee, and that upon their recommendation the Trustees be authorised to execute such deeds as may be necessary."

By Bro. CHARLES LACEY P. Prov. G.D. Herts, Vice-Pres.

"To erase that part of Law 28, as follows:—'Should a Subscriber die before the day of polling named in the voting paper, the votes will be null and void, although the Subscriber may have duly received the voting paper, signed it, and passed it on prior to his decease,' and to substitute after the words 'on his or her behalf,' 'All votes duly issued to Governors or Subscribers, after being properly signed, shall continue valid for the current election.'"

Also to rescind the resolution of the 12th July 1884—

"That the above be printed on the ballot papers in red ink."

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

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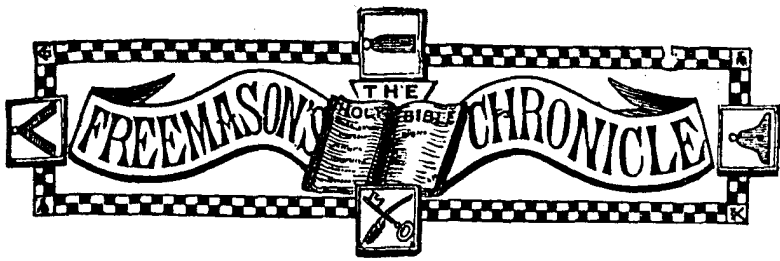
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### AMONGST "OUR BOYS" AT WOOD GREEN.

SCHELDOM, if ever, has a more cheering and animated scene been witnessed at the Boys' School than that which was presented last Saturday—the day fixed for the annual fête, visit of the Festival Stewards, and distribution of prizes gained in the various educational departments during the year. This event is one that is annually looked forward to with a vast amount of pleasurable anticipation by members of the Craft, not only in London, but also in the Provinces; and Stewards coming up to represent their respective Lodges in the country look upon it as no small item of their visit to town to participate in the festivities provided for the Boys in whom they take so deep an interest. This year an additional inducement, if indeed any were needed, to be present was furnished by the intimation that Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Suffield, Provincial Grand Master of Norfolk, and Chairman of the Anniversary Festival, had kindly consented to attend and distribute the prizes. It was clearly evident that the noble Lord had determined to see for himself the working of our admirable Institution, so that when speaking on its behalf at the Festival at Brighton he might be fortified with practical experience gained by a personal inspection of the building, and an insight into its management. More brilliant weather than that with which we were favoured last Saturday could not have been desired for the holiday; for, although Old Sol was more fervent than he had been on any day heretofore this summer, yet a "capful of wind" was astir to temper the otherwise oppressive heat. Soon after noon the visitors began to arrive, and each succeeding train from the City brought fresh contingents to swell the numbers who were congregating on the neatly laid out grounds of the Institution. Bro. Lord Suffield arrived shortly before two o'clock, driving over in his brougham with postillions, after the time-honoured custom of the nobility, and was received by the House Committee; Bros. Edgar Bowyer, R. Stewart, C. F. Matier, Horace Brooks Marshall P.G. Treasurer, C. F. Hogard, Fredk. Binckes (Secretary of the Institution), Rev. Dr. Morris (Head Master and Chaplain), and many other prominent friends of the School. After partaking of refreshment, his Lordship was conducted over the building, with the whole of the interior arrangements of which he expressed himself abundantly well pleased. During the assemblage of the invited guests the excellent band of the Institution, under the leadership of the bandmaster Bro. W. Whare, played selections of music within the enclosure; and the aspect of the ground, dotted with visitors in idyllic groups, was picturesque in the extreme. The company consisted largely of ladies and children, attired in the lightest and prettiest of summer costumes, which lent to the scene an air of vivacity and animation perfectly exhilarating; and the hour or so preparatory to the festivities of the day was spent in making a tour of the building, schools, dormitories, laundry, &c., in which the visitors manifested a deep and pleasing interest. The principal entrance hall was embellished by a wealth of the most magnificent flowers and plants, which emitted a delicious fragrance; and everywhere an air of comfort and admirable management prevailed. By two o'clock—the hour fixed for the commencement of the proceedings—the new and commodious schoolroom was densely packed with visitors, for whose accommodation seats had been conveniently arranged; while at the end of the room, opposite the dais, the boys forming the choir occupied seats allotted to them in the gallery. The handsome interior of the schoolroom needed no extraneous aid in the way of decoration, and the only embellishment of the walls was an exhibition of drawings by the pupils, all of which gave evidence of careful and efficient tuition, and of considerable latent taste and skill. The platform was draped in crimson cloth, and behind it in an elaborate alcove were the chairs set apart for the noble Lord and other members of the Craft who were to take a prominent part in the proceedings of the day. On the arrival of the president, accompanied by his escort, his Lordship was loudly cheered, and he was formally introduced to the audience by Bro. Edgar Bowyer amidst a fresh outburst of enthusiastic applause. The Head Master then very considerably announced that on a warm day like that, they did not wish to weary the company with lengthy speeches, but they would all most cordially welcome Lord Suffield in the chair. Some years ago his Lordship did them a similar honour, and they were all glad to see him again. He hoped the noble Lord would be able to make it convenient to remain and witness as much of their proceedings as possible. This, of course, was the signal for loud and continuous cheering, which having subsided, the choir sang in admirable style Eaton Fanning's part song "The Vikings," Bro. H. J. Dutton, of St. Paul's Cathedral Choir, officiating most ably as conductor; and Mr. E. Hann as accompanist. Then came a humorous recitation by P. O'Doherty on "The Advantages of the English Law," the youthful barrister acquitting himself in such a manner as to keep the "Court" in roars of laughter throughout the whole of his grotesque pleadings. A well-sustained pianoforte solo "Iolé" (Dufaire) was then given by W. Conway; and the choir came in for deserved expressions of approbation by their rendering of Müller's part song, "May Day." The prizes presented by the Institution were then presented by the noble Chairman, as follows:—

#### PRIZES PRESENTED BY THE INSTITUTION.

First Class.—Scripture, A. T. Howarth. Latin, P. O'Doherty. French, C. J. Johnstone. English, S. W. Richardson. Mathematics,

A. J. Kennedy. General Improvement, F. Herring, H. A. Ecclestone, H. Knott.

Second Class.—Latin, F. Lewis. French, C. C. B. Jones. Mathematics, T. W. Crabb. General Improvement, A. Blunt.

Third Class.—Latin, French, and English, J. Bloomfield. Mathematics, H. P. Richardson and R. A. Sykes. General Improvement, G. C. Willett.

Fourth Class.—Latin, English, and Mathematics, J. P. Seagrave. French, H. R. Graves. General Improvement, A. Williams.

Fifth Class.—Latin, D. F. McGill. French and Arithmetic, F. Coleman. General Improvement, A. Moore and J. E. Walters.

Sixth Class.—(General Proficiency, T. R. Foord. General Improvement, C. J. G. Roddam.

Seventh Class.—General Proficiency, A. R. Warner, A. E. Astington, G. C. Huggett.

#### PREPARATORY SCHOOL.

First Class.—General Improvement, R. L. Churchill, F. W. Higginson, and L. Shorrocks.

Second Class.—General Improvement, P. Neville.

Then came a humorous sketch, the title of which did not appear on the programme, but which was exceedingly funny, causing the audience to titter consumedly; after which the choir sang Flotow's charming part song, "Come where flowers are flinging." A march from "Tannhauser" was then played as a pianoforte duet by W. Conway and W. Pringle; and F. C. Cairney was undeniably encored after singing Hatton's pretty song "The Lark now leaves his Wat'ry Nest."

The special prizes were then handed to the successful competitors, as follow:—

#### SPECIAL PRIZES—PRESENTED BY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE.

Writing, 1st, G. N. C. Keighley; 2nd, C. J. Johnstone. Dictation, 1st, A. J. Kennedy; 2nd, P. O'Doherty. History, 1st, A. T. Howarth; 2nd, S. W. Richardson. Geography, 1st, S. W. Richardson; 2nd, H. Knott. Mental Arithmetic, 1st, A. J. Kennedy; 2nd, F. Thomas. Elocution, 1st, P. O'Doherty. Efficiency as Monitor, 1st, P. O'Doherty; 2nd, G. N. C. Keighley. Proficiency in Drill, G. S. Jones. The Band, F. Bladon, P. O'Doherty, F. Clarke, and W. E. Sissons. Vocal Music, F. Unwin.

#### PRESENTED BY THE AUDIT COMMITTEE.

The Band, 1st, J. B. Green; 2nd, F. C. Cairney. Pianoforte, Hewitt.

#### PRESENTED BY PRIVATE DONORS.

By Bro. Edgar Bowyer (Vice Patron), for Book-keeping, G. S. Jones.

By Bro. Augustus Harris, Drury Lane Lodge, for English Essay, S. W. Richardson; Dramatic Ability (Decided on conclusion of Farce), P. O'Doherty.

By Mr. Sylvester (Drawing Master), for Freehand, W. J. Balcombe, C. Jones and Rooke; Mapping, W. Sowden; Painting, G. N. C. Keighley; Shading, C. J. Johnstone.

Bro. F. Binckes said, in reference to the prizes given by private donors, others were presented by members of the House Committee, who gave a vast amount of time to the management of this great Institution, and assisted on such occasions as the present to make them successful and enjoyable. For many years Bro. Edgar Bowyer had given prizes for that very useful branch of study for those entering on a commercial life, viz., book-keeping. At all their anniversaries they had done something to show the dramatic abilities of the pupils, but as yet they never had had a prize for that subject. Now, however, their good friend, Bro. Augustus Harris, whose name was a "household word" amongst them, had presented, on behalf of the Drury Lane Lodge, two prizes, one for an English Essay, and one for the boy who displayed the most histrionic ability in the farce with which the programme was to be concluded. The best essay, on "The Life of Brutus" was written by S. W. Richardson.

Another treat in the routine proceedings here took place, the choir singing the part song by Moscheles, entitled "The Village Chorister," which was capitally sustained; and A. T. Bowes and F. Unwin and others delighted the audience by singing Pinsuti's melodious serenade "In this hour of softened splendour."

Bro. F. Binckes, referring to the special prizes for good conduct said, the silver medal presented by the Institution was always regarded as the blue riband of the School, and had been won this year by William Walter Lucas. With respect to the Canonbury gold medal, there was a little difference of opinion. It was instituted some years ago by a very good friend of the Institution, the late Bro. Edward Cox, V.P., and was to be awarded to the boy who received the suffrages of his schoolfellows. It did not always follow that the boy who was the greatest favourite with his schoolmates was received with the greatest amount of favour by his schoolmaster; but James Baker Green had evidently won his way to the goodwill and estimation of all amongst whom he laboured. They might indulge in the hope that as their friend Green had made good friends in early life he might make many more in his future career. The Supreme Council 33<sup>d</sup> annually presented a silver watch and chain for general good conduct to a pupil leaving the Institution, and this had been awarded to George Trowman Crozier Keighley. Donors of years gone by had given them an opportunity of investing 500 guineas, the interest of which (£23 a-year) was to be divided amongst those boys who acquitted themselves most creditably at the University Local Examinations. This Fund was founded by Bro. W. Winn P.M. 657, Vice Patron. Originally they sent boys both to Oxford and Cambridge, but lately only to Cambridge; and the result of the last Examination in December was that 13 boys passed successfully. The prizes were awarded to A. T. Howarth, H. Kennedy, G. N. C.

Keighley, Richardson, C. J. Johnstone, W. W. Lucas, H. Knott, and W. Pringle.

It was here found necessary to shorten the programme by the omission of one or two of the items named, and F. C. Cairney and F. Unwin having given the duet "Echoes" (Moir); and F. Unwin having sung Sullivan's song, "Birds in the Night."

Lord Suffield delivered a brief address, in the course of which he said:—Ladies, Brother Masons, and Gentlemen,—Before leaving this platform I have been asked to say a few words to you, and I do so with a very great deal of pleasure, because, in the first place, it is my wish to express to you my gratification in seeing, in this large hall, so many of those who have been kind enough to come and encourage the boys of the Masonic School. I must tell you that your presence here does encourage the boys of the School, and the Head Master who presides over them; and it is a great pleasure to us who belong to the Masonic Craft to see this Institution, of which we have so much reason to be justly proud, so well patronised as it is to-day. The thanks of the Craft are due to you, and the thanks of the boys whom I see before me in such numbers to-day are due, in the first place, to their Head Master, who with so much ability and zeal has done so much for the School, as you can testify on this occasion. It has given me real pleasure to give away these prizes, because I feel that those boys who have received them well deserved them. It must be a great encouragement to receive these rewards for their hard work, in recognition of their talents, and as a stimulus in their future career. I would say a few words to the large body of pupils I see before me now. In these days we all know that education is the first and principal object in life, because it is not as it used to be, when people in superior and affluent positions in life enjoyed the benefits of education almost as an heritage. Now, thanks to the progress of events, we have done away with all that; we are fast becoming on a level, and those who educate themselves, and are superior to their fellows in point of intellect, will get to the top of the tree. I recommend you to persevere in the course in which you have begun, and keep always before you honesty, and an earnest desire to take advantage of the opportunities which you may have in the world, especially while you are young. This hall, though of magnificent dimensions, is becoming extremely hot, and you will be glad to seek the fresh air and enjoy the sports outside. I will therefore detain you no further than to express the hope that this Institution may go on and prosper. I am going to preside next Wednesday at the Annual Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, at Brighton, and I hope many whom I see here will grace that assembly with their presence, and assist us as far as they can to carry out the grand and glorious objects of this Institution. No doubt it has done an incalculable amount of good during the 88 years of its existence, and I hope it will continue to do the same for another 100 years. His Lordship resumed his seat amidst enthusiastic applause, after proposing a vote of thanks to the Head Master. This was carried amidst acclamation, and Bro. Dr. Morris briefly returned thanks for the compliment paid him.

Bro. F. Binckes said before they left the platform, to make room for the dramatic representation, there was one duty which he should regret if they left unfulfilled. Lord Suffield had to leave town early in the evening on an important engagement, but having kindly consented to preside at the Anniversary Festival at Brighton, it was his wish to see for himself the progress they had made since he last came amongst them. They were doing the best they possibly could to meet the increasing demands upon the Institution, but he (the speaker) had stated in the Masonic Press that day, he entertained a sort of gloomy feeling lest the present political crisis might exercise a prejudicial effect upon the forthcoming Festival. He asked them to accept the invitation of the noble Lord to grace that Festival with their presence, and to bring their purses well filled. He should feel very much mortified if that Festival fell behind its predecessors. If, from what they had seen to-day, they thought the Institution deserved support, he asked them to rally round it and make the Festival as great a success as possible.

Bro. Edgar Bowyer having seconded the vote of thanks, it was carried amidst ringing cheers, and briefly acknowledged by the noble Chairman.

The programme was concluded with the farce by Martin Beecher, entitled "In Possession," which was thus cast:—

MR. RATTLETON RORKE	J. C. JOHNSTONE.
SIMON BLOBBER (A Man in Possession)	P. O'DOHERTY.
MR. WEAZLE (A Lawyer)	A. T. HOWARTH.
MAJOR MOLPOTHERLY	F. C. CAIRNEY.
MISS PIRETTA PLATTS (A Lady's Maid)	R. F. REYNOLDS.

The piece went with a swing and smartness quite astonishing in the hands of such young artistes, and the audience were kept in the liveliest humour throughout. At its close the Rev. Dr. Morris announced that Bro. Augustus Harris's prize had been awarded to P. O'Doherty, a result which was hailed with unanimous applause. J. C. Johnstone and R. F. Reynolds were "highly commended."

The National Anthem was then sung, the chorus being loyally joined in by the whole company, who soon afterwards made their way to the gymnasium, where a collation had been provided. The guests, who numbered over 500, had to be accommodated in two batches, but there was no confusion, and all the arrangements were admirably carried out. The catering was in the hands of Messrs. R. Hill and Sons, the well-known purveyors, of "bride-cake" fame, No. 60 Bishopsgate-street, who also supplied the refreshments in the house and in the grounds. All the arrangements were carried out under the personal superintendence of Mr. F. Hill, and elicited expressions of unqualified satisfaction.

Later in the evening a number of athletic sports took place in a field in rear of the School building, in the presence of an immense concourse of spectators.

There were 17 items on the card, and all were very well contested. The Rev. Dr. Morris Head Master of the School officiated as

President. Committee—J. B. Green, F. Cairney, A. T. Howarth, T. Allison, A. Bowes, and F. Thomas; Mr. J. E. Mausell, M.A., Master; Mr. W. Blain, B.A., Mr. F. Cleaver, and Mr. Marsden, Judges; Mr. J. Bere, B.A., Hon. Sec.; Mr. F. Cleworth, and Mr. J. F. Short, assisted by the School monitors, and clerks of the course. Results:—

Throwing the cricket ball.—T. Allison 1 (distance 75 yards); F. Thomas 2. Eight competitors.

100 yards flat handicap for boys over 13 years of age.—First heat: B. Farrar 1; J. B. Green 2; H. Knott 3. Second heat: F. Thomas 1; T. M. Nicholas 2; W. Conway 3. Third heat: T. Allison 1; W. Williams 2; E. W. Sissons 3. Final: F. Thomas 1; T. Allison 2; B. Farrar 3.

100 yards flat handicap for boys under 13.—First heat: H. Richardson 1; A. Stewart 2; J. Besley 3. Second heat: F. Christensen 1; G. Sutcliffe 2; A. Bailey 3. Final: H. Richardson 1; F. Christensen 2; G. Sutcliffe 3.

Long jump, open.—T. Allison 1 (5 ft. 4½ in.); R. Reynolds and J. B. Green equal 2.

Quarter mile handicap for boys over 13 years of age.—H. Knott 1; T. Allison 2; Balcombe 3. Twenty-four entries.

Quarter mile handicap for boys under 13.—H. Richardson (won easily); C. Stewart 2; G. Sutcliffe 3.

Long jump (open) E. W. Sissons 1 (distance 15 ft. 4 in.); H. Knott 2. Nine competitors.

Three legged race.—H. Knott and B. Farrar 1; E. W. Sissons and F. Cairney 2. Twelve couples competed.

Band boys' race (220 yards).—T. White 1; Eccleston 2.

Tug o' war for boys under 13.—W. Bevis's team beat J. B. Bloomfield's. Ditto, over 13. W. Southam's team won in the final.

220 yards handicap for boys under 13.—T. Christensen 1; G. J. Ker 2; G. Sutcliffe 3. Thirteen entries.

Half mile handicap, over 13.—W. Crabb 1; W. Conway 2; E. W. Sissons 3. Eighteen starters.

Obstacle race, open.—H. Knott 1; F. Thomas 2; Watson 3. The prizes were subsequently distributed by Mrs. Terry, wife of Bro. E. Terry P.G.S., the well-known comedian, for whom hearty cheers were given. The band of the Institution played selections of music during the sports.

Tea and coffee were provided during the evening, and as dusk approached the visitors gradually withdrew to catch the returning trains for home, heartily well pleased with the entertainment which had been provided for their delectation.

## PROVINCE OF BERKS AND BUCKS.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Aylesbury, on Monday, the 28th June. Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., the Grand Superintendent of the Province, presided, and was supported by M.E. Comp. Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg Provincial G.H., M.E. Comp. Robert Bradley Provincial Grand J., and a large assembly of Companions from various Chapters of the Province. Prov. Grand Chapter was opened punctually at 1:45, in order to get the official work over for the Provincial Grand Lodge to be held at the same place at 2:45. The Chapter was very nicely arranged for the reception of the Companions, and the room below the Hall was also prepared for Provincial Grand Lodge, so that no time was lost in making alterations for the dual meeting. The undermentioned Companions were appointed and invested, viz. :—

Comp. J. Williams P.Z. 591	-	S.E.
W. Morris J. 771	-	S.N.
W. H. Robinson P.Z. 840	-	P.S.
G. A. Charubin 591	-	1st Assistant Sojourner
W. H. Belcher H. 414	-	2nd Assistant Sojourner
Rev. O. J. Grace P.Z. 591	-	Treasurer
E. C. Knight P.Z. 948	-	Registrar
J. K. H. Fowler P.S. 591	-	Sword Bearer
F. Blackwell S.E. 414	-	Standard Bearer
C. Seymour P.S. 771	-	Director of Ceremonies
F. W. Plant Martin 771	-	Organist
R. C. Prickett S.N. 414	-	Stowards
B. Challenger H. 945	-	

As the Treasurer's statement of account showed a good balance, a sum of twenty guineas was unanimously voted to the funds of the Girls' School, Comp. John Lawson P.Z. 591 undertaking to represent the Province at the next Festival. The Grand Superintendent of the Province expressed his approval of a suggestion of Companion J. Williams S.E., that the future annual meetings of Provincial Grand Chapter and Lodge might be arranged to be held on the same day, a step which would meet with the general approval and convenience of the members, and also ensure a good assembly. The Chapter was then closed in ancient and solemn form, and the Companions adjourned to Provincial Grand Lodge.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Berks and Bucks was held immediately after that of the Provincial Grand Chapter, also under the presidency of Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart. Prov. Grand Lodge having been opened, the roll of Lodges was called over, when it was found that all were represented. The roll of Prov. Grand Officers was next called, a large number of brethren answering to their names. The minutes having been confirmed, Bro. Robert Bradley Prov. Grand Secretary read the financial statement of the year, and also the report of the Charity Committee. The former showed a balance on the general account of £144 19s 7d, out of which the brethren voted 25 guineas to the Charity Fund, while, on the recommendation of the Charity Committee, sums of £10 10s and £5s were voted for charitable purposes to the different Lodges who subscribed to the Provincial Charity Fund. A sum of 20 guineas was also voted to a distressed brother, who for many years had rendered valuable service to the cause of Masonry in this and other provinces, and with whom deep sympathy was expressed now that he had fallen into ill-health and straitened circumstances. The Provincial Grand Secretary's report on the state of the Lodges in the province was considered highly satisfactory. It showed that the present membership was 799, the Past Masters numbering 185. During the past year 160 regular Lodges, and sixteen Lodges of emergency had been held, at which eighteen brethren had joined the district, while 47 gentlemen had been initiated in the several Lodges. The Provincial Grand Master having complimented the brethren on the satisfactory nature of these reports, and on the steady progress that had been made in the Province, proceeded to the nomination of Bro. Charles Stephens as Provincial Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year. The nomination was seconded by the Deputy of the Province, Bro. Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, and unanimously agreed to. Bro. Stephens acknowledged the compliment, and then Bro. Edward Horne P.M. 1887 was invested with the Provincial Charity Jewel. A discussion followed, in reference to cases brought before the Provincial Charity Committee, the result being that the following resolution was passed, on the motion of Bro. Dixon, seconded by the Deputy Prov. G. Master:—"That in the opinion of the Prov. G. Lodge, only the children and widows of brethren who, at the time of death, have been subscribing members for three years, should receive the votes of the Charity Committee, and in the case of a Mason, that no brother should obtain the votes unless he has been a subscribing member for five years." It was also decided to hold the meetings of the Charity Committee in London at four o'clock in future, for the greater convenience of brethren who have to return to the country. The following brethren were then appointed as the Officers of the Province for the ensuing year:—

Bro. Stewart 631	-	-	Senior Warden
H. Martin 591	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. H. F. Oliver 1899	-	-	} Chaplains
Rev. R. P. Harnett 591	-	-	
C. Stephens	-	-	Treasurer
Doran Webb 1894	-	-	Registrar
R. Bradley 414	-	-	Secretary
Innes 795	-	-	Senior Deacon
Blake 945	-	-	Junior Deacon
Prickett 1101	-	-	Superintendent of Works
Blackwell 414	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
Arrowsmith 1566	-	-	Assistant Director of Cers.
Apted 209	-	-	Sword Bearer
Hannis 771	-	-	} Standard Bearers
Major Craigie 1899	-	-	
F. Edginton 591	-	-	Organist
Webb 2043	-	-	Assistant Secretary
Plenty 573	-	-	Pursuivant
Pocock 1770	-	-	Assistant Pursuivant
Tottle, Valentine, Marshall,	-	-	} Stewards
Taylor, Frampton, Perks	-	-	
W. Hemmings	-	-	Tyler

Provincial Grand Lodge having been closed, a banquet followed at the Corn Exchange. Under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master, the customary toasts were honoured. In proposing that of the Grand Master Sir Daniel Gooch referred to the installation of the Duke of Connaught as Provincial Grand Master of Sussex by the Prince of Wales, and spoke of the excellent way in which His Royal Highness had carried out the ceremony. During the evening the Provincial Grand Master announced that next year's meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge would be held at Windsor, and said that as they would then assemble under the walls, as it were, of

Windsor Castle, and as it would be during the jubilee year of Her Majesty's reign, he felt sure they would have a very successful gathering.

**Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3.**—At the weakly meeting of this Lodge, held at the Alfred Tavern, Roman Road, Barnsbury, on Wednesday the 23rd ult., there was a very large muster of brethren to hear Bro. L. Solomon, P.M. 1732, rehearse the ceremony of installation, among them were Bros. W. A. Scurrah Prov. G. Sap. of Works for Middlesex, W. M. Stiles P.M. 1507, &c., Patland P.M. 1732, Gregory P.M. 1538, &c., Ferguson P.M. 177, &c. (Preceptor), Bolton W.M. elect 1314, Silvester S.W. 195 (Treasurer), Dimsdale S.D. 1507 (Secretary), Whiting, Wheelock, Bleakley, Messer, Ament, Wright, Thom, and many others. The Lodge was opened in the three degrees by Bro. Solomon, supported by Bros. Gregory S.W., Bleakley J.W., Messer S.D., Ament J.D., and Wright I.G. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Thom acting as candidate. The Lodge was resumed to the 2nd degree, and Bro. G. R. Bolton, W.M. elect of the Acacia Lodge 1314, was duly obligated as W.M. elect. Bro. Solomon then rehearsed the remainder of the installation ceremony in perfect style, and the Officers were appointed and invested in due form by Bro. Bolton. At the conclusion of the ceremony a very hearty vote of thanks was carried by acclamation to Bro. Solomon, for the splendid manner in which he had carried out the ceremonies. Bro. G. Gregory P.M. and P.Z. was unanimously elected W.M. for the meeting to be held on the 30th inst. All Masonic business being ended, Lodge was closed in due form, in perfect harmony.

**Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.**—At the Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., on 7th ult. Bros. Lynn W.M., Hancock S.W., White J.W., Western Preceptor, Keogh J.D., Wood I.G. Lodge opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Fluck acting as candidate. A vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes to Bro. Lynn for the way he had rehearsed the ceremony, this being the first time in this Lodge.

On the 21st ult. Bros. Hancock W.M., Fluck S.W., White J.W., Keogh S.D., Western Preceptor, Wood I.G., Collingridge Secretary. After preliminaries, Bro. Turner answered the questions leading to the third degree, and was entrusted. Lodge opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Collingridge candidate. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and closed in due form.

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## 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.

## SATURDAY, 3rd JULY.

- General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4  
 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)  
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)  
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)  
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8  
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Riverhead, near Sevenoaks  
 1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham  
 1929—Mozart, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon

## MONDAY, 5th JULY.

- 22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)  
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)  
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)  
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)  
 975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)  
 1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)  
 1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 203 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)  
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)  
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)  
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)  
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)  
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)  
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)  
 1924—Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Wickham Park, Brockley  
 1996—Priory Lodge of Acton, Royal Oak Assembly Hall, High Street, Acton  
 R.A. 28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.  
 R.A. 91—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 R.A. 1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 M.M. 139—Panmure, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.  
 K.T. 127—Bard of Avon, 33 Golden Square, W.

- 37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors  
 113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston.  
 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  
 236—York, Masonic Hall, York  
 251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple  
 381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen  
 431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields  
 697—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead  
 622—St. Cuthberta, Masonic Hall, Wimborne  
 691—Oakley, Masonic Hall, Church Street, Basingstoke  
 823—Evertor, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire  
 928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield  
 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire  
 1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester  
 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  
 1380—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  
 1673—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea  
 1678—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales  
 1678—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle  
 1798—Zion, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester  
 R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley  
 R.A. 404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford  
 M.M. 37—Wyndham, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.

## TUESDAY, 6th JULY.

- Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4  
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)  
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
 141—Faith, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)  
 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)  
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)  
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pcnwall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)  
 861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1014—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)  
 1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)  
 1949—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)  
 1446—Mount Edgecumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)  
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)  
 172—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)  
 1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)  
 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, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.  
 R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)  
 R.A. 1365—Clepton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 1538—St. Martins-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street  
 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  
 153—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness  
 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.  
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)  
 249—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon  
 265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley  
 364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.  
 393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick  
 463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)  
 553—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.

- 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.  
 804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.  
 847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.  
 918—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard  
 960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.  
 974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley Street, Bradford  
 995—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston  
 1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market Place, Cokermouth  
 1131—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford  
 1214—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar  
 1310—Harrow, King's Head, Harrow  
 1322—Waveley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne  
 1473—Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction)  
 1619—Sackville, Crown Hotel, East Grinstead  
 1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.  
 1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields  
 1993—Wolsey, Masonic Hall, Town Hall Buildings, King Street, Manchester  
 R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 M.M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Chatham.

## WEDNESDAY, 7th JULY.

- 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
 30—United Mariners', The Lizard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)  
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)  
 228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, 8 (Inst.)  
 538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)  
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)  
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)  
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poopin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)  
 902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)  
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (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)  
 1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)  
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)  
 2021—Queen's Westminster, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7.45. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 55—Constitutional, Private Rooms, Leytons one  
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, A r-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)  
 R.A. 1329—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)  
 K.T. 129—Holy Palest, 33 Golden-square, W.C.

- Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon  
 Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent, Folkstone  
 74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham  
 296—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale  
 326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol  
 327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton  
 406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne  
 417—Faith and Uranity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester  
 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  
 838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston  
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)  
 992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton  
 1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)  
 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, George-street, Derby  
 1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon  
 1107—Cornwallis, Lullingstone Castle Hotel, Swansea  
 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 Loche, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire  
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)  
 1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.  
 1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull  
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)  
 1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore.  
 1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool  
 1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)  
 1736—St. John's, St. John's Rooms, King X Street, Halifax  
 1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth  
 2042—Apollo, Masonic Hall, 22 Hope Street, Liverpool  
 R.A. 54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham Street, Rochdale  
 R.A. 200—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough  
 R.A. 300—Perseverance, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne  
 R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds  
 R.A. 342—Royal Sussex, Masonic, 79 Commercial Road, Portsea  
 R.A. 1125—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Fore Street, Tiverton  
 M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness  
 E.C.—Palatine, Palatine Hotel, Manchester

## THURSDAY, 8th JULY.

- 10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)  
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)  
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)  
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)  
 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)  
 751—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)  
 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolsey, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)  
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)  
 1153—Southern Star, Pleasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)  
 1278—Burpett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)  
 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (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)  
 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)  
 1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone  
 1692—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1614—Coronet Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)  
 1625—Frederic, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (Inst.)  
 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbrooke Hall, Notting Hill  
 1673—Leighton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)  
 1677—C. Isaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)  
 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1791—Creston, Wheatbeaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)  
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney  
 R.A. 619—Beadon, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street  
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)  
 R.A. 813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)

- 35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes  
 97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.  
 139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield  
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)  
 216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.  
 219—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)  
 333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston  
 339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.  
 516—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.  
 732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.  
 781—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal  
 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland  
 1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.  
 1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Bury New Road, Manchester  
 1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.  
 1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne  
 1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.  
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1201—Royal, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.  
 1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne  
 1300—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala  
 1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk  
 1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.  
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn  
 1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester  
 1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill  
 1892—Wellington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)  
 1911—De La Prie, Masonic Hall, Northampton  
 1915—Graystone, Forester's Hall, Whitstable  
 R.A. 220—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire  
 R.A. 613—Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southport  
 R.A. 807—Cabbell, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich  
 R.A. 818—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Lion Street, Abergavenny  
 M.M. 16—Friendship, 2 St. Stephen's Street, Devonport  
 M.M. 145—Constantine, George Hotel, Colchester

## FRIDAY, 9th JULY.

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)  
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)  
 766—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)  
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)  
 1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 9. (In)  
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell  
 R.A. 33—Britannic, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.  
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)  
 R.A. 95—Eastern Star Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.  
 R.A. 569—Fitzroy, Headquarters Hon. Artillery Company, City Road, E.C.  
 R.A. 890—Horseley, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Improvement)  
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)  
 M.M. 198—Croydon, 105 High Street, Croydon  
 R.C. 3—Mount Calvary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square  
 36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.  
 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)  
 468—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.  
 526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton  
 662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich  
 1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate  
 1087—Beauesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard  
 1121—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland  
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7  
 R.A. 119—Sun, Square and Compass, Masonic Hall, Whitehaven  
 R.A. 137—Amity, Masonic Hall, Poole  
 R.A. 601—Eyton St. John, Wreken Hotel, Wellington, Salop  
 R.A. 993—Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Levenshulme  
 K.T. 126—De Warenne, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

## SATURDAY, 10th JULY.

- Quarterly General Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12  
 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)  
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)  
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)  
 1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone  
 1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
 1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton  
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30 (In)  
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8  
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)  
 M.M. 234—Brixton, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street E.C.  
 308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood  
 1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court  
 1990—Hampshire Lodge of Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, Landport, Portsmouth  
 2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds  
 R.A. 1423—Era, The Albany, Twickenham

## GROVE LODGE, No. 410.

A MEETING was held on Saturday, the 19th ult., at the Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames. Although this was the first regular meeting since the installation of the W.M., and notwithstanding an urgent appeal had been made by the Secretary that all members should make an effort to be present, the meeting was not well attended. This may in a measure be accounted for from the fact that several other important events were celebrated the same day. The paucity of members on this occasion, perhaps, added to the comfort of those who had the privilege of attending, as Brother Bond's Masonic Hall was not inconveniently crowded. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M. Bro. T. Eustace Smith, Bro. Charles Greenwood jun. P.M. P.P.G. Registrar and Acting P.G. Secretary Sarrey acted as W.M. The labours of the evening were conducted in that admirable manner which characterizes this old and distinguished Lodge, and which justly entitles it to the prominent position it holds in the Craft. Bro. John G. Horsey P.M. No. 186, and P.M. Wallington Lodge No. 1892, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, and Bro. W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, were ballotted for, and unanimously elected joining members. A sum of £5 5s was voted out of Lodge funds to the list of Bro. C. Greenwood jun., who acts as Steward for the Boys' School this year. After the Lodge was closed the Brethren adjourned to the Hotel, where a very excellent and recherché banquet was served, at

which Bro. H. J. P. Dumas P.G. Deacon of England, P.P.G. Warden of Surrey, and an old P.M. of the Lodge presided. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. In proposing the health of the R.W. P.G.M., the D.P.G.M., and the rest of the P.G. Officers of Surrey present and past, Bro. H. J. P. Dumas, in one of those brilliant efforts of post-prandial rhetoric for which he is so justly celebrated, referred in the most glowing terms to the high esteem and love in which their R.W. P.G.M. General Brownrigg was held by all Surrey Masons. He also referred to the great work done for Masonry in general, and to its prosperous condition and rapid increase in the province of Surrey under the General's fostering and benign rule. The P.G.M. was ably supported by an old P.M. the Treasurer of the Grove Lodge, Bro. C. Greenwood sen., who has succeeded Bro. Arnold as Deputy Prov. G.M., and who is admirably fitted to fill so important a position. Bro. Lister P.M. and P.P.G. Superintendent of Works, in responding for the Past Masters of the Lodge, said that amongst his colleague P.M.'s of the Lodge were brethren who not only held high honours in Masonry, but had done signal service to the Craft by their generous and constant support to the Masonic Charities, and in upholding the glorious traditions and principles of Freemasonry. Brother Lister remarked that he and the other P.M.'s would always watch with jealous care the interests of the Lodge, and render every assistance in their power to the W.M. for the time being. The present W.M. had only just entered on his year of office, and as he was not then amongst them, Bro. Lister would not touch upon certain advice which as a P.M. he thought himself justified in tendering, but which he would reserve for another occasion. Bro. H. F. Dumas S.W. responded on behalf of the Officers, and, emulating his respected father, gave a most eloquent, lucid, and careful exposition of what he considered to be the first duties of an Officer in a Lodge. The Tyler's toast terminated the banquet. The meeting was declared by those present to be the most enjoyable one of the present session.

## SOUTHERN STAR LODGE, No. 1158.

THE installation meeting was held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, on Tuesday, 22nd ult. The retiring Master, Bro. James Austin occupied the chair; he was supported by the Officers of the Lodge, and a numerous gathering of Members and the following Visitors: Bros. Hanson P.M. 59, Coubro P.M. 1365, Blackburn P.M. 1365, Foster P.M. 1441, Beck P.M. 1853, Gore 169, Andrews 177, Symes 534, Peacock 1327, Wynne 1448, Canning 1472, Hurford 167, &c. &c. After the Lodge had been formally opened, Bro. Knibb was raised, the ceremony being impressively and ably performed by the retiring W.M. The W.M. elect, Bro. J. L. W. Bertolle, was then presented, and in due course inducted into the chair, the ceremony being performed with all solemnity, in a masterly manner by Bro. Austin, reflecting the highest credit upon him. The following brethren were appointed Officers: Bunker S.W., Wells J.W., Wright Treas., Smith Sec., Block S.D., Brady J.D., Tarrant I.G., Beecroft D.C., Dunlop S., Dane A.S., Gray A.S., and Walkley Tyler. At the close of the installation business the ballot was opened for Mr. John Lewis Drake, of Gloucester Road, Camberwell, who desired an insight into the mysteries of our Order. He was proposed and seconded by Bros. Dunlop and Dane respectively. The ballot being favourable to the candidate, his initiation was proceeded with, and the elocution and fluency displayed by the newly-installed Master in the working of this interesting ceremony gives promise of able and excellent ruling during the year he has just entered upon. The Lodge was subsequently closed, and the brethren repaired to another room, where an excellent banquet awaited them, presided over by the Worshipful Master, who in due course proposed the various toasts usual on these occasions. The toast of the Worshipful Master was given in eulogistic terms by the I.P.M., who spoke of the ability Bro. Bertolle had displayed, not only that evening, but in the various offices he had successively occupied in the Lodge. In reply, the Worshipful Master, after thanking the brethren for the reception of the toast, assured them that when he first became connected with Freemasonry, he never entertained the idea that he should attain to that high position; it was now the proudest moment of his life. With the assistance of his Officers he should endeavour to fulfil the duties of his position to the very best of his ability, and when his year of office should expire it would be a great consolation to know that he had given satisfaction for the way in which he had fulfilled those duties, and that the brethren of the Lodge should never have reason to regret their choice. He had now a very pleasant duty to perform, that was to present to Bro. Austin, in the name of the brethren of the Southern Star Lodge, the handsome P.M.'s jewel which they had unanimously voted him, as a mark of their esteem and appreciation of his valuable services during his year of office. Bro. Austin then briefly replied; he promised he would continue to do all in his power to enhance the welfare of the Lodge. The various Officers were afterwards complimented, and the proceedings were brought to a conclusion in the usual way. The evening was spent in the most enjoyable manner, the harmony which interspersed the speeches and toasts being contributed by Bros. Etheredge, T. Bertolle, Dunlop and others.

Creton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1791.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 24th June, at the Wheatshaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road. Bros. Cavers W.M., Sims P.M. S.W., Manders J.W., Chalfont P.M. Secretary, W. Williams S.D., Austin (Treasurer) J.D., Molony I.G., J. Davies Preceptor, P.M.'s Spiegel, Pardue; Bros. Breitbart, Stonnill, Marsh, Curtis, and Craggs. Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. The second section of the first lecture was worked by Bro. Davies, assisted by Bro. Curtis. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Curtis candidate. Bro. Marsh answered the usual questions for passing, and Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bros. Stonnill and Curtis answered the questions for raising. Bro. Sims was elected W.M. for next meeting.

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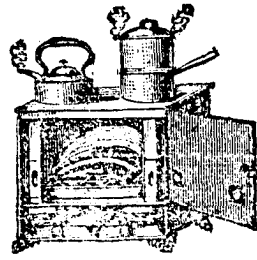
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