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## MASONIC PHARISEES.

UNFORTUNATELY it is not necessary to go far beyond the limits of the Craft to find men who pose as the Pharisees of old are reputed to have done—not, perhaps, praying ostentatiously at the corners of the streets, but blessing their stars, in season and out of season, that they are “not as other men are.” That even Freemasonry, within whose pale the most absolute equality is recognised, should be leavened by the presence of this Pharisical element is no matter for wonderment, for is it not insinuated into every sort and condition of social and public life? And if the grandiloquent displays of oratory and pretension made by these modern “shining lights” are too frequently thrust upon the unwilling ears of more sedate and involuntary listeners, it is painfully evident that the inflated actors in the scene are oblivious of the discomfort they so often create, and of the disdain they unwittingly draw down upon themselves. The term “busybody” is capable of almost infinite manipulation, and we know that in social life it is the synonym for a person to be most studiously avoided. A chattering neighbour, a supercilious acquaintance—in short, a Paul Pry in any guise—is regarded as a bore, if not an abomination; and the parasite is as difficult of being stamped out as are any of our loathsome household pests. We have no hope that any words of ours or any application of moral disinfectants will stem the current of that egotism and boisterous love of display which, though hapily rare, is nevertheless to be detected in certain members of our Fraternity. Actuated possibly by sincere and honest intentions, they go about their work in a rough-and-ready, clamorous way, to the utter disregard of the good old dictum, “Let not thy right hand know what thy left hand doeth.” Instances now and then crop up of deeds of charity and benevolence, most commendable in spirit, being marred and stultified by the loud proclaiming of them from the housetops by those who are their self-constituted instruments. Best of all the golden actions that are done by the Ancient and Honourable Institution to which we are so proud to belong are those in which the “going about doing good” is carried on in the quiet spirit of reserve, and with the subdued consciousness of performing deeds of dutiful beneficence. How many a poor and distressed brother, in the thalldrom of difficulties from which he could foresee no loophole of escape, has found himself relieved from the baneful burden which bore him to the dust, by some kindly considerate, though unseen, instrumentality on the part of the brethren to whom his distresses may have been whispered—not shouted! And could we not, if we chose, point to others who, in similar straits, have appealed to the hand of charity only to find the benefits received have been nullified and rendered almost not worth the having by the ostentatious manner in which they have been bestowed? To the credit of our Order be it said the latter case is in an insignificant minority compared with the real good that is ever being carried on in genuine earnestness and secrecy by various sections of the brethren, who are prompted solely by the grand tenets that are promulgated by Freemasonry. But, painful as it may be to say it, there are occasionally times when favours are conferred and help given in such a way as to show that the motive power on the part of those who undertake the work is at the

bottom merely a love of self-aggrandisement and vain glory. Not only is this apparent in works of charity, but also in the ordinary avocations which are included in the Masonic category. The loud talker in the Lodge-room and at the banquet-table is every now and then a bugbear of which the more retiring and sensible brethren would be glad to be rid. “Bombastes Furioso” is very well on the boards of burlesque, and the quaint brusqueness of the character is ever sufficient to provoke a laugh. But when that rôle is assumed by men who have struggled through the intricacies of Masonry with a single eye to bedizen themselves with jewels and regalia, the burlesque is changed to dolorous inconsistency. There are some who, like the pigmy of the fable, standing on the Alps fancies himself bigger and a mightier man than the giant whom he espies in the valley below him; and there are some Masons who in the same ratio glance from the pinnacle of their consummate egotism disdainfully upon those who, though doing good and useful work in the Craft, are not blessed with the “gift of the gab” or the inclination to make a pyrotechnic exhibition of their own exalted virtues! Have we not knowledge of men who, having ceased from doing any active work in the Craft, even if they ever made any beginning at all, vaunt of their proud association with Freemasonry, whose emblems they flash on their persons, and of whose excellencies they prate in public and in private as though they were really and indeed solid pillars of the Masonic faith? It is vain to hope to curb the impetuosity and ill-timed exuberance of such individuals, and the only way to treat them is to allow their vapid utterances to blow off through the safety valve of their own verbosity. Then, again, we sometimes come across men who, under the guise of an assumed Masonic apostleship, glibly and profusely declare what they are ready to do to assist a fellow-man in the attainment of any object—socially, commercially, or otherwise—which he might be desirous of securing. In nine cases out of ten this “bunkum” is all gaseous, and promises vouchsafed by such men are like the proverbial pie-crust—made only to be broken. Of course, it is upon the young and credulous that such vagaries can best be foisted, but there are not wanting records in which disappointment and regret have followed the too implicit reliance by older Masons upon the assurances of these Pharisees of whom we speak. In the Lodge-room we occasionally find—as is the case in many other an assemblage of persons in public and commercial life—men who, unless they can “have it all their own way” become petulant, peevish, and arrogant, to the utter discomfort of their compeers, and the disarrangement of the whole of the internal machinery. These irrepressible gentlemen lose no possible opportunity of vaunting their own superiority, the infinity of their wisdom, and the overwhelming breadth of their intellectual achievements. Should any question arise with which they cannot entirely coincide, their motto seems to be “Nay, an’ thoul’t mouth! I’ll rant as well as thou!” And thus, whereas the matter under consideration might and should have been settled in harmony and peace, the apple of discord is thrown, and possibly the whole thing is relegated to the pigeon-hole of abeyance. The Masonic Pharisee is as objectionable an object as an intruding wasp into our dining-room; there is no peace so long as he keeps buzzing about. Rapt in the ægis of self complacency, he orates at painful length when responding to a toast, interlarding a meaningless harangue with ful-

some quotations from the poets, and waxing wroth if his flat jokes fail to evoke a smile. Even the shuffling of impatient feet upon the floor he mistakes for applause, and, like the irresistible column of Fontenoy, he "moves on." In matters requiring judgment to discern and ability to execute he is conspicuous by his absence; there is no place for him in company where he cannot "rule the roost." At a charity election he flutters about with pompous mien and impudent intrusiveness, as though to make folks believe he were the very pivot upon which revolves the whole of the arrangements, and the mainspring upon which all success depends. He purloins thanks from those who are really deserving of them, and disappears from the field only when he has reached the end of his tether, and is unable to redeem the promises he has pawned. The votes he has pledged himself to secure from his personal friends are not forthcoming and, like a veritable "gay deceiver," he marches off with the stolen gratitude of those whom he has cajoled by the holding out of false hopes. We do not wish to overdraw the picture, and there is consolation in the knowledge that such knaves are very "few and far between," and that their machinations are speedily checked. But, in spite of that, it is impossible to shut our eyes to the fact that such characters do exist, and that until they have strutted their "brief hour upon the stage," they are difficult of detection and avoidance. Wherever he is, whether in public, private, or Masonic life, the Pharisee is a pest, and the only crumb of comfort is that the platform he raises for himself, propped up by vanity and sustained by bounce, invariably topples over and aids in his own discomfiture. He thereupon straightway quits the ranks of those who can tolerate his overbearing insolence no longer, and in "fresh woods and pastures new" he vapours about the "hollowness" of Freemasonry, and vows that he "never could see anything in it!" We are better without such ingredients in our composition, for they tend only to engender moral dyspepsia, and pollute the life blood of all well-intentioned enterprises. Those are the men to admire who, steadily and unwearyingly discharge the functions that are undertaken under impulses stirred by a true appreciation of the grand and glorious principles inculcated by Freemasonry, and who, without noise and show, continue to the end in well-doing. These are the men who form the backbone and the solid foundation of all that is good in the Craft, and we can gladly afford to spare those rumbustious individuals who create such a volume of fuss, the practical result of which is more harm than good to the society they solemnly promised to uphold.

### ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

AS recorded in our last issue, the Annual General Meeting of this Institution was held on Friday, 20th inst., at the Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of Brother Edgar Bowyer, Past Grand Standard Bearer, Patron Trustee, &c. There was a numerous attendance of brethren. After the confirmation of the minutes of last annual meeting, the Secretary (Bro. James Terry) announced that Bro. Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P., Provincial Grand Master of the Eastern Division of South Wales, had kindly promised to preside at the next Anniversary Festival, which is fixed for 29th February 1888. The auditors' report was received, and the annual report of the Committee of Management upon the proceedings of the past year was read, approved and ordered to be recorded on the minutes. This report, which was an eminently satisfactory one, was printed in extenso in the columns of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE last week. Bros. West, Skudder and Martin were elected members of the General Committee; and, on the motion of Bro. R. Wylie, seconded by Bro. Birch, a Committee was appointed to confer with the Boys' and Girls' Schools Committees as to the advisability of making other arrangements for the Spring Elections. Bro. Edgar Bowyer was unanimously elected Treasurer of the Institution, and Bros. Tattershall, Berry and John Newton were appointed auditors. After scrutineers had been appointed to conduct the Election, it was announced that since the proxies were issued two men and thirteen widows had died, and that the number to be elected that day would be sixteen males and forty-one widows, of whom thirteen men and thirty-eight widows would be immediate annuitants, and the remaining three in each class be deferred. The

ballot was then proceeded with, the poll closing at three o'clock. The result of the Election to the Widows' Fund was duly declared. A scrutiny was, however, deemed necessary in the case of the Male Fund, and the result was not made known till the following day. The proceedings terminated with the customary vote of thanks to the Chairman.

A list of the successful candidates will be found in our Advertising columns. We append the names of those who were unsuccessful, with the number of votes each will be able to carry forward to the next Election.

#### MALES.

No. on List	Name	Forward	Polled	Total
26	Bennett, William	687	1189	1876
14	Smith, John	943	901	1844
36	Cubitt, George			1836
34	Middleton, Thomas James			1708
24	Vass, John	487	975	1462
44	Hyde, John			1374
23	Wharton, Henry	124	1029	1153
46	Ingram, William			1012
35	Bedford, William			943
42	Codd, Frederick			769
17	Taylor, John Daniel	136	629	765
51	Seagrave, Isaac			614
50	Homewood, Spencer			612
20	Mole, Alexander	364	196	560
10	Laskey, Joseph John	2	428	430
7	Fry, Robert Henry	198	173	371
20	Cooper, George			294
1	Sarl, Charles	179	113	292
6	Hogg, Henry Leggott	12	117	129
4	Nichol, Robert	94	14	108
5	McLean, William John	87	10	97
12	O'Kelly, William	24	28	52
21	Somerton, William	9	35	44
3	Musham, John	30	3	33
25	Cox, William Henry	1	18	19
15	Dale, Joseph Barker	3	12	15
48	Sellar, Alexander			15
32	Warren, Charles			11
16	Bray, Samuel	—	7	7
47	Fox, George			7
41	South, Thomas George			3
28	Kenworthy, Hugh			2

#### FEMALES.

48	Themans, Minca Amelia	232	560	792
20	Coles, Emma	457	334	791
56	Read, Emma			659
4	Timms, Susan	338	262	600
19	White, Mary	249	305	554
25	Haskins, Emily E.	190	205	395
11	Cooley, Elizabeth L.	275	108	383
16	Ford, Mary Ann	97	256	353
6	Heppel, Mary	292	39	331
75	Taylor, Rosetta Harriett			274
61	Worley, Georgiana Sophia			256
72	Munro, Eliza			254
29	Baker, Ann E.	79	145	224
23	Vile, Maria	84	135	219
74	Mahomed, Amelia Morrison			209
5	Lovelock, Louisa	122	77	199
49	Thomas, Elizabeth	82	109	191
43	Russell, Olivia	132	32	164
30	Weston, Julia	23	75	98
18	Mannington, Elizabeth Atkinson	94	—	94
15	Jackson, Elizabeth Reynolds	72	19	91
12	Redman, Mary	48	16	64
2	Copeland, Charlotte	26	23	49
8	Greenwood, Helen	18	19	37
3	Rizarsford, Sarah	23	6	29
60	Olive, Elizabeth			16
13	Salisbury, Jane	8	7	15
33	Foot, Mary Ann	2	13	15
32	Manson, Mary Bryce	8	—	8
73	Cowell, Nancy			5
27	Harsley, Isabella	—	3	3
55	Newton, Mary Ann			2
37	Ionn, Elizabeth	—	1	1

#### PROV. G. LODGE OF STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Staffordshire was held at West Bromwich on Tuesday, the 17th instant, and was attended by about one hundred and fifty members of the Craft. This was the first occasion on which Grand Lodge had met at West Bromwich, and the event excited unusual local interest, as was evidenced by the crowd which assembled to witness the procession from the Town Hall to Christ Church, and the large congregation which filled the building. The proceedings of the day began with the opening of the Dartmouth Lodge, No. 662, at noon, by the Worshipful

Master Bro. T. Spencer. Shortly afterwards the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, Colonel G. S. Tudor, and his Officers, entered the Lodge, which on this special occasion was held in the Assembly Room of the Town Hall. There were present, in addition to the Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Colonel Foster Gough, and the following Provincial Grand Officers:—

Bros. J. Bromley S.W., T. J. Barnett J.W., the Revs. G. Tuthill (Vicar of St. Paul's, Wednesbury) and F. E. Waters (Vicar of Hope, Hanley) Chaplains, J. Bodenham Treasurer, E. H. Croydon acting Secretary, J. B. Morgan J.D., T. E. Fowke D.C., F. Woodley A.D.C., H. Hartland Organist, F. Brandon P.M. 418 Registrar, B. H. Brough Superintendent of Works, J. R. Lee and J. T. Snape Standard-Bearers, R. A. Willcock Steward, F. Perkins Assistant Pursuivant, and H. Bagguley Tyler. There were also present J. Webberly P.M. 546 P.P.G.R., Edwin Roberts P.M. 677 and 1942 P.P.G.J.D., J. Beaumont Piercy P.M. 418 and 2148 P.P.G.S.D., A. J. Prince 546 P.P.G.J.D., E. Peake W.M. 1942, W. H. Hales P.M. 418 P.P.G.S.W., T. Turner P.P.G. Registrar, John Smith W.M. 460, J. T. Eayrs G.M. 662, E. T. Collins W.M. 696, G. H. Stanger P.M. 419, H. C. Owen I.P.M. 526, J. Steen P.M. 526 P.P.G.R., H. Lewis P.M. 526 P.P.G.S.W., J. L. Hamshaw P.M. S.W. and I.P.M. 418 and 2149 G. Dance P.M. 662, E. H. Thorne 526 and 1838 P.P.G.S.B., T. H. Cope P.M. 1520, J. Wentworth W.M. 347, E. Pidcock P.M. 1792 P.P.G.S.B., F. E. F. Bailey W.M. 539, Rev. R. B. Storey 696 Chaplain, G. F. Oldershaw I.P.M. 662, H. George P.M. 884 1661, the Rev. F. H. Beaven Chaplain 726, Dr. E. W. Taylor Organist 726, Rev. T. Lloyd 526 Chaplain P.P.G.P., C. Jones P.M. 1060, H. J. Clarson W.M. 1060, J. Jacobs P.M. 482 P.P.G. Reg., H. Rogers P.M. 696, W. Vernon P.M. 456 1587 P.P.G.S.B., W. W. Weston W.M. 1039, J. F. Pepper P.M. 482 P.P.G.A.D.C., F. R. Kimpton P.M. 482, M. Barker P.M. 1792 P.P.J.G.W., J. Warrilow W.M. 482, R. H. Rowbotham P.M. 539, G. J. Payton W.M. 482, Kent P.M. 546, Rev. W. Randall P.M. 482 P.P.C.S., W. B. Stocker P.M. 493 P.P.J.G.D. Gloucestershire, S. Parker P.M. 419, T. Spencer W.M. 662, W. J. Whittall P.M. 482 P.P.G.R., T. Taylor P.M. 2149 and 418 P.P.G.S.W., G. Barker W.M. 526, J. H. Walton P.M. 696 P.P.G.P., D. Smith P.M. 637, S. Clapp P.M. P.P. Grand Superintendent of Works, W. Mould P.M. P.P.G.S.B., &c.

Colonel Tudor having taken the chair and opened the Lodge, the P.G.M. and D.P.G.M. were greeted Masonically, after which the minutes of the Grand Lodge held at Stafford last year were read, the Treasurer's accounts were submitted, and the roll of Lodges called over. The P.G.M. then announced the receipt of letters expressing regret that the writers were unable to be present, from Bro. F. James P.P.D.G.M., and many others. Having expressed his pleasure at seeing so many brethren present, Colonel Tudor referred in terms of deep regret to the loss which the Province had sustained by the death of Brother Cartwright, who for a long number of years faithfully carried out the duties of P.G. Secretary. Noticing the occurrence of the Jubilee, he said that Masonry had made wonderful progress during Her Majesty's reign. When the Queen ascended the Throne, there were between 500 and 600 Lodges on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England; now there were 2,200. The P.G.M. then announced his appointment of Capt. E. H. Thorne, of Wolverhampton, as P.G. Secretary, and expressed his full assurance that Captain Thorne would be a worthy successor to the late Secretary, and that the Province would have in him an Officer of great ability. He was sorry that in consequence of the state of his health Bro. Fowke had felt himself compelled to resign the office of Director of Ceremonies. Brother Fowke had performed a great deal of hard work in that office, and he (Colonel Tudor) greatly regretted on that occasion that he had not an opportunity of promoting him to some higher office, which he well deserved. Another old Officer of the Province, Bro. Bagguley, was also wishful to resign, but did not like to do so after so many years' service. Under the circumstances, he proposed, for the present, to leave the office vacant and appoint an Assistant Tyler. Having expressed his grateful acknowledgments to Col. Gough for the great assistance which he received from him in ruling the Province, Col. Tudor proceeded with the formal appointment of his Officers, as follow:—

- Bro. J. F. Pepper - - - Senior Warden
- E. H. Croydon - - - Junior Warden
- J. Bodenham - - - Treasurer
- E. H. Thorne - - - Secretary
- G. C. Kent - - - Assistant Secretary
- Rev. F. E. Waters - - - } Chaplains
- Rev. F. H. Beaven - - - }
- W. G. Lowe - - - Senior Deacon
- D. Smith - - - Junior Deacon
- T. Spencer - - - Registrar
- W. Brown - - - Superintendent of Works
- G. H. Stanger - - - Director of Ceremonies
- T. H. Cope - - - Assistant Ditto

- E. T. Collins - - - Standard Bearer
- W. T. McLean - - - Assistant Ditto
- J. H. Smith - - - Sword Bearer
- Dr. Taylor - - - Organist
- W. Davenport - - - Pursuivant
- J. Stringer - - - Assistant Ditto
- A. Truss (Wolverhampton) - - Assistant Tyler

At 1.45 the Lodge was adjourned and the members walked in procession to Christ Church. The prayers were said by the Vicar, the Rev. C. H. Joberns, M.A.; the Rev. F. H. Beaven, vicar of St. Chad's, read the first lesson, and the Rev. G. Tuthill the second lesson. An excellent practical sermon, concluding with a few words of exhortation suitable to the occasion, was preached by the Rev. T. E. Waters. The amount of the collection was £11 3s 6d.

At the close of the service the members returned to the Town Hall and resumed business. On the motion of Col. Gough, the sum of £5 was voted to Christ's Church School, £3 to the Vicar's Needy Fund, and £4 to Hope Sunday School, Hanley, and a cordial vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. T. E. Waters for his admirable discourse. On the motion of the Rev. Dr. B. Rendall, seconded by Bro. Webberley, a vote of condolence was passed with the family of the late Bro. Cartwright. Some conversation took place with reference to the fund which is being raised to perpetuate the memory of Brother Cartwright. It was stated that about 160 guineas had been subscribed. The matter was further referred to a committee.

The Lodge having been closed, a banquet was afterwards served in the same room, and subsequently a toast-list was gone through. The Queen and the Craft, and the Health of the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, were drunk with the greatest cordiality, as was also the toast of the M.W. Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the R.W. Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, and the Officers of Grand Lodge Present and Past, with which was coupled the name of Col. Gough, who responded. Referring to the recent candidature of Brother Godson, M.P., for the Grand Treasurership, he spoke of the hearty reception which Staffordshire brethren always received in Worcestershire, of which Bro. Godson is D.G.M., and stated his intention of asking for the support of the Staffordshire brethren to Bro. Godson's candidature on a future occasion. The Rev. Dr. Randall proposed the health of Col. Tudor, remarking that the P.G.M. had been most careful in the performance of his Masonic duties, though his health had been such that most men would have excused themselves in similar circumstances. He expressed a fervent hope that Col. Tudor's health would improve, and that he would be long spared to carry on those duties which he performed with so much satisfaction to the Province. Col. Tudor in the course of his reply, expressed a hope for a large attendance of brethren from the Province at the Jubilee Masonic gathering, at the Albert Hall, London. The P.G.M. then proposed the health of Col. Gough and Officers, the D.P.G.M. and Bro. Pepper responding, and the other toasts were the Visitors, proposed by Bro. Caddick, and responded to by Bro. Stocker (Gloucestershire); the Masters of Lodges, proposed by Bro. Lewis (Wolverhampton), and responded to by Bro. Spencer; the Masonic Charities, given by Bro. Barnett (who mentioned that £700 had been subscribed in the Province last year to the Charities), the Provincial Stewards, and the Tyler's toast. At intervals throughout the proceedings the masterly performances of Bros. Dr. Taylor and Hartland on the fine organ which the hall possesses gave genuine pleasure. The organ, which was a gift to the town by Mr Brogden, formerly member for the Borough, is perhaps the finest concert instrument in Staffordshire.

The most useful inventions are oftentimes the most simple, and the expression frequently heard on the production of any new contrivance is "Why was it not found out before? Now, one would think that in the prosaic, but very necessary, process of brushing one's hat there were brushes to suit every possible use, but we have before us a sample of hat brush which needs only to be seen to be pronounced far superior to any that have hitherto appeared in the market. This superiority consists of a duplex manipulation of the bristles, by which the side and rim of the hat are brushed and smoothed by the same movement of the brush, instead of having to turn the hat in many directions, and often to spoil the rim by having to force the ordinary brush along the inside of it. There is no extra charge for these additional advantages, for we understand the uniform charge is one shilling each, and the patentees are Messrs. B. Woodfield and Son, 96 Pancras-road, N.W.

## NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

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JUBILEE CELEBRATION BY THE DERBY  
ALLCROFT LODGE, No. 2168.

AS briefly mentioned in our last issue, a special banquet was given in connection with the Derby Allcroft Lodge, at the Holborn Restaurant, on Thursday, 19th inst., in celebration of Her Majesty's Jubilee. This being one of the earliest Festivals of the kind, and the forerunner of many similar gatherings that will no doubt be held within the next few weeks, it naturally attracted considerable interest, and a numerous company assembled, under the presidency of the esteemed Worshipful Master of the Lodge, Bro. John Derby Allcroft, Past Grand Treasurer of England. Amongst those present were:—Bros. Alderman Sir John Staples, K.C.M.G., Rev. Dr. Lansdell, E. Letchworth, Rev. Dr. Brette, J. S. Jarvis, G. Kenning, E. Y. Jolliffe Treasurer, J. Salmon, T. B. Conoannon, Arthur Smythe, Nathan Robinson, F. A. Pollen, Higgins, Thomas Eccleston Gibbs S.W., James P. Fitzgerald J.W., R. D. Cummings Secretary, H. Halliday S.D., J. Corbett J.D., Muir Smith I.G., J. P. Harding, W. Frewen Lord, Charles Coutts Mechi, S. R. Lambie, W. Werenhall, Geo. Rawlinson, A. B. Hudson, E. Anderson, E. E. Wright, R. Pittam Stevens, W. Lake, I. C. McLean, M.D., Whiting, Mostyn, Thomas, Major Arthur Hill, John Glenn, J. F. Davey Steward, Frank Rothschild, Geo. Godfrey Millward, W. J. Charles, Henry Povey D.C., Dr. Haskins, W. Cook, H. Schartau, R. Grice, Arthur Thompson, Jas. Kift, Bristo, W. W. Morgan, W. W. Lee, and others. An excellent repast was provided, in keeping with the well-known superb appointments of the Holborn Restaurant, and the arrangements made by Bro. Hamp for the comfort and enjoyment of the party were of the most thorough and admirable character, and elicited many expressions of satisfaction. The Worshipful Master, in introducing the preliminary toasts, said it was not his intention to indulge in lengthy speeches; he would therefore dispose of them in the briefest manner possible. He then in loyal terms proposed the Queen and Royal Family, which was enthusiastically received, followed by the singing of the National Anthem. The next toast was that of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales; in proposing it he said they as Freemasons could not be too gratified that they had such an excellent man and Mason at the head of their Order as was the Prince of Wales. He then made reference to the visit of His Royal Highness on the preceding day to Yarmouth, where he had been to lay the foundation-stone of a local hospital. During his (the speaker's) year of office as Grand Treasurer he had an opportunity of attending with the Most Worshipful Grand Master similar celebrations, at Oxford and and at York, and therefore knew the practical zeal and ability which His Royal Highness threw into any work of that description, particularly when the movement was in the cause of Charity. Long might he live, for they were all proud to do honour to such a Grand Master as was the Prince of Wales. He then proposed the Right Hon. the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers present and past. He regretted there were no Grand Officers present except himself; the Grand Secretary was at Yarmouth, and several others had been prevented by various causes from accepting invitations for the occasion. But all who attended the meetings of Grand Lodge were well aware of the admirable manner in which the affairs of the Craft were managed, and how earnestly and thoroughly all the Grand Officers worked for the advantage of Freemasonry. In giving the toast of the evening, Her Majesty's Jubilee and the Craft, the Worshipful Master observed that on the summons convening this meeting it was described as a Jubilee Gathering, and as this Lodge was one that had been consecrated during that memorable year he thought they would all agree with him that there was a peculiar appropriateness in holding such a rénnion. He then referred to the fact, so highly gratifying to all Freemasons, that three of Her Majesty's sons had taken exalted positions in the Order; the Prince of Wales, who now ruled so well and wisely at the head of English Freemasonry as its Most Worshipful Grand Master; the Duke of Connaught, who had recently accepted the position of Grand Master of the Province of Sussex; and the late Duke of Albany, whose death, some three or four years since, evoked expressions of deep and sincere sorrow from a national, as well as from a Masonic, point of view. Under these circumstances he thought Her Majesty might be looked upon in the light of being the Mother of the Craft, of which she was the illustrious Patroness; she was also the mother of her people. Then, if they looked back to the period when she ascended the throne, fifty years ago, they could not but be astonished at the immense progress which this country had made in its trade and commerce, in literature, science and art, and in all those things which tended to the development and the stability of a nation. At that time railways were practically a novelty, as gas had been only a few years earlier; and steam was then, as one of Dickens's characters had been made to say, only "in its infancy." The speaker then gave some interesting reminiscences of the old coaching days, and the mode of travelling half a century ago, and compared those slow times with those of the present day, dilating upon the gigantic strides made in our national progress through the development of our railway system, the penny postage, the electric telegraph, the telephone, and other means of locomotion and intercommunication in all parts of the Empire. Coming immediately to the subject of the toast, he remarked that on the preceding Saturday they had had an illustration of the popularity which Her Majesty enjoyed amongst all classes of her loyal subjects, when she travelled from Paddington to the Mile End Road and back again, amidst the enthusiastic acclaim of hundreds of thousands of people, who assembled along the whole line of route. It was nothing but a triumphal progress right through, and Her

Majesty was evidently deeply touched by the expressions of loyalty which were manifested on every side, from end to end of the long journey. Speaking of the decorations, he considered they were everything that could be desired, though perhaps there was nothing much to boast of from an artistic point of view. That occasion, when the Queen so graciously came to town to open the People's Palace at the East End, was rendered historical by her visiting, for the first time during her reign, the Mansion House, thus paying the highest compliment to the Civic authorities of the Metropolis that has been conferred upon them, at any rate, within the present Century. That event, as they had seen by the daily newspapers, was signalled by Her Majesty conferring a Baronetcy upon the Lord Mayor, Bro. Alderman Sir Reginald Hanson, and also upon Alderman Sir Robert Carden, who was a very popular man in the City of London. Naturally Her Majesty was deeply moved, and intensely gratified, by the reception that was accorded to her by the populace, for in no other country—with the exception of Germany—could a Sovereign travel so long a distance, in the manner she did on this occasion, without some misgivings as to the evil results arising from disloyalty or political intrigue, which would be almost sure to assert itself in some shape or form. He then again referred to the visit of His Royal Highness on the preceding day to Great Yarmouth. In responding to a loyal address by the Mayor and Corporation of that borough, His Royal Highness expressed the hope that Her Majesty might long be spared to rule over a great and prosperous kingdom, as wisely and successfully as she had done since the commencement of her reign. That hope, he was sure, would be shared by all English hearts. If they looked at the manner in which the Queen had ruled over the destinies of her mighty Empire, they could not but be struck with the vast moral good which had flowed from her example and precept; no word teaching could have achieved such great results. He then referred to the political aspect of the situation, and observed that in her intercourse with many Prime Ministers, since the days of Lord Melbourne, who was the chief adviser of the Crown when she came to the throne, she had shown herself capable of entering into the actual details of the business of the State, and throughout her long and illustrious reign she had manifested the most careful discretion and the most wise and beneficial judgment. On all these grounds they had reason to be thankful that they lived under such a benign and successful reign. Referring to the domestic life of Her Majesty, he observed that it had been a motto that "whatever ye have to do, do it with all your might;" and that had characterised the Queen's doings in each and all her capacities. Her Majesty's sympathetic heart was ever drawn out when suffering or distress afflicted any classes of her subjects, and this was exemplified by those messages of sympathy they so frequently saw whenever the occasion unhappily rendered them necessarily opportune. That was also a distinguishing feature in Her Majesty's character, and reflected the highest credit upon her as a woman and a Queen. Many of those to whom such messages had been sent in the midst of their sufferings would remember with gratitude the kindly words of sympathy which had been forwarded to them by the Royal command. The speaker then briefly alluded to the death of the Prince Consort, the Princess Alice, and the Duke of Albany, and said although the Queen had been chastened by many sore afflictions, yet she had borne them all with exemplary fortitude and resignation, the result of which had been for the good of the country. The W.M. went on to speak of the additions which had been made to Her Majesty's domains within the period of her reign, referring especially to the recent acquisitions of territory in Burmah, Zululand, and elsewhere. They might believe that the general increase of the extent and prosperity of the Empire, the prosperity and contentment of the people at home, and the promotion of the arts of peace abroad, was to be attributed in a great measure to the wisdom, sagacity and prudence which had been displayed by Her Majesty, whose Jubilee was shortly to be commemorated. He reminded the brethren of the great demonstration of English Freemasons, which was in contemplation for the 13th of next month at the Albert Hall, and concluded by expressing the hope that, "happy and glorious," Queen Victoria might continue "long to reign over us." The toast was received with prolonged cheers. Alderman Sir John Staples, in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, said he felt gratified that the task had devolved upon him, and both personally and on behalf of the brethren he thanked Bro. Allcroft for the manner in which he had conducted the business of the evening. They all knew the interest which he took in Freemasonry generally, and more particularly in the Aldersgate Lodge, of which he was a prominent member; also in this Lodge, which was named after him. When he held the office of Grand Treasurer he gained the approbation of all by the manner in which he discharged his duties. They could scarcely regret that he did not fill a seat in the Legislature, seeing how the composition of the Lower House had deteriorated; and, judging from the apathy of the people, it was more than probable that the status of the House of Commons would retrograde still further. Sir John then referred at some length to the increase in the number of Lodges on the roll of English Freemasonry, and contended that it was impossible for a good Mason to be a bad man. The Worshipful Master in responding, expressed regret that he had been unable to devote more time to Masonic pursuits, in consequence of the multiplicity of his other public duties, but he assured them he felt a deep and sincere interest in the welfare of this Lodge. Since its establishment there had been seven initiates and three joining members, and that in itself bore testimony that such a Lodge was needed. They did not aim so much at numbers as at quality, and in this they had been peculiarly fortunate. When he was asked to become the first Master of the Lodge he expressed his fear that he should not be able to devote so much time to the duties as he should desire, and which would be necessary for a fresh Lodge; and he was deeply indebted to the promoters, all of whom were competent to do any work that was required, for the assistance they had given him. He referred especially to Bros. Fitzgerald, Corbett, and Henry Povey.

When the time arrived for him to doff his collar of office he knew he should be followed by men who would take as deep and permanent an interest in the welfare of the Lodge as he had done himself. In proposing Prosperity to the Benevolent Fund, the Worshipful Master remarked that it had been decided to set aside a certain portion of the regular income of the Lodge towards the creation of that fund. In doing this they were actuated by the great cardinal principles of Charity and Love. Being only a young Lodge, they had, of course, no great amount yet accumulated, but a certain percentage of the absolute receipts of the Lodge were to be devoted to it, and moreover the fund would be augmented by the contributions of members to the charity box. Responding for the Visitors, Rev. Bro. Lansdell, of the Royal Somerset House Lodge, No. 4, spoke of universality, equality and benevolence, as the three great watchwords of the Order, and made interesting allusion to his travels in the East and in Siberia, of which he had many pleasant Masonic recollections. Bro. Watenhall proposed the Press, coupling with it the name of Bro. W. W. Morgan, of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, and speaking in the highest terms of the manner in which all matters of interest and importance to the Craft were recorded in the recognised Masonic journals. Bro. Morgan said he felt greatly honoured by having his name associated with the toast in such an assembly as the present, and thanked the brethren for the cordiality with which they had received it. Looking back to the consecration of the Derby Allcroft Lodge, he recollected that he received a very pressing invitation to attend that ceremony; and he felt convinced that every one present would share the regret he now experienced at missing the once familiar face of Bro. E. F. Storr, who by his assiduity and zeal had won for himself the appellation of which he was so justly proud—"Charity Storr." At the time of the consecration of this Lodge he (the speaker) was prevented by serious illness from accepting the late Bro. Storr's invitation; indeed, up to the present time he (Bro. Morgan) had scarcely recovered from the effects of that indisposition. Still he could not easily forget the kindly words of sympathy which he received during the time he was laid aside, and more especially the message delivered to him from Bro. Storr, wherein he said he wished him (the speaker) to help him in carrying out some matters of Masonic importance in which he took an active interest. Only three days afterwards he heard of Bro. Storr's death, and it came as a shock to him, as doubtless it did to the very wide circle of Masonic friends and admirers with whom "Charity Storr" had been brought into contact. They had had, necessarily, some rather lengthy speeches that evening, and he did not feel inclined to follow the example set, neither did he consider any words of his could compare with the eloquent utterances which had fallen from the Worshipful Master and other speakers. But as the W.M. had made special reference to the death of the late Prince Consort, and the other losses that had occurred in the Royal Family, he thought Tennyson's "In Memoriam" would have a peculiarly appropriate application at this Jubilee gathering to the remarks that had emanated from the Worshipful Master. With their permission he would recite that selection, one of the best that had been penned by the Poet Laureate. The recital was then given, and was cordially received. The Worshipful Master paid a deserved tribute to the zeal, ability and assiduity displayed by the Officers of the Lodge, and responses were severally made by Bros. T. Eccleston Gibb S.W., J. Percy Fitzgerald J.W., and E. Y. Jolliffe P.M. Secretary. Reference was made to the satisfactory increase of the Lodge and the solid position it had already attained, and the members were congratulated upon having sent up the very satisfactory contribution of over one hundred guineas, through their Steward (Bro. E. Y. Jolliffe), to the recent Festival of the Girls' School. During the evening the speeches were interspersed by a choice selection of vocal music, under the direction of Brothers J. F. Hawkins and J. Kift, assisted by Bros. H. Schartau, Arthur Thompson and R. Grice.

The arrangements made by Bro. Cummings, the esteemed Secretary of the Lodge, for the comfort and enjoyment of the guests were beyond all praise, and thanks were tendered to him for his energetic efforts in that direction. Bro. Henry Povey, also, as Director of Ceremonies, exerted himself most assiduously, and shared, with Bro. Cummings, in the expressions of approval that were heard on every side.

#### PRUDENCE LODGE, No. 2069.

THE ordinary meeting of this Lodge was held on the 14th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds. The W.M., Bro. C. Letch Mason P.M. P.P.G. Treasurer, was surrounded by the following Officers and members:—Bros. Tudor Trevor P.M. S.W., W. Watson P.M. J.W., Middleton Secretary, R. Abbott Treasurer, Scott Young S.D., Butterworth as J.D., Jameson I.G., Howarth Organist, Milling Steward, Wilton Jones, Smithson, &c. Defence Lodge, No. 1221, was the visiting Lodge, and amongst the Officers and members of that Lodge who partook of the hospitality of the W.M. (Bro. Mason) were: Bros. R. Harris W.M., Major Moore P.M. P.P.G.S.B., R. Lucas J.W., Tomlinson Secretary, C. D. Swale S.D., H. Child J.D., and Marsh. The other Visitors included Wor. Bros. Henry Smith D.P.G.M., J. W. Fourness P.M. P.G. Treasurer, W. F. Smithson P.M. 1001 P.P.G.D. and Chairman of the Charity Committee of West Yorkshire, T. E. Pritt S.D. 289, Rev. J. Eadie 630 Vicar of Shrewsbury, Rev. G. Vine E.A. (Apollo), &c. As this was the first meeting of Prudence since its I.P.M. V.W. Bro. Dr. Cartwright Smyth, M.A., was invested Senior Grand Chaplain of England, his entrance to the Lodge was the signal for a hearty demonstration of respect and congratulation. The W.M., advancing to meet this popular and widely respected brother, said V.W. Bro. Dr. Smyth, in the name of Lodge Prudence I welcome you in your capacity as Grand Chaplain of England. Lodge Prudence feels it is no mean honour having on its roll of members such an illustrious brother as yourself. It is very gratifying to the members to know that through the establishment of this Lodge, with you as one of its

founders, you have been enabled to receive the great honours now bestowed upon you, and although we have not been privileged to be the first Lodge in Leeds to welcome you since your appointment as Grand Chaplain, yet rest assured our welcome is none the less sincere; and I am only re-echoing the feelings of every member in saying that we hope the Great Architect of the Universe will grant you long life and health to enjoy the rank so deservedly bestowed upon you. Dr. Smyth in suitable and graceful language reciprocated the good wishes of which the W.M. had been the mouthpiece. W. Bro. Mason then with great force and impressiveness passed Bro. Pendleton to the second degree. The ballot having been declared clear for Mr. Crossley, a candidate for initiation, he was introduced to the mysteries of the first degree by the V.W. Bro. Dr. Smyth. The announcement was made in the Lodge that Bro. Jameson having received an important appointment under the Hackney Local Board was about to leave Leeds, and whilst hearty congratulations were poured upon Bro. Jameson upon his success, the pleasure of the brethren was somewhat tinged with pain, for Bro. Jameson's genial presence will be greatly missed from his mother Lodge. The Grand Chaplain then read his paper, entitled "Some common objections to Freemasonry," a report of which has already appeared, and it is only necessary here to say that it was listened to with attention and enjoyment by all who were privileged to be present during its delivery. The Lodge having closed in peace and harmony, an adjournment was made to the banqueting room, where an ample repast was laid, and, though alcohol, by the rules of this Lodge, was conspicuous by its absence, a happy time was spent, speech and song alternating with pleasing variety. It was announced that nearly £50 had been subscribed by the members of the Lodge towards the two presentations to the Widows' Benevolent Fund (1000 guineas each), which were being raised in West Yorkshire to celebrate the Jubilee.

#### ROYAL VICTORIA JUBILEE LODGE, No. 2184.

THE first regular meeting of the above Lodge was held at the Tilbury Hotel, Tilbury, Essex, on Friday, the 20th inst., when there were present Bros. C. T. Lewis W.M., W. Smith S.W., G. J. Westfield J.W., H. Lewis Treasurer, Geo. Hughes Secretary, C. H. Canning S.D., A. T. Dale J.D., C. Jolly D.C., T. Ringrise I.G., J. G. Hammond Steward, F. J. Eadie A.S., A. J. Manning P.M., J. T. Barnes, J. W. Cain, J. Billinghamurst, C. Tayler, C. Wood, J. W. Joyce, H. Plater, G. F. Penney; and the following visitors:—Bros. G. West P.M. 1327 P.P.G.S.D. Herts, J. Howell W.M. 1343, W. Dickeson W.M. 179, C. W. Butler 228, W. S. Cooper 1783, J. Carter J.W. 898, S. Brown 1472, S. Sutcliff 1472, and W. J. Mott 1343. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the Consecration meeting were read by the Secretary, and duly received confirmation. The ballot was then taken for Bros. Barnes 226 S.C. and C. Tayler 228; this proved unanimous in favour. The ballot was then taken and proved unanimous in favour of Messrs. J. W. Joyce, H. Plater, and G. F. Penney, as candidates for initiation. These gentlemen being in attendance were duly initiated. Bro. H. Lewis was unanimously elected Treasurer and invested. Hearty good wishes were expressed by the visiting brethren, and the Lodge was closed. The brethren, to the number of about thirty, adjourned to banquet table. On the cloth being removed the W.M. gave the loyal toasts, which were duly responded to. In replying for the Grand Officers, past and present, Bro. Manning P.P.G.S.D. Essex, in a few well chosen remarks, said that time was getting short, and as Bro. Philbrick remarked at the consecration, "Time and trains wait for no man," so that anything he might leave unsaid was on account of time. However, he esteemed it a great honour to be called upon, and thanked the brethren for the kind manner they had responded to the toast. The health of the W.M. was proposed by Bro. Manning, who undertook the duty with a very considerable amount of pleasure. He had had the honour of initiating Bro. Lewis in the Henley Lodge, and had enjoyed his friendship ever since; he was sure he would do his duty, and under him the Lodge would prosper. Bro. Lewis in reply hardly knew how to thank Bro. Manning and the brethren for the manner in which his health had been proposed and received; he was very proud to hold the position of first Master. Nothing should be left undone on his part to make the Lodge a success. He trusted that at the end of the year the brethren would have no cause to regret having placed him in his high office. There were several other toasts—the Initiates, the Visitors, and the Officers of the Lodge—proposed and responded to before the Tyler closed the proceedings of the evening. The founder's jewel, which was a very handsome one, was designed by Bro. F. J. Eadie, one of the promoters of the Lodge.

#### ALDRSGATE CHAPTER, No. 1657.

THE May Convocation of this Chapter was held on Monday, the 16th inst., at the Albion, when Comp. Alfred Brookman, C.C., M.E.Z. presided. The Companions elected for the ensuing year were as follows:—Comps. Crockford M.E.Z., Jolliffe H., Marshall J., From S.E., Saillard S.N., Kenning Treasurer, Larkin P.S., Hudson 1st A.S., Rawlinson 2nd A.S., Parkinson J., Shutter, Anderton and Reynolds Auditors. A handsome gold jewel was presented to Comp. Alderman Sir John Staples, K.C.M.G., P.Z., in recognition of his services as M.E.Z. during the past year.

The regular Convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement was held at Northampton House, St. Pauls Road, on Thursday. Comps. Edmunds M.E.Z., Radcliffe H., Brasted J., Sheffield S.E., Salmon S.N., Jones P.S. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, and the Chapter of Improvement was adjourned till the third Thursday in September.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

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## LONDON AND PROVINCIAL MASONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—While agreeing in the main with Bro. James Stevens as to the desirability of subdividing the Metropolitan Lodges into a series of Provinces or Districts, there is one point in his letter which appeared in your issue of the 14th inst. to which I take exception. He draws comparisons between Lodges outside the radius of ten miles from Freemasons' Hall and those within it, which are alike uncalled for and unfair, even if they may not be termed incorrect.

For instance, he says that "far more social harmony and concord are to be found in the Lodges outside the radius of 'ten miles from Freemasons' Hall' than within it"—a libel on London brethren "which is not correct!" I am sorry Bro. Stevens should have deemed it desirable to introduce such arguments in support of his pet scheme. Then he speaks of uniformity of working, and says that "the Lodges in each Province at least observe one and the same system, enforced by their recognised authority, the Grand Lodge of the Province in which they are enrolled." This may be the case, but my opinion is that as wide diversions are to be found in individual Provinces as are to be met with in the Metropolitan area.

I do not for one moment doubt that Bro. Stevens firmly believes what he has written, but he may have overlooked the fact his remarks are open to the objection I have pointed out; I can hardly believe he intended to libel his London brethren, or to question their sincerity or "respect for the principles of Freemasonry." I can assure him that no "stronger bond of union and advantageous co-operation" are to be found anywhere than exists among the members of many London Lodges.

I am, &c.

A LONDON MASON.

## PREFERMENT AMONG MASONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I think the "COMPANION" who addressed you last week on the subject of what he terms "cliqueism" is labouring under a misapprehension when he assumes that preferment among Masons—either in Lodge or Chapter—is to be by seniority. I think he will find it stated in the Constitutions that all preferment shall be by merit. When it comes to the filling of an elective office by ballot, I think it is absurd for a minority in a Lodge to accuse their fellows of cliqueism because such and such a brother is not accepted for an office. What is the use of an election if the opinions or the motives of the majority are to be questioned? It is absurd to argue that a majority of the members of any Lodge can engage in "cliqueism" against the minority. It is the old story of the dog wagging his tail, or the tail wagging the dog. As soon as a majority in a Lodge want matters a certain way it may be assumed there is some sort of method in their "madness," and the best course is for the minority to bow to their opinion and thus ensure harmony.

I also think your correspondent spoils his case by his own evidence. He says the Companion passed over already "holds" a similar office in another Chapter "to that he sought in the one where he was rejected on the ballot." This, to my mind, is sufficient to warrant his rejection. I consider it unfair for Brethren or Companions to seek for office in more than one Lodge or Chapter, to the exclusion of others equally worthy and equally anxious for preferment. It seems to be the ambition of some men to hold any number of offices to which they can be appointed, overlooking the fact that by holding more than one collar they are shutting out some other brother from the coveted honour. I should like to see a rule passed that no brother should hold more than one office without obtaining a dispensation, which should only be granted when it was proved there were no other members of the Lodge or Chapter capable of carrying out the duties required.

Yours fraternally,

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## THE FUTURE OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As a supporter of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, I experienced great pleasure in reading the report of its Committee of Management, as published in your last issue, as I think any one must do who has the welfare of his fellow creatures at heart. I rejoiced to think it was possible to relieve so many as are now provided for—no less than 415 old people, in receipt of either £10, £22 or £20 per annum each—but I was also struck with feelings of anxiety when I learned the amount annually needed to provide for this large number of annuitants—£14,584! Where is this money to come from year after year, in addition to what is needed to maintain the other Masonic Charitable Institutions?

I should certainly be very sorry to see a falling off in the amounts subscribed for this charity, and I hope I may not live to hear of any less sum being contributed, but is it fair on the part of the present generation to assume that those who come after will be as willing to support this Institution as are the Masons of to-day; and, above all, that they will equally have the means of doing so. It is a very difficult matter to say what is to be done with the money subscribed. I certainly am of opinion that it should be distributed as fast as it comes in, and not be invested—at least not to any large extent—but it may be worth considering whether the Institution ought not to make some of its annuities terminable, or at least give them on the understanding that they may be discontinued at the end of say three or five years. At present I think it is generally assumed that the annuities are given for life, and I dread to think what would be the consequences if from any unforeseen calamity the income of the Institution was for a number of years considerably reduced below its present figures.

I hope my alarm is uncalled for, but we none of us know what the future may bring forth.

Yours, &c.

A LIFE GOVERNOR.

## REVIEWS.

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Official Directory for the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall. Edited by William James Hughan, P.S.G.D. England, &c. Truro: "Royal Cornwall Gazette" Office.

As the compilers of many other Provincial calendars have had occasion to explain, Bro. Hughan informs the brethren of the Province of which he is the Past Grand Secretary, that in consequence of the delay in the receipt of some of the Lodge returns the Directory is published later than usual. However, so far from this being an unmixed disadvantage, he has been able to include the latest details, embracing the Officers recently appointed in Grand Lodge, and other matters of interest. The Directory has now reached the sixteenth year of its publication, and seeing that it is issued quarterly it will be evident that each issue is carefully amended, and the information given in it brought "down to date." For all this, however, it does not appear that the demand for the little handbook has been so satisfactory as could have been wished during the last year or two, and consequently the Editor has decided not to print the list of votes for the central Masonic Charities, which had been compiled by Bro. C. Truscott, because of the time and expense involved. Should the demand for this year's Directory be more satisfactory, the list will be published as a Supplement, on completion of Brother G. B. Pearce's Stewardship, in June. With respect to the manual itself there are throughout its pages evidences of careful and judicious compilation, whilst the additional reading matter towards the end of the book invests it with interest. Several pages are devoted to details respecting the Masonic Charitable Associations of the Province, after which come lists of the annual meetings and festivals of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall, towns in which the Lodges are held, with the days of meeting, and a complete list of the present and past Officers and other members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall having the right to vote, compiled from the annual returns for 1886. The laws and regulations of the Provincial Grand Lodge are printed in full; and, as a kind of appendix, are given two addresses delivered by the Provincial Grand Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. E. K. Kendall, M.A., Hon. D.C.L., at the meetings of the Provincial Grand Lodge in 1885 and 1886. The subjects are "What have ye to do with the Lord God of Israel?" and "What mean ye by this Service?" and these addresses, which give to the Directory more than a mere local interest, have been printed by request of the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, the Provincial Grand Master. This is a neat and handy work of reference, and deserves all the support the brethren of the Province can give to it.

The "march of improvement" has been exemplified in few branches of industry more than in the manufacture of that recent, but rapidly developed invention, the bicycle. Probably no other implement in which utility with popular recreation are combined has assumed such a variety of shapes and patterns as have of late years been witnessed in the "wheel world"; at our exhibitions the array of machines of every sort and condition, each presenting some ingenious specialité, is sufficient to bewilder even those who are adepts at the athletic exercise. Added to the list, we have before us an illustrated catalogue issued by the British Cycle Manufacturing Company, of Liverpool, giving description of several new patterns and important improvements to their machines. Foremost amongst these stand the "Jubilee" safety bicycle, for which is claimed superiority of speed, ease, and safety in riding. It is well made and finished, and suitable for any person to ride; will withstand the hardest work and is very easy to propel; and the increased number of orders received from dealers and others prove that this "mount" is giving entire satisfaction. In this catalogue is a vast amount of information for cyclists, whilst the illustrations give an interesting indication of the uses—commercial, military, and pleasurable—to which these machines are now applied.

## DEATH.

PRICE.—On Tuesday, 24th inst., MARY ANN, wife of Bro. Captain Henry Ernest Price. The funeral will take place at Norwood Cemetery, this day (Saturday), at 12 1/2.

## THE THEATRES, &amp;c.

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**Opera Comique.**—Adapting such a novel as Mr. F. C. Philips' "As in a Looking Glass" for the stage was certainly the last thing one might have expected; still this was the task undertaken by Mr. F. C. Grove; the result giving a play thoroughly interesting from start to finish; yet, we are compelled to add, with a somewhat unwholesome flavour. This mistake is caused by one character—Lena Despard—the centre of attraction throughout. In the first three acts this woman is nothing better than an adventuress, seeking whom she may devour, while in the last act she calls for all the sympathy stage heroines are entitled to. Mr. Grove has set himself a difficult task, and has successfully accomplished it. Lena Despard, a divorced wife, has associated herself with a certain Jack Fortinbras. That, later on, she should desire to get rid of Fortinbras is only natural; with this object in view she plots that Algernon Balfour shall marry her. There is, however, an obstacle in the way; Balfour is engaged to a Miss Vyse. Lena, however, resolves to carry out her wish, to which end she makes the acquaintance of Miss Vyse, whom she leads to believe that her lover is false, and by this means the engagement is broken off. Then Lena's turn comes; she sympathises with Balfour, who in return proposes for her hand. Balfour takes Lena to Balfour Castle, where Jack turns up, to know what Lena is "going to stand on the job." She refuses, and Jack threatens to tell Balfour, by whom the threat is partly overheard. To save her lover Lena takes a dose of poison, from which she eventually dies. The character of Lena wants a finished actress to interpret it, and certain is it Mrs. Bernard Beere has capacity. Her happy and thoughtless display in the first part is ably delineated, while the death scene is rendered in so natural a way that if anything is wrong it is that it is too realistic. Mrs. Beere has thoroughly grasped the character, and we may without hesitation chronicle a best on record for her. The support given her is fair. The Balfour of Mr. Bucklaw was earnest, if not impressive. Mr. Herbert Standing had but little to do as Jack Fortinbras. The best drawn male character was Count Paul Dromiroff. M. Marius gave a capital rendering of this character. Miss Eva Sothorn made the most of the easily deceived Miss Vyse, and Miss Maud Williamson was a fair Lady Damer. Messrs. A. M. Denison, A. Marcel, Compton Contis, H. Deane, H. W. Brame, and the Misses Ashford and Marie Wynter all rendered able support. That "As in a Looking Glass" is a success we feel assured, and it should run at least to the end of the present season.

**Alhambra.**—Another of those charming ballets so popular at this house has lately been produced. When we state that Mons. J. Hansen is its inventor, while M. Jacobi has composed the music, it goes almost without saying it worthily upholds the traditions of the Alhambra. Mons. Hansen has dropped on a happy idea for his latest work, which he calls "Nadia," the scene of action being in Russia. The ballet has been arranged in two tableaux, the first represents a rustic interior, where a wedding is about to take place. The bride, however, is attended by a kind of Mephistopheles, who so charms her, by his performance on a musical instrument, that in the end she allows this mysterious being to lead her to a stalactite cave in the silver mines. Here, however, he loses his power, and when the bride's lover comes to the cave she at once consents to return to her native village. From this outline it will be seen Mons. Hansen has based his ballet on a substantial idea, one that can easily be followed. But what matters whether the idea be interesting or no, so long as there are pretty dresses, graceful dancing, and tasteful groupings. That all these are provided in "Nadia" we can assure our readers. L. Besche has not failed to avail himself of the opportunity afforded for designing the dresses, which have been manufactured by M. and Mdme. Alias, in their best style, and the grouping, in the last tableau, shows them to the greatest advantage. In reference to the music, which we have already stated is by Jacobi, it does not strike us as being so tuneful as some of this composer's previous efforts. Mdlle. Palladino has returned to the Alhambra, again to be received with the plaudits she certainly deserves. Her dancing is of the highest order. We may especially mention the pizzicato and variation in the first, and the variation valse in the second tableau. Mdlle. Palladino receives capital support from Mdles. Cormani and Marie. That "Nadia" has started on a long and successful career we cannot doubt, and we congratulate all concerned on their success.

## THE 19TH CENTURY ART SOCIETY.

THIS Society has opened its summer exhibition with some good work. Indeed, it is, altogether, an interesting exhibition. There are but few non-exhibitors amongst its 557 members. To those who are not well acquainted with this Institution, so valuable to young and rising artists, it may not be out of place to mention that the rooms are admirably adapted to their purpose; the terms of membership are most reasonable, and for eight months in the year the galleries are open to the public.

The figure subjects are not numerous, but amongst the most noticeable are the following, "Ready for Church" (143), by E. Dixon; an old country dame, with prayer book in her hand, carefully and strongly painted; J. M. Bowkett's "A Happy Family" (167), a pretty child with cat and kittens; "Far from the madding crowd," by Edgar Anderson, a venerable head in profile; a careful study; but Mr. Anderson's best work is in another gallery, Mabel (551), a highly finished vignette in red chalk. Herman Schmiechen's "Portrait of the Artist's Mother" (275), F. W. Hayes' "Portrait S. H." (259), are careful pieces of work; and "Sweet rival of the gems she sold" (223), by T. K. Pelham—a Spanish girl with a basket

of flowers, is admirable for its mellow and harmonious treatment. Amongst the sea pieces Mr. G. S. Walters' "Sunset on the Maas, Holland" (16), is strikingly beautiful in its rich atmosphere, and with the artist's customary finish in details. "A ground-swell, after a gale" (240), by Walter J. Shaw, for real living water, so to speak, is a masterpiece of painting; lovely in its transparency. "Autumn Mellow: Thomasin Pass, Goatland, Whitby" (159), occupies the post of honour in the principal gallery, and deservedly so, as it, for breadth, solid treatment, the preservation of distances and atmosphere, possesses all the true qualities of landscape. "Fishing Hut on the Tow, North Devon" (101), by A. Bevan Collier; "The Bulwarks of Old England," by Douglas Adams (101), and "At Shere, Surrey" (369), by Georges Marks, deserve attention—the latter for its indication of repose. To be critical, the greens are a little too green. There are several pretty flower paintings, but "Roses" (51), by Sophie Marr, is the best. For its humour—"A Skeleton at the Feast" (84), by Arthur C. Dodd should not be passed by. The subject—two dogs and a cat looking at a bowl of milk, all disconcerted by a large spider hanging directly over the tempting fluid. Space prevents our noticing the exhibition more fully, but young artists will do well to visit it, and compare notes between mature and immature work; and the public will be glad to know that the catalogue is useful in more senses than one, inasmuch as it gives the prices of the pictures.

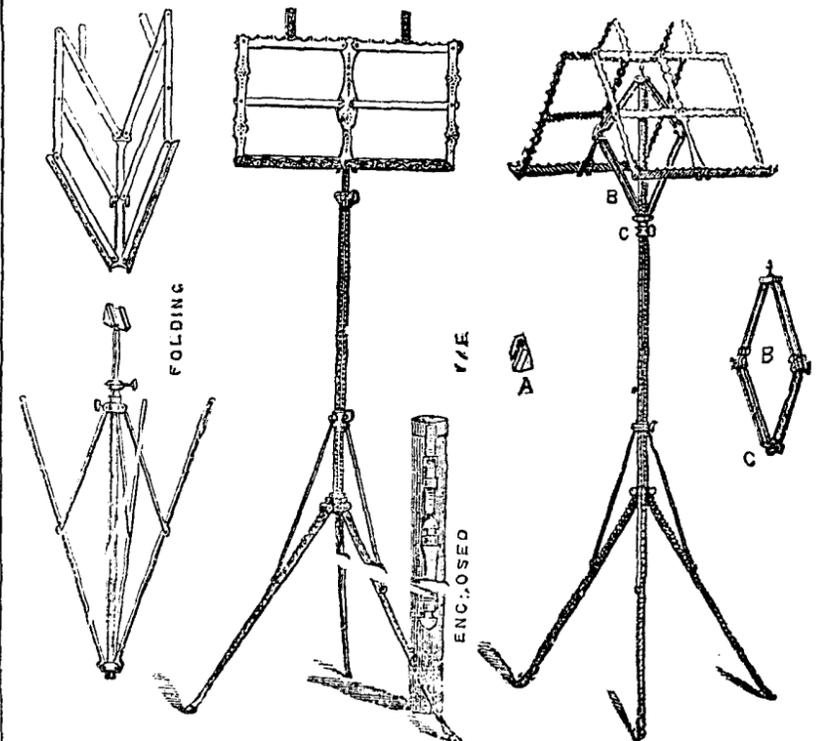
We have been requested to direct attention to an error that crept into the advertisement of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex, in our last week's issue. It was there stated the time the trains leave Baker Street for Harrow would be 9 and 49 minutes past each hour; this should have been 29 and 59 minutes past each hour.

**THE REIGN OF SOLOMON.**—Solomon died about the year 975 B.C., according to the received chronology, and was buried in Jerusalem. His age was not more than fifty-eight (though he is described in the Bible as old); but he had reigned as long as his father—viz., forty years. Though not distinguished by any very striking vicissitudes, so far as external facts are concerned, the rule of Solomon had been weighty with moral teaching. Beginning with signal prosperity, and passing onward and upward to the zenith of magnificence, it closed amid gathering clouds, and under the shadow of impending change. Solomon had tasted the utmost sweetness of fortune; he did not live to taste its utmost bitterness; but he apprehended to the very root that inexpressible melancholy and despair which lie at the bottom of all pleasures in excess, of all associations that are un sanctified by love, and all power that is unwarranted by the good it does. Dominion had been his, and honour, and success, and knowledge beyond the lore of other men; he had seen the pomp of regality as only the potentates of the East can see it; and the exaltation of religious triumph had lifted him for a season into the loftiest air that human pride or humbleness can breathe. Yet, in the latter days of his life (if the book of Ecclesiastes be really his), he discovered that all was vexation of spirit, to no worthy end—that all was vanity beneath the sun which lit him to an unregarded grave.—*Cassell's Illustrated Universal History.*

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Further particulars will be duly announced.

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Office—6 Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
9th May 1886.

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Past Grand Senior Warden of England.  
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PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

A MEETING of the PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE will be held  
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By command of the Provincial Grand Master,  
J. F. H. WOODWARD, P.M. P.Z.  
Prov. Grand Secretary.

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At the Annual General Meeting of this Institution, held at Free-  
masons' Tavern, London, on Friday, 20th May 1887,

Bro. EDGAR BOWYER, P.G.S.B., Patron & Trustee,  
in the Chair.

After the general business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers  
proceeded to the ELECTION of 16 MALE ANNUITANTS from an approved  
list of 51 Candidates, and 41 FEMALE ANNUITANTS from an approved list  
of 77 Candidates, when the following were declared duly elected:—

**MALES.**

No. on Poll	No. on List		Votes
1	31	Bro. Jolliffe	4665
2	33	Elcomb	2366
3	38	Ruf	2295
4	49	Darwin	2265
5	18	Riddell	2154
6	40	John Taylor	2146
7	45	Larsen	2143
8	43	Sewell	2121
9	27	Townsend	2115
10	11	Monday	2051
11	19	Marshall	2012
12	2	*Harper	1973
13	8	*Rowe	1956
14	9	Hackforth (deferred)	1910
15	39	Bowler	1894
16	22	Willcocks	1880

**WIDOWS.**

1	21	Mrs. Mary Ann Bennett	2570
2	39	E. M. Langley	2278
3	10	E. A. Cook	2123
4	9	J. Leaver	2108
5	45	E. L. Harper	2028
6	22	M. A. Taylor	1930
7	42	A. Page	1914
8	44	E. Gibson	1836
9	40	E. A. Butcher	1833
10	38	J. Ellis	1809
11	35	M. A. Bird	1746
12	28	R. Wardale	1649
13	51	Mary Holder	1649
14	14	E. C. Dann	1561
15	17	M. Percy	1533
16	36	C. L. Hart	1513
17	77	C. Beake	1482
18	7	J. M. Townsend	1470
19	76	M. A. George	1454
20	31	Harriet Andrew	1441
21	63	Margaret Perrott	1441
22	46	Mary A. Brown	1394
23	59	C. M. Lückes	1377
24	71	Eliza Smith	1377
25	24	Annie Lloyd	1344
*26	26	Elizabeth Oates	1335
*27	62	Elizabeth A. Brafield	1335
*28	53	Julia Acason	1329
*29	34	Elizabeth Redfearn	1306
*30	47	Emma Spencer	1306
*31	70	Matilda C. Jones	1303
*32	66	E. Stapleton	1301
*33	65	Mary Ann Weldon	1288
*34	57	Ann Geldart	1291
*35	50	Jane Taylor	1242
*36	52	Mary A. Godbold	1212
*37	41	Mary S. Edwards	1130
*38	68	Francisca Bradley	1052
39	64	Ellen Hall (deferred)	922
40	1	Margaret Rowell	834
41	58	Georgiana Lucia	812

The following candidates who were next highest on the Poll, in their respec-  
tive Lists, were awarded sums of money, the two highest in each case from the  
Committee of the John Hervey Fund, and the third from the Emulation  
Lodge of Improvement, as follows:—

**JOHN HERVEY MEMORIAL FUND.**

**MALES.**

**FEMALES.**

Bro. W. Bennett	7 10 0	Mrs. Themans	7 10 0
J. Smith	7 0 0	Coles	7 0 0

**EMULATION LODGE OF IMPROVEMENT FUND.**

Bro. George Cubitt	5 0 0	Mrs. Read	5 0 0
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The votes of the unsuccessful candidates will be carried forward to the next  
election.

Those marked \* are elected to fill vacancies occasioned by death since the  
proxies were issued.

The three lowest on the Poll both (Male and Female) will be placed on the  
list of annuitants as vacancies occur.

By order,

JAMES TERRY, P. Prov. G.S.W. Norths and Hunts,  
Secretary.

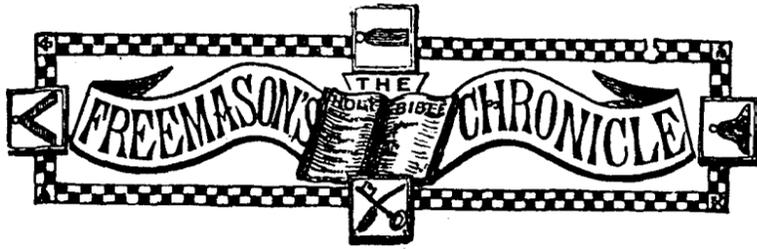
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QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 1st June 1887, at 6 for 7 p.m.

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 2nd March for confirmation.
2. The Minutes of the Grand Festival of the 27th April for confirmation.
3. Appointment and investiture of President of Board of General Purposes.
4. Election of Members of the Board of General Purposes.
5. Election of Members of the Colonial Board.
6. Election of a Grand Lodge Auditor.
7. Election of Members for the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons.

(For list of names of the Brethren nominated for the several Boards and Committees see below.)

8. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz. :—

A Brother of the Worthing Lodge of Friendship, No. 851, Worthing ... ..	£50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Harrogate and Claro Lodge, No. 1001, Harrogate ... ..	75	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Londesborough Lodge, No. 1681, London ... ..	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother ... ..	150	0	0
A Brother of the Camaledunum Lodge, No. 660, Malton ... ..	75	0	0
A Brother of the Hertford Lodge, No. 403, Hertford ... ..	150	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Neptune Lodge, No. 22, London ... ..	75	0	0
A Brother of the Pimlico Lodge, No. 1772, London ... ..	100	0	0
A Brother of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 272, Boston ... ..	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Lodge Zetland-in-the-East, No. 508, Singapore ... ..	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Mundy Grove Lodge, No. 506, Shipley Gate ... ..	50	0	0
A Brother of the Lodge of Loyalty, No. 1607, London ... ..	50	0	0

9. Special Report from the R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Devonshire—under Article 193, Book of Constitutions—transmitting and recommending a Memorial from the Lodge Sincerity, No. 189, East Stonehouse, for the expulsion from the Order of a Brother of the said Lodge, he having been recently convicted of felony and sentenced to five years' penal servitude.

10. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

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

The Board have to report that there being at present no complete catalogue of the library of Grand Lodge, they have arranged for one to be prepared as soon as possible, and that in order to accommodate brethren who may desire to make use of the library in the evening, the Board propose that it shall remain open on Mondays and Thursdays until ten o'clock p.m., and on other days by arrangement. The Board recommend that Bro. H. Sadler Grand Tyler be appointed Sub-Librarian, under the Grand Secretary, in addition to his other duties, with a salary of £20 a-year, in order to carry out the proposed arrangements.

The Board also recommend that in consideration of the very large increase in the Craft and Royal Arch of late years, and consequently in the duties of the Grand Secretary, and especially of the manner in which, in the unanimous opinion of the Board, those duties are discharged, it be recommended to Grand Lodge that the salary of Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, the present Grand Secretary, be raised from £800 per annum, its present amount, to £1,000 per annum, and that the first quarterly payment of such increased salary be due and payable on Midsummer Day now next ensuing.

To the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts, at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 13th day of May instant, showing a balance in the Bank of England (Western Branch) of £6,401 17s 10d, and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £100, and for Servants' Wages £100, and balance of annual allowance for Library, £25 6s 3d.

(Signed) THOMAS FENN,  
President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.  
17th May 1887.

At the meeting of the Board held on Tuesday, the 17th of May, after the ordinary business had been disposed of, Bro. John Lawrence Mather, Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, said that this being the last meeting of the Board prior to the election, he was desired by the members to express their most sincere thanks to the V.W. Brother Thomas Fenn for his kindness and courtesy uniformly displayed by him on all occasions as President of the Board of General Purposes.

11. APPEAL.—By Brother the Rev. Henry Watson P.M. 757, Past District Grand Chaplain Bombay, against a ruling of his District Grand Master, refusing him permission to refer to official letters of the District Grand Secretary when asking a question in District Grand Lodge of which he had given due notice.

12. NOTICES OF MOTION—

1. By Brother Joseph Clever P.M. Lodge of Amity, No. 171, Greenwich.

That the sum of £1000 be paid from the Fund of General Purposes of this Grand Lodge to each of the Masonic Institutions, viz. :—The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons, the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, as a special Jubilee Offering of this Grand Lodge to further the objects of those Charities.

2. By Brother Raynham W. Stewart P.G. Deacon.

That in commemoration of the Jubilee of the reign of Her Majesty the Queen, the following donations be given from the Fund for General Purposes :—

- To the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, £2000.
- To the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, £2000.
- To the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, £2000.

3. By Brother Raynham W. Stewart P.G. Deacon :—

That the sum of £70 be given from the Fund of General Purposes ; that the money be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, to supply the inmates of the Institution at Croydon with coals during the winter season.

List of Brethren nominated for the Board of General Purposes.

MASTERS.

AUGUSTUS TAYLOR DAY	-	-	-	-	58
HENRY SUTHERLAND, M.D.	-	-	-	-	99
HUBERT L. M. HANCOCK	-	-	-	-	143
FREDERICK TROTMAN BENNETT	-	-	-	-	211
NUSSERWANJEE DOSSABHOY FRACIS	-	-	-	-	255
ROBERT GEORGE CLUTTON	-	-	-	-	631
HENRY PRITCHARD	-	-	-	-	1415
JOHN HORACE THOMPSON	-	-	-	-	1471
HENRY DICKEY	-	-	-	-	1744
WILLIAM EDWARD STEWART	-	-	-	-	2000

PAST MASTERS.

EDWARD TERRY	-	-	-	-	29
RICHARD COLEMAN HALLOWES	-	-	-	-	33
HENRY BISHOP	-	-	-	-	66
CHARLES DAIRY	-	-	-	-	141
CHARLES BELTON	-	-	-	-	165
CHARLES FREDERICK HOGARD	-	-	-	-	205
JAMES TERRY	-	-	-	-	228
ROBERT CLAY SUDLOW	-	-	-	-	263
THOMAS HASTINGS MILLER	-	-	-	-	907
HENRY VON JOEL	-	-	-	-	957
GEORGE HUNT	-	-	-	-	1009
JAMES STEVENS	-	-	-	-	1216
THOMAS CHARLES WALLS	-	-	-	-	1381
TOM DREW BEAR	-	-	-	-	1584
ALFRED COOPER	-	-	-	-	1591
W. ALFRED DAWSON	-	-	-	-	1768
FREDERICK ERNEST POCOCK, M.D.	-	-	-	-	1891
GEORGE GARDNER	-	-	-	-	2012
WILLIAM ALFRED SCURRAH	-	-	-	-	2048
HOWARD HENRY ROOM	-	-	-	-	2090
JOHN SPEIGHT CUMBERLAND	-	-	-	-	2128

List of Brethren nominated for the Colonial Board.

JAMES BRETT	-	-	-	-	177
THOMAS HENRY GARDINER	-	-	-	-	657
THOMAS JAMES REEVES	-	-	-	-	1118
THOMAS CHARLES WALLS	-	-	-	-	1381
REGINALD ST. A. ROUMIEU	-	-	-	-	1537
ALBERT ESCOTT	-	-	-	-	1593
LIEUT.-COL. GEORGE HALDANE	-	-	-	-	1615

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

ALFRED HENRY TATTERSHALL	-	-	-	-	140
CHARLES GEORGE DILLEY	-	-	-	-	147
JOHN EDWARD DAWSON	-	-	-	-	404
HUGH COTTER	-	-	-	-	554
Major ALFRED DURRANT	-	-	-	-	569
CHARLES ALEXANDER COTTEBRUNE	-	-	-	-	733

JAPHETH TICKLE	.	.	.	.	.	1196
RICHARD KIMPTON	.	.	.	.	.	1287
ALBERT FISH	.	.	.	.	.	1366
WILLIAM JOHN MUELLIS	.	.	.	.	.	1642

List of Lodges for which warrants have been granted by the Most Worshipful Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge.

- No. 2196.—The Victoria Lodge, Bridgetown, Barbados, West Indies.  
 2197.—The Spencer Walpole Temperance Lodge, Douglas, Isle of Man.  
 2198.—The Beresford Lodge, Petersham, New South Wales.  
 2199.—The Jubilee Lodge, Mittagong, New South Wales.  
 2200.—The Pantiles Lodge, Tunbridge Wells, Kent.  
 2201.—The Earl of Sussex Lodge, Brighton, Sussex.  
 2202.—The Regent's Park Lodge, Regent's Park, London.  
 2203.—The Farnborough and North Camp Lodge, Farnborough, Hampshire.  
 2204.—The Poulett Lodge, Wynyard, Tasmania.

The "Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book" for 1887 can be had at the Grand Secretary's Office, Freemasons' Hall, London, price 2s, bound in roan.

N.B.—The Book of Constitutions, edition 1884, can be had at the Grand Secretary's Office, in 8vo, price 1s 6d a copy, bound in cloth.

## FREEMASONRY IN SUSSEX.

THE Annual Convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Sussex was held in the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Saturday, the 23rd ult., under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Superintendent, Comp. Gerard Ford. The report of the Audit Committee and the Treasurer's accounts having been adopted, the Prov. G. Scribe E. reviewed the state of the Province, showing it to be in a prosperous condition. The following address was then given by the Prov. G. Superintendent:

Companions,—It is customary at this stage of our proceedings for the presiding Companion to say a few words, commonly called an address, to those present in reference to the state of Masonry in the Province, and, in particular, of Royal Arch Masonry. I find myself in the position of having to do this for the first time in my life, and I therefore ask your indulgence for any shortcomings at this moment. It is impossible, whilst considering and reviewing the present state and condition of Masonry in the Province of Sussex, not to be stayed at the threshold by the startling changes which have of late come over us, and one result of which has been to place me in the position I now occupy—all unworthy as I feel myself to sit in the seats of those revered Companions and Brethren who in times past, and prominently in recent days, have occupied this position. The loss of our Grand Superintendent, Sir W. W. Burrell, and his next in command—our Companion John Henderson Scott—constitute two events of surpassing moment to this Province; but when we consider that those two distinguished Masons not only represented the control of all that could further the prosperity of the Craft, as representing the double positions of Provincial Grand Master and Deputy Provincial Grand Master, but of Grand Superintendent and his second Principal in the Royal Arch degree—when, I say, we contemplate all that is implied in this duplicated Masonic bereavement, we may well mourn for them and deplore the removal of those eminent Masons and worthy men, who lately fulfilled their highly-important offices with so much zeal and untiring devotion to everything which might possibly conduce to the prosperity and the general well-being of our beloved Order. These being considerations which must occur to all of us, whether in or out of office, I would ask you for one moment to picture to yourselves what must pass through the mind of any one of you were he to be suddenly called upon to undertake the responsibilities, the labours, and the anxiety which any conscientious Mason must take upon himself when entering upon these duties. The Duke of Connaught, as you all know, is stationed in India, and, during his absence, it is my honour and privilege to represent his Royal Highness, and, so far as in me lies, to conduct the business of the Province to his and your satisfaction. There is also the responsible post of Grand Superintendent—that which I am occupying to day. Well, I can only say I shall anxiously do my best to carry out what is my duty in this direction. This is what chiefly concerns us on the present occasion as being assembled in Provincial Grand Chapter. It is with but a limited knowledge of the responsibilities of these positions that I essay to undertake them; but, from what I have thus early experienced, I feel great confidence that I shall have your indulgence; and, perhaps, with time will come better experiences. The encouragement to go on, in the shape of many fraternal assurances of support, and I feel that if I have the Province with me—with Arch and Craft—I shall be enabled to preside over it with pleasure to myself, and, certainly, with the single aim of securing its profit and advantage. As to the state of the community in this county—you have heard the statistics—we are in a fairly good and prosperous condition, and I trust we may look for increasing prosperity. A new Lodge, to be called by one of the titles of

H.R.H. the Provincial Grand Master, "The Earl of Sussex," will shortly be consecrated; for the warrant has been issued. As to whether there may be a possibility of the Duke of Connaught finding time amidst the host of engagements which will beset him during his brief visit to England, to run down here and inaugurate this new Lodge, is a matter upon which the Very Worshipful the Grand Secretary, whom we have the happiness to see amongst us to-day, is better able to enlighten you than I am. It will be a great day for us if we should be so fortunate as to have, so soon, another Royal Masonic visit—a distinction which you will agree with me we ought to honour in every possible way, because of H.R.H.'s prominent interest in Masonry, and the honour we enjoy in having him, one of a line of Royal Masons, to preside over us—the only instance I believe, in the kingdom; and it has secured to him the cordial fraternal adhesion of every Brother and Companion amongst us. In proof of which it will be remembered how cordial was the greeting he received when his illustrious brother the Prince of Wales, our future King, came here to instal him as our chief. His name, which is identical with the soil we tread upon, adds another strong link to those already associated with the enduring Masonic memories belonging to his Royal House. The late Duke of Sussex was, as you all know, our sovereign amongst Masons, and did wonders for the Institution; and it is a happy day indeed for us to know that the same grand principles survive with undiminished, nay, increasing, lustre in the persons of his Royal, and, better still, young relations. I have little to add to that which, I hope, has not already become too lengthy; yet I must congratulate you all, and the whole Masonic Fraternity, upon the grand results of our philanthropic appeals. You all know how powerfully they have availed to fit the female children to attain useful and honourable positions in life; how the boys have been instructed so as to go forth and worthily earn an honest livelihood; how the weak and tottering have been succoured and assisted in the downward path, which we all of us have to tread as we feel ourselves getting older. I will but ask you to realise the state of things which would have occurred if these Charities had not existed. Count the numbers of those who have been helped, and think of the misery, distress, and pauperism—probably crime—which have been averted! This is the watchword of the Masonic charities—"Help all to help themselves, and soften the downward steps of those who can no longer help themselves." I feel sure my words will not be in vain, and that you will—I do not say in profusion, for we are all pretty heavily called upon this year, but in readiness and willingness when the time comes, and particularly through our Masonic Charities' Committee—produce the ready shillings which do so much for us if, in God's Providence, we should ever be placed in a position of helplessness. Companions, I have done. I have asked your indulgence for myself. I have pointed out something of our present position here in Masonry. I will not imply indifference on your part to the grand principles of our Institution by subjecting you to any further exposition of them. You all know them. They have been indoctrinated in a manner which, I believe none of you will ever forget. It is enough for me, in this place, and once a year, to remind you of them, and I have every conviction that, as good Masons and true, you will take all care to propose and introduce into your Chapters none but men who will do us credit; that you will consider as secondary every idea which might possibly bring in anything like a qualification of the old and established principles and landmarks of the Order; and that you will, and once more I ask it, assist me by your cordial co-operation and a measure of your confidence, in enabling me to carry out all that by my new position is entailed upon your Superintendent.

The following Companions were then appointed as the Officers for the year, those present being duly invested with the insignia of office:

Comp. Lieut.-General W. Randolph			
P.Z. 1466	...	...	H.
T. Trollope, M.D., P.Z. 40	...	...	J.
V. P. Freeman P.Z. 311 315 732	...	...	S.E.
W. Dawes P.Z. 40	...	...	S.N.
R. Crosskey P.Z. 311	...	...	Treasurer
R. Pidcock P.Z. 916	...	...	Registrar
J. H. C. Coles P.Z. 916	...	...	Prin. Soj.
P. Robinson Z. 40	...	...	1st Asst. Soj.
J. Adams P.Z. 311	...	...	2nd Asst. Soj.
I. Wilkinson P.Z. 271	...	...	Sword Bearer
Arthur Smith P.Z. 38	...	...	Standard Bearer
B. Bennett P.Z. 732	...	...	Director of Cers.
A. King H. 271	...	...	Organist
C. R. Lockyer P.Z. 315	...	...	Stewards
E. Broadbridge P.Z. 811	...	...	
H. Hughes 811	...	...	Janitor

Provincial Grand Chapter having been closed the Companions repaired to the banqueting room, where they were joined by a large number of Craft Masters, the united company being presided over by Bro. Gerard Ford, in the dual capacity of Provincial Grand Superintendent and Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

Replying to the toast of the Grand Officers, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke said the officers of the Grand Lodge were always glad to have the opportunity of supporting the officers of a Province so high in their esteem as that of Sussex. Referring to the Earl of Sussex Lodge, for which a warrant had been granted, he regarded its foundation as a happy method of commemorating the successful meeting of June last, when the Prince of Wales installed his brother as Provincial Grand Master.

The D.P.G.M. would be the first W.M. of the New Lodge, and under such auspices its success was assured. Personally, he gave the founders assurances of his own hearty support, and he entertained the belief that the Duke of Connaught would be present to take part in the Consecration.

The toast of the Provincial Grand Master having been honoured, Bro. Clerke proposed the health of Bro. Gerard Ford, who in reply said he laid no claim to ability, but would yield to no man in his desire to carry out the duties of his office with the utmost efficiency. He felt greatly encouraged by the words that had fallen from Bro. Clerke, and would do his utmost to merit the confidence of the brethren throughout the Province. He had now arrived at the end and object of the meeting. They were met to ask Bro. V. P. Freeman's acceptance of a proof of the great respect and esteem in which he was held by the brethren of Sussex. He felt that he was not the best qualified brother present adequately to point to the merits of Bro. Freeman. He would not attempt to enumerate his many good points: they were known to all present. As Provincial Grand Secretary and Scribe, he had laboured with such assiduity that his (Bro. Ford's) labours were materially lightened. Bro. Freeman's work for the Province was daily; it never left him, and the machinery was never out of order. He merited the warmest thanks to every brother in the Province for his untiring efforts, and he trusted Sussex Freemasons would long have the advantages of his services. The Masonic fates had apparently united together in doing honour to him; for, associated with the presentation they were about to make to him, came the news of his appointment as Grand Deacon. Cordially they all congratulated him upon the high honour bestowed upon him, and hoped that in all his glory he would not forget the Province of Sussex. Bro. Ford then called upon Bro. B. Burfield, Provincial Assistant Grand Secretary, who read the following address, which formed part of the testimonial:—

“To Worshipful Bro. Vincent Paine Freeman, Provincial Grand Secretary, Past Provincial Senior Grand Warden, Provincial Grand Scribe Ezra, of Sussex. This testimonial, consisting of a bound address and purse, the latter containing a cheque for £700, has been mainly subscribed by his brethren and Companions of the various Lodges and Chapters of the Province, as a tangible expression of that high Masonic regard which they have so long entertained towards him. In making this presentation, the Masons of Sussex desire to express to Bro. Freeman their deep obligation to him for the untiring energy with which he has uniformly given effect to his valuable Masonic acquisitions. They feel that it is in a great measure due to his zeal and assiduity that the working of the Province has been so successfully kept in motion, and that without a Provincial Grand Secretary and Provincial Grand Scribe Ezra possessing those high qualifications which belong to Bro. Freeman, they could not have hoped to see the best interests of the Craft and Royal Arch Masonry so ably cared for, and the dignity as well as usefulness of the important positions which he occupies with the entire acclamation of his brethren and Companions, so effectually maintained. In asking him to accept this tribute, the various subscribers fraternally wish him lengthened days of health and prosperity under the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe, and they trust that the Brethren and Companions of Sussex may for many years enjoy the great advantages of his tried experience, and his ever ready helpfulness in all important cases of doubt and difficulty. Dated, at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, this 23rd day of April, A.L. 5887, A.D. 1887. Signed on behalf of the Presentation Committee, Gerrard Ford, Deputy Prov. Grand Master (Chairman), Robert Crosskey, Provincial Grand Treasurer (Treasurer), John M. Kidd P.M. 732, Francis Daniel P.M. 732, B. Burfield P.M. 1821 (Hon. Secretaries).”

[Here follows an alphabetical list of the names of the various Lodges and subscribers, 372 in number.]

The illuminated address, an admirable work of art, took the form of a book bound in blue morocco. The silver shield on the cover bearing the engraved monogram, “V.P.F.,” while the first page was occupied with the following words, artistically arranged and cleverly designed:—

“United Fraternity of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England and Wales; Province of Sussex; H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn Provincial Grand Master.”

The testimonial was handed by the Deputy Prov. G.M. to Bro. Freeman, amidst enthusiastic and prolonged applause. Bro. Freeman in the course of his reply said, the Province of Sussex had sent respectable sums to the Masonic Institutions, and the Brethren had recently subscribed to the Scott Testimonial and the Burrell Portrait Testimonial Funds. Nor had the funds of local Institutions been forgotten, and during the last ten years between £9,000 and £10,000 had been subscribed by

Sussex Freemasons. He (Bro. Freeman) was proud to share their respect and esteem, but surprised at the magnificent testimonial. He was not personally known to all the brethren, and that served to enhance the value of the presentation. The kind words of the address had awakened in his mind feelings of the warmest appreciation. His unexpected honour in Grand Lodge he also appreciated, not merely as a compliment to himself, but to the Province. Bro. W. R. Wood P.G.D., proposed the Visitors. Bro. F. Binckes and Bro. Major-General Ford responding. The Deputy Prov. G.M. gave the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Chapter, Present and Past, which was acknowledged by Brother Lieutenant-General Randolph, Prov. S.G.W., and Brother C. W. Hudson Prov. J.G.W.; while that of the Principals of the Chapters in the Province, was responded to by Bros. P. Robinson, W. R. Wood jun., and S. Peters. Brother Dawes proposed the W.M.'s of the Lodges in the Province, to which Bros. W. Botting and Price responded. The remaining toasts were the Testimonial Committee, acknowledged by Bros. R. Crosskey, J. M. Kidd, F. Daniel, and B. Burfield, and the Tyler's Toast.

#### THE WORCESTERSHIRE SOCIETY.

THE anniversary dinner of this old and useful Society, which has reached the seventy-second year of its existence, was held on Thursday evening, at Simpson's famous restaurant, in the Strand. Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., honorary treasurer, presided, in the unavoidable absence of Mr. James Corbett, M.P., who had promised to occupy the chair, but was prevented by indisposition from fulfilling his engagement. The company included Sir E. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., the Mayor of Worcester, the Mayor of Kidderminster, and many prominent supporters of the Society. The object of the association, as set forth in the speeches during the evening, is to raise a fund, by donations and annual subscriptions, for apprenticing children of necessitous persons, natives of any part of the county of Worcestershire, in the City of London and its vicinity, or in the city and county of Worcester; and also for lending them a sum of money at the expiration of their apprenticeship, to establish them in business, should their conduct have been meritorious. The report of the Committee showed that the funds of the Society now amount to £1620 1s 8d, standing in the names of the trustees, while the liabilities are £490. During the last year the Committee have apprenticed eight children, but there are fifteen waiting to be apprenticed. During its existence the Society has apprenticed 355 children, twenty-eight of whom are now serving under indentures. The Committee earnestly draw the attention of the friends of the association to the fact that the funds at their disposal had only allowed them to apprentice eight children out of a total of twenty-three applications. Up to this year no application had been made for any aid from the Assistance Fund. During the year the Committee had received two applications, which had raised an entirely new and important question. A few years ago it was determined by the Society that pupil teachers should be made eligible for the benefits of their assistance in apprenticing, and afterwards of assisting them in their start in life. It happened that two pupil teachers, natives of Worcestershire, who had not been apprenticed by the Society, were anxious to obtain assistance by paying the fees required for entrance into the Schoolmasters' Training Institution. Both were under age; one had passed first in all England in his final examination, and the other bore an exemplary character in every way. As time pressed in the first case, the committee determined to recommend a vote of £40 out of the Assistance Fund, and they trusted that in doing so their views would be ratified by the general meeting of the Society. The other case stood over, pending their decision upon the action already taken by the Committee. A hope was expressed that the opening of the People's Palace in the East End, and the schools connected therewith, would effect a material advance in the cause of technical education. There were several suggestions before the Legislature in reference to the matter, which would no doubt receive due attention as soon as the state of business would permit. Reference was made, with deep regret, to the loss the society had sustained in the death of Lord Hindlip, whose generous sympathy with all the charitable institutions in the county was extended to this Society in a marked degree. One of the oldest subscribers, he was most regular in his attendances at their anniversary meetings, as long as his health permitted him. The report, which was regarded as generally satisfactory, was received and adopted. The usual toasts, which bore principally upon the trade and business of Worcestershire, were given, and received due attention, and during the evening several substantial subscriptions were promised in aid of the funds of the Society.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Colds, coughs, shortness of breath.—These maladies require early and unremitting attention, for if neglected they often end in asthma, bronchitis, or consumption. The Ointment well rubbed on the chest and back, penetrating the skin, is absorbed and carried directly to the lungs, whence it expels all impurities. All the blood in the body is perpetually passed through the lungs, and there all noxious particles tending to disease can be quickly, thoroughly, and permanently neutralized, rendered harmless, or ejected from the system. Holloway's Ointment and Pills perfectly accomplish this purification; and through the blood thus cleansed, the influence of these wonderful medicaments reaches the remotest part of the human body, and thus cures all diseased action, whether internal or external.

## 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, 28th MAY.

- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)  
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham  
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1541—Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct  
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)  
 1679—Henry Mugeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.  
 1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow  
 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. 176—Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate Street  
 R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
 1462—Wharcliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone  
 1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe  
 1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst  
 1777—Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham  
 1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent  
 1982—Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom  
 R.A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigau

## MONDAY, 30th MAY.

- 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square  
 1745—Farringdon, Holborn Viaduct Hotel  
 61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax  
 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester  
 148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington  
 264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley  
 408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth  
 433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea  
 467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham  
 613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport  
 1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke  
 1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford  
 1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton  
 R.A. 219—Justice, Masonic Hall, Todmorden  
 R.A. 448—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax  
 R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax Road, Dewsbury  
 M.M. 146—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

## TUESDAY, 31st MAY.

- Grand Mark Festival, Holborn Restaurant, W.C.  
 56—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)  
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
 141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)  
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).  
 564—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, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)  
 861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)  
 1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)  
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Cannon Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1380—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)  
 1472—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)  
 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Bilra Restaurant, Cannon Street, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)  
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)  
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 8.30  
 R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)  
 160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford  
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)  
 299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford  
 310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle  
 357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford  
 463—East Surrey of Concord, Kings' Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.15. (Inst.)  
 573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen  
 624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent  
 897—Loyalty, Fleeco Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire  
 986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston  
 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley  
 1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking  
 1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex  
 1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Plington  
 1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans  
 1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead  
 1636—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
 R.A. 175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John Street, Ryde, Isle of Wight

## WEDNESDAY, 1st JUNE.

- Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall  
 3—Fidelity, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
 30—United Mariners, The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)  
 73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst)  
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Inst. action)  
 228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (In)  
 538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)  
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)  
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)  
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)  
 902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruc.)  
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)  
 1424—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)  
 1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30 (In.)  
 1682—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)  
 1681—Lordsborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)  
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)  
 R.A. 17—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Inst.)  
 R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)  
 R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

- 74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham  
 86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott, Lancashire  
 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike  
 277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham  
 398—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale  
 326—Moirs, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol  
 327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton  
 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds  
 406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne  
 417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester  
 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire  
 580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk  
 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  
 697—United, George Hotel Colchester.  
 838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston  
 910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract  
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)  
 992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton  
 1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull  
 1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction)  
 1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent  
 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby  
 1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon  
 1107—Cornwallis, Lullingstone Castle Hotel, Swansea  
 1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick  
 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich  
 1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moseley, near Manchester  
 1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street  
 1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea  
 1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigau  
 1354—Marquis of Lorne, 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)  
 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. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds  
 R.A. 369—Lumeston Rock, Swan and Royal Hotel, Clitheroe  
 M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness  
 M.M. 56—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden

## THURSDAY, 2nd JUNE.

- 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 9 (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)  
 742—Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace, Sydenham  
 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)  
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)  
 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)  
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)  
 1155—Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-road  
 1158—Southern Star, Phoenix, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)  
 1178—Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark  
 1278—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)  
 1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)  
 1539—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 1554—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)  
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 1802—Sir Hugh Myddleton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)  
 1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)  
 1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)  
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)  
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 1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath  
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 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)  
 R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 1716—All Saints, Vestry Hall, Fairfield Road, Bow  
 M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dulston, at 8. (Inst.)  
 M.M. 244—Trinity College, 13 Mandeville-place, W.  
 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.  
 31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury  
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 344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire  
 346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackpool  
 350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester  
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 792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby  
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- 1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
- 1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
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- 1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
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- 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
- 1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
- 1829—Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham
- 2050—St. Trinians, Masonic Hall, Loch Parade, Douglas, Isle of Man
- R.A. 187—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
- R.A. 384—St. John, Bulls Head Inn, Bolton
- R.A. 429—Thanet, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
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- R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
- R.A. 998—Welchpool, Board Room, Railway Station, Welchpool
- R.A. 1130—De Mowbray, George Hotel, Melton Mowbray
- R.A. 1235—Phoenix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton
- M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

**FRIDAY, 3rd JUNE.**

- Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 153 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.3
- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
- 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
- 167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
- 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Jamberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
- 706—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
- 765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
- 786—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
- 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
- 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1156—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
- 1195—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1275—Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
- 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
- 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1716—All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar
- 1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
- R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
- R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
- R.A. 95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
- R.A. 259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, King Street, St. James's
- R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Grayhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
- R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Improvement)
- M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
- M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In)
- 44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
- 81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
- 127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
- 219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
- 242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
- 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
- 401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
- 404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
- 442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
- 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
- 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
- 566—St. Germain, Masonic Hall, The Crescent, Selby
- 652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
- 837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
- 998—Welchpool Railway, Station, Welchpool
- 1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
- 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
- 1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy
- 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1528—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
- 1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hoxham.
- 1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
- 1648—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Sale-street, Bradford.
- 1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth
- General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at
- R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
- R.A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
- R.A. 1466—Hova Villa, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

**SATURDAY, 4th JUNE.**

- General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
- 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
- 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
- 1621—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
- 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. 173—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
- Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex, King's Head Hotel, Harrow, at 3 p.m.
- 140—Peace, Private Rooms, Melnam
- 30—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
- 453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
- 1223—Amherst, Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverhead, near Sevenoaks
- 1362—Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Redhill
- 1453—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
- 1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
- 1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham
- 1829—Mozart, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon
- 2148—Walsingham, Masonic Hall, Walsingham, Kent

The following Festivals took place at the Freemasons' Tavern for the week ending 28th May 1887:—

- Monday—Royal Somerset House Lodge, De Grey and Ripon Lodge, Mr. Morton's May Ball.
- Tuesday—St. James's Union Chapter, Tuscan Lodge, 34th Regiment, the Queen's Tradesmen.
- Wednesday—The Artists' Benevolent Fund, Smeatonian Society, Lodge of Antiquity, Evening Star Lodge, Mount Moriah Lodge, Bedford Chapter, St. George's Chapter, Girls' School Club, National Benevolent Institution, 9th Regiment, 19th Regiment.
- Friday—Jerusalem Lodge, 60th Rifles, 12th Suffolk Regiment.

**OLD MASONIANS.**

There are few gatherings in the "annual round" which afford more real gratification to those who take an interest in our Masonic Institutions than on the occasion when the "Old Boys" who have received their education at the Wool Green establishment are invited to assemble around the festive board, there to renew and perpetuate old friendships. Thus, by the kind invitation of Bro. Frederick Binckes P.G. Steward, Secretary and Vice-Patron of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, who admirably fills the post of President of the Association, a company of between forty and fifty of the former students of the School set down to an excellent repast, provided in Bro. Clemow's usual style, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Bro. Binckes was supported by Bros. T. Dollings Bolton, M.P., P.G.A.D.C., Patron; J. W. Woodall P.G. Treasurer Vice-Patron, Jas. Moon Vice-Patron, Hy. Venn P.G. Steward Vice-President, W. Hopekirk Asst. G. Pursnivant, W. Paas Vice-President, W. A. Scurrah Vice-Patron, W. M. Stiles, G. P. Festa Vice-President, James Terry, R. Berridge, W. W. Lee, W. W. Morgan, and other friends. The gathering would in all probability have been much larger had not the date been fixed during Epsom week, and that the attendance of prominent brethren was needed at several other Masonic meetings held in the Metropolis on the same evening. There were few, if any set speeches, the main object of the reunion being to re-unite the young men who had in former years been comrades in the school-room and the play-ground, and who, in addition to the sound education imparted to them at the School, fitting them to obtain good positions in commercial life, entertain the strongest and most lasting affection for the old Institution and all who are associated with its management. The appearance of the young men was such as could not fail to be highly gratifying to Bro. Binckes and the other Masons present, for in the company they could discern the most tangible evidence of the splendid training which had been conferred upon "the boys" by the establishment over which Bro. the Rev. Dr. Morris now rules with such zeal and ability at Wood Green. The guests were evidently delighted at meeting one another once more, under the genial presidency of their kind friend, Bro. Binckes, and it was abundantly clear that the esteemed Secretary of the Institution was equally proud of his cheerful and happy "family." The young men gave ample testimony as to their doing well in their respective avocations, and there can be no question that by their perpetuating old associations in this agreeable manner, and by cultivating an *esprit de corps* amongst them, the "Old Boys" are enabled materially to advance each other's interests, and to work together for their mutual advantage. This is the spirit that has actuated similar associations, such as the "Old Blues," the "Old Carthusians," and other guilds, who continue to re-unite annually for the purposes of social amenity and the interchange of friendly reminiscences. We trust this feature of the Old Masonians' gathering will increase as years roll on, and that the excellent spirit displayed by students who have received their start in life entirely through the munificence of the Craft, will be strengthened and consolidated. The principal toasts were the Old Masonians, the Royal Masonic Institutions for Boys, the Vice-Presidents, the Officers of the old Masonians, and the Chairman our President, the latter of which was received with especial enthusiasm. During the evening some excellent vocal and instrumental music was given, Mr. E. A. Morris presiding at the pianoforte. Amongst those who contributed to the harmony were Mr. A. Watkins (hon. sec.), Mr. J. A. Richardson, Mr. C. D. Barrett, Mr. A. Pearson, Mr. L. H. Palmer, Mr. H. R. Williams, Mr. C. H. Uwins, Mr. A. H. Stephenson, and Mr. A. B. Whiteley. The gathering, which may best be described as a happy family party, was brought to a close at a reasonable hour by the singing of the National Anthem.

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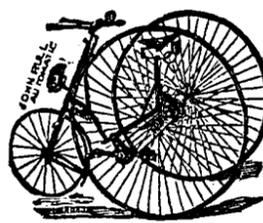
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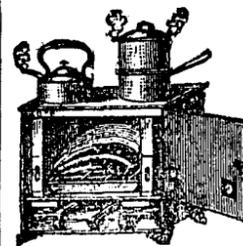
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