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ON PERSONAL MATTERS.

WITH our current number the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE enters upon its Twenty-Sixth Volume; and although it is not often we obtrude matters of a personal nature upon the attention of our readers, yet we may be pardoned if we take a cursory retrospect of the progress which this journal has made in the past, and a fitful glance as to its prospects for the future. During the thirteen years the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE has made its weekly appearance many matters of weighty importance to the Craft have occurred; vast has been the advance made in the numbers and influence of its adherents in every part of Her Majesty's dominions; many and irreparable have been the gaps caused in our Masonic ranks by the natural result of all things human. The accession of the Prince of Wales as Most Worshipful Grand Master of English Freemasonry was one of the events recorded in the first volume of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, and since that time, up to the splendid Jubilee Festivities of the past few weeks, all matters of interest to the Craft, both at home and abroad, have received attention in these columns. We have no hesitation in averring that, through good and ill report, the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE has steadily and consistently adhered to the objects and principles it espoused at the outset of its career, the single aim being the welfare of our Institution, and the promotion of the cause of Charity. With this end in view it has been our duty, and pleasure, to chronicle every event bearing in that direction, to echo every sentiment of "devotion to the Craft" which all true Masons love and revere; and to plead earnestly and sincerely the cause of those magnificent Institutions that are the boast of Freemasonry, and the admiration of the world. No opportunity has been advertently passed over of conducing to these objects, which are the province and privilege of a Masonic journal, and that our efforts have received a certain meed of appreciation we are led to believe by the many kindly expressions received at various times by those who have supported us throughout the whole period of this work. It would be idle to conceal even from ourselves the fact that our labour has not been altogether on a "bed of roses." Every man who has ventured on journalistic enterprise knows very well what we mean by the expression that it is an "uphill game," needing all the courage and steady perseverance which alone can preserve a course of impartiality, and so avoid the Scylla and Charybdis of those contending factions which are sure to make their appearance in every human institution. So far from pandering to the crotchets of cliques or individuals, or encouraging personalities, which ever and anon crop up even amongst men knit together by the strongest ties of common Brotherhood, we have studiously endeavoured to discountenance all such tendencies to discord, and to lead, if possible, the disputants back into the old channel of amity and good fellowship. If we have in any degree succeeded in that endeavour, and kept the brethren *au courant* with all the salient features of Freemasonry at home and in the colonies, our mission has been fulfilled, and we tender our acknowledgments to those brethren who, either by their contributions to our pages, or by adding to our list of subscribers, have assisted us in the task we set ourselves many years ago. On the other hand, thorns have sprung up on the otherwise fertile ground, and the acerbity with

which some of our discontented friends have from time to time addressed us would suffice to upset any but the phlegmatic and inflexible nerves of a journalist. The most vicious and vituperative writers are those who essay to rush into print under the ægis of an anonymous signature, and who studiously avoid the stereotyped injunction which heads the correspondence columns of every newspaper, that "all communications must be accompanied by the name and address of the writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith." But those bilious scrawlers, whose effusions can only be relegated to the waste paper basket, have found little sympathy at our hands. If reforms are needed, or abuses require amendment, those who are honestly solicitous of bringing about such objects need not blush or hesitate to entrust to the judicious confidence of the Editor those details which are the conditions of ordinary Press regulation. But those tirades of disparagement, which it is necessary we should candidly admit we have received, against the mode in which we have thought fit to conduct our journal—and which we mean strictly to endeavour to follow in the future—are scarcely worthy to be considered as a set-off against the kindness and hearty expressions of approval that have reached us from all parts of the kingdom, and which we shall treasure as most valuable testimony to the general Masonic opinion of the course we have consistently pursued.

With respect to the future, though we have reached the "silver wedding"—if such a term is admissible in connection with a journal—we frankly confess that we enter upon it with fear and trembling that cannot be altogether allayed by past experience. The responsibilities of the Masonic journalist are increasing day by day; in fact, it is impossible to give an outline of even a moiety of events that are eminently deserving of being placed on record. We have done all we can; the best of us can do no more. Thus, while conscious of many shortcomings which we have been powerless to avoid, we must appeal earnestly to our friends to be "to our faults a little blind." It is a trite saying that Masonic literature can never be made to pay; and it must be borne in mind that journals of our own class—any more than others—are not conducted on a purely sentimental or philanthropic basis. It is a commercial transaction, and like every other business the sinews of management, of composition and publication, must be provided for by those for whose advantage and information the weekly sheet makes its appearance. If the question were asked of our most prominent Masonic *litterateurs* whether they discovered a gold mine in any of the precious volumes they have transmitted to the Craft, and which are treasured in the archives of every ardent student of the Art? the response would be, we trow, a slow and significant shake of the head. Ask Brothers (Gould, Hughan, Lane, and the rest, whose deep research and patient collaboration have so enriched the Masonic library, as to their reward for years of labour, and they will tell you the only and best recompense they have is in the grateful appreciation of their efforts by brethren who are intellectually strong enough to estimate their work. It is the same with the regular issue of a Masonic publication, only that the care and anxiety are not enclosed within the covers of a single volume; it is a continuous and unabating responsibility.

In this regard, and coming to still more personal allusion, we are bound to admit that the unceasing cares of the work we have been called upon to discharge has told

heavily and severely upon us from a physical point of view. Nature must yield to constant and severe tension, and we have felt, in the many dreary hours of recent affliction, that rest is necessary. We utter these remarks in no complaining spirit, but in the hopeful assurance that our readers will accord to us that forbearance and extended support of which we stand urgently in need. We do not cavil at the amount of encouragement—pecuniarily, we mean—given to us in the past, but, with the enormous increase in the Masonic ranks during the period of existence of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE we had reason to anticipate even greater support than has up to now fallen to our lot. In opening our Twenty-sixth Volume, therefore, we would confidently ask reading Masons to lend us the right hand of fellowship and help; by so doing they will enable us to widen our sphere of usefulness, in which we fervently trust we may be enabled to persevere, at any rate, with energies undiminished.

GRAND LODGE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

REPORTS of the Proceedings of Grand Lodge of Antient and Accepted Masons of South Australia are before us, but the interest of these documents is centred in the Annual Communication, held at Freemasons' Hall, Flinders-street, Adelaide, on the 20th of April last. The Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Hon. S. J. Way, presided, supported by Bros. H. E. Downer, M.P., Deputy G.M., H. M. Addison Past D.G.M., John Ramsey, J.P., S.G. Warden, Philip Sansom J.G. Warden, Saul Solomon, M.P., President of the Board of General Purposes, J. R. Gurner Past G. Reg., J. H. Cunningham Grand Secretary, J. C. Kaufmann, LL.D., Grand Inspector of Lodges, Rev. Canon Poole, M.A., G. Lichner, W. H. F. Wigg, J.P., and J. H. H. Vockins S.G. Deacons, Hon. J. A. Cockburn, M.P., J. G. Williams P.S.G. Deacons, W. F. Olifent J.G.D., R. L. Mestayer, J.P., Grand Superintendent of Works, G. C. Knight Grand Director of Ceremonies, J. G. Jenkins Deputy G.D.C., J. LeM. F. Roberts Assistant D.C., J. T. McLean Grand Standard Bearer, D. H. H. Weir, and Thomas De Cean Grand Standard Bearers, James Shakespeare G. Organist, Andrew Simpson G. Purs. C. A. Murphy, A. Lindsay, A. Kemp and H. Trevaskis Grand Stewards, and a numerous body of Past Masters, W. Masters and Wardens of various Lodges in the jurisdiction, representatives of the Grand Lodges of England, Colony and Island of Cuba, Michigan, California, Illinois, Kentucky, Liberia, New Jersey, Ireland, Ohio, Utah, and Peru. There was also a large gathering of Visitors. Lodge was opened in ample form, with solemn prayer by the acting Grand Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. Canon Poole, M.A. Apologies for unavoidable absence were received and accepted, after which, on the motion of Bro. H. E. Downer Deputy G.M., seconded by Bro. H. M. Addison, Brother Hon. S. J. Way was unanimously re-elected the Most Worshipful Grand Master for the ensuing year, and was proclaimed and saluted according to ancient custom. The M.W. the Grand Master cordially thanked the Grand Lodge for having, for the fourth time, placed him by their unanimous votes in the honourable position of Grand Master, and assured them that he would in the future, as in the past, do all in his power for the advantage of Freemasonry in South Australia. The following Grand Officers were elected:—

Bros. H. E. Downer, M.P.	-	-	Deputy G.M.
Philip Sansom	-	-	S.W.
Hon. J. A. Cockburn, M.P.	-	-	J.W.
Rev. J. W. Owen, B.A.	-	-	Chaplain
H. C. Mais, J.P.	-	-	Treasurer
Saul Solomon, M.P.	-	-	President Board G. Par.
W. B. Webb	-	-	Registrar
F. Olifent	-	-	Inspector of Lodges
Rev. F. S. Poole, M.A.	-	-	Lecturer
Harry Turner, J.P.	-	-	} Junior Deacons
A. Kemp	-	-	
R. L. Mestayer, J.P.	-	-	Superintendent of Works
G. C. Knight	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
W. Cate jun.	-	-	Deputy D.C.
J. LeM. F. Roberts	-	-	Assistant D.C.
J. T. McLean	-	-	Sword Bearer
D. H. H. Weir	-	-	} Standard Bearers
T. De Cean	-	-	
J. E. Thomas	-	-	Assistant Secretary
Andrew Simpson	-	-	Pursuivant
John Nicholson, J.P.	-	-	Assistant Pursuivant
E. Cooke	-	-	} Auditors
F. W. Gardiner	-	-	

Scrutineers were appointed of the ballot for two Senior Grand Deacons, Grand Organist, twelve Grand Stewards, and five members of the Board of Benevolence, and the result was announced later in the afternoon, as follows:—

Senior Grand Deacons—Bros. J. H. H. Vockins, F. H. Wigg.
 Grand Organist—Bro. James Shakespeare.
 Grand Stewards—Bros. C. L. Meyer, C. A. Murphy, H. J. Bailey, Jasper Bee, A. Lindsay, W. J. Williams, B. H. Laker, W. Burnett, G. E. C. Stevens, Berry Smith, John Cornish, J. C. Harris.
 Board of General Purposes—R. L. Mestayer, G. C. Knight, J. H. H. Vockins, John Ramsay, and F. H. Wigg.

Brother S. Solomon, President of the Board of General Purposes, submitted the annual report, together with the balance-sheet and statement of the receipts and expenditure for the year ended 31st December last. These were adopted as satisfactory. The attendance of members of the Board at the eleven meetings during the year showed a good average. In accordance with a resolution carried at the January meeting, the Grand Stewards arranged to celebrate the anniversary of the Grand Lodge by a "Social," to be held in the Albert Hall on the evening of the 20th. A hope was expressed that the members of Grand Lodge and brethren generally would avail themselves of this opportunity of meeting and enjoying themselves, together with their lady friends, in social manner. The Widow's Scholarship at the Girls' Grammar School, North Adelaide, tenable for two years, kindly placed at the hands of the M.W. Grand Master, by Brother A. C. Ancher, B.A., the head master, had been presented to Miss O'Connor, daughter to the late Bro. O'Connor, of Clare Lodge, No. 12. Recognition of the authority of this Grand Lodge, and requests for the interchange of Representatives, had been received from the Grand Lodges of South Carolina, Rhode Island, Liberia, and the Grand Orient of Belgium. The following brethren were elected:—South Carolina, Brother Ebrington B. Hume; Rhode Island, Brother Thomas H. Tilley; Liberia, Brother C. T. O. King. Brother F. J. Wigg proposed, and Brother Harry Turner seconded, that the names of the following Brothers be suggested to the several Grand Lodges mentioned as worthy Representatives to this Grand Lodge from their respective Grand Lodges:—South Carolina, Brother R. L. Mestayer; Rhode Island, Bro. D. H. H. Weir; Belgium, Bro. J. R. Gurner. The demands upon the Benevolent Fund continued to be frequent, but by judicious and careful examination of the applicants the Board had been able to relieve worthy cases, and yet to continue to augment the funds. Attention was called to the statistical table of the number of members, initiations, &c. for the past year, and the Board regretted to notice a diminution in the number of members, although the initiations had quite kept up to the average. The large number of members who had resigned and been struck off, had reduced the roll of membership by 92. There was, however, no cause for alarm, or even regret, on this account, as a very considerable number of those who had been struck off had not paid subscriptions or attended to their Masonic duties for a very long time; in fact, they had been members only on paper. Of those who had called off many would doubtless rejoin on the advent of more prosperous times. On the application of 45 Master Masons, a warrant for a new Lodge, the United Service, No. 37, had been granted by the M.W. Grand Master. On the motion of Brother J. G. Jenkins, seconded by Bro. J. Le M. F. Roberts, it was resolved to present a Loyal and Congratulatory Address to the Queen, upon the Jubilee of Her Most Gracious Majesty's reign, from this Grand Lodge, on behalf of the Freemasons of South Australia. A committee was appointed to carry the resolution into effect. It was then proposed by Bro. H. M. Addison, and seconded by Bro. W. Cate jun., and carried:—

"That after any Brother has represented in writing to his Lodge that he is unable to pay his subscriptions thereto, if his Lodge permit him to be exempt from paying them for a period, his Lodge shall not be required to pay any Grand Lodge dues on account of such Brother during such period, provided it does not exceed two years. And his Lodge may, by resolution carried at any of its regular meetings, determine the terms upon which such Brother may be permitted to be exempt from paying his subscriptions. Provided that the Grand Lodge dues shall be paid by such Lodge upon receipt of subscriptions from the Brother for period exempted."

The newly elected Officers were invested with the collars and jewels of their respective offices; and the election of Trustees for the Benevolent Fund was postponed until next meeting of Grand Lodge. No further business offering, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

CHESHIRE EDUCATIONAL MASONIC INSTITUTION.

THE twenty-fourth annual report of the Committee of this valuable Institution, the object of which is the education and advancement in life of the children of distressed and deceased Freemasons, has just been issued, and although its general tone is somewhat disappointing, yet the Committee state that, notwithstanding very exceptional depression in mercantile circles, the income of the Institution has "fairly met all its requirements." Taking all things into consideration, this may be regarded as matter for congratulation, for when we hear of the results of our great Masonic Festivals suffering in consequence of the extraordinary demands made upon the benevolent during this Jubilee year, it can hardly be wondered at that local associations must share in the same falling off. Thirty-four children have been educated, at an expense of £227 17s 11d; of these, five retire by rotation, and there are six applicants for election. The initiation and joining fees, as recommended by Provincial Grand Lodge to be contributed by Lodges, have materially decreased, owing no doubt to the number of initiations having been less than last year; but donations have so far made up the deficiency as to leave the funds of the Institution virtually intact. Regret is expressed by the Committee that so many of the Lodges in the Province do not support the Institution in the way they ought to do, considering the very great assistance their nominees receive from it. One or two Lodges endeavoured to promote the interests of the Institution by entertainments, but the proceeds do not appear to have come up to the expectations of the generous brethren who originated the idea. The Committee conclude with the very sound intimation that unless the Worshipful Master of every Lodge can pick out from the members of his Lodges an energetic brother to represent the value of the Institution and get the support of his Lodge, it will decrease in power, instead of increasing, as it is essential it should do. They add, "If there is anything that the majority of our Lodges can suggest that would promote the prosperity of this truly home Charity, do let them come forward and help your Committee in promulgating this very desirable way of helping those who, through the ardent competition of modern days, have lost opportunities which their position justified. Such an appeal can hardly fail to reach the hearts of the brethren in the Province, and we trust the response may be such as will enable the Committee to present us with a much more cheerful report next year.

With very pleasant recollections of the Domestic Summer Banquet last year, at Kempton Park, we note that the Directors have again given the free use of their charming place in the Thames Valley, for the "Victorian Jubilee Festival," on Tuesday, the 19th inst. As before, the Park of over three hundred acres, together with the pavilion and grand stands, will be at the exclusive use of the Visitors. It should be borne in mind that this Festival is not restricted to Freemasons, but is for brethren and their friends, while members of others Lodges are cordially invited. In the early part of the afternoon there is to be a variety entertainment, and the band of the 10th Hussars will play on the lawn throughout the day. The banquet will be served in the pavilion at four o'clock, and when we know the arrangements are in the hands of those well-known caterers Messrs. Bertram and Co., little further need be said to assure our friends of an excellent repast. Immediately after the banquet a concert will be given in a tent, under the direction of Bro. Carl Reichelmann, Organist of the Lodge, and the festivities will wind up with a grand ball in the pavilion. There are many of us who vividly recollect the round of enjoyment which characterised last year's Domestic outing, and will eagerly look forward to this event, which promises to be one of a varied and interesting character. It goes without saying that, with such a body of Stewards as usually carry out the arrangements on behalf of the "good old Lodge 177" (which last year celebrated its Centenary), headed by Brothers Abel Simner W.M., Harry Nelson Price I.P.M., Geo. Everett P.M. Treasurer, and others, nothing will be wanting to ensure a thoroughly happy and successful gathering—provided, of course, the weather is fine, which everybody hopes it may be.

The Annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent is fixed to take place on Wednesday next, at the Bull Hotel, Dartford, under the presidency of Bro. the Earl of Amherst Prov. Grand Master. The agenda contains some very important items of business, after the transaction of which the brethren will attend special service at the parish church, and the banquet is fixed for four o'clock, at the Conservative Hall, Spital-street. Special arrangements have been made with the S.E.R. and L.C. and D.R. Companies for the conveyance of brethren to and from Dartford, from London and all parts of the Province, and a large gathering is anticipated.

It is a well recognised fact that the result of the recent Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was disastrously affected by the difficulty that encompassed Bro. Binckes, almost to the eleventh hour, in his not being in a position to announce who would be his President. On the next occasion this difficulty will not have to be encountered, inasmuch as the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Devon, Viscount Ebrington, M.P., has given his consent to the announcement being made that he will preside at the Ninetieth Anniversary Festival, that for 1888. Doubtless the members of the Province of Devon will support their chief in a manner that will be satisfactory to all who desire the progress of this excellent Institution.

The meetings of the Royal Jubilee Lodge of Instruction, No. 72, held on Wednesday evenings, at the Mitre, Chancery Lane, are adjourned until the third Wednesday in September next.

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A MASON.—When an individual is introduced to us as a Brother Mason, we have reason to feel that we have formed the acquaintance of a good and upright man. Of course we know nothing of the person just named, but we are aware of the engagements that he has entered into, of the solemn obligations that he has assumed, and when we consider all the surroundings, and what such a one should be, we assume that we have formed the acquaintance of a good man. To make Masonry a good Institution the men who compose its membership should be above reproach. In plain words, all Masons should be good men. And this condition in life can be achieved if the Fraternity will closely observe its lessons and teachings. We do not admire half-way Masons or partial ones. We believe in being pure, absolute Craftsmen. Do just what the admonitions of our ritual tell us to do. Study well the creed and follow it to the letter. This is the kind of Masonry that we admire, and it is the kind that is easily accomplished.—*Illinois Freemason.*

Miss Grace Hawthorne, finding it impossible to produce "Theodora" before the Autumn, announces that she will inaugurate her lessee-ship and season at the Princess's Theatre on Thursday, 14th July, with a melodrama by Messrs. Joseph Jefferson and L. R. Shewell, entitled "Shadows of a Great City." Miss Hawthorne has secured the services of a strong company, while new scenery is being prepared.

Notes for Masonic Students.

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1.—NORTON'S ORDINALL.

SOME discussion has lately arisen among Masonic students in America and England in respect of that curious poetic Hermetic Treatise which appeared for the first time in print in the "Theatrum Chemicum" of Elias Ashmole, in 1652. Ashmole, like other Hermetic writers, was regarded with some little doubt and hesitation, especially as to the genuineness and authenticity of this and other "Poetical Pieces" on "the Hermetique Mysteries." Such doubts and hesitation were however unfounded, the more so as Norton's Ordinall was alluded to in other Hermetic works.

Mr. B. Quaritch, the eminent collector, of 15 Piccadilly, has now a very valuable and unique MS. of the "Ordinall of Alchemy," with six drawings on vellum and illuminated, and of transcription circa 1650. The interest of this work to Masonic students consists in the fact it mentions "Freemasons."

The Ordinall is itself of much earlier date, and some have thought that it contains the first reference to Freemasons as a body. If its actual date be approximate to that which Ashmole originally seemed to ascribe to it, in 1612, then it may well be that this is the first distinct reference to the body *qua* a Fraternity or Institution. But there are very early uses of the word Freemasons singly, which seem to demonstrate the undoubted existence of such a body of men.

It is just possible, if we follow up all such quotations and judicæ carefully, and collect and collate them, we may find a closer connection existing between Freemasons and Hermetics than has hitherto been deemed either possible or probable.

SPERO.

[We have great pleasure in printing the above communication of our correspondent "SPERO," and will readily find space for similar "ideas" from other Masonic Students.—ED. F.C.]

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF BERKS AND BUCKS.

THERE was something peculiarly appropriate in the selection of Windsor as the meeting place of Prov. Grand Lodge this year, inasmuch as the event added one more to the many interesting incidents that have followed in such rapid succession during the past week or two. The brethren, on their arrival, found the Royal Borough a blaze of colour from end to end, and had the opportunity, before the hour fixed for business, of inspecting the profuse and elaborate decorations with which the streets were embellished. Special arrangements had been made with the railway companies to convey the brethren to and from Windsor at reduced rates, and thus there was a very numerous attendance, brethren coming from all parts of the two counties, with a sprinkling from London. The brethren assembled at one o'clock at the Albert Institute, Sheet-street, when Lodge was opened by Brother H. J. Stollery, W.M. of the Etonian Lodge, No. 209, who was supported by Bro. C. W. Seymour P.M. Windsor Castle Lodge, No. 771, as S.W.; and Bro. W. Sevenoakes P.M. 209, as J.W. Shortly afterwards the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., accompanied by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Brother the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg P.G.C., and a numerous body of Provincial Grand Officers entered, and were received with the usual salutations, the Provincial Grand Organist Bro. F. Edginton playing the National Anthem as they took their seats on the dais. Amongst those present were Bros. W. E. Stewart G.S.W., H. Martin G.J.W., Revs. H. F. Oliver and R. F. Harnett Grand Chaplains, C. Stephens Grand Treasurer, R. Bradley Grand Secretary, Doran Webb Grand Registrar, Innes G.S.D., F. Blake G.J.D., R. C. Prickett G.S. of Works, Blackwell G.D.C., Arrowsmith G.A.D.C., A. H. Apted Grand Sword Bearer, Major Craigie Grand Standard Bearer, F. Edginton G. Organist, Webb G.A.C., Plenty G. Pur., Pocock G.A. Pur., Tottle, Valentine, Marshall, Major Taylor, Frampton, and H. Perks Grand Stewards, and W. Hemmings Grand Tyler. There were a great many visitors, including Brothers Theodore H. Tilton District Grand Master of New York, the Bishop of New Westminster, Frederick Binckes P. Grand Sword Bearer, James Terry P. Grand Sword Bearer, Rev. Oliver Grace P.G.C., &c.

Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form, and the Grand Master and Grand Officers saluted with full honours, Bro. Blackwell officiating as Director of Ceremonies. The roll of the Lodges was then called, and all were found to be represented, as also were the Provincial Grand Officers, with one or two exceptions. The minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Aylesbury, printed copies of which were circulated amongst the brethren, were taken as read, and confirmed.

The Provincial Deputy Grand Master, in reference to the next item on the agenda paper, in which it was proposed to adopt an Address to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, said he wished to make an amendment to that proposition. It had been signified to them, through the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, that His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master desired that all Masonic congratulations to Her Majesty on the attainment of the fiftieth year of her reign should be embodied in the one single Address which was carried with so much enthusiasm at the Commemoration Gathering at the Albert Hall, and that no local Addresses should be presented. He would therefore move that, in lieu of the Address, it be recorded and placed on the minutes that the Provincial Grand Lodge of Berks and Bucks desired to express the devoted loyalty of the Freemasons of the Province to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, who had for fifty years protected and advanced the interests of the Craft, and promoted every institution calculated to further the welfare of her subjects. This was seconded by Bro. the Rev. R. P. Bent P.G.C. and carried by acclamation.

The Provincial Grand Secretary having read the balance-sheet of the Provincial Grand Treasurer, the general account of the Charity Fund, together with a statement of the position of the Lodges in the Province, it was moved by the D.P.G. Master that the sum of £26 5s be voted from the Provincial Grand Lodge Fund to the Charity Fund, and that sums ranging from ten to five guineas be appropriated from the Charity Fund to the various Lodges who had subscribed to that Fund.

Bro. G. W. Dixon, as Secretary of the Charity Committee, reported that during the year three cases recommended by the Committee for the benefits of the fund had been admitted. There was still one case on hand, for which very few votes were recorded; and he took this opportunity of asking the brethren to be more liberal in sending in their votes to the Committee. Some Lodges in the Province, he regretted to say, gave away all their votes, and sent them into another channel. It was impossible for the Committee to attend to the cases which came before them unless they could rely upon receiving the votes of the various Lodges. In order to secure the election of the three candidates referred to he had had to borrow votes from other Provinces, and had thus incurred a liability of 763 votes.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, speaking on the same subject, said there was this great practical inconvenience—Lodges came to the Committee quickly enough when they wanted to get a case in, but when they had succeeded in that object they gave their votes to the very first person who asked for them. Nothing was doing more harm than the indiscriminate giving away of votes, even though the cases for which they were asked might appear to be deserving. All such cases required looking into, and they were looked into very closely by the Committee.

On the motion of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, seconded by Bro. G. W. Dixon P.G.S.W., Bro. Charles Stephens P.M. 414 was unanimously re-elected Provincial Grand Treasurer. Bro. Stephens asked to be allowed in a very few words to thank the brethren once more for the honour they had conferred upon him. He assured them his best efforts should be used in promoting the welfare of the Province, and that he would not disgrace his office.

The following brethren were then invested with the Provincial Charity jewel, viz.:—Bros. Henry John Stollery W.M. 209, William Fenton J.D. 795, Edward Margrett P.M. 1101, William Ferguson P.M. 1101, and Henry Warden 1566.

The Grand Secretary announced that Dispensations had been received for the appointment of Bros. Henry Daily Marshall W.M. of the Windsor Castle Lodge, No. 771, as G.S.D.; Henry Perks P.M. Etonian, No. 209, and Thomas Slatter P.M. Vale of White Horse, No. 1770, as Grand Standard Bearers.

The Provincial Grand Master then appointed and invested the Provincial Grand Officers for the year, as follow:—

Bro. John Tomkins 945	...	Senior Warden
G. L. de Major Taylor 1886	...	Junior Warden
Rev. R. F. Harnett 840	...	} Chaplains
Rev. Henry Lewis 945	...	
Charles Stephens 414	...	Treasurer
Robert Bradley 414	...	Secretary
Henry Daily Marshall W.M. 771	...	Senior Deacon
George Tottle 1501	...	Junior Deacon
William Ravenscroft 1101	...	Supt. of Works
John Cheesman 1787	...	Director of Ceremonies
H. S. Harrington 574	...	Assist. Dir. of Cers.
E. J. Shrewsbury 1566	...	Sword Bearer
Henry Perks 209	...	} Standard Bearers
Thomas Slatter 1770	...	
F. W. Summers 771	...	Organist
J. R. H. Fowler 591	...	Assistant Secretary
G. B. Valentine 1639	...	Pursuivant
Sydney Payne 1887	...	} Stewards
Henry John Stollery 209	...	
George Henry Charsley 1894	...	
C. H. Tench 2043	...	
John Lyne 1410	...	
Joseph Greenaway 1101	...	} Tyler
W. Hemmings	...	

It was announced that the next Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge would be held at High Wycombe.

The Provincial Grand Master then spoke a few words to the brethren, but they were inaudible at the distance of a few yards. (The brethren deeply sympathised with the hon. baronet, who was evidently in a weak state of health, and still suffering from the effects of his recent sad bereavement.) They had met, he said, at Windsor, under the walls of the Castle, and he was glad to see so goodly a number present at Provincial Grand Lodge. He was sure that Her Majesty the Queen and their Most Worshipful Grand Master the Prince of Wales looked upon Masons as the most loyal subjects, and he (Sir Daniel) regarded that loyalty as the backbone of the country. Many of those present attended the great representative meeting of English Freemasons a short time ago at the Albert Hall, and they then saw that the Prince of Wales performed his duties

in the most admirable manner, as in fact he always did. He then alluded to the dignity of Past Grand rank having been conferred upon their excellent Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Bradley, who so well discharged his duty to the Province, and whom they all hoped might continue to do so for many years to come; and also upon Bro. W. E. Stewart P.G.S.W., who was well known in the Province in the cause of Charity. From the statement which had been read by the Provincial Grand Secretary it would appear that the Craft was not making much advancement in the Province; still, he was glad to observe it was not going back. The Charities had been well supported, and he asked the brethren to comply with the suggestions that had been thrown out with respect to forwarding all votes to the Charity Committee, in order to strengthen their hands. If these votes were scattered about indiscriminately, they were of no benefit to anybody; he hoped, therefore, they would send their votes to the Committee, by whom they would be made the best use of. He hoped they would excuse him from dining with them that day, for he felt hardly equal to the lack of any further exertion; and concluded by wishing continued prosperity to the Province.

Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed in due form, after solemn prayer by Bro. the Rev. R. F. Harnett Provincial Grand Chaplain.

The banquet took place at the Town Hall, where a numerous company sat down, under the presidency of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg P.G.C. On his right was seated the District Grand Master of New York City, and on his left the Bishop of New Westminster. An excellent repast was prepared, but the arrangements were considerably marred by the inefficiency of the attendance—a circumstance much to be regretted on such an occasion. At dessert, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, in proposing the Queen and the Craft, said under ordinary circumstances the toast was proposed in three words, but he should depart very shortly from that practice, for he felt sure on this occasion, being the fiftieth year of Her Majesty's reign, meeting as they did in the Royal Borough of Windsor, they would wish him to say a few more words than usual. Many of them had seen in London, and most of them had seen in Windsor, the manner in which Her Most Gracious Majesty was greeted. Those cheers represented to a great extent that loyalty which existed in the heart of every Mason—that feeling which disposed them to support the constituted authority, in whomsoever that constituted authority was placed. But he felt sure that when they thus greeted Her Majesty there was something more than the ordinary rendering of that duty which was due from every citizen: there was that affectionate greeting which they all gave to the Queen as a woman who had in every matter of sympathy shown herself in touch with her subjects. Whenever any great disaster occurred either at home or abroad, the first telegram was from Her Majesty, showing her solicitude for those in trouble. She had won the hearts of her subjects, not merely because she was Queen, but because she had kept herself in thorough sympathy with all over whom she ruled.

The Deputy P.G.M. then gave the Most Worshipful Grand Master, observing that any one who was at all behind the scenes in Grand Lodge could testify that the office was one not merely of an ornamental character. He knew that every matter of importance was brought under His Royal Highness's own cognisance, and received his personal attention. The Prince of Wales interested himself most kindly and actively in everything that concerned the Craft; long might he be spared to do so.

The next toast was that of the Grand Officers, and in reference to it the D.P.G.M. said their ranks had received a very large acquisition this year, a number of Grand Officers having been made on the occasion of the Jubilee meeting at the Albert Hall. They were glad to find many of these were old friends and well known in the Province, and they were especially pleased to find that their own Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Bradley, and others who had worked arduously and assiduously for the Masonic Charities had been admitted to the dais. He associated with the toast the name of Bro. the Rev. R. P. Bent P.G.C. Bro. Bent felt it a very weighty responsibility to be called upon to return thanks for so august a body as that which comprised the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past. He believed the Earl of Lathom was not far from them at that moment, for he saw him yesterday in St. George's Chapel. When he thought of the very distinguished names he was responding for he was overwhelmed with the responsibility that had been put upon him. It fell to his lot to be the Senior Grand Chaplain at the installation of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, an event which he should ever remember, even if he lived to the age of Methuselah. It rejoiced him to see honour done to many brethren of this Province, including Bros. Bradley and Stewart, and equally so the Secretaries of our three great Masonic Institutions.

Bro. Stewart P.P.G.S.W. also responded. He felt it a great honour to be ranked among the purple, and to belong to this Province. It was not due to anything that he had done especially, but was rather an honour to the Lodges to which he had the privilege and pleasure of belonging.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master next proposed the Provincial Grand Master, Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., and in doing so said they were exceedingly grateful to Sir Daniel, in a moment of so great anxiety and trouble, and in the midst of accumulated business, for absenting himself temporarily from that business in order to preside over their Provincial Grand Lodge. They all regretted that he

did not feel equal to the task of being present at the banquet but they would be glad to know that he had not overtaxed his strength by the duties he had performed elsewhere.

Bro. the Rev. Oliver Grace P.G.C. asked permission to propose the next toast—the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Past Deputy Provincial Grand Masters, and Past Grand Officers of the Province. He felt he was hardly the person to do this, from any rank he held in the Province, but although there might be others more worthy to propose the toast, there was none who could have done it with feelings of more profound satisfaction. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master had sketched to them in Grand Lodge the office he held, the duties of which he performed so well; he took the greatest interest in the affairs of the Province, and proposed those things which had to be brought before the notice of Provincial Grand Lodge in a way which made everything smooth and convenient. They were all able to judge how well the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers performed their duties, and he gave them the toast with great cordiality and feelings of satisfaction.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, in responding, felt sure they would expect only a very short speech from him now. He had many duties to perform in Masonry, but he could say for himself there was nothing that gave him greater pleasure than when he was acting as Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Berks and Bucks. Bro. Grace had said he felt he was hardly the person to propose this toast, but he entertained a different opinion, for Bro. Grace was his oldest friend in Masonry. Twenty-six or twenty-seven years ago, when he was a F.C. Mason, he remembered hearing a distinguished Past Master addressing the brethren in forming a University Lodge; and, looking at him from the end of the room, he hoped that some day he might become as great a man as Bro. Grace was then, and is now. If he had accomplished that object, it was in some measure due to the grand example set him by Bro. Grace. He then proceeded to speak of the Visitors, observing that this was a toast always received with acclaim, and more especially so that day, as he was going to associate with it the name of a Brother whose health ought to have been proposed before. It had suggested itself to him to propose the toast of the Sister Grand Lodges, but something in the musical arrangements, with the harmony of which he did not wish to interfere, caused it to escape him. When he told them the Brother to whom he referred was the District Grand Master of New York they would, he felt sure, accord to him an enthusiastic, although somewhat late, welcome. They probably knew what an important institution Masonry was in the United States of America. There were 48 Grand Lodges—not Provincial Grand Lodges—all exercising a separate and independent jurisdiction. New York City was the key to the United States, and Bro. Tilton the District Grand Master, occupied a position there similar to that which H.R.H. the Prince of Wales held in this country. Therefore, it was a visitor of no mean distinction they had amongst that day. Going back to the topic which was all-engrossing this year, and meeting in the Royal Borough of Windsor, he could assure Bro. Tilton that amongst the citizens of the States who came over here to celebrate Her Majesty's Jubilee there were no cheerier Englishmen were more glad to hear than those which came from the hearts and voices of citizens of the United States of America. They felt, especially this year, that wherever the English language was spoken, there was a tie which could never be cut asunder, and they felt, especially as Masons, when distinguished brethren like Bro. Tilton came amongst them, they must receive them not only as brothers in name but as brothers indeed. The toast was received with loud and prolonged cheering.

Bro. Theodore H. Tilton, District Grand Master of New York, was received with a perfect ovation on rising to respond. He thanked the Deputy Provincial Grand Master most heartily for the kind words he had expressed in giving the toast, and he desired to thank the brethren for the great cordiality with which it had been received. It had given him very great pleasure to be present that day in the Royal Borough of Windsor, and to attend the meeting of their Provincial Grand Lodge. The President had said there were 48 Grand Lodges in the United States; he was right in the number, and they comprised 600,000 Freemasons. But in New York they had 725 Lodges, with a membership of more than 75,000 Freemasons. When he spoke of this he might say the New York Grand Lodge was one of the largest and oldest of all the Grand Lodges in the States. It celebrated its 112th anniversary on the 7th of June this year. They were divided into 29 District Grand Lodges, and he had had the honour for some years past of representing twenty-four Lodges and about 4,000 Freemasons. Some of the District Grand Lodges were not quite so large, ranging from 2,000 to 4,000. Freemasonry had increased during the past twenty-five years in membership in the United States almost equal in ratio with that in England since the accession of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master. He was present last year at Brighton, and heard the remarks the Prince made as to the advance Freemasonry had made during the reign of his Most Gracious Mother the Queen. He said the Craft had increased a hundredfold during the last forty years; and it had increased in the United States of America almost to that extent; so that the Americans were keeping pace with England. Of late they had founded an Anglo-American Lodge in London, where they could receive American brethren equally with those belonging to this country. They gave all American brethren a hearty welcome when they came on this side. The Lodge was founded under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England, the M.W.G.M. having granted a special dispensation for it, as there were already 150 Lodges in the Metropolitan district. The members of the Anglo-American Lodge would be most happy to receive visits from any of the brethren he saw around him, and they might be assured of a very hearty welcome. He again thanked them for the cordiality of their greeting, and tendered to them the hearty good wishes of the United Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

The Deputy Grand Master gave, without any preface, the Masonic Charities, merely observing that every one present had more or less

contributed towards their funds. He coupled with the toast the names of the Secretaries of the Boys' School and the Benevolent Institution.

Bro. F. Binckes, who was warmly received said, always unprepared, and liable to be called upon in any emergency, he felt bound to obey the command of the President of the day, though he should like to have had three or four minutes just to collect his thoughts, so that he might frame his reply in terms that would be acceptable. He could not lose sight of the observations made in the earlier part of the day with reference to the honours conferred upon the Secretaries of the three Institutions that day fortnight by the Most Worshipful Grand Master. So far as he was concerned, he desired to express his great gratification that that distinction had been welcomed by a large number of his old friends. He had worn the blue and the crimson for many years, and those who knew anything about colours were aware that the natural result of the mingling of blue and red was purple. After twenty-six years service as Secretary of the Boys' Institution, in addition to ten years prior to entering upon that duty, he was pleased that such an honour had fallen to his lot. It relieved him from a very great difficulty, inasmuch as he had often been called upon to respond for the Grand Officers, and had to make explanations why he only had the red collar on. But he assured them that no distinctions that had been, or which might hereafter be, conferred upon him would lessen his exertions on behalf of the Masonic Institutions, and especially that with which he was intimately associated. He had not yet had the courage to don the purple of his new office, but he was delighted to be here to-day and to express, for the first time since he had received it, his pride at the honour conferred upon him. He was very much indebted to the Province of Berks and Bucks for their kindness and liberality in years gone by, and he hoped to live many years to express that gratitude for what they would do in the future. With regard to the recent Festival of the Boys' School, unquestionably the result was to a certain extent disappointing, but when they considered the Festival was held in the midst of the Jubilee rejoicings all over England, that was fully to be expected, bearing in mind the many calls made upon the brethren in connection with metropolitan and local celebrations. Under these circumstances it was not to be expected they could do so much on behalf of his Institution as they might have done, the Boys' Festival being the last of the three. It was not for him or any one else to find fault; the Craft had done nobly in the years gone by, and their contributions this year would be very large in the aggregate. Although they would have to compete with the large fund that was certain to accrue to the Centenary of the Girls' School next year, yet there were some who would take care that the interests of the Boys should not suffer. Those interests were very large, and he was sure there was not one present, nor anywhere else, in whose breast beat a Masonic heart, but would echo the same chord of sympathy towards the Institution, and would take care the School did not suffer for want of that support which it deserved, and which just now it so absolutely needed. They had their distribution of prizes at Wood Green on Saturday, and it must be recollected that 250 sons of Freemasons were not clothed, maintained, and educated for nothing. He hoped those brethren whose breasts were emblazoned with the jewel which betokened that they had acted as Stewards for the Girls' School, would do like service for the Boys next year; and if they had not already served a Stewardship they would make up their minds at once, and show their conviction that the Boys' Institution was the most deserving of the three. Having suffered this year from the disadvantage of not securing a President for the Festival until three weeks before it took place, he was happy to state that they had already obtained the consent of a distinguished brother to preside at the Festival next June; his name would be duly announced. That relieved him from a great anxiety, and he hoped his friends of the Province of Berks and Bucks would not forget the Boys in the future; they had never done so in the past. It was pleasant to have a place in their estimation and regard, and to be looked upon as a friend; and he asked to be allowed to reciprocate those feelings towards them.

Bro. J. Terry said it was not for him to go over the same ground as that which had been traversed by his excellent friend the Secretary of the Boys' Institution. He might, however, say he had had the courage to don the purple with which he was adorned at the Albert Hall, and the first time he had worn it was at the Prov. Grand Lodge of Berks and Bucks. It was said that a certain class of people "rush in where angels fear to tread;" whether they looked upon him as one of that class, and Brother Binckes as the other, he did not know. Coming to the subject of the toast, however much they might estimate their advantage in connection with the Boys' and Girls' Schools, he reminded them they never could be girls, and never could be boys again. He hoped, however, they might live to be very old Masous, though he trusted they would not be overtaken by adversity, and compelled to seek relief at the hands of the Benevolent Institution. Therefore he said, support the Girls' School by all means at its Centenary Festival, and give all they could to Bro. Binckes, who had already secured a Chairman for next year. As a matter of fact a chairman had been secured for all the next year's Festivals, and he had no hesitation in announcing that Bro. Sir George Ellicot, Provincial Grand Master for the Northern Division of Wales, would preside at the Festival of the R.M.B.I. They all started, therefore, on common ground, and neither had any advantage over the other in that respect. So clamorous was the demand this year that the committees felt themselves constrained to place 30 additional annuitants on the Fund, at an increase of cost to the Institution of £1,000; and every year, in the future, so long as that number was kept there, the sum of £15,000 would be required to defray the expenses of the Institution. They could not put off 250 little boys with any excuse; but they could not do that with the old men and the old women. It would be no use to say to them when quarter-day came round, "You will have to stand aside and wait." The Institution could never consent to do that when they

had placed those old people on the Fund. The brethren would say with one voice, "Never shall our old people know the day when the Fund shall not be ready for their acceptance." With £15,000 to raise, with seventy candidates still left out in the cold, and 57 placed on the Fund, he ventured to hope that, large-hearted as they had been in the past, they would continue to be first and foremost in that Institution, which the M.W.G.M. had declared to be the most deserving of their means. They had given the Institution a large amount of support during this year; a sum of money it had never received before had been realised. The Stewards brought in £19,400, and when that was augmented, as it would be before the year was out, by 2,000 guineas from the Province of West Yorkshire, 3,000 guineas from East Lancashire, and 1,000 guineas from Cambridge, as Jubilee contributions, they would see that, irrespective of the grant of Grand Lodge and the result of the Jubilee meeting at the Albert Hall, the Benevolent Institution would receive a total of between £25,000 and £26,000 this year. He felt sure that the Craft had not led them on with any delusive hopes, or that the Institution would be left out in the cold, but that they would enable it to swim on in the full tide of prosperity, never thinking of "this far shalt thou go, and no further." He hoped to have the pleasure of meeting the brethren of this Province wherever they might happen to be, for the Charities had not a better body of well-wishers than were to be found ranged under the Mastership of Sir Daniel Gooch.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master next proposed the Provincial Senior and Junior Grand Wardens and the Grand Officers appointed that day, coupling the toast with the names of Bro. J. Tomkins G.S.W. (Mayor of Abingdon) and Bro. W. F. Summers Provincial Grand Organist, who responded.

In responding for the W.M.'s and the Officers of the Etonian Lodge 209 and the Windsor Castle Lodge 711, Bro. H. J. Stollery W.M. 209 said it was a great honour to the Windsor Lodges to welcome Provincial Grand Lodge under their banners. He was delighted to see so numerous and distinguished a gathering. He had attended as Steward for the Girls' and Benevolent Institution, and hoped to "Dotheboys" next year.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master then proposed the Provincial Grand Treasurer and Provincial Grand Secretary, paying a deserved tribute to each for the ability with which they discharged their duties, and expressing regret that Bro. Stephens had been obliged to leave early in the afternoon.

Bro. R. Bradley, Provincial Grand Secretary, thanked the brethren most heartily for the cordiality with which the toast had been received. He was sorry that severe domestic affliction prevented the Provincial Grand Treasurer from remaining with them, although he attended during the business part of the meeting. During the ten years he had been their Secretary, they had always received him with the utmost kindness and consideration. It had been a source of great pleasure, pride and gratification to him to have received honours in Grand Lodge. He might mention that he appeared that day in the plumes of his new office; he should not have done so, but the brethren of the three Lodges in Reading were kind enough to present him with his new regalia in order that he might be there that day. This was the reason he presented such a gorgeous appearance, and he must say it was a source of great gratification to receive such a gift at their hands. But one thing pleased him infinitely more, and that was the spontaneity and unanimous expression of kindness with which his appointment had been received by all the brethren of the Province. Speaking of the position of the Province, he said they held their own in numbers, and put in a good appearance at the Charities. He thought the very fact that Provincial Grand Lodge had that day given no less than seven Charity jewels to Stewards who had qualified for two of the Masonic Institutions was evidence that the Province did its duty in that respect. There was a sincere and earnest desire in all the Lodges to perform the ceremonies in the best manner possible. He was glad they had had such a successful meeting that day, and he hoped next year, when they met at High Wycombe, they would have equally as good a muster.

The toast of the Provincial Grand Stewards was then proposed and acknowledged, the list being closed by the Tyler.

An excellent selection of music was rendered, under the direction of Bro. W. F. Summers, Provincial Grand Organist, assisted by Mr. Walter Church, Mr. W. B. Kempton, and Mr. George May, of the St. George's Chapel Choir.

EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, the 13th ult., at the Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York, when it was opened, in the absence of the W.M. through illness, by Bro. Millington P.M., there being present Brothers T. B. Whytehead P.M., J. Blenkin P.M., W. B. Dyson S.W., S. J. Dalton J.W., G. Balmford P.M. Treasurer, J. Kay Secretary, W. Lackenby S.D., J. H. Shonksmith, W. Storry I.G., P. Pearson, W. Routledge, T. W. Halliwell, W. H. A. Coates, G. G. Pook, R. Ware, J. Thorpe, J. Shaw, W. Ream, A. Archer, F. H. Vaughan, J. W. Blenkin, J. Smith, J. J. Spetch, G. Chapman, W. Sharp, and H. Chapman. The acting W.M. proceeded to initiate a candidate, and then passed Bro. J. Shaw to the second degree, after which Bro. Whytehead P.M., took the chair and raised Bros. H. Chapman and Vaughan to the third degree. Bro. W. Sharp then presented to the Lodge a set of electro-plated ware, consisting of knives, forks, spoons, sugar basins, &c. Bro. C. Ware presented a bound volume of the CHRONICLE for 1886. Bro. H. Chapman gave a metal cash box for the use of the Stewards, and Bro. T. B. Whytehead gave to the library emblematically bound copies of Dr. Oliver's "Symbol of Glory" and "Antiquities of Freemasonry," and some other works; for all these gifts votes of thanks were passed.

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PHILADELPHIAN CLAIMS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Brother Norton's able and interesting letter in your last issue suggests several considerations, to those who have studied the history of American Freemasonry, which seem to deserve a place in your columns. The difficulty as regards Coxe is very great; the more so as there is little doubt that a Patent in 1710 (5th June) of the Duke of Norfolk was granted to Daniel Coxe as Provincial Grand Master for North America. Bro. Gould, with his usual force and acumen, seems to think that the probable reason of his apparent "non user" of his Patent is to be found in that he "never took up his office," so to say; that on his return to America from England he withdrew from Masonry, and that his brethren therefore did not concern themselves about one who had so "turned his back" on his Order.

But is there not another, and almost a simpler explanation? I cannot indeed agree with Bro. Norton that Coxe's Patent was a regular "home rule deputation," or that the English Grand Master "announced his right to appoint Coxe's successor." Indeed, I hardly profess to know what Bro. Norton means, as I read and respectfully contend that this is exactly what the Patent of the English Grand Master did not do. I do not see that Bro. Gould at all reads the Patent as does Bro. Norton. On the contrary, the Patent expressly delegated to the Province the power after two years, even proved by Coxe, of electing a Provincial Grand Master, without apparently any reference for confirmation to England. Bro. Gould truly says that "Coxe's Deputation and Commission" differed "in some important particulars from those of any similar instrument of the class."

Indeed, the Patent "served" no rights of the home authorities, but gave plenary powers to the new Provincial Grand Lodge after two years. It will be observed that this special Patent established a biennial election after June 1732.

Coxe's Patent was then a limited Patent for two years. It was not certain that he would be re-elected, and it has occurred often to me that a popular election was then an "unknown force and factor." Coxe practically "never exercised," as Bro. Gould says so well, "any authority under it;" but let it lapse, and left it to the brethren—following the words of the Patent, not even the Provincial Grand Lodge, be it noted—to elect his successor, he taking no part in it. Had he done so, Franklin must have known of it, and would have mentioned it when he first wrote to Henry Price. The passage in the *Pennsylvania Gazette* of 26th June 1732 seems to show that the brethren knew of the Patent and acted under it. Franklin later seems to have been dissatisfied as regards the legality of the proceedings, about which some question may fairly arise, and to have wanted the sanction of some authority from home, to validate all that had been done.

The important fact that in 1811 Dr. Mease saw the minutes of the Moderns would seem to point to the possible existence of these minutes still. They would be all important, as throwing fuller light on this obscure portion of American Masonic history. I do not attach much importance to the minute book letter B as regards Allen and Pringle in 1731.

All such books are often posted up later, not written at the time, and the mistake of a year or so often occurs; probably the minute should read June 1732.

The question is still *sub judice*, and so I say no more to-day; but there is nothing so far to preclude the possibility of Coxe having warranted a Lodge in 1731.

Yours fraternally,

A STUDENT OF BRO. GOULD'S HISTORY.

CLIQUISM IN LODGES AND CHAPTERS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am surprised to see "COMPANION" rushing forward once again to occupy space in your valuable Journal, space which could be better filled with matter more interesting to the whole Craft than his silly championship of one he falsely styles the victim of clique, combination, cabal, and boon companionship. The first letter I treated with the contempt it deserved, and so I would have done his second effusion were it not apparent that a plain statement by a Companion of the Chapter would show how little cause there is for this stupid and un-Masonic attack. The facts are simple; however, it were better perhaps to tell "COMPANION" what I do not think he knows,—that the members of Lodges or Chapters have a perfect right to discuss the business of their Lodges or Chapters and ballot for those they deem best qualified to discharge duties of the same. His self-styled victim to cliquism is a Companion we all esteem, but his "great abilities" were not sufficiently prominent to warrant, in our opinion, the electing him to the first chair. His abilities are certainly not equal to those Companions that have preceded him, nor of those elected in his place; consequently I fail to recognise the injustice done. I for one do not dream of making any excuse, and as for being ashamed of joining in what I consider was for the benefit of the Chapter, instead of an individual, surely "COMPANION" must be joking. The high reputa-

tation of our Chapter has been secured by its Past Principals, who thought no trouble too great to enable them to make themselves perfect masters of every duty appertaining to the chair. Moreover, what I and the other Companions have done, we did with the honest conviction of sustaining the very proud position already gained. "A COMPANION" alludes to a previous occasion; he, in his discretion, evades stating the circumstances. I will. "A COMPANION" took office with the distinct understanding he should discharge its duties; but, like many others, he could only find it convenient to attend on nights of election, when he hoped to be promoted; but the lay members thought those who did the duty should secure the honours, and expressed their opinion in very strong terms, which I am pleased to say carried conviction, with an eminently satisfactory result. Surely there is nothing to find fault with or censure in that? We have acted on a conviction of the merits of the case, and are prepared to attend Grand Chapter or any recognised tribunal. It is true the so-called "victim" did join the Chapter when it was young, but like most young Chapters there was a golden opportunity for a collar, which the "victim" did not hesitate to avail himself of. There were several P.Z.'s in the Chapter who would have done the work thoroughly, but desired the other Companions should have the earliest chance to get on, and that idea was adopted with the best of motives. Again, I fail to see how the Chapter can be so deeply indebted to the Companion who was not elected for his timely assistance. His statement that the P.Z.'s knew and regretted that cliquism existed in the Chapter, must be pure imagination on his part, and it is to my mind totally devoid of truth. Like "A COMPANION" I have been at elections at Chapters and Lodges, and have been surprised at the result, but to rush headlong into print and condemn the action of my brother members, who ought certainly to know their own business, I consider not only impertinent, but un-Masonic in every degree. The choice terms applied to us I think redound upon the writer, and are I think a proper reward to him for his untimely and unprovoked attack on Companions whose honour and integrity is known to a large circle of Royal Arch and Craft Masons. I sincerely hope we shall not hear any more of the complaints of one who has taken up a cause he knows nothing about, and whose effusions call forth nothing but ridicule.

Hoping you will find room for this epistle, and apologising for being so complete a novice in the art of writing,

I remain, Dear Sir and Companion,

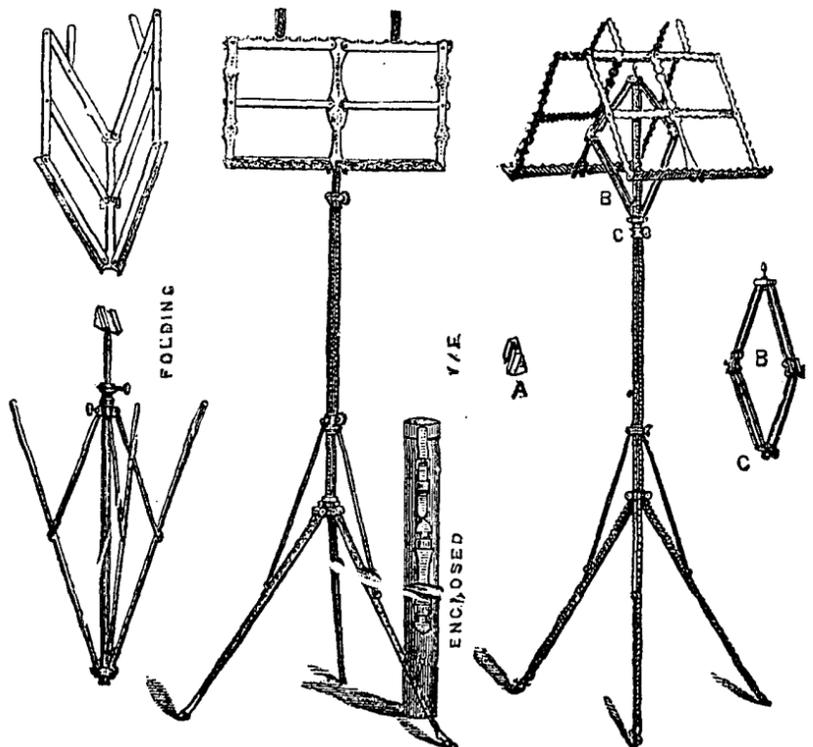
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A MEMBER OF THE CHAPTER.

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By Order of the R.W. Prov. G.M. EARL AMHERST.

ALFRED SPENCER,
Prov. G. Sec.
Maidstone, 10th June 1887.

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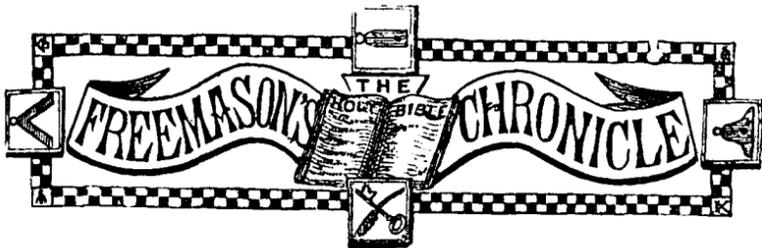
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THE BOYS' FETE AT WOOD GREEN.

SATURDAY last was a gala day at the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys at Wood Green, the occasion being the annual *fête*, visit of Festival Stewards, distribution of prizes, and athletic sports. This event always attracts a considerable amount of interest in Masonic circles, not merely in the metropolis but throughout the Provinces, in proof of which it may be mentioned that over a thousand applications for tickets were received by the Secretary, Bro. F. Binckes, prior to the date fixed. It is estimated that about eight hundred of that number assembled on Saturday, a large proportion of the company being ladies, whose summer costumes tended much to heighten the effect of the gathering within the precincts of the School premises and grounds. During the early part of the day the weather maintained a threatening aspect, the sky being obscured by clouds that portended the downfall of rain which had been looked for for some days; but as the afternoon advanced the sun shone with the warmth and brilliancy that have marked his "Jubilee" behaviour, and the appearance of the grounds was picturesque in the extreme. Flags floated on the breeze at different points, and the band of the Institution, under the direction of Bandmaster Whare, played lively airs as a prelude to the business of the day. Each successive train brought its contingent of visitors from the City, whilst many living nearer took advantage of the fine afternoon to drive over to Wood Green. It is impossible to give the names or even a tithe of those who were present, but amongst them we noticed Bros. A. F. Godson, M.P., Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Worcestershire (President of the day), W. Raynham Stewart, J. L. Mather, T. Hastings Miller, C. F. Hogard, Henry Venn, James Moon, Rev. Dr. Morris (Head Master), Frederick Binckes (Secretary), J. Terry (Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution), Thos. Cubitt, Edward Terry, H. Young, Gray, J. Roberts, G. P. Nightingale, Major Lambert, W. A. Scurrah, W. W. Morgan, W. J. Murlis, Gillard, W. Dale, E. W. Nightingale, Wilkinson, &c. At two o'clock the large hall rapidly filled, and considerable attention was paid by the visitors to the drawings of the pupils which were placed around the walls for their inspection. The programme for the day opened most appropriately with the National Anthem, sang with loyal vivacity by the choir, who were seated in a gallery at the end of the hall, the chorus being taken up enthusiastically by the audience. The musical portions of the proceedings were conducted by Bro. H. J. Dutton, whilst Bro. Turle Lec officiated as accompanist. A pianoforte solo by Mendelssohn "Lieder ohne Worte, No. 30," was played in good style by W. Conway; after which the choir sang the "Soldiers' Chorus" from *Faust*, with all the requisite gusto. The prizes presented by the Institution were then distributed, an interval being filled by W. Conway, who sang very nicely "The Mermaid's Song," by Haydn. Before coming to the special prizes there was another interlude, during which the choir sang Mendelssohn's part song, "Behold the woods in verdure drest;" W. Conway and J. Hewett played the "War March" from *Athalie*, as a pianoforte duet; the choir following with Vincent's part song, "A Holiday." Then came a "wee song by a wee boy," as the Chairman put it, and J. Bloomfield, a diminutive little fellow, came in for round after round of cheering for the way in which he sang Berger's pretty ditty, "The Elf." So persistent was the demand that, in spite of the length of the programme, and the usual prohibition of encores, Master Bloomfield was compelled to return, and in equally sweet tones he gave "Homo, Sweet Home." When, at a later stage of the proceedings, the little fellow went up for his prize for vocal music, Bro. Binckes said the Executive made singing part of the education imparted in the School, and there could be no difference of opinion as to Bloomfield being deserving of the prize by his splendid efforts at vocal music that day. The prizes presented by the House and Audit Committees, by private donors, and by the "Old Masonians," were next given, Bro. Binckes observing that the House Committee gave a large amount of valuable time in supervising the affairs of the Institution, and cheerfully every year gave a number of valuable prizes in the various educational competitions. The same remarks applied to the Audit Committee. Referring to the private donors, he expressed regret that Bro. Edgar Bowyer P.G. Standard Bearer,

a Vice-Patron of the Institution, who annually gave a valuable prize for book-keeping, was prevented from being present with them that day, in consequence of a domestic calamity. For the second time Brother Augustus Harris, Worshipful Master of the Drury Lane Lodge, and lessee of the Drury Lane Theatre, had presented two prizes for the best English essay and for dramatic ability. The former had been awarded to F. Lewis, but the latter awaited the result of the histrionic representations named on the programme. (This was afterwards announced, the prize falling to R. F. Reynolds). The quartette and chorus "Hail to the Chief," and the part song, "Merry June," were then sung by the choir; after which the silver and gold medals, the silver watch and chain for good conduct, and the University Local Examination prizes were distributed, in accordance with the printed list. Brother Binckes said, coming to the important prizes given by the Institution, he was only repeating the observation he had made many times before, when he pointed out how essential it was in a large establishment like this to promote good conduct. The silver medal for good conduct was regarded as the blue riband of the School, and he was pleased to find that it had this year fallen to the lot of Charles Jesse Sanderson. [The Chairman, after investing the recipient with the "blue riband," cordially shook hands with him, amidst loud cheering from the boys.] The Canonbury gold medal, presented by the late Brother E. Cox, Vice-Patron, was awarded to the recipient by the unbiassed votes of his schoolfellows. It did not always follow that the winner of this prize was superior to his comrades in all points, but to be popular in a school of 250 boys must of itself argue the possession of a certain number of good qualities. Richard Frank Reynolds was this year the recipient of the gold medal, by the unbiassed suffrages of his fellows, and he congratulated that young gentleman upon having ingratiated himself into their favour, although the company would sympathise with him in the condition in which he appeared to secure his prize, being lame and walking with two crutches and his left foot in a sling, rendered necessary by an abscess. With reference to a special good conduct prize given by their good friends the members of the Supreme Council 33°, to a boy on leaving the Institution, originated by Bro. Montague, this was awarded to Arthur Durham Ashdown, who had left the School, but had received the watch and chain. The next series of nine prizes were for the results of the University Local Examination, Cambridge, in December last. The sum of £525 was invested, and the interest, £23, of the fund was apportioned in prizes. This feature of the Institution was founded by Bro. W. Winn P.M. 657, Vice-Patron, who used to come amongst them frequently; he was sorry not to be able to give Bro. Winn the welcome he deserved, inasmuch as he was prevented from coming to-day on account of ill-health, which compels him to keep perfect retirement. One of the boys, A. J. Kennedy, who had left the School, had by his abilities obtained a position as an engineer's student, and the Committee presented him with a grant of £30 towards his outfit, in addition to the £5 prize to which he was entitled. Bro. Binckes having read the prize winners, according to the published list, the choir sang with heartiness a Jubilee ode, entitled "All honour to the Empress Queen," by Carter; and W. Conway played a pianoforte solo, "Frohlichkeit." Bro. A. F. Godson M.P. then addressed the boys, observing at the outset that his remarks should be very brief, though he wished to speak of the character of this Institution, and what it had done during the past twelve months. First, he might be allowed to thank the friends of the Institution, on behalf of the House Committee, for their great kindness in coming there to support and to encourage the boys. They felt it most deeply, and were always glad to see those who took an interest in them. He assured the ladies and gentlemen present that for the little trouble they took in coming to Wood Green on such occasions they were well rewarded by the thought that they encouraged the boys and helped forward the Institution. There was a unanimous feeling here in favour of the Institution—a state of things which, he was sorry to say, did not prevail in some places he had visited during the last few weeks. It gave him great pleasure to come down there, and to find himself in the realms of kindness and fraternal feeling. It was the second time, he believed, this splendid hall had been used for the purpose of distributing the prizes, and he thought they would all agree with him the more they saw of that place the more deeply they appreciated it. Those who could remember the time when they had to hold all the meetings of the day in the drill-shed would know the great inconvenience—difficulty in fact—experienced in going through the whole of the programme. Now, thanks to the possession of this noble and acoustically successful hall, they were able to have part of the proceedings there, and another part—which if not quite so intellectual was still more satisfactory to the human appetite—in the Gymnasium. It was not the lot of every Chairman to be so well supported as he had been to-day, and they would congratulate him upon having two "Terriers" on either side of him—referring to Bros. James Terry and Edward Terry—who were two as "jolly dogs" as could be found. Now, it was considered by some as part of the duty of a Chairman to lecture boys. It was the sort of thing he used to "like" when he was a boy; but he always carefully avoided hearing the lecture. He had them all safe and fast, and would say a few words to them, though he would be as merciful as he could. Whenever he advised boys to do anything he said let them put their heart into it. If they were at cricket, let them do their best; and the same when struggling in their athletic and other exercises. If they were at work in their intellectual studies, let them do the best they could. Be thorough, and they would find it the great means to success in life, if they put their shoulder manfully to whatever they attempted. Some boys were very fond of saying, "Oh! that's good enough." He assured them there was nothing more dangerous in a boy's life than using the expression "it's good enough." Was it the best they could do? If so, nobody could blame them; they could not blame themselves; and the head-master could not blame them. But if they did not act up to that principle they would in after life blame themselves very considerably. Another

point struck him—what were they going to do with themselves in the holidays? Some boys seemed to think holidays were made to do nothing in. He did not suppose their head-master, Dr. Morris, wished them to take up their books and work at them nine hours every day; but they would save themselves a great deal of work when they came back if, when they had nothing particular to do, and did not feel inclined even to do that, they were to take up their books and glance through them, just to keep their memories fresh as to what they had done during the last half-year. By doing that for, say a quarter of an hour every day, they would come back and astonish the Doctor at the wonderful amount they had remembered. Dr. Morris was not the man to be astonished at small things, but if anything would amaze him it would be that they came back to School not having forgotten a single thing he had taught them. Let them all come back and astonish the Doctor! The company had seen the work of the boys on the walls of the hall, and it showed, by their progress in geometrical drawing, they were doing justice to the masters who taught them. There was one point which had never before arisen on an occasion of this sort, and that was the giving of prizes to boys who had come into the Upper School from the Preparatory School. Although they had given prizes to the boys of the Preparatory School, yet this was the first time they had been given to boys coming from there into the Upper School. He was sure this would be a great satisfaction to the head mistress, Miss Hammond, and be a proof to her that she had done her work so well, considering the short time she had occupied that position. She sent one boy—Churchill—so carefully and well drilled that he went at once into the fifth class of the Upper School, and took two prizes. Not only that, but in the sixth class a boy named Higgison came up and took a prize. This would encourage her and her able assistants to persevere in the work they were doing. As the plays had to come on, and he and others on the platform had to “clear out”—to use a schoolboy’s expression—he did not propose to add anything to the few remarks he had already made, except that the company would give themselves and the boys pleasure by according a hearty vote of thanks to their head-master, the Rev. Dr. Morris, for the satisfactory manner in which the educational portion of the establishment conducted by him had been managed. He was quite sure the Committee were too anxious and willing at all times to accept at his hands any suggestions he could make which might improve, from a practical point of view, the educational system of their School. He trusted that in times to come, however successful he had been in turning boys out for the Middle Class and University Examinations, that success would be even surpassed in the future. The vote of thanks was carried amidst ringing cheers. Brother the Rev. Dr. Morris, in acknowledging the compliment, thanked the company very heartily for the kind way in which they had responded to the proposal of the Chairman that a vote of thanks should be given to him for the good conduct of the boys during the past year. He hoped they had given the friends of the Institution some pleasure by their singing, and would give them a little more with regard to their plays. He must ask their indulgence to-day, as one of the chief actors, Reynolds, was, as they had seen, partially disabled by an abscess which had formed on his foot during the past few days. He would not be able to move about so nimbly as he did a few days ago, and he asked the audience to exercise a little patience and forbearance with him on that account. Loud cheers having been given for the Chairman, head-master, teachers, the ladies, &c., the platform was cleared, and two English plays were presented, the first being a farce by Hugh Moss, entitled “P.U.P.,” the characters being sustained by R. F. Reynolds as Samuel Skinner, a fellmonger; D. T. Platt as Harry Hyde, his clerk; and R. Groombridge as Baby. The other farce was “Beautiful for Ever,” by F. Hay, with the following cast:—Mr. Simpleton, C. J. Sanderson; Tom, R. F. Reynolds; Mrs. Simpleton, E. T. Platt; and Jelly, T. M. Nicholas. Both pieces were capitally enacted, the latter especially keeping the “house” in roars of laughter, the “make-up of the lady artistes” being especially funny. The remainder of the items on the programme were, “Who killed Cock Robin?” a ballad dialogue, sustained by E. B. Green, as the sparrow; F. W. Hennah, as the fly; J. B. Bloomfield, as the beetle; H. M. Hare, as the owl; and A. Bowes, as the bull; part song, “The Dawn of Day,” by the choir; and the duet, “When Bee and Bird are singing,” by J. Bloomfield and K. Bowes. The company then moved away in the direction of the Gymnasium, where a sumptuous cold collation was served, and which was thoroughly enjoyed by the visitors, who, on account of the numbers, had to be served in batches. In the interval between this and the sports, opportunity was taken of inspecting the interior of the Institution, with every department of which the utmost satisfaction was expressed. At half-past six the party adjourned to the recreation ground in rear of the Schools, where a number of keenly contested athletic sports took place. Seats were placed all round the enclosure for the spectators, who took the liveliest interest in the various items on the “card,” the pleasure of the evening being enhanced by the performances of the band, whose players were scarcely bigger than many of the instruments they carried. At the close of the sports tea, coffee, and light refreshments were dispensed in the Gymnasium, and soon after nine o’clock the party gradually withdrew, to catch the homeward trains, their unanimous verdict being that this had been one of the most successful and enjoyable gatherings ever held at Wood Green.

THE ATHLETIC SPORTS.

President, Bro. Rev. Dr. Morris, Vice Patron; Treasurer, J. L. Mather, Vice Patron; Hon. Sec., Mr. J. J. Bere, M.A.; Committee, R. F. Reynolds, T. M. Nicholas, C. J. Sanderson, E. H. Simpson, A. Bowes and J. Williams; Starter, Mr. J. E. Mansell, B.A.; Judges, Mr. F. Cleaver and C. W. Davidge; Clerks of the Course, the School Monitors. Results:—

Throwing the Cricket Ball.—E. Simpson, 1; C. Sanderson, 2.

100 Yards Flat Handicap (over 13).—First Heat—C. Sanderson, scratch, 1; G. C. Willett, allowed 6 yards, 2; E. Green, 3 yards, 3. Second Heat—H. P. Richardson, scratch, 1; H. M. Hare, 4 yards, 2. Third Heat—C. E. Myring, 2 yards, and W. Clarke, 3 yards, dead heat. Final—C. Sanderson, 1; H. P. Richardson, 2.

100 Yards Handicap (under 13).—First Heat—E. Hobson, 3 yards, 1; C. Barter, 9 yards, 2; H. Graves, 6 yards, 3. Second Heat—C. Whitehead, 6 yards, 1; second not recorded. Third Heat—J. Brown, 9 yards, 1; G. Ker, scratch, 2; C. J. Roddam, 4 yards, 3. Final, E. Hobson, 1; C. Whitehead, 2.

High Jump (open).—C. Sanderson, 1; T. M. Nicholas, 2.

Quarter Mile Handicap (over 13).—E. Simpson, scratch, 1; W. Clark, 20 yards, 2.

Quarter Mile Handicap (under 13).—R. Beaumont, scratch, 1; W. Tappenden, 25 yards, 2.

Long Jump (Open).—W. Williams, 1; F. Christensen, 2; C. Sanderson, 3.

Egg and Spoon Race, 220 Yards (Open).—C. Myring, 1; H. Hare, 2.

Band Boys’ Race, 300 Yards.—Blunt, 1; Tettenborn, 2; Mayne, 3.

Tug of War (under 13).—Brown’s team beat C. Whitehead’s team.

Tug of War (over 13).—E. H. Simpson’s team beat T. M. Nicholas’s team.

Half Mile Handicap (over 13).—E. H. Simpson, scratch, 1; E. B. Green, 50 yards, and R. W. Delafous, 60 yards, dead heat.

220 Yards Handicap (under 13).—E. W. Hobson, 6 yards, 1; W. Tappenden, 12 yards, 2.

Obstacle Race.—Jortison, 1; B. Farrar, 2; F. N. Christensen, 3.

The last item created much amusement, the struggling of the lads through and over many intricate “obstacles” provoking great fun. We would suggest that the management of the sports should be conducted in a more business-like fashion another year; it was very loose on Saturday, and to hear spectators shouting from all quarters of the field for the winning numbers was decidedly bad form.

LODGE OF PROSPERITY, No. 65.

THE closing meeting of the Session in connection with this old and vigorous Lodge was held on Thursday, 23rd ult., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master, Bro. W. Walker. He was supported by Bros. Joseph Hall S.W., Bentley Haynes acting J.W., J. Roberts P.M. Treasurer, G. T. Brown P.M. Secretary, F. J. Ruse S.D., H. J. Harriss J.D., Charles J. Rich P.M. Dir. of Ceremonies, R. Dyson I.P.M., E. S. Cornwall P.M., G. Schadler P.M., Charles Daniel P.M., C. E. Ferry P.M., J. H. Hawkins P.M., E. C. Talbot P.M., J. Wood, J. T. Akerman, A. T. Barnto, D. H. Ailom, B. Wallis, W. H. Trask, C. Watkins, S. S. Rudd, G. D. Bailey, E. Johnson, T. Cole, M. Cheney, S. F. Chivers, W. Lane Tyler, and others. The Visitors included Bros. F. Kearney P.M. 1743, J. Prentice 1185, J. F. Haden 766, and H. J. Amphlett. Lodge having been opened in form, the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed, after which an advance was made to the third degree, and Bro. W. H. Trask was raised. Resuming in the second, the degree of F.C. was conferred upon Bros. T. Cole and E. Johnson, the whole of the ceremonies being performed in a highly creditable manner. This was the first time since his installation that Bro. Walker had had the opportunity of displaying his capabilities as a worker, and it was admitted on all hands that he acquitted himself to the entire satisfaction of the brethren. At the close of business hearty good wishes were interchanged, and subsequently an excellent supper was served in the Throne-room, when the Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. In proposing the Queen and the Craft, the Worshipful Master referred to the Jubilee celebrations that had caused so much excitement during the week, and which, he said, must have convinced Her Majesty that her subjects were more loyal now than they ever were before. In their own body they had testified the loyalty of Freemasons by meeting in their thousands at the Albert Hall, and the spirit which pervaded that great assembly was such as must have been most gratifying to the Royal Lady in whose honour it was held. He next proposed the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., associating with the toast the rest of the Grand Officers, present and past. Several of the members of this Lodge were at the Albert Hall celebration, and they were all deeply impressed with the dignified manner in which His Royal Highness discharged the duties of his exalted position. The eloquent and touching address delivered by the Earl of Carnarvon went home to the heart of every Mason who was present on that occasion, and would be handed down as a true interpretation of the principles inculcated in the Craft. The Immediate Past Master, Bro. R. Dyson, in assuming the gavel for the purpose of proposing the next toast, said he had been reminded by the W.M. that he was no longer one of the principal Officers of this most illustrious Lodge. Still, as a “lesser light,” he hoped to be able to assist them in leading the brethren in the march of Freemasonry, and especially in the cause of Charity, which they had so much at heart. The object of his rising, however, was to propose the health of their excellent Worshipful Master. Bro. Walker was naturally very bashful, and would not like him to say all the complimentary things he was thinking of at that moment. This was the first occasion Bro. Walker had had to perform the work of the Lodge, and they would all admit that he had given them the utmost satisfaction; he had proved himself worthy of filling the distinguished position in which they had placed him, and he (the speaker) entertained no doubt that when the time came for him to retire into the ranks of the veterans they would all be perfectly

satisfied with the manner in which he had performed the duties of the chair. The toast was cordially received, and the Worshipful Master, after returning thanks, assured the brethren that, this evening being his initiation into the mysteries of the chair, he had not done the work quite up to his own satisfaction, but he would try to do better in the future. Whatever he could possibly do for the benefit of this Lodge he should endeavour to do, and should study everything that would in any way conduce to the comfort and harmony of the brethren. They had decided to hold a summer banquet, as usual, the date fixed being Tuesday, 12th July, at the Pavilion, Brighton. He had been down and made arrangements, which were very satisfactory indeed. Bro. Sayer had promised to do everything he possibly could to make the affair better even than last year, so that none of the brethren would have occasion to find fault. He trusted they would all rally around him, that there would be a goodly company of ladies present, and that every brother would do his utmost to make the *r union* a great success. Special arrangements had been made with the railway company to convey the brethren and their friends from London Bridge and back; and as he had to guarantee a certain number of tickets, he should be glad if those who intended going would make application for them at their earliest convenience. He concluded by sincerely trusting that, as they went on, the same kindness might be shown him as he had received hitherto at the hands of the brethren. In giving the toast of the Visitors, the Worshipful Master said it was one always received in this Lodge with open arms and hearty good wishes. On this occasion they were not honoured by the presence of many guests, but those who were there were of the first order. It was their wish, when they had Visitors amongst them, to entertain them well, and to make them comfortable in every possible way. He trusted they would honour the Prosperity Lodge in greater numbers in the future. The toast was received with "Jubilee fire." Bro. Kearney P.M., of the Perseverance Lodge, but originally a member of the Lodge of Prosperity, responded. He saw around him many faces of those with whom he had the pleasure of being associated years ago; and, although he was separated from them as a member, yet he assured them his thoughts and wishes were always with this Lodge. When invited by the W.M. to attend on this occasion, he accepted with the greatest pleasure, though it was only an off-night, because he knew what an off-night implied. It meant a great amount of hospitality and kindness on the part of the brethren, and an abundance of true fraternal feeling. He had had the pleasure of seeing two of the ceremonies of Freemasonry well and properly gone through, and he felt sure the working that day would compare favourably with any in London or elsewhere. Their W.M. had confessed to a little nervousness, which was natural, this being his first really working night; but he had performed the ceremonies with credit to himself and satisfaction to the members of the Lodge of Prosperity, which was saying a good deal. Bro. Prentice also briefly replied. He was gratified with the heartiness of the welcome extended to the Visitors, and the excellence of the work, and, above all, he was pleased to see Bro. Walker so ably discharging the duties of the chair. Bro. Haden followed in similar terms. In proposing the Past Masters, the Worshipful Master was glad to see no fewer than seven of them present, which was most satisfactory for an off-night, and showed the interest they continued to take in the Lodge. He coupled with the toast the names of their Treasurer and Secretary, both of whom did their work admirably, and looked well after the interests of the Lodge. Bro. Roberts P.M. Treasurer said it was always a pleasure for any of the Past Masters to return thanks for this toast. As a rule, he believed the Past Masters were very attentive, and he knew of no other Lodge in which they attended more regularly than they did in the Prosperity. He trusted the summer banquet would be a great success; indeed, he was confident it would be so, and that there would be a large number of ladies at Brighton on that occasion. He went to the Boys' Festival to represent the Prosperity Chapter, and took up the rather small sum of £42, but he was highest on the Chapter lists, and it must be regarded as fairly satisfactory, seeing that he had only a fortnight to get up his list. The Secretary, Bro. Binckes, was very pleased with the exertions of the Lodge of Prosperity. Bro. Brown P.M. Secretary was glad to know the Lodge was in as good a position as it had been for many years past. It was especially gratifying to say they sent a Steward from their Chapter to the Festival, for such a thing was almost unique in a Chapter of five or six years' standing. He trusted the ladies day at Brighton would be most successful. That gathering entailed considerable labour on a few, in the midst of their business, and he asked the brethren to let them know as soon as possible who were going and how many visitors they intended to invite for that particular day. The W.M. then proposed the Officers of the Lodge, observing that as a rule they were punctual in their attendance, and performed their duties creditably. He was sorry Bro. Haller J.W. was unable to be present that evening, and thanked Bro. Haynes for temporarily supplying his office. It was impossible to find better Officers than those by whom he was surrounded; and he felt sure that as he went on through his year of office they would assist him in rendering the ceremonies in effective manner. The toast having been suitably acknowledged, the list was closed by the Tylor. During the evening there were some capital songs and recitations; Bro. Woods, who had come all the way from Calais in order to attend the meeting, sang the humorous song, "The Magpie and the Parson," and Bro. Hawkins P.M. gave a funny rendering of the old tragic story of "Maria Martin, or the Red Barn." A pleasant evening was spent.

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THE THEATRES, &c.

Gaiety.—Exit Nelly Farren, Fred Leslie and the spirits of fun and laughter; enter "Society," in the person of Mrs. James Brown Potter, endowed with a pretty face and gowns of bewildering grandeur; basking on the smiles of high Olympus. Mrs. Potter having failed with Wilkie Collins' inchoate "Man and Wife," pluckily tempts fortune again with a new play from the French, called "Civil War." We can admire, in the earlier signification of the verb, Mrs. Potter's courage, but courage without discretion makes a small factor in an artistic success. Mrs. Potter is young, therefore the awkwardness of her gestures, the want of modulation in her voice, the absence of distinction in her personality, are things which hard study may correct. She has evidently intelligence and much ambition. A lively young amateur, who with true modesty and patience may yet attain to the position of an artist. At the present time she should not aspire beyond the r le of a soubrette. She wore some wonderful dresses, but they were much too elaborate for the costume of a young French girl, with whom simplicity is considered a necessary mark of good breeding. Mr. Fernandez gave a very striking sketch of a French workman, a Communist; who, to the great regret of the audience, is shot in the second act. His son, the hero of the story, Jacques Rosny, who afterwards becomes a distinguished sculptor, is played with fine romantic intensity by Mr. Kyrle Bellow. In the love scene between the heroine and Jacques, Mrs. Potter for a few moments rose to the passion of the situation, but the inspiration faded into bathos, notwithstanding the admirable sincerity of Mr. Bellow as the lover. Miss Amy Roselle was of course very tender and touching as the mother of Jacques: her distress when she learns that Mdle. de Bressier has been instrumental in her husband's death rose to intense tragedy. Had the leading part been in her hands a very different verdict might have been registered by a long-suffering audience. Mr. Dacre gave distinction to a small part. Mr. J. L. Shine, stout and good humoured, was strangely cast as the sculptor's youthful pupil. To Miss Fanny Brough the audience was heartily grateful for her bright spontaneity as the lively friend of the heroine. Messrs. John Maclean, Sydney Brough, Stephen Caffrey, L. Waller, and Miss Julia Gwynne formed a caste of quite exceptional strength; but all through there were frequent signs of dissatisfaction on the first night, and the curtain fell in ominous silence. The presence of the Prince and Princess of Wales, and their guest the King of Greece, probably prevented a more emphatic protest. We may say, in conclusion, the play in the original must be a weak one, but the crudity of the translation would certainly compromise a work of the first order of merit. The English as she is spoke by Messrs. Merivale and Freeman Wills, Monsieur Delpit's adaptors, might serve for the holiday task of a boy in the fourth form.

Crystal Palace.—Splendid weather graced the Royal *f te* day, on Thursday last, when a distinguished party, comprising more "Royalties" than had ever been seen together at the Palace before, attended the grand concert, and remained to witness the fireworks and other exhibitions in the grounds. The attendance of visitors was enormously in excess of anything yet witnessed, excepting on Bank Holidays, it being estimated that upwards of 50,000 persons were present. About half-past five the Prince and Princess of Wales arrived, accompanied by the King of Denmark, the King of Greece, the Duke of Sparta, Prince George of Greece, the Crown Prince and Princess of Portugal, the Duchess of Edinburgh, the Hereditary Princess of Meiningen, and Prince and Princess Philip of Saxe-Coburg. They were joined at the entrance to the Palace by the Crown Prince of Germany and the Princess Royal of England, and the Princesses Victoria, Sophia, and Margaret of Prussia, who had come over from the Queen's Hotel, at Upper Norwood. The Royal visitors were received by Major Dickson, M.P., Chairman of the Crystal Palace Company, several of the Directors, and the Secretary, Mr. W. Gardiner; and splendid bouquets were presented to the Princess of Wales and the Crown Princess of Germany by Baroness North, wife of Major Dickson. As they were being conducted to the royal boxes the orchestra played the National Anthem and "God bless the Prince of Wales," followed by hearty and prolonged cheering. The concert was a very elaborate affair, the principal singers being Mdle. Nordica and Mr. Edward Lloyd. At the conclusion, the Handel Festival choir, consisting of 3,500 voices, sang "God save the Queen," with magnificent effect, ringing cheers following from the audience. A most enthusiastic reception was accorded to the royal party as they appeared on the balcony in front of the Palace, the cheering and waving of handkerchiefs being taken up in all parts of the grounds. Dinner was served in the Queen's Saloon, all the royal visitors remaining except the Crown Prince of Germany, who returned after the concert to Norwood. The firework display was of more than ordinary grandeur; indeed, it was pronounced to be the most lavish and sublime ever witnessed in the Palace grounds. The device entitled "A Nation's Thanks for Fifty Years of Bright Example," and the transformation scene, which consisted of a cluster of roses, shamrocks and thistles, imperceptibly changing to portraits of the Queen and the Prince and Princess of Wales, were remarkably fine. The display of other art pieces and the flights of rockets were extraordinarily brilliant, whilst the effect produced was superb. After the fireworks the royal party drove through the grounds to witness an open air ballet, entitled "The Sculptor's Vision," which had been expressly arranged by Madame Katti Lanner, and was supported by a specially selected troupe of ladies and children of the National Training School for Dancing. Everything passed off remarkably well, and the "Jubilee Royalists" will carry away with them very pleasant recollections of the great *f te* which they witnessed at the Crystal Palace, the managers of which well deserved the complimentary remarks made to them by the Prince of Wales before he returned to London.

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, 2nd JULY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
303—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
1223—Amherst, Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverhead, near Sevenoaks
1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham
1929—Mozart, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon
2148—Walsingham, Masonic Hall, Walsingham, Kent

MONDAY, 4th JULY.

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)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at (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)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (Inst.)
1685—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.)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1924—Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Wickham Park, Brockley
1996—Priory Lodge of Acton, Royal Oak Assembly Hall, High Street, Acton
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
R.A. 91—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 139—Panmure, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
K.T. 127—Bard of Avon, 33 Golden Square, W.
37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston.
119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple
261—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebdon Bridge
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
694—Oakley, Masonic Hall, Church Street, Basingstoke
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
350—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax
1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1578—Morlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1798—Zion, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1977—Blackwater, Blue Bear Hotel, Maldon.
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.A. 404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax Road, Dewsbury
M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
M.M. 37—Wyndham, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.

TUESDAY, 5th JULY.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
171—Amity, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
255—Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey
654—Varborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1041—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8. (In)
1319—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Garsing Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1391—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)

1446—Mount Edgecombe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Towers, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
1549—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Horsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst)
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Bibra Restaurant, Cannon Street, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 8.30
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1538—St. Martins-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
R.A. 1612—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
463—East Surrey of Concord, Kings' Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley Street, Bradford
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
995—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market Place, Cockermouth
1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar
1310—Harrow, King's Head, Harrow
1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
1322—Waveley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction)
1619—Sackville, Crown Hotel, East Grinstead
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
1993—Wolsey, Masonic Hall, Town Hall Buildings, King Street, Manchester
R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
M.M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Chatham.

WEDNESDAY, 6th JULY.

3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roma Road, Barnsley, at 8. (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Barnsley, at 8. (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
224—United Strength, The Hope, Stephenson Street, Regent's Park, at 8. (In)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Square, at 8. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Bartlett-road, E. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Inst.)
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gander, St. Paul's Church-yard, at 7. (Inst.)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 56 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Inst.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst)
1691—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1694—Wandsworth, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (In)
1692—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1631—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, Mile End, at 8. (Inst.)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Chamberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
R.A. 55—Constitutional, Private Rooms, Leytons one
R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gander, St. Paul's Church-yard, at 7. (Inst.)
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 1329—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
K.T. 129—Holy Palest, 33 Golden-square, W.C.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent, Assembly Rooms, Bull Hotel, Dartford
74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Dutton
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Wincoburn
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ana-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Copper-street, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
678—Earl of Desmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Barnwood, near Bolton
750—Friendship, Freemason's Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction)
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1167—Alwicks, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alwicks
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Gresham-street
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Clipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Horsea, Hull. (Instruction)
1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore.
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1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Shaftesbury
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
1731—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
1736—St. John's, St. John's Rooms, King X Street, Halifax
1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Cornhill
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- R.A. 64—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Chocdam Street, Rochdale
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- R.A. 778—Bard of Avon, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond
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- M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness
- R.C.—Palatine, Palatine Hotel, Manchester

THURSDAY, 7th JULY.

- 10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
- 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
- 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
- 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
- 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
- 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
- 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
- 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
- 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 8.30. (Instruction)
- 1155—Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-road
- 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
- 1278—Burdett Courts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 9. (Instruction)
- 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
- 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
- 1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
- 1360—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon
- 1361—United Service, Greyhound, Richmond
- 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 8.30 (Inst)
- 1445—Prince Leopold, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.
- 1554—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 Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
- 1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
- 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
- 1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
- 1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
- 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)
- 1724—Kaisir-i-Hind, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W
- 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
- 1765—Trinity College, 61 Weymouth Street
- 1791—Creton, Wheatshaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst)
- 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate
- R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
- M.M. 197—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
- M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)

- 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle
- 123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
- 215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
- 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 266—Naphthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
- 269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
- 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
- 294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
- 295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
- 300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
- 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
- 346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
- 369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Ollcherton
- 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
- 432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nunenton
- 446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
- 456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
- 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
- 509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
- 637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
- 792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby
- 913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
- 971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
- 976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset
- 1089—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
- 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland
- 1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
- 1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
- 1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster
- 1384—Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes
- 1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
- 1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Palfrey, near Burnley
- 1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
- 1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
- 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
- 1594—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomeryshire
- 1807—Loyal Wye, Built, Breconshire
- 1817—St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shoburyness
- 1829—Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham
- 2050—St. Trinians, Masonic Hall, Loch Parade, Douglas, Isle of Man
- R.A. 116—Cana, Swan Hotel, Colne, Lancashire
- R.A. 187—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
- R.A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
- R.A. 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
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- M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 8th JULY.

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
- 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
- 167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
- 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
- 765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
- 768—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
- 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
- 831—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
- 833—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1156—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
- 1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1299—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
- 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
- R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
- R.A. 33—Britannic, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
- R.A. 78—Pythagorean, Port and Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
- R.A. 95—Eastern Star C. of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street
- R.A. 569—Fitzroy, Headquarters Hon. Artillery Company, City Road, E.C.
- R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)

- R.A. 890—Horsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Improvement)
- M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
- M.M. 198—Croydon, 105 High Street, Croydon
- R.C. 3—Mount Calvary, 33 Golden Square, W.

- 36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's Street, Cardiff
- 401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Shalbury
- 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse Street, Goole
- 460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
- 526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
- 652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
- 662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich
- 1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament Street, Harrogate
- 1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
- 1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
- 1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
- 1121—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
- General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at
- R.A. 119—Sun Square and Compass, Masonic Hall, Whitehaven
- R.A. 137—Amity, Masonic Hall, Poole
- R.A. 601—Eyton St. John, Wrekon Hotel, Wellington, Salop
- R.A. 712—St. James's, Masonic Hall, Rosemary Lane, Louth
- R.A. 993—Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Levenshulme
- K.T. 126—De Warrenne, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

SATURDAY, 9th JULY.

- Quarterly General Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
- 179—Manchester Grey, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
- 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
- 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
- 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
- 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
- 1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
- 1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
- 1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
- 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)
- Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
- M.M. 234—Brixton, Auderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
- 1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
- 1990—Hampshire L. of Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, Landport, Portsmouth
- 2089—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
- R.A. 1423—Era, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
- M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

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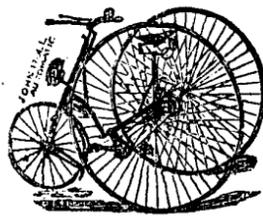
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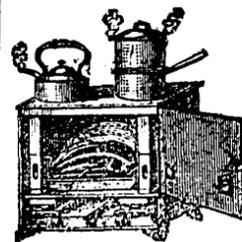
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