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THE ADDRESS TO THE QUEEN.

AS we anticipated, the great Jubilee Commemoration Gathering at the Albert Hall, on Monday last, turned out a magnificent and brilliant success, eclipsing in its grandeur and enthusiasm anything of the kind ever witnessed in this or any other country. From beginning to end the day was one of unalloyed gratification to all who were fortunate enough to be present, and the official programme was pregnant with items which have now stamped their impress upon the national history. In comparison with the scene which graced the same hall in April 1875, when our Most Worshipful Grand Master His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales assumed the reins of Masonic government, there was a slight falling off in point of numbers, but in every other respect this assemblage was far more representative, imposing, and sublime than the one that preceded it. The diminution in the numerical strength of the gathering may be accounted for in a variety of ways, the extraordinary strain upon the benevolent resources of the brethren during the Jubilee year, and the divers local celebrations held in the respective Provinces making it somewhat a matter for consideration to those who are not overburdened with this world's goods; and it must be recollected that no admission fee was charged at the Installation meeting, twelve years ago. The six thousand guineas contributed on Monday will, as His Royal Highness announced towards the close of the meeting, be divided, without any deduction, between the three great Charities, so that each of these invaluable Institutions will be the recipient of a very welcome two thousand guineas, which will aid them in carrying on and extending their several spheres of usefulness. Then, again, the occurrence of the Boys' Festival, on the day immediately following, may possibly have had some effect upon the gathering, not only from a pecuniary point of view, but rather on account of the time involved in being present at both—and time is money to most business men. However, the affair of Monday, taken as a representative expression of loyalty to the Throne, affection for the illustrious Prince who fills so worthily the position he has now occupied for twelve years, and of the inner sense of devotion to the Craft which lies deep in the heart of every true Mason, may be taken as an unprecedented triumph, the effect of which will be indelibly engraven on the mind of every member of the Fraternity, even of those who could not make it convenient to be present. "Royal weather," in the truest sense of the term, graced the auspicious day, and Summer seemed to have come in with a rush, as though to make amends for all the fickleness by which Spring had chosen to characterise itself. Not a cloud bedimmed the sky, which was almost Italian in its azure—that is to say, for "smoky London"—and the sun's rays would have been quite oppressive but for the brisk wind which modulated the temperature to a refreshing degree. No signs of anything unusual occurring in the great City were visible, for a Masonic ceremonial, though vitally interesting to its own members, receives not, neither does it wish for, any outward demonstration in its honour. Beyond the unusual animation witnessed at the chief trysting-places of our Provincial friends, filled with cheerful anticipations of the event, there was little to denote anything unusual astir in ever-crowded London. Contingents from West Yorkshire, Derbyshire, Leicester and Rutland, and

other Provinces arrived on the preceding Saturday, and took up quarters at their favourite resorts; whilst members of London Lodges met in select parties on the Monday afternoon, to enjoy a brief social *tête-à-tête* and glass of wine prior to starting off, in the vehicles chartered for them, for the scene of the day's business. Fortunate were those who made that start early, for just now, in the height of the London season, the thoroughfares to be traversed are invariably crowded with the equipages of society and the ordinary public means of locomotion; but the accession to the vehicular traffic by such a cloud of cabs, brakes, wagonettes, &c., following each other about the same hour in one direction, culminated into a block every now and then, which rendered progress somewhat slow. However, the drive was none the less agreeable on that account, for the occupants of the conveyances were afforded time to gaze upon and admire the freshness of the Parks, and the floral decorations of the mansions which line the streets all along on the way Westward. The arrangements at Albert Hall had been made with such perfection that not the slightest hitch occurred to mar the comfort of the guests as they arrived, and all were seated with the most consummate tact and ease and without a shadow of confusion. For this excellent result the brethren are indebted chiefly to the skilful manipulation and the great administrative abilities of Sir Albert Woods (Garter) Grand Director of Ceremonies, who was assisted by Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, the Grand Secretary, and Brother Thomas Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes, with a large body of Stewards, who carried out their arduous duties with the regularity of clockwork. The doors of the hall were opened shortly after two o'clock, and for an hour or more afterwards the rattle of carriages along the approaches to the building was incessant, the occupants alighting amidst crowds of curious spectators, such as are always to be found when any "excitement" occurs in London. They were received in the hall by courteous and obliging Stewards, who directed them to their allotted seats, and thus, noiselessly as a congregation takes its place in church, the building became speedily filled, assuming every moment a more and more picturesque appearance. The brethren, in accordance with the regulations, wore black morning coats, black ties and white gloves, with full Masonic Craft clothing; and, as Provincial Grand Officers were requested to appear in the purple collars and jewels of their respective offices, the blending of that colour with the garter blue of the Master Masons grew into a strikingly imposing *coup d'œil*. A dais had been erected under the great organ, and upon a carpet of crimson cloth stood the Throne of the Grand Master, resplendent in purple and gold, and surrounded by the Prince of Wales's feathers, flanked on either side with the globes. Behind this was suspended the Grand Master's banner, bearing the motto "Audi, vade, tace," while all around was a perfect bower of luxuriant palms, whilst the façade of the platform was fringed with a massive and beautiful collection of plants, ferns, and flowers, the choicest products of the conservatory. Immediately before the Throne stood a pedestal bearing the gavel, and a quaint silver inkstand (bequeathed to Bro. Fenn by the late G.S. Bro. John Hervey), intended for the Grand Master's use in signing the Address to the Queen, which was the real object of the gathering. On either side of the Throne were chairs for members of the Royal Family and other distinguished visitors; and, in rear, accommodation was provided for

prominent members of the Craft, who had travelled from all parts of the Empire in order to take part in the demonstration, amongst whom were representatives of the eighteen Red Apron Lodges, which have the exclusive privilege of sending Grand Stewards to the annual Festivals. The Stewards, who carried wands of office, wore elaborate and brilliant clothing, and the green aprons and collars of the Scotch and Irish Lodges formed a striking contrast to the purple and gold of the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodges and the predominating blue of the majority of the brethren. During the interval that elapsed before the arrival of the Grand Master a selection of music was played on the organ, by Bro. Sir Arthur Sullivan. A few minutes before four o'clock a flourish of trumpets sounded as the signal of the arrival of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and all was then a flutter of interesting excitement within the crowded hall. A procession, as set out in the order of the day, was then formed and walked from the grand entrance down the centre of the hall to the dais. Round after round of cheering greeted the appearance of the Prince of Wales, who looked remarkably well and was in excellent spirits, and was evidently highly delighted with the spectacle which met his gaze. His Royal Highness repeatedly acknowledged the salutations with which he was greeted, and which were continued until he took his seat on the Throne. On his right was His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, looking in excellent health, in spite of his recent journey home from India, to be present at his Royal Mother's Jubilee; the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon; the Maharajah of Kuch-Bihar, in a sumptuous costume of purple velvet embroidered with gold; Bro. Shackleton, Q.C., Deputy G.M. of Ireland; Lord Methuen, and Lord Wolseley. On the left of the Throne sat His Royal Highness Prince Albert Victor, Senior Grand Warden, who had just returned from Gibraltar, to attend the Jubilee festivities; the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom; General Dominis of Hawaii; the Earl of Rosslyn, Deputy Grand Master of Scotland; Lord Leigh, Lord Suffield, General J. Studholme Brownrigg, Sir Daniel Gooch, &c. &c. The banners of the Grand Lodge and of the M.W.G.M., which had been carried in the procession, were placed at the side of the Throne, and assisted in completing what at the moment was a splendid sight. All being ready.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master, who was loudly cheered on rising, said:—

Brethren,—This is, I think, one of the largest gatherings of Freemasons I have ever seen, with the exception of that which took place at the time you conferred on me the high honour of installing me as your Grand Master. It is most gratifying to me, and I am sure it will also be to the Queen, that so large a gathering as the one assembled here to-day has taken place for the purpose of doing honour to her on the anniversary of her succession to the Throne. It will be a proof to her, as it is to me, of the great devotion and loyalty to the Throne manifested by the Free and Accepted Masons of England. We are met here to-day to vote an Address to the Queen, congratulating her on having attained the fiftieth anniversary of her reign. You are well aware that my ancestors, former Sovereigns of England, have always done all they could to support Masonry, for they knew that, though we are a secret Society, we are not a dangerous one. Among our tenets and our mottoes loyalty and philanthropy are two of which we are especially proud. It is most gratifying to me, as I said before, to see so large, so important, and so influential a gathering, and I am sure that in the events which are about to take place to celebrate the Jubilee of the Queen this meeting, in the Albert Hall, of Freemasons will stand one of the first on the list.

The Address of Congratulation to Her Majesty on the attainment of her Jubilee was then read by the Grand Secretary (Bro. Shadwell H. Clerke), and was greeted with unbounded enthusiasm. The Address, which was beautifully illuminated on vellum, and has the seal of the Grand Lodge attached to it, was enclosed in a casket of choice design, surmounted by the Imperial crown, the monogram V.I.R. and two medallions, one being a portrait of Her Majesty, and the other a representation of the Arms of the United Grand Lodge, together with a scroll containing the words "Jubilee, June 1837—June 1887." Each of the corners is decorated with a gold plate, having the Rose, Shamrock and Thistle, and the Square and Compasses engraved thereon. The text of the Address was as follows:—

"TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

"We your Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the Free and Accepted Masons under the United Grand Lodge of England, most respectfully desire to approach the Throne, on the auspicious

occasion of your Majesty having completed the fiftieth year of your reign over the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, to assure your Majesty of our fervent and unabated attachment to your Majesty's Throne and Royal person.

"Founded, as our ancient Institution is, on principles of unswerving loyalty to our Sovereign, and fidelity to our country—we rejoice to think that the great increase of our Order in all parts of your Majesty's dominions is in unison with the welfare of the nation and the maintenance of the established institutions of the land—which it will ever be our earnest desire to preserve inviolate.

"We would humbly express our gratitude to the Great Architect of the Universe for having spared your Majesty to reign over these realms for so extended a period, and we pray that He may continue to preserve your Majesty to rule with that full Sovereignty which affection can alone ensure the hearts of your faithful subjects, and more especially of the Fraternity which we to-day represent.

"May the Almighty vouchsafe to your Majesty a long and happy continuance of your reign over a loyal and devoted people.

"Dated, at the Royal Albert Hall, London, this 13th day of June 1887.

"ALBERT EDWARD, Grand Master.

"SHADWELL H. CLERKE, Grand Secretary."

The Earl of Carnarvon, in moving the adoption of the Address, said:—

Most Illustrious Grand Master, your Royal Highnesses, and Brethren,—I hold it no light honour that you have been pleased to confer upon me in asking me to move the adoption of this Address to Her Majesty the Queen. It is carried, Sir, already by acclamation, and in moving it I can best begin by repeating your Royal Highness's words. I see around me representatives from every part of the civilised world, for it is the prerogative of Masonry that it has branches in every part of the globe. But whilst it has been alleged—I care not with how much truth—against some branches of our Order that they have been the friends of revolution, and the enemies of government, as you have truly said to-day, in English Freemasonry order and law and loyalty to our Sovereign are the pillars of our ancient Institution. Your Royal Highness alluded to those of your ancestors who have been patrons of the Craft. I believe, if I am not mistaken, that there have been 17 Princes of the Blood Royal of England who have belonged to Freemasonry. May I go a step further, and remind you that Her Majesty the Queen is the daughter of a Freemason, that her uncles have been Freemasons, that her Royal sons are Freemasons, and that she has also a grandson in the Order. I might remind this great assembly of the vast increase in Freemasonry during the reign of her Majesty, and I might remind them of the great increase which has resulted from your Royal Highness's reign. But on this occasion our hearts rather turn to the wearer of the English Crown to assure her of the loyalty and devotion of Freemasons, to assure her that amongst the millions of her subjects who own her sway, whether amongst rich or poor, there are none who are animated by more heartfelt loyal devotedness to her Throne than the Freemasons of England. Your Royal Highness spoke of the fiftieth year of the Queen's reign. Fifty years are not to be lightly spoken of. There are but three Sovereigns in English history who have ruled for half a century, all names that recall great works, the Third Henry, the Third Edward, the Third George. It is a long period in the life of an individual, and even in the life of a nation when measured by such events as have crowded the history of the last half-century—dangers threatened, successes achieved, troubles passed through, and reforms accomplished. Above all, we have seen during those last fifty years thrones crumbled to the dust, dynasties overthrown, old kingdoms disappear, new kingdoms created, storms sweeping over the face of the world, and the map of Europe remodelled. At home we have been at peace. We celebrate to-day the Jubilee of the beneficial rule of that delicate hand that has presided over the government of England. We have seen industrial progress moving with gigantic strides; we have seen science passing into depths which we had never suspected before; and we have seen social changes which, I hope and would fain believe, have made men and women better and happier than they were before. In England we have, in fact, seen parties united, and across the seas we have seen an Empire greater than any over which the eagles of Rome ruled, greater than any in fabulous story, built up by the sturdy hands and hearts of Englishmen. It is a marvellous picture, and if some shadows occasionally pass over the scene they simply warn us that we are mortal, and that we hold the lease of our Imperial life on the same conditions as individuals hold theirs, the conditions of well-doing. During all this time there has been one central figure. There have been Party watchwords, and Party cries, there have been Ministers many, and great policies which have attracted attention, but they can all pass, and some of them have passed almost out of the world. But the Queen of England has been through them all; she has remained our great central figure, to which the hearts and affections of her subjects have year by year more and more attached themselves, and whose influence has constantly grown. Her sway in public and in private life has no equal, as Sovereign on the Throne and as the first lady of the land. And this I can say with absolute truth, that there has never been any great movement of kindness, of human charity, and sympathy in this country which has not received support and help from our gracious Sovereign. Sir, in conclusion, I will only echo the last words of that address, and assure your Royal Highness, from the bottom of our hearts, that we all pray that God, the great King of kings and Lord of lords, the Great Architect of the Universe, may continue in His keeping, and preserve for many years to rule over her faithful people, in happiness and prosperity, the Queen of England.

The Earl of Lathom in seconding the resolution, said:—

As a body we claim, and I think justly so, that we are surpassed no other body in the world in loyalty to the Throne and the person of our beloved Queen, who has reigned over us so long, so well, and so justly. Brethren, we are composed entirely of the better sex, and I think there is a special sentiment of poetry in the feelings with which we regard our Royal patron, whom we venture to believe looks with kindly eye on the ancient mysteries of this institution, and does not wish to penetrate further into them, but is satisfied that the Heir to the Throne, our Most Worshipful Master, and several other members of the Royal Family, belong to the Order. We believe Her Majesty knows that the principles of the Order are not only those of peace and goodwill, but of charity and brotherly love. On this plea we venture to approach Her Majesty and humbly pray that our loyal Address may be graciously received.

The Grand Master then put the resolution, which was carried with loud cheering; after which His Royal Highness signed the Address, and said—

It will be for me later to take the Queen's pleasure as to how the Address shall be received.

The Prince then called for three cheers for the Queen, which were given enthusiastically, and the National Anthem was sung by the brethren standing. The Prince of Wales said :—

We have amongst us an Indian Prince, His Highness the Maharajah of Kuch-Bihar, and it affords me great pleasure to confer on him the rank of Past Senior Grand Warden.

The Maharajah was conducted to the Throne, and congratulated by the Grand Master. The following brethren were then introduced to the Prince, on their promotion to Past Grand rank, and each of them (over a hundred in number) was cordially greeted by His Royal Highness, to whom they were all formally introduced by the Grand Director of Ceremonies. Subjoined we give a list of the craftsmen who received appointments :—

LONDON.

His Highness the Maharajah of Kuch-Bihar	Senior Warden
Mr. Reginald Hanson, Bart., Lord Mayor	Junior Warden
Mr. Hon. Mr. Justice Field	Do
Mr. Col. Hon. Henry J. Byng	Do
Mr. Francis Knollys, K.C.M.G., C.B.	Do
Mr. John Staples, K.C.M.G.	Deacon
Mr. Philip Cunliffe Owen, K.C.B., K.C.M.G.	Do
Mr. Stanley d'A. Clarke, G.C.M.	Do
Mr. Thomas Trollope, M.D.	Do
Mr. George Prescott, Bart.	Do
Mr. Thomas Weller Poley	Do
Mr. Charles Warren, G.C.M.G.	Do
Mr. George B. Brodie, M.D.	Do
Mr. Philip H. Ernest Brette	Do
Mr. Charles Driver	Sup. of Works
Mr. Octavius Hansard	Do
Mr. William C. Beaumont	Assist. Dir. of Cers.
Mr. William E. Stewart	Do
Mr. Ep. Insp.-Gen. Thos. Purchas, M.D., R.N.	Do
Mr. John A. Farnfield	Do
Mr. Charles Martin	Do
Mr. Lieut.-Col. George Haldane	Sword Bearer
Mr. Col. William Bristow	Do
Mr. Frederick Binckes	Do
Mr. James Terry	Do
Mr. Francis R. W. Hedges	Do
Mr. George Kelly	Do
Mr. Frederick Mead	Do
Mr. Charles F. Matier	Standard Bearer
Mr. Charles F. Hogard	Do
Mr. George Henri Bué	Do
Mr. John Hedley	Do

PROVINCIAL.

Bedfordshire	Col. Robert H. Lindsell	Deacon
Berkshire and Bucks	Robert Bradley	Sword Bearer
Bristol	Lt.-Col. J. R. Bramble	Asst. D. of C.
Cambridgeshire	Andrew H. Moyes	Std. Bearer
Cheshire	Edward H. Griffiths	Do
Cornwall	Sir C. B. Graves-Sawle, Bart.	J. Warden
Derbyshire	Lamplugh F. B. Dykes	Deacon
Devonshire	William Naylor	Sword Bearer
Do	Walter G. Rogers	Deacon
Essex	Rev. William Whittley	Do
Gloucestershire	Col. C. Hambro, M.P.	Do
Northampton	Robert Hudson	Sword Bearer
Northumberland & Westmoreland	Thomas J. Ralling	Asst. D. of C.
North Yorkshire	John Brook-Smith	Deacon
Nottinghamshire	Edgar Goble	Sword Bearer
Shropshire	Rev. Richard Evans	Chaplain
Staffordshire	John E. Dawson	Sword Bearer
Warwickshire	Alfred Spencer	Do
West Yorkshire	Benjamin K. Thorpe	Std. Bearer
Do	William O. Walker	Deacon
Wiltshire	John Chadwick	Sword Bearer
Do	James H. Sillitoe	Std. Bearer
Worcestershire	Robert Wylie	Deacon
Do	William Goodacre	Sword Bearer
Do	Thomas Forrester	Std. Bearer

Leicestershire and Rutland	Samuel S. Partridge	Asst. D. of C.
Lincolnshire	Wm. H. Sissons, M.D.	Do
Middlesex	John F. H. Woodward	Sword Bearer
Monmouthshire	William Pickford	Std. Bearer
Norfolk	W. A. Tyssen-Amherst, M.P.	J. Warden
Norths and Hunts	Rev. S. J. W. Sanders	Chaplain
Northumberland	Richard H. Holmes	Deacon
Nottinghamshire	Rev. Fredk. V. Bussell	Chaplain
North Wales	Col. Henry Platt	Deacon
Oxfordshire	Viscount Valentia	J. Warden
Shropshire	Rowland G. Venables	Asst. D. of C.
Somersetshire	Lt.-Col. A. T. Perkins	Deacon
South Wales (E.D.)	Marmaduke Tennant	Asst. D. of C.
South Wales (W.D.)	Rev. W. L. S. Stradling	Chaplain
Staffordshire	John Bodenham	Asst. D. of C.
Suffolk	William Boby	Std. Bearer
Surrey	Frederick West	Deacon
Sussex	Gerard Ford	Do
Warwickshire	Col. John Machen	Do
Wiltshire	Sir G. Goldney, Bart.	J. Warden
Worcestershire	A. F. Godson, M.P.	Deacon
Yorkshire (N. and E.)	Lieut.-Col. Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett	J. Warden
Yorkshire (W.)	Henry Smith	Deacon
Do	William H. Brittain	Sword Bearer
Jersey	John Le Cronier, M.D.	Asst. D. of C.
Isle of Man	George C. Heron	Std. Bearer

DISTRICT.

Gibraltar	John H. Bryant, M.D.	Sword Bearer
Malta	William Watson	Std. Bearer
Bengal	William Henry Fitze	Deacon
Bombay	Harold King	Do
Burmah	Rev. John Fairclough	Chaplain
Madras	John T. Groatorex	Asst. D. of C.
Punjab	Col. Oswald Menzies	Deacon
Eastern Archipelago	Felix Gottlieb	Sword Bearer
South China	Wm. S. Adams, M.D.	Asst. D. of C.
North China	Thomas W. Kingsmill	Do
Japan	Robert Hughes	Do
South Africa (W.D.)	Thomas J. O. Ingleby	Sword Bearer
South Africa (E.D.)	George P. Perks	Asst. D. of C.
Natal	Wesley Francis	Sword Bearer
Jamaica	Altamont de Cordova	Deacon
Bahamas	Capt. H. C. Lightbourne	Std. Bearer
Montreal	Lt.-Col. W. H. Hutton	Deacon
Newfoundland	James S. Hayward	Std. Bearer
Argentine Republic	George J. Ryan, M.D.	Sword Bearer
New South Wales	Charles F. Stokes	Deacon
Do	Francis A. Wright	Sword Bearer
Do	Arthur H. Bray	Std. Bearer
Queensland	Barron L. Barnett	Deacon
Victoria	H. St. John Clarke, M.D.	J. Warden
Do	J. W. Wilmott, M.D.	Deacon
Do	Thomas H. Lempriere	Sword Bearer
Tasmania	George Smith	Do
Canterbury, N.Z.	William Deamer, M.D.	Asst. D. of C.
Otago and Southland, N.Z.	Robert Stout	Do
Westland, N.Z.	James Kerr	Sword Bearer
Auckland, N.Z.	William Lodder	Do
Wellington, N.Z.	George S. Cooper	Asst. D. of C.
West Indies (generally)	Col. John Elliott, C.B.	Deacon
India (generally)	Brig.-Gen. G. B. Wolseley, C.B., A.D.C.	Do
Unattached	Colonel Sir Terence O'Brien, K.C.M.G.	Do

The Grand Master then stated that he had approved of a design for a special jewel to be worn by all Masons who are subscribing members of Lodges on the 20th June 1887, and that he was pleased to grant permission for a bar to be worn on the ribbon by all the brethren present in that Hall, with a slight addition in the case of Stewards serving. Lord Carnarvon said he had to ask His Royal Highness's acceptance of a jewel, of the pattern he had approved, and which he begged to offer to him in the name of the whole body of Freemasons. The Prince of Wales, in accepting the jewel, said :—

I accept this jewel, with the greatest pleasure, from the hands of Lord Carnarvon, in the name of all the brethren, and I can assure you that it will be a memento to me of this most interesting occasion, which is one I am not likely ever to forget. I have only now to declare that the fees for admission to this meeting, amounting to over £6000, will be divided, without any deduction, between our three great Charities, the Girls' School, the Boys' School, and the Benevolent Institution.

The procession was then re-formed, in the inverse of its original order, and the Grand Master was conducted to his room amidst loud cheers and a fanfare of trumpets. Before he left the Hall, however, we noticed that His Royal Highness turned to take a farewell glance at the brethren who had assembled to testify their devotion to the Throne and affection for himself, and afterwards he expressed himself highly pleased with the success of the gathering. Soon afterwards the Royal party left, their appearance being hailed with ringing cheers by thousands

of people who had congregated outside the building. A very large number of the brethren, who had chartered vehicles for the day, embraced the opportunity afforded them of a drive around the beautiful surroundings of Kensington and the Parks, which are just now in the height of their summer glory; the shrubs, trees and flowers, planned and kept by skilful landscape gardeners, presenting a wonderfully charming aspect. Our Provincial friends, some of whom seemed to have formed the idea that London was but a huge colony of bricks and mortar, enveloped in a perpetual pall of smoke, were most agreeably astonished at the fine appearance of our "breathing-spaces" through which they passed; though it is open to question whether the "pent up citizens" were not equally charmed with what to them was a pleasant hour or so in the country. There was a general return to the City later in the evening, and Masonic banquets on a variety of scales were held at the Holborn Restaurant, Freemasons' Tavern, the Imperial Hotel, Auderton's, and many other of the hotels which are equally noted as the trysting-places of brethren of "ye mystic tie."

Amongst the incidental features of the day we may refer to the gathering of several members of the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211, who were generously entertained at luncheon by their esteemed Worshipful Master, Brother F. T. Bennett, at the Imperial Hotel. Subsequently they proceeded in a private omnibus to the Albert Hall, and after the ceremony took a drive through the parks, which proved a rich treat to all who participated. Returning to the Imperial they partook of an excellent dinner, served in a style for which this cosy and popular establishment is noted, Brother Begbie personally superintending. The W.M. presided, supported in the vice chair by Bro. W. W. Morgan P.M., and amongst those present were Bros. Usher Back P.M., A. Green P.M. (Treasurer), W. Radcliffe P.M. (Secretary), A. Dickson, Cockerill, King, Luffield, Hartley, Bagley, Kirkland, Bass, Parsons, Hunt, Hardy, Collings, &c. The loyal toasts having been given, with especial reference to the Jubilee meeting at the Albert Hall, and the splendid success which had attended it, Brother W. W. Morgan proposed the toast of the evening—the Worshipful Master. In the course of his remarks he said the members of St. Michael's Lodge could not have made a more judicious selection of a Master, for although Bro. Bennett was a comparatively young Mason he was in every way adapted to the position. He was initiated in their Lodge, and during the short time he had been in it he had shown himself a most earnest and persevering student. This was proved by the position he had secured for himself, and his devotion to the Craft was recognised outside as well as inside the St. Michael's Lodge. The speaker referred especially to Bro. Bennett's appointment on the Board of General Purposes, an honour almost without precedent for so young a Mason. The more cautious of the members had watched his career—it might almost be said, with fear and trembling, that he might be inclined to soar too high; but they felt perfect confidence in him, from the amount of spirit he brought to bear upon his work; they were now all assured he was not likely to fail. Bro. Bennett had exerted himself assiduously and manfully to ensure the pleasure and success of the day, and they were all indebted to him for his generous kindness. The toast was heartily received, and briefly acknowledged by the W.M., who said he considered it a great honour and privilege to occupy the chair during the Jubilee year, and congratulated the brethren upon the success of the splendid gathering they had witnessed at the Albert Hall. No effort should be wanting on his part to sustain the reputation which St. Michael's Lodge had so long enjoyed. Several complimentary toasts were given, and the proceedings were of a very happy and enjoyable nature. We may mention that Bro. Alfred Withers P.M., who was with the party at the Albert Hall, was prevented from attending the dinner, much to the regret of the brethren.

HINTS ABOUT AND TO BROTHER ROB MORRIS.

BRO. MORRIS is a singular man, and whenever any report reaches here about him I always doubt whether it is true. Some disparaging stories were formerly propagated about him, but the propagators of these stories were as unreliable as Bro. Morris himself, and so I took no stock in their statements. About the end of last February there was a report here that Bro. Morris had had a stroke of apoplexy, and was unable to do anything, save and except to sell his poetry. About a fortnight later another report reached here, that the whole edition of Bro. Morris's poems were destroyed in a fire. But a writer in the *Freemason* of 26th of March informs us that Bro. Morris is on a lecturing tour; he says:—

Our old and respected friend Bro. Dr. Rob Morris is again on the war path. This time it is ninety lectures in ninety days, in the same number of towns. This is pretty work for one close to 71 years of age [and so soon after his recovery from his stroke of apoplexy

too.] The following sketch will serve to describe the character of his addresses As the new crowned Poet Laureate, and as P.G.M. of Kentucky, his reception should be most hearty, as doubtless it will be wherever he sojourns.

And here is a specimen of the programme of Bro. Morris's "Variety Show," viz.:—

His Masonic discoveries in the Holy Land; cordial reception in Europe, Asia, and Africa; Grand Gathering in Smyrna; greeting by Bro. Mohammed Reshid, Governor-General of Syria; the seven Masonic localities in the Holy Land; the tomb of King Hiram; foundation walls of King Solomon's temple; midnight initiation into Oriental form of Freemasonry. [Query.—As Bro. Morris cannot understand an Oriental language, how did the Dervishes manage to initiate him?]

This is followed by an exhibition of Masonic curiosities, among which is the identical Masonic flag which has kissed the breezes of the Syrian hills in four successive expeditions. In addition to which our poet was to recite his poems.

Following these, a social reunion is held, while the veteran Mason, sitting as interlocutor, cudgels his memory for Masonic anecdotes, serious, humorous, drawn from reminiscences of two score years, during which he visited nearly three thousand Lodges, and almost every Grand Lodge in the world.

Bro. Morris has nothing to sell, neither books, coins, nor specimens. The lectures will be free. A collection will be taken at the close.

The above is a correct specimen of Bro. Morris's "Bill of the Play." The performances are the same as he exhibited in Boston a few years ago. I notice, however, a "new departure." In Boston he, or his agent, solicited each visitor to buy Bro. Morris's Holy Land book, for four dollars. If that was too much for the visitor's pocket, he was next offered a piece of wood from the holy Mount Lebanon, some leaves from the holy Mount of Olives, a homœopathic dose of water from the holy river Jordan, or a pebble or shell from the Holy Land, for which the small sum of one dollar was asked. This ancient landmark Bro. Morris has now abandoned for a new one, viz., "a collection will now be made," and I hope that his audiences will be sufficiently amused with his exhibitions, for I do not think the instruction will amount to much, to induce them to shell out their dimes freely and generously.

Last week, however, I received in one day *THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE*, of 16th April, and the (Cincinnati) *Masonic Review*, the April number, in both of which publications Bro. Morris has something to say about Jacob Norton. They differ, however, in style; thus, in the former, he exhibits Rob Morris the comical, the humorous, the jocose, full of drollery and banter; but in the latter we behold Rob Morris the serious and censorious. The letter in the former is headed "Rob Morris's reply to Bro. Jacob Norton," while in the latter the article is headed "Jacob Norton, the Masonic Agnostic." Well! be it so; and what then? The question is, can any man of common sense believe that two eagles guided Bro. Morris to the tomb of King Hiram? or that King Solomon was the author of our American Masons' funeral ritual? or that Pythagoras was initiated into the M.M. degree, and that he was the "Master of the Masonic ritual?" &c., &c. The only excuse he makes for his credulity is that Jacob Norton also at one time believed in Masonic traditions, "until he got mad with the Boston Masons, because they would not leave out the two Saints John, and the Star in the East."

So far Bro. Morris is right. Indeed, I never would have joined a Lodge in Boston if the late C. W. Moore had not promised that if I joined his Lodge he would do his best to induce the Grand Lodge to make the ritual as unsectarian as it is in England; but when I found that the next edition of Moore's "Tracing Board" was more sectarian than the previous one, and when the Rev. Grand Master, in answer to my petition, gave me to understand that Masonry was a Christian Institution, but was liberal enough to admit Jews, while they were still excluded from the English Parliament, &c., &c., I think that I was then justified in renouncing allegiance to a Jesuitical concern. Hence, I resigned membership, and decided never to enter a Lodge in Massachusetts again so long as they were pleased to retain a ritual inconsistent with their boasted Masonic universality.

Bro. Morris believes that it is perfectly right for the W.M. to promise a Jewish candidate, "on the word and honour of a gentleman and a Mason, that he should enjoy all the privileges of Masonry, and that there was nothing

inconsistent in Masonry with the duties he owed to God," &c., while knowing full well that the ritual was inconsistent with the candidate's religious belief; or, in other words, that the W.M. had a right to promise what he knew to be false. Well, thank God that some Christians do not believe in Bro. Morris's doctrine; for instance, in 1851 I sent Moore's "Trestle Board" to the Rev. Brother Carver, who was then the representative of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in the Grand Lodge of England, and, by appointment, I saw him on the following day, when this Rev. Brother emphatically pronounced certain parts thereof as un-Masonic, and he even wrote to Moore. Yes! he wrote more than once, but Moore paid no attention to his letters. Again, Bro. W. P. Mellen, in 1855, wrote four papers, in the *Acacia*, on the Jewish question; no one undertook to answer him. Yes, even Rob Morris had not the courage to attack Bro. Mellen's arguments. Still again, in 1875, the Rev. Bro. Charles Griswold, then Grand Master of Minnesota, wrote to me, that the sectarian parts in the ritual ought to be expunged; and last, the present Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts also admitted that I was right. Now, the arguments of our American luminaries for justifying deception rested mainly on what they called "ancient landmarks" and "venerable traditions;" so I was induced to examine their pretensions of "ancient landmarks," &c., and found that the traditions were modern inventions of some zealots, for the purpose of turning the Masonic Lodge into a conversion trap. I admit, therefore, what Bro. Morris states, that if I had not been provoked by the humbuggery of the American Masonic ritual I should probably never have questioned the Masonic traditions. But our Bro. Morris continues his statement with what is not quite true, he says:

"Had the Boston people inherited his hatred of Jesus, and inserted a lot of Talmudic traditions, Bro. Norton had been perhaps an L.L.D.," &c., &c.

Now that is all bosh, for he does not know what I should have done in such a case. There are some more such unfounded statements in Bro. Morris's writings; for instance, he describes me as a very ferocious individual when sitting at my desk with my pen in my hand; the truth is, he never saw me sitting at my desk, nor when I had a pen in my hand. And in the *Cincinnati Masonic Review* he intimates that I called Lord Montague an impostor. But I can assure my readers that I never wrote, said, or even suspected, that Lord Montague was an impostor.

Bro. Morris throws out threatening hints about what he knows of the "synagogue," "its creeds," and "a hundred treatises," "twelve treatises," "modern Judaism," &c., which he intimates he could blow sky high in a minute. Assuming that Bro. Morris could do all this, all that I have to say is: whenever a Jew attempts to convert Bro. Morris to the synagogue and its creeds, he will be perfectly justified in doing his best to bring the synagogue and its creeds into contempt. But the last pathetic appeal of Bro. Morris is the most amusing. He says:—

"Bro. Jacob Norton, you have removed our Solomon, and our Hiram; all we deemed traditions and landmarks! What is left?"

Bro. Morris's ascribing to me the distinction of removing his Solomon and his Hiram is simply on a par with many other things he has written. The fact is, three years before I began to write for the Masonic press, Brother Steinbrenner published his "Origin of Masonry," and three years before Steinbrenner's book appeared, Brother Findel (in 1860) published his History of Freemasonry; and both of these eminent Masonic writers disproved the antiquity of Speculative Masonry, including the Grand Mastership of Solomon and Co. Nay more, as long ago as 1853, Bro. Henry Faudel, P.G.D. of the Grand Lodge of England, told me that our Freemasonry was not ancient. Dalcho's Ahiman Bezor of 1822 shows how little he then believed in Masonic traditions, and I have reason to believe that our intelligent German brethren, Bro. Dalcho's countrymen, began to disbelieve in the veracity of Masonic Historians even before Dalcho died. In 1818 Hallam wrote, "The curious subject of Freemasonry has unfortunately been one treated by panegyrists or calumniators, both equally mendacious;" and later on Mr. Halliwell administered to Masons a similar rebuke for their credulity; hence our Masonic German searchers on the one hand, and our non-Masonic English rebukers on the other, actually produced a ferment even among our apathetic and credulous English Masons. Thus in 1870 a fight began between

Brothers Hughan and Buchan about "the 1717 Theory." In 1873 Bro. D. M. Lyon's truly great work appeared, which proved beyond doubt that "Speculative Masonry," with its three degrees, was unknown in Scotland before 1723, and it is needless to argue that neither Bro. Hughan nor Bro. Gould now believe in the Solomonic origin of Masonry. Such being the case, I am certainly not entitled to either praise or blame for having deprived Bro. Morris of his Solomon and his Hiram, and if Bro. Morris is at all injured by my demolishing some other so-called Masonic traditions, he has to blame for it the stupidity or Jesuitism of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts of 1852.

And now, my good Bro. Morris, I will just give a little wholesome advice, viz., if you cannot defend your traditions by historic proofs, then cease to repeat them. Remember that "Jack the Giant Killer" may be a suitable book for a child to read, and if it enjoy the story all right. But should you seriously recommend the same book to a man who is endowed with a grain of common sense, he will at least laugh at your folly. A hundred years ago Freemasons were mere children, and a Masonic Jack the Giant Killer story suited their age; then you could have made Masons believe anything and everything; then the story of the John Locke MSS., the Malcolm Charter, and any number of other cock and bull stories were received by Masons without question or doubt. But now, with the works of Findel, Steinbrenner, Lyon, Hughan, and Gould before us, it is no more possible for you, or any other man, to restore the former faith in Masonic traditions than it is possible to revive the old belief in witchcraft, or in heathen mythology.

BOSTON, U.S., 3rd May 1887.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

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LODGE OF ST. PETER, No. 1204.

THE installation of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Maldon, on Thursday, 9th inst., when Bro. W. De Cean S.W. was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Edmund Gowers P.M. P.P.G.O. The Officers for the year were invested as under:—Bros. C. S. Blyth I.P.M., C. Ker S.W., A. Barritt J.W., Rev. E. R. Horwood P.M. P.P.G.C. Chaplain, H. J. Sansom P.M. P.P.G.D. Treasurer, F. Geo. Green P.M. P.P.G.S.W. Secretary, F. Bird P.M. P.P.G.P. Organist, W. Gower S.D., C. Dibben J.D., W. Clover I.G., J. Sadler and J. Hudson Stewards, G. Huxtable Tyler. Bro. Gowers was re-elected to represent the Lodge upon the Essex Provincial Charity Committee, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to him for the able way in which he had conducted the installation ceremony. The brethren subsequently dined together at the Blue Boar Hotel; a sumptuous repast being served by Mrs. Hickford, the hostess. On the removal of the cloth, the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured. In proposing the health of the M.W.G.M. the W.M. alluded to the great meeting of Freemasons which was to be held in the Albert Hall, on the following Monday, under the presidency of His Royal Highness, when an address of congratulation to the Queen on her Jubilee was to be agreed upon, and which, the W.M. remarked, would be a memorable one to all who were fortunate enough to be present. The toast of the Visitors was responded to by Bro. E. Hennemeyer P.M. 51 P.P.G.S.W., A. G. Maskell W.M. 276, and S. H. Ellis P.M. 1977. In returning thanks for the toast of the Chaplain, the Rev. E. R. Horwood P.M. P.P.G.C. (Vicar of All Saints, Maldon), said he had occupied that position now for some years, and was very gratified to fulfil the duties which the office imposed upon him. The outside world were wont to associate Freemasonry with mere eating and drinking. Of course this was because they were not aware of the inner working of the Order; he was one of those who considered that these social gatherings after the Lodge business, if used in moderation, were productive of much good. Men differing in creed, politics, and class, were thereby brought together; the rough portions of their nature were rubbed off, and neighbourly and friendly feelings were awakened between them. It was not good for a man to shut himself within himself, to get into one groove, as it were, for then his mind became contracted, and he had no sympathies outside his own little circle or clique. The patron saint of their Lodge was St. Peter, whose virtues he trusted they would all imitate, while the emblem emblazoned on their banner—a cock standing on a rock—should remind them, the former to be watchful, and the latter to be steady and firm in principle, so that when they should be summoned from this sublunary abode they might ascend to the Grand Lodge above, where the world's Great Architect lives and reigns for ever. The Charities was proposed by Bro. Arthur Barritt, who remarking that Charity was at the root of true Freemasonry, expressed a hope that the three noble Charities connected with the Order would be supported by all Masons to the best of their ability. Brother Edmund Gowers P.M. P.P.G.O., whose name was connected with the toast, took the opportunity to mention that the candidature for the Boys' School of the son of a late member of their Lodge was proceeding satisfactorily. In support of that very deserving case he was, many of them were aware, going on Tuesday next to the Annual Festival

of the Institution, as a Steward. When he started on that undertaking a few months ago, he felt in his own mind that if he raised about £15 he should have a list of which he need not be ashamed; but through the kindness and liberality of the brethren he was happy to say that his expectations had been more than realised, for his list now amounted to between £46 and £47. He should very much like to raise it to £50, and he appealed to those present to help him. A plate was then passed round the table, and Bro. Gowers announced, amidst great applause, that the amount had been contributed and a few shillings to spare. An excellent musical programme was given during the evening.

VITRUVIAN LODGE, No. 87.

THIS ancient Lodge held an emergency meeting on the 8th instant, at the Bridge House Hotel, S.E. Lodge was opened in due form by Bro. Bail P.M., who apologised for the absence of the W.M., Bro. A. E. Birch, who was unavoidably prevented from attending. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Brother Bail said he had the gratification of performing the ceremony of passing Bros. Carlton and Swash, which duties were done in perfect form. The votes for the School were unanimously given in favour of the son of the late Bro. Paine. A discussion took place concerning the Lodge Centenary medal, but the question was postponed on account of not knowing the exact date of the consecration. Bro. George Isaacs had much pleasure in informing the brethren that he had traced the infancy of the Lodge, which was consecrated many years ago, and established by the Sappers and Miners (now the Royal Engineers) at Gibraltar. From there it migrated to the Peninsula, but during the war it established itself at Chatham. Subsequently it came to the metropolis. This explanation was cordially received. The acting W.M. proposed that a letter of condolence be sent to the widows of the late Brothers Payne, Clegg, and Field; this was unanimously agreed to. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed until Wednesday, the 13th July, when we hope to see the W.M. again in the chair. After some light refreshment the brethren parted, having spent a pleasant evening in harmony. Amongst those present were Bros. Whiting P.M., Stuart P.M., Bail P.M., Chamberlain, Nightingale, Lambell, G. Isaacs, Huntley, and several others.

CHISWICK LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 2012.

ON Wednesday, the 8th inst., this Lodge held its annual supper at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, and the occasion was taken as the opportunity for presenting a testimonial to its Preceptor. The chair was occupied by Bro. George Gardner, Founder and Treasurer, and a Past Master of the Mother Lodge, he being supported on his right by Bro. Edward Ayling P.M. 974 the Preceptor, and upon his left by Bro. Arthur Williams Secretary and D.C. 834. The vice-chair was taken by Bro. James Sims P.M. 834. The following brethren were also present:—Bros. N. Defries P.M. 2012, M. Spiegel P.M. 188, H. Purdue P.M. 834, W. Game P.M. 511, J. A. Gartley P.M. 205, C. Dopson P.M. 834, J. H. Wood W.M. 1642, H. Tipper W.M. 185, D. S. Long S.D. 1275, W. G. Coat 1275, J. G. Doncaster S.W. 834, H. Hewitt 834, F. Walden Secretary 2012, J. T. Benson 2012, T. M. Coleman 192, H. D. Blett 1892, R. J. Seers 1559, W. W. Fazan 2090, J. J. Boswell 2012, A. J. Mann 172, F. Craggs I.G. 834, J. Worth 834, E. Mitchell 1275, V. Wing J.W. 1585, P. J. Davies 1767, H. Oliver I.G. 1585, J. Davis 169, W. H. Wilson 2012, J. Brown 2012, W. Ritchie 2090, W. C. Dickey 2012, W. W. Williams 834, D. Stroud 55, and J. Lichtenfeldt

Assistant Director of Ceremonies 205. After the toast of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past, the Chairman proposed success to the Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, coupling with the toast the names of the Preceptor, Treasurer, and Secretary, paying due compliment to their zeal and assiduity, the value of their services and willingness at all times to do their utmost to promote the prosperity of the Lodge. This toast was most cordially received. After a song by Bro. Dickey, the Secretary replied. He gave a brief sketch of the career of the Lodge, the large amount it had given to the Charities, and its prospects of continued prosperity. Whilst thanking the brethren for the hearty manner in which they had received the toast he assured them, on his own behalf as well as that of the Preceptor and Treasurer, of their hearty goodwill and desire to maintain and uphold the Lodge to the best of their ability. The Chairman in proposed the health of the worthy Preceptor of the Lodge, Brother Ayling, presented him with a small token of the esteem and regard in which he is held by them all, and handed him a diamond ring subscribed for by members of the Lodge; he trusted it would ever bring to his mind a recollection of the esteem in which he was held. He called upon the brethren to join him in this—the toast of the evening. Bro. Ayling, in response, tendered his sincere thanks for the honour and kindness shown him; he could not find words to adequately convey what he felt; he had an earnest desire at all times to promote the welfare of the Lodge, and the friendship and brotherly regard shown him made it a pleasure to come amongst them. Their gift he should prize as long as he lived, and when absent from them it would remind him of the kindness evinced at all times towards him by the brethren of the Chiswick Lodge. Several other toasts were given during the evening, which was rendered the more enjoyable by some excellent singing.

YARBORO' LODGE, No. 244.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge, of which Brother Col. E. C. Malet de Carteret is the W.M., took place at the Masonic Temple, Jersey, on Wednesday, 8th inst. The work of the evening consisted of the 2nd and 3rd degrees. Bro. Charles Naylor, 1624, P.M. 958, P.P.G.R. Jersey, was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and the Installation banquet was fixed for Wednesday, 13th July.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at Bro. Langdale's, the Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., on the 11th inst. There were present Bros. Hodges W.M., Lone S.W., Oldis J.W., Cohen Preceptor, Galer Secretary, Fenner Treasurer, Yates S.D., Powell J.D., Brett I.G.; also Bros. Imlay, Müller, Born, Langdale, Hallam, Park, Peatt, Reed, Da Costa, Harris, Stallard, Barnett, &c. Lodge being opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. The business consisted of the rehearsal of the ceremony of passing, Bro. Imlay acting as candidate; he, after proving his efficiency, was entrusted. Lodge being advanced, the ceremony was ably rehearsed by the W.M. Bro. Fenner worked the 1st, Bro. Cohen the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge being resumed, Bros. Müller, of the Faith Lodge, No. 141, and Born, of the Royal Savoy, No. 1744, were elected members. Bro. Lone was elected W.M. for the 25th. Lodge was then closed. The Fifteen Sections will be worked on the 18th inst. (this day), by the members of the Queen's Westminster and the St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction, by special invite. Lodge on this occasion will be opened at 6.30.

The following is a list of the Stewards for the Boys' School Festival, with the respective amounts collected by each, corrected up to the time of our going to Press:—

LONDON.				Lodge		£ s d		Lodge		£ s d				
				96	Major H A Joseph	138	0	0	1178	Henry Stockwell	117	12	0	
Lodge				101	Edward J Altman				1269	John Lane	38	6	6	
Grand Stewards, per Bro. Fred.				140	W C S Burney	42	0	0	1328	J L Thomas, F.S.A.	106	11	6	
	Binckes	132	12	0	141	Charles Dairy	71	18	6	1329 }	D D Mercer	43	1	0
1	Br F G Brown	21	0	0	142	J L Thomas, F.S.A.	23	2	0	1641 }				
2	C O Tngart	52	10	0	162	Thomas Burne	22	1	0	1361	J J Wedgwood	16	16	0
3	A G Sandberg	25	4	0	165	G A Vennell	21	0	0	1666	R W Galer	16	16	0
4	F T Bennett	16	16	0	172	John Whaley	31	10	0	1383	Dep. Inspector-Gen. T. B.			
5	Edwin T Hall	26	15	6	179	Walter Dickeson	65	0	0		Purchas, M.D.	105	0	0
6	Philip C Novelli	21	0	0	181	E J S Layton	36	15	0	1420	T Wilkinson	26	17	6
8	Thomas Skewes-Cox				188	J W Dewsnap	41	15	0	1426	F W Potter	73	10	0
10	Samuel Green	23	2	0	197	C Barry, F.S.A.	25	4	0	1445	Hy Seymour-Clarke	44	12	6
14	Walter J Ebbetts	19	8	6	205	Joseph Da Silva	42	0	0	1475	R Boddy	46	13	6
19	John Glenn	72	19	6	255	N D Francis	21	0	0	1489	William Gray	28	7	0
21	Marcus R Sewill	36	15	0	259	C Godson, M.D.	31	10	0	1538	T G Fluck	39	0	0
23	F Pinches	15	15	0	435	D Belifante	50	18	6	1572	J S Stacy	79	16	0
28	James Boulton	42	0	0	534	Oliver Bryant				1593	A Escott, F.R.A.S.	36	15	0
29	John R Dunlop	27	6	0	548	Henry Carman	27	6	0	1601	Alfred Thompson	42	16	6
33	W J Sugg	27	6	0	657	F A Warner	44	7	0	1614	T A Dickson			
34	S J Attenborough	65	2	0	720	J D Arnold	54	0	0	1615	Capt. F S G Moon			
46	Ed W Stanton	56	14	0	733	C R Wickens	32	0	0	1627	Alfred Hudson	3	8	0
49	E Anderson jun.	36	15	0	733	Sills J Hamfress	10	10	0	1629	Rev. C J Martyn	63	0	0
55	Edward H Brown	57	15	0	822	C F Grundtvig	28	7	0	1642	W W Buckland	57	15	0
59	F J Tyler	47	5	0	871	John J Pakes	37	16	0	1658	James Hill	47	13	0
60	W H Kempster	26	5	0	898	G Graveley	52	10	0	1670	Carl Erhardt	46	4	0
63	A S W Baum	63	0	0	957	Charles Corby	53	0	0	1872	G P Minett	22	11	0
87	E W Nightingale	90	0	0	1076	Henry Taplay	100	0	0	1681	Joseph Rayner	23	2	0
90	T Abbott Smith	66	3	0	1150	C Monckton	79	16	0	1686	John M Klenok	26	5	0
91	Fred. C Watts	29	8	0	1155	B Goldsmith	51	0	0	1704	G Vernon Knight	21	0	0

Lodge		£	s	d
1705	James Blyth	.	.	.
1707	John Webb	.	26	12 0
1708	J P Hamilton	.	56	3 6
1716	Snowden Kirk	.	21	0 0
1718	Lient.-Col. E T R Wilde	.	13	2 6
1719	J Mainwaring	.	29	8 0
1724	Major S P L Konarski	.	24	3 0
1766	James Tames	.	61	10 0
1820	Fredk. G Brown, M.R.C.S. (see 1)	.	.	.
1900	W H Gardener	.	105	0 0
1901	Elijah Eagle	.	106	1 0
1924	S W Hooper	.	40	8 0
1963	F Kerry	.	42	0 0
2021	C P Bellerby jun.	.	162	15 0
2030	F S Hunt, M.P.	.	21	0 0
2128	H J Giller	.	42	0 0
2150	W T Farthing	.	33	12 0
2191	Major G Lambert	.	22	1 0
2192	Alderman J Savory J Barnett jun.	.	48	6 0
Lodges of Instruction				
1425	George Read	.	22	1 0
1949	Stephen Richardson	.	76	13 0
Chapter				
65	Comp John Roberts	.	42	0 0
176	John E Cockett	.	42	0 0
548	W G Batchelor	.	27	6 0
1642	Samuel Smout	.	18	18 0

COMMITTEE DINNER CLUB.

Bro Richard Eve	.	.	210	0 0
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UNATTACHED.

Bro Asher Barfield	.	.	10	10 0
William Belchamber	.	.	22	1 0
Charles Belton	.	.	15	15 0
John Bertram	.	.	10	10 0
Edgar Bowyer	.	.	10	10 0
W R. Burnett	.	.	5	5 0
Joseph Clever	.	.	21	0 0
George Cooper	.	.	23	2 0
George Gardner	.	.	52	10 0
Frederick V. Green	.	.	17	17 0
Thomas Griffiths	.	.	56	14 0
Henry Hacker	.	.	36	15 0
William Albert Hart	.	.	.	.
H P Hay	.	.	12	12 0
Charles Fred. Hogard	.	.	10	10 0
George Kenning	.	.	10	10 0
Fred. Lorraine	.	.	.	.
Alfred Thomas Layton	.	.	10	10 0
George Thomas Limn	.	.	52	10 0
H B Marshall	.	.	10	10 0
H B Marshall jun.	.	.	10	10 0
J L Mather	.	.	21	0 0
G J McKay	.	.	26	5 0
Dr. George Mickley	.	.	10	10 0
T Hastings Miller	.	.	10	10 0
James Moon	.	.	10	10 0
Col. James Peters	.	.	10	10 0
Ernest St. Clair	.	.	10	10 0
Henry Stone	.	.	5	5 0
J W H Thompson	.	.	10	10 0
James Terry	.	.	.	.
W H Tilling	.	.	.	.
Henry Venn	.	.	10	10 0
C E Wright	.	.	14	14 0

PROVINCES.

BEDFORDSHIRE.

Lodge				
1470	Br F J Coleman	.	36	15 0

BERKS AND BUCKS.

574	Anthony Kersley	.	10	10 0
795	E W Allen	.	40	8 6
1101	W Ravenscroft	.	80	11 6
1566	Frank R Spender	.	.	.
1770	Charles E Belcher	.	40	2 6

CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

441	S H Sharman	.	137	11 0
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CORNWALL.

Gilbert B Pearce	.	.	194	5 0
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DERBYSHIRE.

Percy Wallis	.	.	26	5 0
George Fletcher
353	R B Barratt	.	31	10 0
731	Abraham Woodiwiss	.	101	15 6

Lodge		£	s	d
DURHAM.				
	William Logan	.	101	17 0
ESSEX.				
160	Geo L Wood	.	14	0 0
453	Robert Martin	.	25	0 0
650	Richard Clowes	.	15	15 0
1024	Edmund Gowers	.	52	10 0
1343	Charles C Potter	.	.	.
1817	George J Glasscock	.	22	2 0
2154	Mark Gentry	.	10	10 0

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

82	R Prowde-Smith	.	22	1 0
246	R V Vassar-Smith	.	63	0 0

HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

723	Br H Lehmann	.	.	.
2068	Geo F Bevis	.	21	0 0

HERTFORDSHIRE.

Lodge and Chapter				
404	Br C. E. Keyser	.	32	11 0

KENT.

199	Br James Walter Bussey	.	215	5 0
558	S Joseph	.	50	18 6
784	Thomas Bent	.	36	15 0
1096	John Wyatt Court-	.	77	14 0

Lodge and Chapter				
1414	Br Rev T S Curteis	.	.	.

Lodge				
1464	Thomas Peace Staley	.	75	12 0
1973	Thomas Heaps	.	21	0 0

LANCASHIRE (EASTERN DIVISION).

221	Br James Walker	.	10	10 0
933	John Stovold	.	10	10 0
933	C D Cheetham jun.	.	42	0 0
1052	Sam Warburton	.	10	10 0
	Thomas Oakden	.	.	.

LANCASHIRE (WESTERN DIVISION).

Br Reginald Young	.	.	15	15 0
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Lodge				
1335	J D Murray	.	52	10 0
1335	A H Crossley	.	.	.
1381	W J Thomson	.	10	10 0
1387	J J Lambert	.	31	10 0
1476	W B Richardson	.	10	10 0
	R Foote	.	10	10 0

MIDDLESEX.

788	Br E C Mulvey	.	30	0 0
1326	W R Vassila	.	26	5 0
1326	J A Wilson	.	21	0 0
1503	Alfred H Gurney	.	47	5 0
1512	John Cameron Jessett	.	24	2 6
1579	Joseph Boulton	.	36	15 0
1597	H Francis Bing	.	55	13 0
1691	J Ferguson	.	10	10 0
2105	W R Palmer	.	26	5 0
2105	Surgeon R H Cama	.	10	10 0

Chapter				
2048	Comp Chas J Knightley	.	121	17 0

MONMOUTHSHIRE.

The Province, Br Wm Watkins	.	.	78	10 0
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Lodge				
457	Br Predk K A Powell	.	21	0 0
471	C H Oliver jun	.	36	15 0
683	Arthur H Oliver	.	65	0 0
818	John Owen Marsh	.	36	15 0
1098	John J Williams	.	30	10 0
1429	Alfred Taylor	.	31	10 0

NORTHS AND HUNTS.

360	A Cockerill	.	.	.
360	J U Stanton	.	.	.
466	H Hart	.	.	.
1764	George Ellard	.	.	.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

47	J Toplis	.	63	10 6
402	Arthur Stubbs	.	168	0 0

OXFORDSHIRE.

340	R W Bowden	.	30	0 0
357	Rev R W M Pope	.	16	16 0
1478	Rt Hon Viscount Valentia	.	21	10 0
1036	Arthur Johnson	.	2	2 0
1515	E F Greenwood	.	16	5 6

Lodge		£	s	d
SOMERSETSHIRE.				
291	Br Arthur Duckett	.	.	.
291	Edward F Wade	.	420	0 0
1222	G E Alford	.	.	.

STAFFORDSHIRE.

Bro W G Lowe	.	.	.	.
A F Warrillow	.	.	245	14 0
William Vernon	.	.	.	.

SUFFOLK.

81	Br Edward Smith	.	35	13 0
936	James M Harvey	.	57	15 0
1631	Major W Dods	.	63	0 0

SURREY.

452	Br Magnus Ohren	.	24	3 0
463	Walter J Nicholls	.	10	10 0
1046	Harry Loveless	.	26	5 0
1362	Henry Trower	.	43	11 6
1638	John Henry Taylor	.	22	1 0
1714	Robert Bunce	.	15	15 0
1872	Reginald Piper	.	15	15 0

SUSSEX.

40	Br W H Russell	.	55	0 0
732	W Nell	.	50	0 0
732	Charles Nye	.	.	.
1466	Henry E Price	.	68	5 0

WILTSHIRE.

Bro Thomas Stephen Fitcher	.	.	234	3 0
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WORCESTERSHIRE.

Bro A F Godson, M.P.	.	.	26	5 0
377	Br J W Consterdine-Chad-	.	.	.
wick	.	.	10	10 0

YORKSHIRE.—NORTH AND EAST.

Bro Wm Holder	.	.	113	13 0
57	Br Edward Corris	.	107	15 0
236	T G Hodgson	.	64	1 0
250	W C Whiteside	.	.	.
566	W N Cheesman	.	10	10 0

YORKSHIRE (WEST).

Bro. T. W. Tew				
Henry Smith				
W F Smithson				
139	John Shaw	.	.	.
154	W A Statter	.	.	.
208	W D Quarmby	.	.	.
208	F Bateman Fox	.	.	.
290	William Harrop	.	.	.
296	Lt.-Col. J E Bingham	.	.	.
296	William Colver	.	.	.
296	Harold Thomas	.	.	.
296	Robert Roper	.	.	.
296	Isaac Ellis	.	.	.
362	Thomas Hill	.	.	.
495	George F Wild	.	.	.
495	Alfred Leach	.	.	.
750	Rawson Kelly	.	.	.
904	G A Ilston	.	600	0 0
910	Robert Fisher	.	.	.
974	John Ridley Oddy	.	.	.
1001	John Richardson	.	.	.
1019	John Wordsworth	.	.	.
1019	Herbert Green	.	.	.
1019	Frederick Simpson	.	.	.
1042	William Flockton	.	.	.
1042	Wm Bingham	.	.	.
1042	Wm T Carter	.	.	.
1042	Thomas Tvers	.	.	.
1042	William Pepper	.	.	.
1042	Xavier Meyer	.	.	.
1042	Robert H Fowler	.	.	.
1211	G Frances Crowe	.	.	.
1211	J W Fourness	.	.	.
1211	Thomas Winn	.	.	.
1283	William Haigh	.	.	.
1302	William Asquith	.	.	.
1513	T W Embleton	.	.	.

NORTH WALES.

1336	C K Benson	.	52	10 0
1674	Arthur L Clewes	.	10	10 0
1849	Henry Kneeshaw	.	39	18 0

SOUTH WALES (EASTERN DIVISION).

960	W C Peace	.	120	0 0
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ROBERT BRADLEY,
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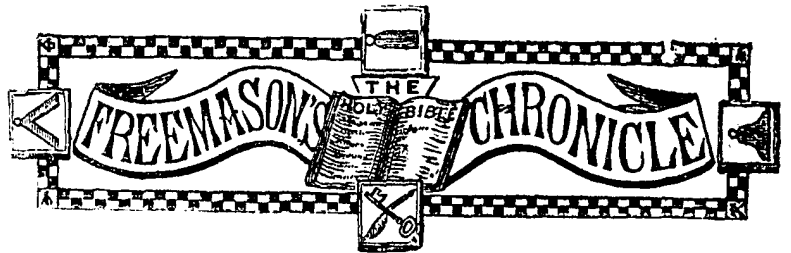
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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE Eighty-ninth Anniversary Festival of this Institution attracted to the Crystal Palace a very numerous attendance of the brethren, with their friends of both sexes, on Tuesday last. The day was gloriously fine, and those who went down early had an opportunity of sauntering through the grounds, which are now in their brightest summer livery. A great many of our Provincial friends had remained overnight, after attending the Jubilee gathering at the Albert Hall, in order to be present at the Festival, and to them the Palace no doubt presented especial interest. Additional attraction was vested in the event by the knowledge that a valuable testimonial was to be presented to Bro. Frederick Binckes, the esteemed and universally popular Secretary of the Institution; and thus the company at dinner was somewhat in excess of that witnessed on some previous occasions. The banquet was served in a large *salon*, constructed immediately underneath and in front of the organ gallery, and the otherwise sombre aspect of the interior was enlivened by trophies, shields, and flags tastefully suspended from the pillars supporting the roof. By five o'clock the banqueting-room was well filled, tables being allotted to members of the various Provinces, an arrangement which invariably gives satisfaction. The occasion was graced by a large number of ladies, whose bright summer toilettes heightened the picturesque effect. By regulation, the brethren did not appear in Masonic clothing, but the majority of them wore the elegant Stewards' jewel provided for the occasion. Another feature of the day, and one we were pleased to witness for the first time at our Boys' Festivals, was the gathering of a numerous party of "Old Masonians," who had accepted the kind and considerate invitation emanating from Bro. Binckes, and judging from the hearty spirit which prevailed at this particular table, it was evident they thoroughly appreciated their "first appearance" at a Masonic banquet. A dais had been erected for the principal guests, and behind this was the orchestra, embellished with flowers and ornamental plants, palms, ferns, &c. The chair was occupied by R.W. Bro. Thomas W. Tew, J.P., Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, who was supported by Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary; Richard Eve, Grand Treasurer; Revs. Dr. Cartwright Smyth, C. J. Martyn, Dr. Morris; Viscount Valentia, A. F. Godson, M.P., G. Plucknett, Horace Brooks Marshall, C.C., George Cooper, W. Roebuck, Baron de Ferrieres, J. L. Thomas, Col. Peters, Major George Lambert, Magnus Ohren, F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Capt. Homfray, C. Else, Col. Lyne, W. Pans, Edgar Bowyer, Dr. Jabez Hogg, C. O. Tagart, G. Belton, Alderman Savory, George Kenning, Raynham W. Stewart, Asher Barfield, A. Layton, H. Venn, J. Moon, T. H. Miller, J. J. Murray, Percy Wallis Prov. S.G.W. Derbyshire, C. F. Hogard, J. L. Mather, Abraham Woodiwiss, J.P., W.M. 731, Samuel Watkins, W. Watkins

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The Chairman, in proposing the Queen and the Craft, said the first thought which rose from their hearts to their lips that evening was to do honour to our Sovereign Lady who reigned over the British Empire, which had grown to such magnitude by the splendour and industry of its 700 millions of people, and which had expanded to such dimensions by the energy and power of the inhabitants of this land. It afforded him the greatest satisfaction to have the honour and privilege of proposing this toast, and he ventured to echo the aspiration that it was the fervent prayer of every one of them that the Ruler of all nations, the King of Kings, the Great Architect of the Universe, might direct, preserve and guard our Gracious Queen to reign for many years over this united Empire, and over a happy, prosperous and contented people. The toast was received with great cheering, followed by the National Anthem, in the chorus of which all joined. In proposing the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Chairman said, following on the great ceremony of the preceding day, they acknowledged their gratitude to the Prince of Wales for having so graciously presented himself at the Albert Hall and allowing so vast a body of Freemasons to render their allegiance to him as the head and ruler of our Order. That celebration had tightened the bonds and consolidated those feelings of attachment felt by Freemasons throughout the world to the Heir Apparent to the Crown of these realms. Loyalty, philanthropy, and fidelity to our country are some of the watchwords of our Order, upon which they heard admirable addresses yesterday. These were the essential conditions of the Craft, and bound together Freemasons throughout the world, of every country and clime, not only to him, but also to the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of England, and to his Royal Brothers, as well as to every member of the Royal Family. This attachment was founded on the devotion and affection of our hearts to His Royal Highness and to every member of the Grand Lodge. Let them hope that the work he had so much at heart, the Imperial and Colonial Institute, to which he had devoted so much time, thought, and labour, might meet with the success that had actuated his generous efforts in its behalf, and that the contributions of the Craft might be found an acceptable offering in his sight from them towards the consummation of his wishes. Brother the Rev. Dr. Cartwright Smyth, Grand Chaplain, then rose to propose The Chairman, R.W. Bro. Tew, J.P., P.G.D. Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire, the toast being received with loud cheers. In doing so, he said he felt it a proud moment of his life to dine with them on the present occasion and to submit this toast to their notice. He felt, indeed, that it would have ill become any one connected with the Grand Lodge of England, and belonging to the Province of West Yorkshire, to have been absent from this great gathering. They all knew the regard and admiration they entertained for their Prov. Grand Master, which was second only to their feeling of loyalty to the Queen, second only to their devotion to the Most Worshipful Grand Master. That was the feeling of every one in West Yorkshire towards him who occupied the chair to-day; indeed, in the slightest wish or suggestion he made, to hear was to obey. Bro. Tew was a prince amidst his fellows; his purse was ever open to relieve the needy and destitute; he devoted his whole life to the interests of Freemasonry. His noble conduct to-day, in giving up a summer holiday for the purpose of coming there, was a proof of that deep interest he felt in the Craft, and for which they were all deeply indebted to him. He would not detain them longer, for he felt the toast needed no eulogy from him; though if he spoke according to the dictates of his heart he should detain them there till midnight. He trusted that all in West Yorkshire and elsewhere might follow Bro. Tew's noble example in maintaining the Masonic Institutions, especially the one in whose behalf they were now assembled; ever bearing in mind that charity was the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart, which merited the approbation of heaven, blessing not only him who received, but also him who gave. He proposed our Provincial Grand Master; he said "our" because he gloried in being a West Yorkshire brother. The toast was received with great enthusiasm. The President, on rising to reply, was greeted with renewed and prolonged cheering. He commenced by observing that Miss Fanny Moody had just sung, in the most delicate manner, one of her charming songs, "It was a Dream." It was a dream to him to think the day had come when he should have had the unexpected honour conferred upon his Province, and upon himself as its Provincial Grand Master, of occupying the chair at one of the great Festivals. He thanked the rev. Chaplain for the manner in which he had proposed the toast; and felt grateful to every one present for the courteous way in which they had received that proposal. His only regret was that some one of older standing in Provincial rank had not been able to occupy the chair that evening; but he assured them his heart was cordially in sympathy, and his wishes were earnestly for the prosperity of every one of the great Masonic Institutions. Whatever deficiency they might detect in their Chairman, they might believe him when he said he cordially sympathised with the objects of the Institutions and was glad in every way to co-operate with the brethren in promoting their best interests. He then proposed the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom. R.W. Deputy Grand Master, *ex-officio* Vice-President of the Institution, and the Provincial Grand Masters and Present and Past Grand Officers. He desired to associate with that comprehensive toast the names of Colonel Lyne, Prov. Grand Master of Monmouth, who hailed from Oxford, and of Viscount Valentia P.G.W. He felt sure that after having listened to the most exquisite and beautiful speech of the Earl of Carnarvon at the Albert Hall he need say very little to commend the toast to their acceptance. That speech was worthy the deepest study, as a model of excellence, of the English language, and he (the speaker) need do no more than

hope that they would show in the most unmistakable manner their appreciation of the beauty of that address, considering the circumstances of physical difficulty under which it was delivered. He might say the same of the Earl of Lathom, in seconding the resolution; his remarks were most appropriate and touching, and went home, he was sure, to the hearts of every one who heard them. With regard to the Vice-Presidents and Provincial Grand Officers, he believed every one had the utmost confidence in them, and were delighted with the manner in which they performed their responsible and arduous duties. This brilliant assembly was honoured with the presence of two distinguished Officers, whose names he had mentioned, and he asked the company to give the toast a most cordial reception. Bro. Orlando Harley here sang "When other lips," in such a manner as to evoke an undeniable encore, and he was compelled by the incessant applause to return and repeat the last verse. Colonel Lyne said as a Provincial Grand Master it afforded him great pleasure to respond to this toast. Their Chairman just now remarked that the honour conferred upon him "was a dream;" he on his part could wish that "other lips" had to respond for this toast instead of his own. They were all very much gratified with the addresses given yesterday by the Earl of Carnarvon and the Earl of Lathom. He was sure they listened with unfeigned pleasure to those observations, which touched their hearts in every sense that they as Masons could desire. They all recognised the onerous responsibilities of those two Grand Officers, and he thought the Grand Secretary ought to have responded in his place, as he alone knew the difficult duties they had to perform. Provincial Grand Masters had also their responsibilities, because he was sorry to say the prizes they had at their command were few, while those who were deserving of them were numerous. However, they were always kind enough to receive the toast of the Prov. Grand Masters with cordiality and good feeling, knowing they did their best to discharge the duties that devolved upon them. Nothing could have afforded them greater gratification than what they heard yesterday, and that every one of the Provinces would share in the promotion to rank amongst the Grand Officers was a high compliment to them. Let him say that none amongst them were more deservedly promoted than the Secretaries of the three Masonic Institutions. Viscount Valentia P.G.W. felt that he was hardly the proper person to respond for this important toast, as his services in the Grand Lodge of England only commenced yesterday. But he assured them his knowledge of Freemasonry was such that he knew the Grand Officers were not only assiduous in the duties they had to perform, but they took the greatest interest in the Craft; he knew also the interest which every true Mason took. If that interest could possibly be increased it would be so by having the honour of a Grand Officer's collar conferred upon him. It was a great pleasure to them all to see the Grand Officers yesterday, and to hear the eloquent words that fell from their lips; he hoped they would show their appreciation of those words by the thanks which they returned for the toast which had been so kindly given by the Chairman.

In proposing the toast of the evening, Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the Chairman asked them kindly to give him a few minutes while he tried to do justice to it. He thought if ever a chairman had the right to claim a little consideration, and he hoped indulgence, that Chairman was himself on that occasion. Up to within a fortnight ago, or thereabouts, the Executive of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys had been disappointed—after many applications to distinguished personages—in securing the services of an eminent member of the Craft to occupy the position which he had been so suddenly and unexpectedly called upon to endeavour to fulfil that evening. On the eve of a temporary sojourn on the Continent his sympathies were enlisted in this Institution, in correspondence with certain influential members of his Province of West Yorkshire, Vice-Patrons and Governors of the Boy Institution, and he cordially consented to do what he could do for it. He offered his co-operation in this position of difficulty—never anticipated by the Executive. That the result of such offer would be that he should appear before them in the prominent and responsible position he had the honour to occupy that evening he little anticipated. He knew what his generous Province had already done in support of each of the other noble Institutions during the past year. He remembered they had pledged themselves to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution to raise a Jubilee Offering of £2,100 in addition to their usual annual support,—over £800 at the Festival in February last, and £400 at the recent Girls' School Festival. Lastly, their West Yorkshire Jubilee celebrations in the 42 towns of his Province. All these things had exacted additional heavy contributions from the brethren, and perhaps he might be pardoned for alluding to the large number of Craftsmen from that Province who, at considerable personal inconvenience, had come to London to show their loyalty to Her Most Gracious Majesty and their Royal Grand Master by attending the magnificent demonstration at the Albert Hall yesterday. Yet, guided by his advisers within the Province in such things, he placed the matter in their hands, to exercise their discretion, and they felt justified in pledging this additional support of himself and his Province in an emergent difficulty. Thus it was he was in the chair that night, to redeem the promise he had made to the Executive of this Institution. The celebration of this Festival—whatever the result Bro. Binckes would announce—must be regarded as one in which the Northern Province of West Yorkshire had assisted by means of a diligent and lengthened process of organisation. Their Festival share in the success was that of sympathetic friends, who seeing those in London in whom they were all so deeply interested, and knowing the unlooked for position of difficulty they were in, as to the Chairman for the day, they readily accepted the responsibilities of the situation and came to the rescue, not inquiring too minutely how such help could be made available. That help, cheerfully rendered even at the eleventh hour, they cordially trusted would be appreciated, and would not be without substantial value to the Institution whose prosperity they had so deeply at heart. They looked upon the Festival in the

Crystal Palace, after witnessing the magnificent Masonic Assembly at the Albert Hall yesterday, with feelings of thanks and gratification, heightened by the knowledge of the universal benefits which would be conferred by those gatherings upon the three Masonic Institutions. He thanked the United Grand Lodge of England for its munificent contribution on the first day of this month, of £6 000, distributed in sums of £2,000 to each of the three Masonic Institutions. (This sentence was received with loud cheers). The Boys' Institution had in its turn derived benefit from those two sources, but still he felt perfectly justified in pleading with them for support on this occasion. On the Jubilee celebration of His Majesty George III. fifty boys were specially admitted to the benefits of these Schools. On the Jubilee of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen—Grand Patroness of the Order, since 1852—258 sons of Freemasons were enjoying the full benefits of maintenance, clothing and education in that Institution. Further, there had been expended in the erection of School buildings and the purchase of freehold land, in round figures, a little short of £100,000. He was sorry to say that on the Building Fund for the Preparatory Schools and General School Sustentation Fund their account at the bankers' showed a serious liability, amounting to about £3,000. Urgent efforts were needed to reverse this state of things, and it was his duty specially to press upon the charitably-disposed in this assembly, to help to wipe out this deficit, and to restore the equilibrium in the finances of the Institution. The expenditure last year was £16,300, and the receipts some £13,000. He was anxious, therefore, that the Festival in this year of rejoicing should render the monetary course of this noble School one removed from all cause of anxiety to the Executive, and one of ease and smoothness in the future of its history. In conclusion, he urged upon them to do their utmost for the Institution, and place it in that position of prosperity worthy of so splendid an educational establishment. The toast was briefly acknowledged by Bro. George Plucknett P.G.D., Vice-Patron, Treasurer of the Institution.

The Secretary (Bro. Frederick Binckes) then read the list of contributions brought up by the Stewards, full details of which are given on another page. The total amount, with 13 lists yet to come in, was £11,100. Bro. Binckes said he was proud to be able, for the first time, to make a special announcement. His experience went back for thirty years, and in that time neither of the Masonic Institutions had ever received any contributions from the great City Companies. Brother Major Josephs, however, who was a prominent member of the Court of Common Council—and as Steward for Lodge No. 96 had given in the sum of £138—told him that while he would not guarantee anything further before the 31st of March next, that was only an approximate amount. He did not hesitate, even in the presence of Major Josephs, to state that he most sincerely believed the amount of fifty guineas from the Goldsmiths' Company was mainly due to their constant friend Major Lambert. This was entirely a new element of support, showing the magnificent Corporation of the first city of the first Empire in the world took an interest in works of benevolence. They had also received twenty-five guineas from the Skinners' Company, and twenty-five guineas from the Vintners' Company. Her Majesty the Queen, to whom they were bound by every tie of affection and loyalty, had sent her thirty-seventh donation of ten guineas. At the same time up to the present the result of the Festival was somewhat disappointing.

Bro. Major Lambert, as Prime Warden of the Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths, begged most respectfully to say that they were most delighted when Major Josephs applied to their Company for a donation towards the Boys' School. Had he consulted the Prime Warden, however, he would have received a far more handsome donation. Representing, as he did, one of the largest of the City Companies, he assured them he would endeavour to extend that donation still further. It was a rule with the City Companies that no second application could be made within three years; but he had no hesitation in saying that if the Companies of the great City of London were approached in a proper manner they would respond to the application with the greatest possible pleasure. He should go back to his Company and tell them what this noble Institution was doing in the cause of education, and should inform them also that it was in need of great accession to its strength. The Queen's Westminster Lodge had landed a sum of £100, and as the Treasurer of that Lodge he should do the best he possibly could to further the goodwill of the Society, which was so well ruled and governed by their good friend Bro. Binckes.

The Chairman said he was now about to submit to them a toast which was not on the regular list. They were aware that some time ago a most important and influential Committee was formed, having for its President the Earl of Lathom, with a great many Vice-Presidents, and having for its Chairman Bro. Raynham Stewart, the object being to recognise in some suitable manner the long services of a distinguished Officer of the Boys' School and to the Craft. It fell to his lot that evening, by request of various members of the Craft, on their behalf and in the name of the subscribers, to give expression to their appreciation of those long, able, and valuable services, and to present the recipient of it with the result of their labours, together with their best thanks for the services he had rendered to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys during the last 25 years. He need hardly tell them that the purse and piece of plate which had been subscribed for were to be presented to Bro. Frederick Binckes, the esteemed and valued Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. (This announcement was received with ringing cheers). Did time or patience permit, he could occupy their attention long in detailing those services to brethren who were not so well acquainted with them as he was. They would, however, find those services recapitulated in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE where a full record was given of Brother Binckes's Masonic work during that period of time. He asked them to procure the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, and to read it for themselves, for there they would find the most explicit statement as to what Bro. Binckes had done during the last quarter of a century, more

especially in behalf of this Charity. He asked Brother Binckes to accept, as an expression of their acknowledgment of his services, a piece of plate and a pocket-book containing a gift of no small amount, as a testimonial of his efforts on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The inscription on the plate was as follows:—

Presented to
 BRO. FREDERICK BINCKES,
 Together with a purse of four hundred guineas,
 In recognition of his services for upwards of twenty-five years
 as Secretary R.M.I. Boys,
 and as
 Grand Secretary Grand Lodge M.M.M.
 14th June 1887.

Bro. Binckes, who was loudly cheered, said the brethren might very naturally imagine that on an occasion so important as that which had brought them together that evening, the main object was not to promote the interest of an individual, but—if he might use the expression—the imperial object of promoting the interests of one of the Institutions of their great Craft. He had the greatest possible pride and pleasure in the world in seeing so large a gathering assembled around those tables, although perhaps he had to a certain extent to express his regret that many good friends had not retained their places up to this moment. When he said he rose to respond to the handsome gift which had been tendered to him, his feelings were mingled with both gratification and regret—with intense gratification that the few friends who had contributed to that splendid testimonial had deemed his services worthy of recognition after a long period of 25 years; of intense regret that the presentation should have been made at this Festival, the realisation of the results of which—he had no hesitation in saying—he had looked forward to with so much anxiety, and still with fears as to the result—which had been realised—as to its being the least successful for a long series of years. He could himself wish, he assured them from the bottom of his heart, that this amount had been given to the Institution instead of to himself. The failure, or the comparative failure, which had attended their exertions that evening, was to him a source of unmitigated regret; but when they looked back to the earlier portions of the year, to the large success of their Benevolent Festival, and the success of the Girls' School Festival, and now upon the enormous claims made, in every district throughout their jurisdiction, for local celebrations in connection with the Jubilee of Her Majesty's reign, he felt perfectly assured this Institution must of necessity suffer. Grand Lodge had recently come to their relief with £2,000, and a similar amount would result from the magnificent gathering of yesterday; these aids would very materially compensate them for the comparative failure of their Festival, and go some way towards placing the Institution in a state of solvency and of hope for the future. Now, he could not forget a personal question, reference to which had been made by their excellent friend who had done them the honour of presiding over them that day, as to their approval of his small services. He would not attempt to exhaust himself in addressing to them observations which he might have done under more fitting circumstances, but he asked them just to bear with him for a few moments, because he was not unmindful of the past, or ungrateful for the present. He had four classes to deal with—first those with whom he laboured in his early years, the majority of whom had left this world for another. He was satisfied with their encouraging efforts in his earlier days, and if they had been spared he should have been glad, for often he remembered what he owed to them, and how they had encouraged him in a certain path, could never be forgotten. Then there were those who never knew his work—and did not approve of it; those who knew his work—and did approve of it; and those younger members who did not know anything at all. Those who knew his work and did not approve of it, he asked to take the most indulgent view possible, and at least give him credit for trying to do his best. If they had not altogether approved his action, he assured them he had but one leading object at heart, and that was to promote the well-being of the School, to retrieve their magnificent Institution from the state in which he found it in 1861, and to make it take its proper place with the other Masonic Institutions. He had no doubt there had been dissentients from what he had recommended, but he had had independent Committees to deal with, who would not have passed what he recommended if they had not approved. To those who had cordially worked with him and appreciated his work—and there were many present—how could he tender his thanks for their acknowledgment of the services he had rendered? But there were many who knew him only as an old fossil, charged with old conservative notions. Let him endeavour to induce such to change their ideas. He was ingrained with Conservative notions, in all that was good; he had adopted all that had been good in the past; and had produced good in the present. He had endeavoured to profit by the experience of the past, and bring it to bear on the present. As to the extension of the Institution, should he not be ungrateful if he did not say that it was done with their approval and by their practical support? Never mind what their partial failure had been on the present occasion; did they think that, under the exceptional circumstances, he had any doubt of the future prosperity of the Boys' School? No. They had had before them as their guests that evening twenty-five sons of Masons, educated in the Institution, now making their way more or less successfully in the world. He had hoped they would have had fifty, but they could not be released from their duties. He (Bro. Binckes) was not what he was twenty-five years ago; but he could tell them this—that he had a heart as sound and an energy as good as ever he had, now in his declining years, for advocating the cause of this Institution. He could this evening say what he had done had not been altogether without their approval, and that while he might not have given satisfaction to every one, yet to the great majority of those with whom he had laboured he had given satisfaction, or they would not have testified

in that manner that evening. There was no one in this world, however gifted he might be, or however endowed with intellectual or physical powers, who could in any shape or way attempt to plead that he had given universal satisfaction. He had been, from the age of nineteen to nearly sixty-three years, an active worker in public life; he had stated his opinions; he had not been a neutral being, trying to please every one; and he would not give a farthing for the man who was not willing to stand by his opinions. He hoped to die in harness, and not to lose in Masonry those good friends whose sympathies had been testified that night. He then referred to the Albert Hall gathering, at which he was made a Past Grand Sword Bearer, and said if he had not given satisfaction to every one, yet from the majority with whom he had laboured his work had met with approbation, and concluded by trusting he had consistently given satisfaction during the course of his public life.

The Chairman next proposed Success to the other Masonic Institutions. In doing so he expressed regret that Brother Hedges, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, could not be present, on account of the indisposition of Mrs. Hedges. He would therefore associate with the toast the name of Brother James Terry, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Brother Terry said, after the lengthened proceedings of the evening he would not detain the company; he congratulated Brother Binckes most sincerely upon the success of the meeting, as also upon the presentation that had been made to him. The last of the Festivals for the year had taken place, and the total contributions now amounted to nearly £43,000. He thanked them for the reception they had given to the toast, and hoped the support accorded to the Charities would be continued in the future. With the toast of the Board of Stewards was associated the name of the Grand Treasurer, Brother Richard Eve, and the Chairman returned his best thanks to them all for the excellence of their arrangements. Bro. Eve, President of the Board of Stewards responded; and the Ladies, proposed by Lieut-Col. Bingham, C.E., Prov. G.S.W. of West Yorkshire, and responded to by Bro. Dr. H. Thomas, closed the list.

During the evening a choice selection of music was rendered, under the direction of Bro. F. H. Horscroft, assisted by Miss Fanny Moody, Miss Bertha Moore, Madame Raymond, Bro. Orlando Harley and Bro. Wilfred Price, Bro. James Kift presiding at the pianoforte. This part of the proceedings was a rich treat and tended very materially to enhance the pleasure of those present.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Avenue.—Messrs. H. B. Farnie and Andran's opera comique "Indiana" was revived here on Monday, and proved as interesting as before. A good attendance was present, taking into consideration the heat, and the different artistes were greeted with enthusiasm. The business and songs were heartily received—too heartily to be genuine in some cases—while the staging and dresses were uniformly excellent. Miss Wadman, seemingly much benefited by the rest she has recently taken, was in good voice as Indiana, and was called on several times for encores, a compliment she certainly deserved. Miss Phyllis Broughton danced gracefully, Miss Jessica Dene made a good Nan, while Miss Clara Graham was a vivacious Annette. Mr. Arthur Roberts once more showed that he can be amusing; as Matt o' the Mill he has exceptional opportunities, of which he does not fail to take advantage. His by-play was as good as ever, while his jokes were most amusing. He was well backed by Mr. Collini (Aubrey), Mr. Joseph Tapley (Philip Jervaux), Mr. Sam Wilkinson (Peter), and Mr. Henry Ashley (Sir Mulberry Mullitt). The choruses will go better after a night or two.

Strand.—The following old comedies will be given by the English Comedy Company at this theatre during Jubilee week:—Monday, "The School for Scandal;" Tuesday, "She Stoops to Conquer;" Wednesday, "The Rivals;" Thursday, "The Clandestine Marriage;" Friday, "The Road to Ruin;" Saturday, "The Hypocrite." Matinees—Thursday, "The Busybody;" Saturday, "The Lady of Lyons."

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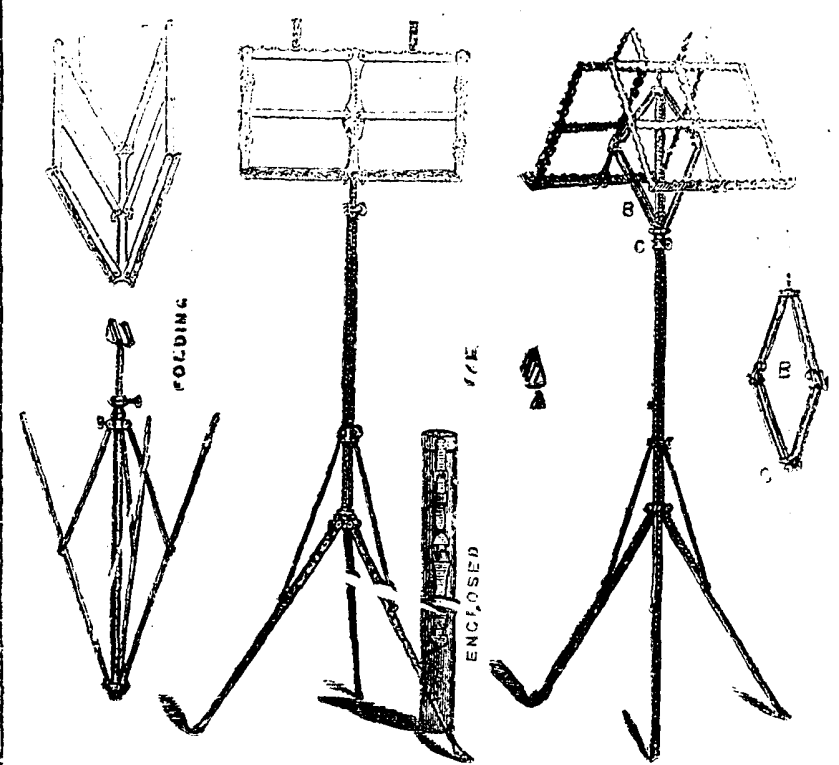
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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

SATURDAY, 18th JUNE.

- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
 188—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
 1624—Eccles-on, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
 1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
 M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 M.M. 357—Chiswick, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge
 1194—Villiers, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
 1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton
 1494—Felix, Clarence Hotel, Teddington
 1861—Claremont, Crown Hotel, Chertsey
 1897—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow
 2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
 R.A. 1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton
 R.A. 2096—George Price, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon. (Consecration)
 M.M. 205—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow

MONDAY, 20th JUNE.

- 22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 648—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
 1159—Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at (In)
 1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
 1506—White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Pace Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
 2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 M.M. 224—Menatschin, Criterion, Piccadilly
 K.T. 131—Holy Sanctuary, 33 Golden-square, W
 77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
 236—York, Masonic Hall, York
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
 331—Phoenix Public Room, Truro
 359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
 424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
 466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
 622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
 923—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
 934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield
 1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
 1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
 1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
 1238—Gooch, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
 R.A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
 R.A. 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
 R.A. 482—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth
 R.A. 779—St. Augustine, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
 R.A. 1284—Brent, Masonic Hall, Tottenham
 M.M. 141—Skelmersdale, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyze

TUESDAY, 21st JUNE.

- Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 141—Faith, Victoria 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.)
 654—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 763—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 960—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)
 961—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.)
 1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Manning Road, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
 1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge
 1446—Mount Edgcombe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 1472—Houley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
 1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
 1895—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst)
 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Bibra Restaurant, Cannon Street, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
 1919—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
 R.A. 11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 R.A. 1343—Elbury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 162—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 M.M. 232—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 R.C. 45—Oxford and Cambridge, Masonic Hall, 23 Golden Square

- 213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 418—Monturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hitley
 452—Frederick of Unity, Freemasons' Hall, 105 High Street, Croydon
 463—East Surrey of Concord, Kings' Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.15. (Inst.)
 667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 960—Rufe, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
 1006—Tregulow, Masonic Rooms, St. Dwy, Sturrier, Cornwall
 1052—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
 1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
 1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
 1473—Bootle, 116 Berry Street, Bootle, at 8. (Instruction)
 1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
 1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
 1726—Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor
 1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
 1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Ragley
 R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
 R.A. 80—St. John's, Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, Sunderland
 R.A. 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
 R.A. 792—Oliver, Masonic Hall, Osborne Street, Great Grimsby
 R.A. 1151—Unity, Town Hall, Tywardreath, Cornwall
 M.M.—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate

WEDNESDAY, 22nd JUNE.

- Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6
 2—Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Sarisbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 72—Royal Jubilee, Mirror, Cary Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Brompton, at 8. (Inst)
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 234—United Strength, The Hope, Strand, at 8. (Instruction)
 533—La Tolerance, Publand Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Popple's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Inst.)
 741—Marionette, Silver Tavern, Brompton, at 8. (Instruction)
 902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruction)
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 124—Duke of Connaught, Royal Hotel, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
 1540—Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
 1611—Ravensburne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30 (In)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1841—Londesborough, Barley Arms, John Street, W. 1. S. (Inst.)
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
 R.A. 177—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. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
 R.A. 907—Royal Albert, White Hart Tavern, Aldersgate
 R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 778—Bard of Avon, Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court
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 1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
 1255—Dundas, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
 1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley Street, Bury, Lancashire
 1511—Alexandra, Horsea, Hull (Instruction)
 1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1967—Beacon Court, Ghuzee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent
 2098—George Price, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon
 R.A. 225—St. Luke's, Freemasons' Hall, Soane Street, Ipswich
 R.A. 605—De Tabley, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
 R.A. 808—Segontium, Carnarvon Castle, Carnarvon
 R.A. 1356—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

THURSDAY, 23rd JUNE.

- House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Leadenhall, at 8 (Instruction)
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 858—South Middlesex, Beaufort House, North End, Fulham
 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
 1278—Burdett Counts, Swan Tavern, Betanul Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
 1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1428—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
 1454—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
 1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddleton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
 1612—West Middlesex, Ball Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
 1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
 1625—Tredgar, 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, Camberwell, at 9 (Inst)
 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst)
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
 M.M. 113—Northumberland, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street
 51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
 75—Imperial George, Ashteton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
 293—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 734—Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Park Street, Deal
 935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington Square, Salford
 1325—Stanley, 214 St. Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 1437—Liberty of Havering, Rising Sun, Romford
 1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, nr Manchester
 1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1530—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 1638—Browrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbinton, at 8. (Instruction)
 1692—Wellington, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon. (Instruction)

R.A. 216—Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 279—Fortitude, Freemasons' Hall, Halford Street, Leicester
 R.A. 431—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields
 R.A. 442—St. Peter's, Masonic Hall, Boroughbury, Peterborough
 R.A. 1603—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham

FRIDAY, 24th JUNE.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
 60—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
 167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 785—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
 786—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
 790—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
 834—Rabelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1166—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1166—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
 1366—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1842—E. Carnarvon, Ludbrooke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 1799—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Fimbo, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
 R.A. 76—Rythmugoreau, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
 R.A. 95—Eastern Star C. of Improvement, Hercules Pav., Leadenhall Street
 R.A. 749—Belgrave, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Grosvenor, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
 R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Improvement)
 R.A. 1169—Marquis of Dalhousie, 33 Golden-square, W.
 R.A. 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
 M.M. 223—West Smithfield, Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's Churchyard
 K.T. D.—Mount Calvary, 31 Red Lion Square, W.C.
 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
 3059—Londonderry, Y.M.C.A., John Street, Sunderland
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at
 R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
 R.A. 650—Bilton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 M.A. 1058—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
 M.M. 104—Southdown, Station Hotel, Haywards Heath, Sussex
 K.T. 126—Sussex, Southdown Hotel, Eastbourne
 K.C. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 25th JUNE

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
 186—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1284—Finchbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Pringle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1541—Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
 1621—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
 1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)
 Small Chapter of Improvement, Union, A. & S. Masonic Hall, W., at 8
 R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1482—Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
 1484—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
 1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
 1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent
 1982—Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom
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THE ninth monthly number of this magazine of "amusement, art, biography, economy, invention, literature and science" well sustains the anticipations that were formed of it at the outset of the new series. In its well-printed pages there are narratives of adventure at home and abroad, sculpture, and gossip, all of which form interesting reading matter, and are embellished with wood-cuts executed in a superior style of the art. The opening pages this month contain a racy and entertaining paper on stalking red deer, with many hints to those who have a fancy to try their hand at the "noble sport" during the season. The author, whose ardent love of ferns has found expression in "The Fern Portfolio," "Where to find Ferns," &c. concludes his ably written series of articles on "The Fern Hunter;" and Margaret Thomas, in her "Stepping Stones to Sculpture," discourses pleasantly on bronze casting. The Right Hon. Cecil Raikes, M.P., forms the subject of this month's biographical sketch, and an excellent portrait is given of the Postmaster General. Under the head of "Economy," a panoramic view is furnished of some of the lovely scenery for which North Wales is famed, plentifully illustrated with sketches of those sequestered nooks and expansive ranges of landscape that are so well known to the tourist. The literary article treats of the late George Eliot, accompanied by a sketch of Griff House, Chilvers Coton (near Nuneaton), where the distinguished novelist was born; and there is a chatry article on "Greenwich Hospital in Bygone Days," before the ancient "salts" who had fought England's sea battles were expelled from their quarters by a questionably wise act of the Legislature. Amongst the other contents there are narratives of exciting incidents during travel in South Africa; and the editor's serial story "Dragon Hollow" deepens in interest as the plot is disclosed. This little budget, with its miscellaneous attractions, should circulate widely, considering it is published at the low rate of threepence monthly.

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"OLD MASONIANS" AND THE FESTIVAL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The intimation given in your columns a fortnight since that every available means should be adopted for entertaining as many of the "Old Boys" as are "within touch" at the Boys' Festival, was an idea which I have heard spoken of in terms of the highest approbation whenever I have met brethren, either in Lodge or conversation. The idea was as worthy of Brother Binckes's conception as it was of general support by the Stewards and members of the Craft. Some people are apt to talk of "liberality gone mad" during the Jubilee year, and there may be a certain degree of justification for the remark, seeing the legion of schemes that have been launched with the idea of providing everybody and anybody with some sort of entertainment, as a "memento of the event. But to include the fifty "Old Masonians" in the company who assembled at the Crystal Palace on Tuesday, under the genial presidency of Bro. T. W. Tew, was altogether beside the question. The matter of expense, as you pointed out, was a mere bagatelle, and could be made up without the slightest perceptible call upon the pocket; while, on the other hand, the effect upon the minds of our young guests will be enormously beneficial. All of us who have grown old have fixed upon the memory some incident or episode which remains for ever green, and recalls some pleasure which is distinctive and indelible. And I know of no movement which will produce a more gratifying effect than that which Bro. Binckes so considerably suggested. There could be no shadow of a doubt that our robust and excellent friend, the Secretary, would achieve the object of his desire, for we know that when he puts hand to the plough there is no looking back. That has been the distinguishing characteristic of Bro. Binckes's work throughout the twenty nine years he has advocated and pushed forward the interests of our Boys' School: and it was not to be hinted that he would stop short in carrying out this essentially small affair. Seeing, then, that it has been proved, and is an accomplished fact, what avail, may you ask, to say any more about it? Simply to assure Brother Binckes and those who co-operated with him and his proposal, that it has met with the hearty approbation of the brethren generally—at least, so far as I have heard, and I have met the members of a good many Lodges since that proposal was made—who regard it as another of those acts of kindly consideration and manly generosity for which Bro. Binckes is so proverbial. I was very pleased to see so goodly a muster of the "Old Masonians" at their table, on Tuesday; to hear the "glass house" ring with their congratulatory cheers at the announcement made of the result of the Stewards' lists and the Binckes' Presentation. It will stamp upon the minds of our former pupils a glowing recollection of the Jubilee year as the first during which they had the honour and privilege of sitting down at a Masonic banquet, and who would deny the "Old Boys" such a treat when it could be so gracefully and cheaply done?

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Fraternally yours,

A VERY "OLD BOY."

We are inundated with Jubilee effusions just now, and a couple of hymns from the pen of Bro. John White Oram (music by Bro. Walter B. Bull) are amongst the latest. These "patriotic souvenirs" are entitled "Gracious Sovereign," and "Hark! the Bells." Doubtless they will find favour amongst Bro. Oram's friends, and others who are interested in this class of composition.

The consecration of the George Price Chapter will take place, at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, this day (Saturday), at Four p.m. The ceremony will be performed by the M.E. Comp. J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., Grand Superintendent of Surrey, who will be assisted by M.E. Comp. Shadwell H. Clerke G. Scribe E., E. Comps. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, F. West, R. T. Elsam, C. Greenwood, H. E. Francis, &c. Comps. H. Marcus Hobbs, J. D. Langton, and J. S. Fraser are the three Principals designate.

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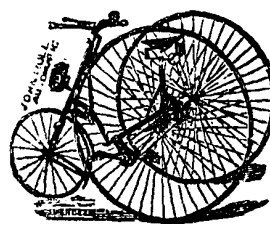
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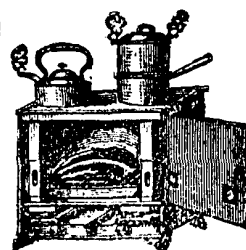
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