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THE FESTIVAL OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE third and last Festival of the year in connection with the Charitable Institutions of the Craft has passed, and if we are to adopt the popular verdict we must record its result as a failure. But are we justified in using so harsh a term in connection with a gathering which has added upwards of £8,600 to the coffers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, within three weeks of the grand announcement made at the Albert Hall in connection with the Centenary celebration of the sister Institution? Should we not rather say that it has proved a success, judged on its merits; hardly equal, it is true, to what was anticipated, or what has been achieved during recent years, but sufficient to prove that the Institution still retains its place in the estimation of the Craft, and is still accorded as much sympathy as the special events of the year allow. It is not necessary to go beyond the Centenary celebration to which we have just referred to find the cause for the falling off in the contributions to the Boys' School this year, indeed it is a surprise to many that so much has been secured, with such strong counter attractions directing the energies of the Craft into another channel, and after such a handsome result as that announced by the Most Worshipful Grand Master on the 7th of the present month.

Of course, it does not require much calculation to discover that the amount subscribed at Wednesday's Festival is quite insufficient to maintain the Institution for the current year, and as a natural result the reserve of the Charity will have to be heavily drawn upon to meet the calls for current expenses. This is very much to be regretted, as the Boys' School is already the worst off in the matter of Invested Funds, and is the least able to afford the reduction in its permanent income which must arise if its dividends are curtailed. On this account, if on no other, we hope that special exertions will be made to ensure a grand success for next year's Festival, and that the Ninety-first Anniversary celebration may result in such a return as will not only enable the Institution to retrieve the position it must lose this year, but also add a little to the surplus it has already accumulated. It is very early yet to express this wish, but it is not too early to make a start in the endeavour to do good on behalf of an Institution which is sorely in need of it.

In another column we give a report of the proceedings at the Festival, together with a list of the amounts collected by the several Stewards. From this latter it will be found that altogether the Board comprised the names of two hundred and eighteen brethren. London was represented by one hundred and thirteen, and their contributions reached a total of £4,186 2s, while the Provinces sent up £4,487 10s, at the hands of one-hundred and five Stewards, so that it will be seen honours were pretty equally divided between the

two great divisions of the Craft. There are many matters in connection with the Festival to which reference might be made, but we leave their consideration until another occasion, contenting ourselves at the present with a simple record of the proceedings.

IS FREEMASONRY A QUESTION OF PRICE OR OF PRINCIPLE?

HAD such a question as that which heads our present remarks been put to us a week ago we should have been steadfast in our endeavours to uphold the good name and reputation of the Craft, but the events of the last few hours have so shaken our ideas, that to-day we hardly know whether we could show a clear case, if we were severely pressed, in regard to the disinterestedness of Freemasons in their practice of Freemasonry. There is an old saying that no one knows where the shoe pinches but he who wears it, and it is equally true that no one knows how the show is worked but those who are behind the scenes. We do not wish to imply that we are behind the scenes so far as Freemasonry is concerned, but our official position affords us many opportunities of gaining information which is not available to the world at large; but, like many others similarly circumstanced, we are frequently prevented from making use of the knowledge thus acquired, because our informants will not allow their names to be used should any action be taken as the result of what we might publish. Hence it is that we are often quiet when our desire is to be stirring, and we are sometimes compelled to be silent witnesses of injustice, because the means at our disposal are not sufficient to check it. But there have been occasions when we have been in a position to publish what we know, and at the same time be prepared to prove the truth of our statements. In such cases we have done what we considered to be right, and if we have not always won the approval of the multitude we have at least had the satisfaction of knowing that we attempted to do our duty, while our action has been endorsed by many who value the good name and reputation of Freemasonry.

Our present task is anything but a pleasant one, but we accept it as part of our duty, and if in the execution of it we give offence to any brother with whom we are personally acquainted, or who is only known to us by name, we can only express our regret that circumstances have arisen calling for special reference at our hands. On Thursday, the consecration of the Barnato Lodge, No. 2265, took place at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, and although we have little beyond personal observation on which to base our remarks, we feel that the meeting was not a success from a Masonic point of view. It is not our province to inquire the why and wherefore which induced the

Most Worshipful the Grand Master of England to warrant a Lodge named after a gentleman who is not a Mason, and, so far as we know, has never done anything for Freemasonry, while he is equally unknown in the outside world, except as the fortunate possessor of a valuable property in the diamond fields of South Africa. The question of Lodge nomenclature is, and always has been, a mystery to us, but at the same time we admit the subject is a difficult one to deal with, and it would perhaps be unwise if the rulers of the Craft were to forbid the naming of Lodges after men who are, or are supposed to be, worthy of so great a distinction; but surely they should draw the line within the bounds of Freemasonry, not even recognising the possibilities of the immediate future as to whether a certain individual might or might not become a member of the Order. We speak in this way because we do not consider that Mr. Barnato's name has any special Masonic signification; but perhaps the use of it may be defended on the ground that there are many others equally open to criticism.

Going from the name of the Lodge, we may ask if it comes within the scope of Freemasonry for the gentleman after whom the Lodge is named, and who is proposed as the first initiate, to present to each of the founders a costly jewel, valued, it was publicly stated, at some forty guineas each, and to be present at the proceedings after the Lodge banquet, taking part, or at least having an opportunity of doing so, in the Masonic "fire" accorded the toasts? We do not know there is any particular objection to a non-Mason taking part in our festivities, especially as there are many who urge that the action of the M.W. Grand Master at the recent meeting at the Albert Hall did away with the secrecy in regard to the Masonic "fire," but until it is regularly announced that we may entertain non-Masons in our midst, we venture to urge that no Lodge has the right to depart from the recognised custom of the Craft, even though the gentleman on whose behalf the members transgress has been proposed as a candidate for initiation, and has given his name as the title of the Lodge to which he seeks admission. We only need put one question to prove the error of such a course, and, we hope, prevent its recurrence in the future. Can any man be made a Mason without undergoing the ordeal of the ballot? Supposing that the gentleman to whom we have referred is rejected when he is put to the usual test? What then becomes of his sponsorship? Of his costly presents to the founders who have glorified his name by calling a Lodge after it? Or of the action of the Master who allowed innovation, by permitting the presence of a non-Mason at a recognised Masonic assembly?

It may be urged that the attendance of the Grand Secretary of England and other Grand Officers at the gathering to which we have alluded gave the necessary sanction for the innovations. If so, we urge that the principles of Freemasonry rest on a very shallow foundation. We are prepared to admit that the Grand Master may adopt or allow any divergence from established custom, but we shall be surprised to learn that his example may be followed indiscriminately. We do not think it would be politic to sanction such a course, and we are certain it would have a most damaging effect on Freemasonry if the presence of individual Grand Officers were to be accepted as an excuse for violating the established customs and recognised ordinances of the Craft.

We fully appreciate the delicate ground on which we are treading in thus making public our views in regard to this particular event, and perhaps we are doing an injustice to those more intimately associated with it, but we hope not. We do not for one moment question the motives which induced the founders to establish this new Lodge, and usher it into existence with all the pomp and splendour it is in the power of

the magical diamond to secure, but there is such an air of "purchased glory" surrounding the whole affair as to leave them far from blameless. If their proceedings are allowed to go unchallenged we feel it will be a scandal to the Craft, likely to have a most detrimental effect on the future of Freemasonry, because then it must be recognised that even within the Order it is possible to purchase position, glory and honour, just as we are told it is possible to do in the every-day walks of life. There are certain principles underlying Freemasonry which have hitherto been zealously guarded, and it will be a great misfortune if those principles are to be set aside in future, or made subservient to the baser, but perhaps equally powerful influences of gold and diamonds.

One word in regard to ourselves. We attended the Barnato Lodge as a guest. Unfortunately we were prevented by other business from being present until late in the evening, and what we saw and what we heard took place after the banquet. It is the after-dinner proceedings on which our present remarks are based and if we have abused the hospitality offered us we can but express regret. We attended in our official capacity, and our duty is to the Craft at large, not to any section or individual members thereof. It is true our duty is a self imposed one, and perhaps there are some who will question the good taste or the policy of our present remarks. To all such we may say that we are acting in good faith, and if our comments are severe they are at least made more in sorrow than in anger, and with the sincere wish that they may prove of ultimate good to the Order with which we are proud to be associated.

MASONIC TOLERATION.

THERE is a great and sacred truth lying at the foundation of Freemasonry, which pervades every bone, every sinew and every blood-vessel of its constitution and its organisation. It expresses itself in the words of the Masonic regulation, which all men are required to adhere to, and that truth is, Toleration! Here each of us holds his own religion; here each of us tolerates the religion of his brethren. We come together not to propagate our own creeds, but to meet those who are our equals, and to make each other feel that there are good moral qualities, and high virtues, and things worthy to be remembered and respected among all men of all creeds. To my mind, away back in that far past, one hundred and sixty years ago—I do not know but more, for I am not to be bounded and limited by any of these common periods of time in my belief of the antiquity of the breadth and spiritual character of Freemasonry—but away back as far as we know it in our English history, the element which gave vitality to Masonry, the element which created brotherhood among its members, the element which gave force and impetus, and sent it forward as the great pioneer of liberty throughout all the world, to raise the oppressed, to break the bonds and proclaim the brotherhood of man, the equality of man, aye, and the equality of the races, was that same clause that we should tolerate the religion which our brothers professed; and that while we claimed the individual and independent right to hold our own creed, we should give our brother the equal right to hold his creed and to worship God in the same purity and with the same independence that we claimed for ourselves. We started there, and that spirit spread throughout the world; and whenever you will point to me a religious persecution during the history of the Masonic organisation—and there have been many such—I will show you that it was born of bigotry and intolerance. The Church led in the persecution, and in was liberty and independence and religious toleration that resisted.

I remember the time, since I have been a Mason, when there was hardly a country in Europe where Masonry was not under the ban, where it was not oppressed, where it was not attacked; and yet now, throughout the whole broad expanse, from Siberia to the Atlantic, from the Atlantic to the North Pole, and from the North Pole to the Pacific, Masonry is an honoured Institution. You can

hardly imagine how in those dark days—those days of feudal mediævalism—Masonry alone held up the candle of liberty to the oppressed of all races and all nations. From the church and state down to the lowest bigot or mercenary in rank, all combined to put out the light, but the light would not be put out; and, though the blood of our brothers has been shed in every country in Europe, yet the blood of our brothers has been the blood of martyrs, which was the seed of the Masonic church—aye, and the seed of the church of liberty throughout all the world. There has not been a step of progress for the last two hundred years that the light of Freemasonry has not shone in front, leading the way and pointing to the equality of man and to the elevation of the human race. The day has come when things are changed completely, and now kings, dukes, and lords, side by side with the humble artisan, seek our altars and our shrines, desire to put on the apron of the workman, to be classed with us, and with Fellow Crafts and Masters, to work in the regeneration of the millions.—*Charles Levi Woodberry.*

CONSECRATION OF BARNATO LODGE, No. 2265.

THIS Lodge was consecrated on Thursday, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, who was supported by Bros. Lord John Taylour J.G.W. as S.W., F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg as J.W., Rev. G. W. Weldon P.G.C. as Chaplain, Frank Richardson P.G.D. as D. of C., W. A. Barrett G.O., Robert Berridge J.G.D. as I.G., Henry Sadler G. Tyler. John L. Mather P.A.G.D.C., Major George Lambert P.G. Sword Bearer, W. M. Bywater P.G. Sword Bearer, C. H. McKay P.G.S., Richard Eve Past G. Treasurer, Frederick Binckes P.G. Sword Bearer, C. E. Soppet P.G. Steward, and a large number of visitors. The founders of the Lodge are Bros. Joseph Da Silva (W.M. designate) M. J. De Leeuw and L. Kool (the Wardens designate), T. Honey, M. Bash, P. Rosenthal, J. Joel, E. J. Acworth P.G.S. Essex, C. F. Hogard, Richard Baker, and Henry Lane. The visitors included Bros. S. B. Joel 1017, A. Goldstone 294, J. C. Hayes P.M. 619, John Barnett jun. S.D. 2192, Isaac White 205, Joseph Salin 677 (S.C.), John Da Silva 205, J. H. Gluckstein 205, H. J. Phillips P.M. 205, John A. Gartley P.M. 205, Edward Terry P.M. 29 P.G. Stwd., D. Moss P.M. 1275, John Petch W.M. 1471, T. Caseley S.W. 1693, M. J. Jessop P.M. 1261, S. Gompers J.D. 205, R. J. Paton 205, S. Genese 188, J. Myers 188, H. H. Room W.M. 1159, James Wight 142, M. J. H. Mayer J.W. 1693, A. Levy (Ackland), Morris Abrahams 564, J. B. Joel 1017, E. H. Norden P.M. 205, A. Robertson 859, Fountain Meen P.M., A. L. Frye 1624, J. O. Schuler 511, B. Fuld W.M. 1668, L. Lazarus P.M. 188, D. Rodrigues 205, Charles Belton I. C. S. Lane P.G.D. Durham, R. P. Forge P.M. 1693, Max Mendelssohn 212, James Culverwell 261, James Salmon P.M. 2077 P.G.R. Essex, A. J. Henochsberg P.M. 205, 1502, C. Vandyk J.W. 1017, E. C. Massey P.M. 1297, Joyce Murray P.M. 1706, Alfred Kenningham 1706, R. De Lacy 97, H. J. Dutton 1706, D. S. Woolf 72, L. Schuler 1668, W. W. Morgan jun., &c. The consecration being completed Bro. Da Silva was installed, and the officers were appointed. Propositions for initiation and joining were handed in. The Consecrating Officers were elected as honorary members and the Lodge was closed. A banquet followed, and at its conclusion the Worshipful Master gave the usual toasts. In proposing that of the Queen and the Craft Bro. Da Silva referred to the fact that the day on which they were meeting was the fiftieth anniversary of her Majesty's coronation. The toast was followed by the National Anthem, and then the W.M. gave the health of the M.W. the Grand Master, a name he was convinced would be as enthusiastically received as any he should that night submit. The next toast was one the brethren would drink with a great deal of pleasure, as it was in honour of brethren to whom the Lodge owed much for the success of the day. They had to thank several Grand Officers for their great kindness in attending and starting the Barnato Lodge, and in drinking the health of their rulers they should especially honour those of the number who had attended as Consecrating Officers that day. Bro. Lord John Taylour was the first to respond, regretting that Grand Lodge was not represented by some one better able to do justice to the toast than he was. With regard to what had been said as thanks to the Grand Officers who had assisted in the consecration, he felt that what they had done had been more of a pleasure than a trouble to them, and they heartily co-operated in wishing prosperity and success to the Lodge. Bro. Rev. G. W. Weldon followed. It gave him more than an ordinary amount of pleasure to respond to the toast, as they had been so heartily received that day. He had nothing to add in regard to the principles of Freemasonry to what he had said in his oration in the Lodge, but he again urged them to be true to the principles of the Craft and act up to the lessons it taught. Throughout the day he had heard frequent references to the district of Kimberley, a place which was particularly dear to him, as being the spot where his dear son spent almost his last hours on earth. He hoped some day to pay a visit there, for the sake of him for whom he mourned, and if ever he did so he felt that he should find himself among friends, friends who would know him in consequence of his actions in the Barnato Lodge that day. He should there find brethren of different nationalities and creeds, but they would all meet in the same spirit and on the same grand level of universal brotherhood as that they were acquainted with in their own Lodge and in all parts of the world. He trusted that all present would go forth from the meeting benefited by what they had witnessed, and

that they would ever remember their meeting for the purpose of consecrating the Barnato Lodge. The W.M. now adopted a somewhat unusual course, and proposed the health, success and long life of the gentleman after whom their Lodge had been named, and who had been proposed as the first candidate for initiation therein. The toast was vociferously received, and musical honours accorded it. Mr. Barnato thanked the company for their kind expressions towards him. He was very sorry he was not in a position to address them as brothers, and assured them that on the very first opportunity he should acquire that privilege. The Worshipful Master next proposed the health of the Grand Secretary, whose indefatigable exertions in carrying out his duties in the Craft had endeared him, he said, in the minds of all who had come in contact with him. Bro. Clerke briefly replied, and then proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. The toast was no doubt very dear to the members, who, he considered had made a wise selection in appointing Bro. Da Silva as their first Master. It was also a great honour which had been conferred on that brother, so that they all had reason to congratulate themselves. Bro. Da Silva expressed his sincere thanks for the very enthusiastic manner in which the toast of his health had been received that evening. He took it not so much a compliment to himself as a tribute to the Barnato Lodge, and he took the proposition of it as a welcome from the Grand Secretary to them as a new Lodge among the many already existing in the metropolis. He thought a few words were necessary to explain the reason for the foundation of the Lodge. It had been formed to re-unite under the banner of Freemasonry the many brethren who had been admitted under foreign jurisdictions, but who, on their return to this country, wished to be ranked under its Grand Lodge. They wished to re-unite in the Lodge those brethren who had spent years under the burning sun of South Africa, but who had afterwards returned to their native country. They also wished to commemorate in the name they had given their Lodge that wonderful diamond industry—of only a few years growth it was true—which had already made its mark in the history of the world. The unbounded wealth of the mines they celebrated was not to be expressed, it was without limit. The Barnato mine was really the centre of the Kimberley diamond field, and was the largest and richest mine in the world. It had already produced riches which might be compared to the ransom, not of princes or of kings, but of kingdoms and of nations, and yet its wealth was so great that it was estimated they might go on drawing from it, as they had already done, for the next twenty years and for twenty years beyond that without coming to the bottom or exhausting the supply of its jewels. Bro. Da Silva referred to the fact that they had adopted the diamond as the jewel of their Lodge, and hoped the members would shine with the same brilliance as the purest of the gems they had chosen as their emblem. The toast of the visitors was next given, and it having been acknowledged the Worshipful Master submitted that of the Charities. Charity was the one thing in Freemasonry they were taught to remember above all other things. It was the point most eloquently referred to by the Grand Chaplain in his oration, and the point forcibly impressed upon every candidate at his initiation. He wished those around him to honour the toast, not only by drinking to it, but by opening their pockets in support of it. Bro. Binckes replied. The toast was by many of those present that night considered most welcome, and they thanked the Worshipful Master for having found a place for it. He had much pleasure in responding, and in doing so he wished it to be particularly understood that he did not desire to speak solely on behalf of the Institution with which he was more intimately associated, but on behalf of all three of the Institutions of the Craft. Referring to all that had been said that day in regard to the diamond fields of Kimberley he could but remember that he had a material interest in one of the ventures of South Africa, the benefits of which mine had not yet been made apparent, but after the glowing accounts he had listened to he still had hopes that there was something in store for him. They had heard a great deal that night of the riches which had been dug out of the earth, and if they were to believe the old classic writing—*effodiuntur opes irrimenda malorum!*—they were the attraction which led to all that was evil. He trusted that in the Barnato Lodge they would prove an attraction for good, and that the Masonic Institutions might reap some advantage from the plethora of wealth which appeared to be in the possession of those who had founded the Lodge. The Officers of the Lodge was the next toast, and this having been replied to by the Secretary and by Bro. Hogard the acting I.P.M., the Tyler was summoned and the proceedings terminated. The most elaborate preparations had been made to ensure the enjoyment of those who attended, among other matters being a strong musical programme. The artistes engaged acquitted themselves most efficiently, and wound up their efforts by a grand rendering of the old English glee—"The Chough and Clough," so appropriate for an "opening day."

PRESENTATION TO BRO. J. BAKER.

THERE was a numerous and interesting gathering at the Cock, Highbury, on Thursday, the 21st inst., when a testimonial was presented to Bro. John Baker, who has retired from the management of that well-known Masonic centre, after thirteen years service, on account of ill-health. Bro. Charles Townley (Savage Club Lodge) presided, being supported by Bros. W. Hastings Miller, H. Friend, R. Baker, J. Hollyman, S. Price C.C., P. Forge, Potter, Perry, Phillips, J. Farlong, and a large number of gentlemen representing various societies. The testimonial, which was beautifully illuminated on vellum, was accompanied by a purse containing 100 guineas. During the evening a musical entertainment was given by Messrs. Lovett King, Odell, A. Combes, H. Leffler, M. Ryan, and Geoffrey Thorn.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF BERKS AND BUCKS.

THE Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., presided at the Provincial Grand Lodge, which was holden at the Auction Mart, High Wycombe, on Monday last, the 25th inst. The Provincial Grand Master was supported by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Very Worshipful Bro. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg P.G.C., and the Provincial Grand Officers of the year, as follows.—Bros. John Tomkins 945 S.W., Major G. L. de M. Taylor 1899 J.W., Rev. F. R. Harnett 840 Chap., Rev. Henry Lewis 945 Chap., J. W. Martin 414 Reg., R. Bradley 414 Sec., Geo. Tottle 1501 J.D., William Ravenscroft 1101 S. of W., H. S. Hannington 574 A.D.C., Henry Perks 209 Std. Br., Thos. Slatter 1770 Std. Br., W. Guille 1410 A. Purst., H. J. Stollery 209, G. H. Charsley 1894, C. H. Trench 2043, John Line 1410, Joseph Greenaway 1101 Stewards, W. Hemmings Tyler. The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at 1.30 p.m., when Bro. Bradley Prov. G. Sec. called over the roll of Lodges in the Province, and it was found the whole were represented. The minutes of the annual Provincial Grand Lodge, holden at Windsor, on Monday, the 27th June 1887, were, on the motion of the D.P.G.M., taken as read and confirmed. The financial statement of the Provincial Grand Treasurer and the report of the Charity Committee were both of a very satisfactory character, while the Provincial Grand Secretary's report, as to the condition of the Lodges in the Province, showed a total membership of 834 as against 794 at the corresponding period last year. Bro. Charles Stephens, the Provincial Grand Treasurer, was unfortunately absent through illness; this the Provincial Grand Master felt all present would much regret. However, Bro. Stephens had rendered good service in the past, and all wished him a speedy recovery. He (Sir Daniel) had great pleasure in proposing Bro. Stephens's re-election. This was seconded and unanimously agreed to. Provincial Charity jewels were presented to Bros. Anthony T. Kersley 574 and Reginald Maples 574, and Bro. S. G. Kirchhoffer had bars added to his Provincial Charity jewel. Announcement was now made that in one or two cases where the individuals named did not reside within the Province that dispensations had been granted for their appointment, the following were invested as the Provincial Grand Officers for the next twelve months:—

Bro. Jowett 591	-	-	Senior Warden
E. L. Shepherd 945	-	-	Junior Warden
Lewis 945	-	-	} Chaplains
A. Williams	-	-	
C. Stephens	-	-	Treasurer
H. Creed	-	-	Registrar
R. Bradley	-	-	Secretary
Sydney Payne	-	-	Senior Deacon
Teuch	-	-	Junior Deacon
Finch	-	-	Superintendent of Works
Odell	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
Seymour	-	-	Assistant Dir. of Cers.
Fisher	-	-	Sword Bearer
R. C. Mount	-	-	} Standard Bearers
J. Morris	-	-	
Sherwin	-	-	Organist
Sells	-	-	Assistant Secretary
J. H. Hawkes	-	-	Pursuivant
G. J. Cosburn	-	-	Assistant Pursuivant
Page	-	-	} Stewards
Luckyer	-	-	
Bowen	-	-	
Pratt	-	-	
Thompson	-	-	} Tyler
Tubbs	-	-	
Hemmings	-	-	

Amongst other business transacted the sum of twenty-five guineas was voted from Provincial Grand Lodge to the Charity Fund, and the various Lodges who have subscribed to that Fund were voted grants, amounting in all to 105 guineas, in aid of the several Masonic Institutions. With regard to the notice of motion given by Bro. John Tomkins Provincial S.G.W.:—"That this Provincial Grand Lodge of Berks and Bucks respectfully requests Grand Lodge to take into consideration the present condition of the Masonic Boys' School, and, if thought fit, to appoint a Committee to enquire into its discipline and management," some considerable amount of discussion ensued. It seemed to be the general opinion that this was a matter that scarcely came within the scope of Grand Lodge to deal with. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master

suggested an alternative proposition that should be a recommendation to the House Committee to take further action in the matter. Bro. Charles Belton, a member of that body, stated that his confreres had requested Bro. Philbrick, the Grand Registrar, to appoint a Committee of Inquiry, and that it was fully expected that Bro. Philbrick would undertake this responsibility. It was eventually decided the recommendation of this Provincial Grand Lodge should be forwarded to the Grand Registrar to bring before such a Committee.

In addressing the brethren the Provincial Grand Master congratulated them on the steady progress that was being made. Since their last meeting two new Lodges had been consecrated, and a fuller addition to their roll was shortly to be made. As regards the Craft in general the success of the recent Festival on behalf of the Girls' School was intensely gratifying. He was pleased to see so goodly an attendance that day, and trusted they might have as successful a gathering next year, when the Provincial Grand Lodge would be held at Reading.

Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed.

A luncheon was afterwards served at the Town Hall, where the Provincial Grand Master presided. He was supported by a large majority of those who had attended the Prov. Grand Lodge.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LINCOLNSHIRE.

ON the invitation of the W.M. and brethren of the Shakespeare Lodge, No. 426, the annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Lincolnshire was held at the Masonic Hall, Spilsby, on Thursday, 31st May. The rooms were beautifully decorated, and it was apparent from the excellent arrangements made that the Spilsby brethren had spared no effort to give the visitors a suitable reception. The Shakespeare Lodge having been opened by the W.M. Bro. Colonel Grantham, the officers and brethren of the Provincial Grand Lodge entered. There was a very large attendance of brethren, 234 responding to the roll call of Lodges. The minutes of the last annual Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Lincoln on 2nd June 1887, having been confirmed, the finance statement of the Province was read by the P.G. Treas., Bro. C. M. Nesbitt. It was of a very satisfactory character, as were also the returns of the Lodges presented by the P.G. Reg., Bro. H. Watson. The P.G. Secretary, Bro. Vickers, next read the report of the Committee of the Prov. G. Lodge Fund of Benevolence, the Oliver Memorial Fund, the Smyth Scholarship Fund, and the Prov. Grand Lodge Charity Committee. Generally a prosperous condition of affairs was reported, and it would seem that the Charity Committee had been successful in securing the election of its candidates last May. The following were appointed a committee to draw up suitable rules and regulations for the management of the Sutcliffe Memorial Fund, which had been completed this year, the sum of 1000 guineas having been raised: Bros. Bates, Hewson, Clarke, Mountain, Kirby, Sutcliffe, Clitherow, and Bellerby. It was decided that the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution should be the Charity having the support of the Province during the next year, and Bro. H. E. Cousans was appointed Provincial Steward to work that particular fund. Four of the brethren having had conferred upon them P.G. rank, in honour of the Queen's Jubilee, namely, Bros. C. M. Nesbitt, H. Watson, Col. Grantham and J. Sutcliffe, they were formally invested by the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, who made a few remarks appropriate to the occasion. The P.G. Sec. read a communication from the Home Secretary, in acknowledgment of the address sent from the last Prov. Grand Lodge to Her Majesty the Queen, on the celebration of the Jubilee of her reign. The following brethren were invested as Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year:

Bro. G. H. Porter	-	-	Senior Warden
H. Clark	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. E. M. Weighall	-	-	} Chaplains
Rev. C. Laing	-	-	
C. M. Nesbitt	-	-	Treasurer
H. Watson	-	-	Registrar
B. Vickers	-	-	Secretary
Horobin	-	-	Senior Deacon
J. Mansell	-	-	Junior Deacon
Challans	-	-	Superintendent of Works
W. H. Roberts	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
J. C. Basker	-	-	Assistant Director of Cers.

Padley	-	-	-	Sword Bearer
Duke	-	-	-	} Standard Bearers
G. Dunkley	-	-	-	
H. G. Gregory	-	-	-	Organist
Robinson	-	-	-	Assistant Secretary
F. J. Green	-	-	-	Pursuivant
Green	-	-	-	Assistant Pursuivant
F. D. Davy	-	-	-	} Stewards
W. N. Mason	-	-	-	
Collinson	-	-	-	
H. T. Bellerby	-	-	-	
G. W. Ham	-	-	-	
W. F. Reed	-	-	-	} Tyler
W. Donner	-	-	-	

At the close of the Lodge, the banquet was held in a marquee, about 170 brethren attending. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly responded to, and a very pleasant afternoon was spent.

PRIZE DAY AT THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE annual distribution of prizes to the pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys took place on Saturday, when, as usual, an entertainment was given to the Stewards of the year and their friends. The following was the

PROGRAMME.

Glee - "Hark! Apollo" - (Bishop)
Conductor—Bro. H. J. Dutton. Accompanist—Mr. E. Hann.

PRIZES PRESENTED BY THE INSTITUTION.

First Class.—Scripture, A. Blunt. Latin and Mathematics, J. P. Templeman. French, G. Wilson. English, J. P. Seagrave. General Improvement, F. Coleman, H. R. Graves, S. W. Gibson.

Second Class.—Latin, A. Moore. French, J. Heinke. English, F. H. France. Mathematics, G. B. Hickinbotham. General Improvement, A. Foord, R. Williams.

Third Class.—Latin and French, R. Churchill. Mathematics, W. G. Cauty. General Improvement, C. R. Saville, W. E. Tappenden.

Pianoforte Duet - "Sword Dance" - (Spohr)
J. Heinke and J. H. Hewett.

Fourth Class.—Latin, W. G. Figgess. French, G. O. Fearon. Mathematics, W. Gay. General Improvement, F. W. Higgison.

Fifth Class.—Latin, G. H. Haines. French, L. Harvey. Mathematics, R. Leaman. General Improvement, F. M. Moorcroft, O. Brister.

Sixth Class.—General Proficiency, H. M. Harrison. General Improvement, F. C. Boulter, R. Midgley.

Seventh Class.—General Proficiency, F. E. Carter. General Improvement, R. H. Mason.

PREPARATORY SCHOOL.

First Class—General Proficiency, R. A. Fortune and J. B. Marless. General Improvement, J. D. Davis.

Second Class—General Proficiency, C. Johnson. General Improvement, W. E. T. Watson.

Third Class.—General Proficiency, B. Patience.

Trio - "To a Nightingale at Mid-day" - (Sterndale Bennett)
The Choir.

Pianoforte Solo - "Husarenritt" - (Spindler)
C. J. Saville.

Song - "Oh! river, river!" - (J. L. Hatton)
R. Williams.

Accompanist—Mr. A. Izard.

SPECIAL PRIZES.—PRESENTED BY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE.

Writing, 1st H. A. High, 2nd H. P. Richardson. Dictation, 1st J. P. Templeman, 2nd F. C. Douglas. History, 1st A. Blunt, 2nd G. Wilson. Mental Arithmetic, 1st H. R. Graves, 2nd C. J. Crow. Elocution, 1st E. T. Platt, 2nd W. J. Hodge. Efficiency as Monitor, 1st C. J. Crow, 2nd F. Lewis, N. McCaskie. Proficiency in Drill, 1st G. March, 2nd C. E. Stewart. The Band, J. H. Hewett, A. Blunt, W. B. Stevens, J. D. Davis. Vocal Music, R. Williams. Shorthand, J. Heinke.

PRESENTED BY THE AUDIT COMMITTEE.

The Band, 1st H. A. High, 2nd F. Herring. Pianoforte, C. R. Saville.

PRESENTED BY PRIVATE DONORS.

By Mrs. Bowyer, Bookkeeping, J. H. Hewett.

By Mr. Sylvester (Drawing Master), Mapping, G. C. Willett. Freehand, C. E. Roeko, C. Limpricht. Shading, F. Lewis, G. Bailey. Modelling, H. A. High.

By Bro. Augustus Harris, Drury Lane Lodge Prize—English Essay. Dramatic Ability, decided on conclusion of the Plays, W. J. Hodge, H. M. Hare.

PRESENTED BY THE OLD MASONIANS.

For Shorthand, H. R. Graves.

Glee - "See, the Chariot" - (Horsley)
J. Bloomfield and W. Gay.

Part Song - "The Fairies" - (Macfarren)
The Choir.
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Silver Medal for Good Conduct.—Presented by the Institution.—G. Wilson.

Canonbury Gold Medal.—Presented by the late Bro. G. Cox, Vice Patron.—E. T. Platt.

Silver Watch and Chain for General Good Conduct.—Presented by the Supreme Council of the 33° to a Pupil on leaving the Institution.—E. T. Platt.

Song - "Now Tramp" - (Bishop)
The Choir.

Song - Miss Alice Bloomfield.

Pianoforte Duet - "Marionette Overture"
Higgesson and Saville.

Vocal Duet - "Come and find the Fairies" - (Macfarren)
Gay and Cordingley.

Musical Drill.—Preparatory School.

English Plays.

"A NARROW SQUEAK."

A Farce by J. Maddison Morton.

Mr. Triptolemus Topknot	-	E. T. Platt.
Philip Shelton	-	H. A. High.
Lieut. Cutwater, R.N.	-	W. J. Hodge.
Coast Guardsmen	-	J. Seagrave and Stanford.
Old Ben	- (Fisherman)	H. M. Hare.
Waiters	-	J. Hewett and F. Herring.
Mrs. Shelton	-	C. J. Crow.
Mrs. Topknot	-	J. Mackey.
Martha	- (Servant)	J. Bloomfield.

Part Song - "O April Night" - (Donizetti)
The Choir.

Part Song - "The Mice in Council" - (Filby)
The Choir.

"PEACE AND QUIET."

Mr. Smashington Golt	-	E. T. Platt.
Mr. Twiterly Fluttersome	-	W. J. Hodge.
Mr. Jonas Closefist	-	J. H. Hewett.
Mrs. Fluttersome	-	J. Mackey.
Clara	- (Daughter)	J. Bloomfield.
Nelly	- (Housemaid)	H. M. Hare.

"God Save the Queen"
The Choir.

At the conclusion of the entertainment refreshments were partaken of, and later in the evening the annual Athletic Sports took place. The following is the programme and result of this part of the proceedings:

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

Dr. Morris, President; J. L. Mather, Hon. Treasurer; W. J. Barton, B.A., Hon. Secretary; W. A. Beauland, B.A., Starter; F. S. Bishop, B.A., and R. S. Olwer, B.A., Judges; G. N. Arnfield, Timekeeper.

Throwing the cricket ball.—H. P. Richardson (distance, 60 yards).

Potato race (under 13).—E. W. Hobson 1; C. Whitehead 2.

100 yards handicap (over 13).—H. P. Richardson 1; A. Blunt 2. A capital race, the first three being within a yard of each other. Time 11½ secs.

220 yards new boys' race.—Stevens 1; Matthews 2; Brockbank 3. Two yards between first and second, with third a foot behind.

100 yards handicap (under 13).—F. S. Jordan 1; G. L. Mackay 2; H. Emes 3. Won by a yard, third close up. Time 13 secs.

High jump (open).—R. Beaumont (4 ft. 2½ in.) 1; H. B. Richardson 2.

Three legged race (open).—White and Ker 1; How and Stanford 2.

220 yards race (under 12).—H. Plows 1; P. Musgrove 2; W. Moss 3. Won easily by six yards, a yard between second and third.

Egg and spoon race (220 yards).—R. Beaumont 1; A. Blunt 2; A. Bailly 3. The three B's had it all their own way, Beaumont winning easily by four yards, while Bailly was beaten by two yards for second place.

Quarter mile handicap (over 13).—F. Salter 1; T. White 2; F. Skelton 3. Salter took the lead after going a lap, and won easily by eight yards; a foot between second and third. Time 70 secs.

Quarter mile handicap (under 13).—F. S. Jordan 1; H. Groves 2; E. W. Hobson 3. Hobson, who started from scratch, ran gamely, but could never get up to Jordan and Groves, the former winning by two yards, a like distance separating second and third. Time 76½ secs.

Long jump (open).—R. Beaumont (13 ft. 11½ in.) 1; Frederick Christensen 2.

Sack race (open).—H. Asquith 1; C. Whitehead 2; R. Delafons †; W. Tappenden †. Asquith was first up, and coming right away from the others won by two yards, while two yards separated the second and dead-heaters.

Half-mile handicap (over 13).—F. Salter 1; A. Chiesman 2. Won easily by twelve yards, with four yards separating second and third.

220 yards old boys' race.—Stevens 1; Chandeller 2. Six runners faced the starter for this race, but three of them fell soon after the start, Stevens in the end gaining the first prize by six yards.

Wheelbarrow race.—Chiesman and Skelton 1; Bailey and Beaumont 2. This was very amusing—all keeping close together.

220 yards band boys' race.—Crow 1; Senior 2; Maynes †; D'Oyle †. Won by three yards, the same distance separating second and thirds. Time 34½ secs.

Tag o' war.—E. T. Platt's team beat F. A. Herring's team.

Obstacle race (open).—T. W. White 1; F. Christensen 2; H. A. High 3. This race caused endless amusement. The winner went through the obstacles in first rate style, coming out of the maze with a strong lead, and eventually winning by ten yards, while only six inches divided second and third.

Everything throughout the programme went off without a hitch, and reflected great credit on those who had the management in hand. We were glad to see that the suggestion we threw out last year about a telegraph board was on this occasion adopted, thus allowing the spectators to know the winning numbers without having to call out each time. The band played a capital selection of music, which added to the enjoyment of those present.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex will be held on Saturday, the 7th July, at the Memorial Hall, Stanmore, under the presidency of Colonel Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Provincial Grand Master. Prov. G. Lodge will be opened at 3 p.m., while a banquet, tickets for which are 8s 6d each, exclusive of wine, will take place at 5.30 p.m., at the Abercorn Hotel, Stanmore.

The installation of the Baron de Ferrieres as Provincial Grand Master of Mark Masons of Gloucestershire and Herefordshire will take place in Cheltenham, on Tuesday, 10th July. Moveable Grand Mark Lodge will assemble in Cheltenham on the occasion, and the ceremony of installation will be performed by the Most Hon. the Marquis of Hertford, Deputy Grand Master. The Baron de Ferrieres succeeds Bro. J. Walker, M.A., who retires after acting for six years as Deputy of the Order in Gloucestershire, and three as Provincial Grand Master.

The Provincial Grand Lodge and Chapter of Surrey will be held on Wednesday, the 18th July next, at the Public Hall, Carshalton, under the presidency of the R.W. Bro. General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., Prov. G. Master and Superintendent. Provincial Grand Chapter will be opened at 2 p.m., after which the business of Provincial Grand Lodge will be transacted. A dinner will take place at 6 p.m., tickets for which may be obtained from Bro. W. Pile, Westcroft, Carshalton, Surrey.

Warrants have been signed during the last few days by H.R.H. the M.W. Grand Master, for two new Lodges in Sheffield—making a total of six. Both Lodges will hold their meetings at the Masonic Hall. One is called the St. Leonards, and is No. 2263; the other, which is practically a division of the Britannia Lodge (which the *Sheffield Telegraph* is informed has got too large), is the Hallamshire, No. 2268, and commences with a list of 42 members.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Derry and Donegal recently held its regular Quarterly Communication in the Masonic Hall, Coleraine. Bro. W. E. Scott, of Willsboro', the Provincial Grand Master, occupied the chair. There was a fair attendance of the brethren, Lodges 127, 235, and 754 being well represented. After labour the local Lodges entertained the visitors to a substantial luncheon. Bro. Fred. W. Cohoon, W.M. of 754, presiding.

A Chapter General of the Grand Priory of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem was held at St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, on Saturday, 23rd inst., a large number of members being present. Under the recent royal charter of incorporation, the Prince of Wales became on that day the Grand Prior of the Order, but the installation of His Royal Highness was postponed on account of the death of the German Emperor.

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

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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GLAMORGAN LODGE, No. 36.

THE festival of St. John the Baptist occurring this year on Sunday, the annual festival of this Lodge consecrated to this patron saint, was celebrated on Monday, the 25th instant. The Glamorgan is the oldest Lodge of Freemasons in the town, and numbers among its members a large proportion of the old and respected inhabitants. There was a very good gathering of Masons not only of the town, but from the neighbouring Lodges of this Province and from the adjacent one of Monmouthshire. The Lodge was opened in due form at half past three o'clock in the afternoon. The Worshipful Master (Bro. Edward Dawson) having been duly installed, proceeded to appoint his Officers, viz.:—Bros. Sidney Coleman I.P.M., Roberts S.W., Sir Morgan Morgan J.W., Wallace Treasurer, Fisher Organist, Roberts D.C., Clarry S.D., Nicol J.D., Riches I.G., Roberts and Downing Stewards, Jenkins Tyler. Lodge having been duly closed the brethren proceeded to the Royal Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was partaken of, presided over by the Worshipful Master.

TRUE FRIENDSHIP LODGE, No. 160.

THE installation and annual festival in connection with this Lodge took place at the Old Ship, Rochford, on Tuesday, 19th inst., under the presidency of Bro. G. L. Wood W.M. After some preliminary business had been transacted, the ceremony of installing Bro. J. Ayling as W.M. for the ensuing year was performed by Bro. A. Lucking. The W.M. appointed his officers as follow:—Bros. Wood S.W., Wiseman J.W., Golden S.D., Arthy J.D., Goodman I.G., Harper Secretary, Harrington Treasurer, Hobday and Farmer Stewards, and Martin Tyler. The Auditors' accounts showed the receipts for the year to have been £87 6s 5d, and the expenditure £66 4s 7d, leaving a balance in hand of £21 1s 10d. At the conclusion of the business the brethren sat down to a banquet.

PEACE AND HARMONY LODGE, No. 199.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, the 11th instant, at the Freemasons' Hall, Soargate-street, Dover, when the following brethren were present:—Bros. James W. Bussey W.M., Thomas Hearn I.P.M., George James Bussey S.W., George Church J.W., Rev. V. S. Vickers P.M. P.P.G.Chap. Chaplain, E. Lukey P.M. P.P.S.G.D. Treasurer, James D. Terson P.M. P.P.S.G.D. Secretary, J. Falconer S.D., Alfred T. Dartnel J.D., F. W. Prescott P.M. P.P.S.G.D. D.C., W. Walker I.G., and several others. The Lodge was opened, and after preliminaries the W.M. elect, Bro. George J. Bussey, was installed by the outgoing Master, Bro. James W. Bussey. The following officers for the year were appointed and invested:—Bros. James Walter Bussey I.P.M., G. Church S.W., J. Falconer J.W., Rev. V. S. Vickers P.M. P.P.G.C. Chaplain, Edward Lukey P.M. P.P.S.G.D. Treasurer, James D. Terson P.M. P.P.S.G.D. Secretary, A. T. Dartnall S.D., W. Walker J.D., F. W. Prescott P.M. P.P.S.G.D. D.C., G. H. Clifford Organist, E. C. Fielding I.G., W. J. Best and H. H. Goodwin Stewards, G. Wilson Tyler, and L. Marsh Assist. Tyler. Bro. J. D. Terson was re-elected to serve on the Kent Charity Committee. A vote of congratulation was passed to Bro. Gardner, on his celebrating his golden wedding, and a vote of thanks was also passed to the outgoing Master, Bro. J. W. Bussey, for his services in the chair during the last two years and also for having installed his successor. The outgoing Master thanked the brethren for the vote, and, in order to commemorate his Mastership, presented the Lodge with a beautiful engraving of the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of England. The W.M. on behalf of the members of the Lodge of Instruction, presented Bro. James D. Terson P.M., with a gold pendant to mark the appreciation of his services as Preceptor. After the Lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to the banquet room and partook of an excellent dinner, which was served in very *récherché* manner by Bro. A. T. Dartnall.

MERCHANTS LODGE, No. 241.

AMONGST the numerous installation meetings which take place in Liverpool and neighbourhood at this season of the year, that in connection with this Lodge is invariably the most interesting and successful for several reasons. The first is found in the fact that the Lodge has long held the premier place in West Lancashire and general Masonic schemes of charity; another in its standing as a prominent section of the Masonic body in consequence of the quality of its membership; and, further, because of the fine Masonic spirit which pervades all its gatherings. On the 26th inst. the brethren were summoned to assist at the elevation to the supreme chair of a brother (Captain J. Macnab) who has long enjoyed deserved popularity, and whose charitable labours in the Craft have recently secured for him the undivided support of the brotherhood in this division in his election to the office of one of the Honorary Secretaries of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institute. The annual installation business of the "Merchants" commenced at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, on the 26th instant, at eleven o'clock, when there were about 90 brethren present—an unusually large attendance at this period of the day—there being numerous distinguished brethren from other Lodges, including a large representation of P.G. Lodge Officers. The chair at the commencement of the proceedings was taken by Bro. Simon Jude, the Worshipful Master. After some preliminary business, the W.M. elect (Captain John Macnab) was presented for installation by Bros. P.M. Salter and Whitehead, and most effectively installed by Bro. Simon Jude, his predecessor in the chair. The following were the Officers subsequently invested:—Bros. Simon Jude I.P.M., James Pendleton Treasurer, Roger White D.C., William M'Lachlan S.W., Joseph

Cornish J.W., Robert Pruddah Secretary, Ralph Capper S.D., Joseph West J.D., John Moore I.G., Frederick Norris S.S., T. D. Jones J.S., B. P. Philpot A.S., and A. B. Ewart Organist. Bro. P. Ball was unanimously re-elected Tyler of the Lodge. At the conclusion of the business the brethren took special train to Southport, the arrangements for which had been made with great success by Bro. T. D. Alderson, a member of No. 241. Dinner was served in admirable style at the Prince of Wales Hotel, by Bro. Wilkinson, the company numbering upwards of 120, the special guests including Bro. Sir James Poole P.P.G.S.W. West Lancashire. The musical brethren who were announced to take part in the subsequent programme were Bros. Hobart, Nicholls, D. Williams, W. E. Williams, J. T. Jones and Ewart. In the course of the day and evening proceedings, Bro. Jude was presented with a valuable P.M.'s jewel, and a silver tea and coffee service for his wife, as a token of the esteem of the brethren. The service and jewel were supplied by Bro. J. Tiedemann. A telegram was received from the Mayor of Liverpool (Bro. Oakshott) expressing hearty congratulations for the W.M.

MINERVA LODGE, No. 250.

ON the 25th inst., the members, together with many visitors from the sister Lodges, assembled in the Masonic Hall, Dagger-lane, Hull, for the purpose of witnessing the installation of Bro. Randolph R. Hawley as the Worshipful Master. The W.M. elect having been presented to the Installing Officer, Bro. F. Blackburn, he was duly installed in the chair, and Bro. Hawley then proceeded to appoint and invest the Officers, his selections being as follow:—Bros. Blackburn I.P.M., Stephenson S.W., Brekke J.W., Haigh Lecture Master, Peck Treas., Reynolds Treas. Benevolent Fund, Holder Treas. Building Fund, Wells Sec., Torr S.D., McKinnon Johnson J.D., Leng D.C., Keyworth Almoner, Quibell, Adamson, Aitken, Hampton, Simpson and Fillingham Stewards, King Org., Terrington Gibson I.G., Clayton Tyler.

CHIGWELL LODGE, No. 453.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge took place last Saturday at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford. The brethren assembled at 3 o'clock. The W.M., Bro. Alfred J. Dixie presided, and he was supported by Bros. Edmund Egan S.W., John Glass P.M. Treas., G. Corble P.M. Sec., J. J. Winsor, A. Buck P.M., Fred C. Dixie, John Corble, F. A. Renshaw, Geo. Motion P.M., J. S. Motion, Coxon, J. Homewood, Hobbs, Holloway P.M., &c. Among the visitors present were Bros. Salmon, Massey, Bussy, Foxcroft, Parker, Dale, and several W.M.'s of Lodges in the Province. Bro. Edmund Egan having been elected as W.M. at a previous meeting was duly installed into the chair of King Solomon, Bro. A. J. Dixie acting as Installing Master in so admirable a manner that a vote of thanks was subsequently accorded him, which it was decided should be recorded on the minutes of the Lodge. The investiture of officers then took place, Bro. Holloway receiving the collar of S.W. on behalf of Bro. J. R. Bredding who was unavoidably absent. The following were appointed:—Bros. F. C. Dixie J.W., Christian S.D., F. A. Renshaw J.D., Hobbs I.G., John Corble P.M. D.C., John Glass P.M. Treasurer, George Corble P.M. Sec., J. S. Motion and Coxon Stewards, and R. W. Goddard Tyler. Previous to the Lodge being closed a Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to Bro. A. J. Dixie for his valuable services during the past year. The brethren then adjourned for refreshment and a pleasant evening was spent. In commemoration of this being the Jubilee year of the Lodge, during which Bro. A. J. Dixie was W.M., he has presented to the brethren a very elegant collar of unique design for the use of succeeding Worshipful Masters.

MERCHANT NAVY LODGE, No. 781.

AN emergency meeting of the members of this Lodge took place on Wednesday evening, at the Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., to suit the convenience of several brethren employed in the mercantile marine service who would be shortly leaving the country in discharge of their duties. Bro. W. K. Bull, the W.M., presided, and was supported by Past Masters Bros. Pringle, Brecken, Robinson, Kennett, Daniels, Scheerboom and Rowe; also Bros. Shepherd S.W., Timson J.W., F. Varcoe S.D., Passfield J.D., Lansch I.G., Hayward, C. Riley, Hughes, Patrick, Hancock, A. Timson, Bjorkman, Martin, Hnett, O. Cooper, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form in the first and second degrees, when Bros. U. Venen and S. W. Bull answered the usual questions and were subsequently raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The Lodge was then resumed in the first degree, when the ballot was taken and declared unanimous in favour of G. W. Serpiniere, F. J. Spencer, and F. A. Gardner. Bros. G. Gray, J. Laurie and R. W. Groves being candidates for the second degree, answered the usual questions and were afterwards admitted as F.C. The above ceremonies were very ably and impressively conducted by the W.M., who then vacated the chair, and his place was occupied by Bro. Pringle, who proceeded to initiate Bros. G. Horne, F. J. Spencer and F. A. Gardner. At the termination of the ceremony Bro. Pringle delivered the ancient charge to the initiates, with excellent effect. The brethren then adjourned for refreshments. A trip round the North and up the Medway has been arranged in connection with this Lodge, to take place on Thursday, 19th July next, in the steamer "Alexandra." As the whole of the profits are to be devoted to Masonic Charities we trust the outing will be successful. Application for tickets may be made to Bro. Brecken, 40 Wallwood-street, Lincolncourt, E.

ROYAL WHARFEDALE LODGE, No. 1108.

THE Festival of St. John and the celebration of the twenty-second anniversary of the consecration of this Lodge took place at the Masonic Rooms, Otley, on Friday, 22nd inst. There was a good number of members, and several visiting brethren were present from Harrogate and Bradford. The balance-sheet, which was read,

showed that, whilst the Charities had been well supported, there was a respectable balance to the good. The ceremony of installation followed, when Bro. J. H. Payne S.W., the W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. A. Walker, the retiring W.M., and duly installed in the chair by Bro. Laycock P.M. Installing Master. Subsequently the W.M. appointed and invested the following officers:—Bros. Albert Walker I.P.M., W. Weigmann S.W., W. H. Dawson J.W., Edmund Walker Treasurer, Fred Cobley Secretary, Phillip M. Slater S.D., F. Barraclough J.D., James Echells P.P.G.O. Norths and Hunts D.C. and Organist, T. Houlding I.G., H. Harrison S., and J. Mason Tyler. Brother W. Laycock was unanimously re-elected as representative of the Lodge on the Provincial Charity Committee. At the conclusion of the business the brethren adjourned to the banqueting-room, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

ANCHOR LODGE, No. 1337.

ON Thursday, the 21st inst., the monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Northallerton. Bro. J. S. Winn W.M. presided. Bros. Naylor and Charlton were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, the ceremony being gone through in an efficient manner by Bro. Winn W.M. Afterwards the visitors were entertained to supper in the banqueting-room, when the usual Masonic toasts were given, and a harmonious and pleasant evening was spent.

HAMER LODGE, No. 1393.

ON the 21st inst. another of those celebrations so numerous on the festival of St. John, took place at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, in connection with the above Lodge, so long and favourably known in the Craft, and which has just finished a prosperous year under the presidency of the retiring W.M. Bro. W. T. Oversby. There was a large attendance of officers, including several members well known in the Craft. The chair was taken by Bro. W. T. Oversby W.M., who was numerously supported. The W.M. elect, Bro. F. A. Rainbow, was presented by Bros. Jewett and Kynaston, and most effectively installed by Bro. W. T. Oversby, the retiring W.M. After the usual honours, the following Officers were invested:—Bros. Oversby I.P.M., Riley Hankey S.W., Brookes J.W., Jewett Treas., Hignett Sec., Erwin Asst. Sec., Baron S.D., Nibbet J.D., Laidlaw I.G., Walter Burnet Org., Pugh D.Org., Pinkerton S.S., Jones J.S., Pearson and Parkenson A.S., Williamson Tyler. After the Lodge was called off, the brethren dined together, presided over by the Worshipful Master, and during the evening a handsome jewel was presented to the retiring W.M., Bro. Oversby, on behalf of the Lodge. During the after-dinner proceedings, in conjunction with the toast of the W.M. a presentation of a beautiful and valuable service of plate was made also to Mrs. Oversby on the part of the individual members. A very interesting feature of the day's proceedings was the gift of a tasteful banner, bearing the Hamer crest, the entire work of Mrs. Rainbow. A capital programme of music was rendered by Bros. D. J. Davies, E. Edwards, E. B. Ironside, N. S. Burt, W. Burt, O. J. Rowlands, J. Lane, &c., to the satisfaction of all.

BROWNRIGG LODGE, No. 1638.

ON Wednesday, 20th instant, the members of this prosperous Lodge held a very agreeable meeting at the Sun Hotel, Kingston. Bro. George Moorman the W.M. presided, and he was supported by Bros. William Drowett S.W., H. W. Humphreys J.W., Abel Laurence P.M. Sec., F. G. Hunt Organist, W. Lane Tyler. There were also present John Drowett I.P.M., W. Youlden P.M., Fred Lockett, and several other members of the Lodge, with the following visitors:—C. Gardner 889, W. Walker 889, F. J. Hayward S.D. 889, John Youlden I.P.M. 1981, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211. The Lodge was opened at 3 o'clock, and the minutes of the last regular, and of two emergency meetings were read and confirmed. The agenda paper was a very heavy one, and the result was that a good day's work was got through. Bros. Mills, Bural and Townsend were raised. There were five candidates for passing, and of them Bros. Mabey, Martin, Bayley, and Creak presented themselves and received the degree, while the other, Bro. Mayhew, sent a letter regretting his inability to attend on this occasion. In the course of the after proceedings the case of a distressed brother, a member of the Lodge, who had been subjected to a series of misfortunes, was thoroughly gone into, with the result that the members gave him assistance, the Treasurer being authorised to expend immediately the sum of £15 to satisfy a pressing claim. Moreover, a petition to be forwarded to the Board of Benevolence was recommended and signed by the members of the Lodge. Notwithstanding this sterling mark of the true Masonic spirit that pervades the Lodge, Bro. Fred Lockett, who had accepted a Stewardship, urged the claims of the Boys' School. The Brownrigg Lodge had already sent up a Steward to the Benevolent, and two of its members acted for the Girls' at the Centenary Festival. Nevertheless the Lodge voted Bro. Lockett five guineas, and the members present to a man gave something, with the result that though the Stewardship had been undertaken, we may say at the eleventh hour, Bro. Lockett was enabled, on Wednesday last, to hand over something like £28 as the result of his appeal. After the Lodge had been closed the brethren partook of a capital banquet, which was supplied by Mrs. Grayling, of the Sun Hotel. We have omitted to state that Bro. Walker, of the Dobie Lodge, had the third degree conferred upon him at this meeting.

At an emergency meeting of the members of Lodge Wellesley, Wellington, held in the Masonic Hall, Sydney, for the purpose of welcoming Bro. C. E. Canidge (Bishop of Bathurst), a Past Grand Chaplain, an address was presented to him. He replied by giving some particulars of his connection with the Order in England.

SURREY.

Prov. G. Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons.

The R.W. Bro. Gen. J. STUDHOLME BROWNRIGG, C.B.
PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

NOTICE is hereby given that a **PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE** will be held at the Public Hall, Carshalton, in the County of Surrey, on Wednesday, the 18th day of July 1888, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

By Command,

CHARLES GREENWOOD, P.P.G.R.

Prov. Grand Secretary.

N.B.—Morning Dress.

Albert Institute Chambers, Charles Street, Blackfriars Road, S.E.

P.S.—The reception and entertainment of the Provincial Grand Lodge has, by command of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, been placed under the direction of the Wallington Lodge, No. 1892, Carshalton.

The dinner will take place at 6 o'clock punctually. For tickets apply to the W. Bro. William Pile P.M. P.P.G. Standard Bearer, "Westcroft," Carshalton, Surrey, enclosing 5s, which will not include wine.

N.B.—Dinner will be provided for those only who have taken tickets, and no ticket will be issued after 16th July.

The R.W.P.G. Master requests the attendance of the brethren at Divine Service, at the Parish Church, Carshalton, at 1:30 p.m. A Sermon will be preached by the W. Bro. the Rev. Lord Victor Seymour, M.A., P.G. Chaplain, Rector of Carshalton.

Down Trains from London Bridge 12:30 and 2 o'clock p.m., arriving at Carshalton 1:26 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Victoria 1:5 p.m. arriving at Carshalton 1:34 p.m.

Up Trains from Carshalton to London Bridge 9:2 p.m. and 10:34 p.m., arriving at 9:40 and 11:15 p.m.

Victoria 9:14 p.m., arriving 9:50 p.m.

PROVINCE OF SURREY.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER

OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS.

The M.E. Comp. Gen. J. STUDHOLME BROWNRIGG, C.B.
Grand Superintendent.

NOTICE is hereby given that a Provincial Grand Chapter will be held at the Public Hall, Carshalton, in the County of Surrey, on Wednesday, the 18th day of July 1888, at Two o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

By Command,

CHARLES GREENWOOD, P.Z.

Prov. Grand Scribe E.

N.B.—Morning Dress.

Albert Institute Chambers, Charles Street, Blackfriars Road, S.E.

Dinner at 6 o'clock punctually. For tickets apply to Comp. W. Pile P.Z., "Westcroft," Carshalton, enclosing 5s, which will not include wine.

N.B.—Dinner will be provided for those only who have taken tickets, and no ticket will be issued after 16th July.

The Grand Superintendent requests the attendance of the Companions at Divine Service at the Parish Church, Carshalton, at 4:30 p.m.

Down Train from London Bridge, 12:50; arriving at Carshalton, 1:26.

Victoria, 1:5; arriving at Carshalton, 1:34.

Up Trains from Carshalton to London Bridge, 9:2 and 10:34 p.m.; arriving at 9:40 and 11:15.

Victoria, 9:14; arriving at 9:50 p.m.

ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER AND LODGE OF LONDON AND THE METROPOLITAN COUNTIES.

THE KNIGHTS COMPANIONS will meet in **COUNCIL**, at 33 Golden Square, W., on Saturday, 11th July, at 2:30 p.m. for 3 o'clock precisely, and the R.W. Provincial Grand Master desires the attendance of all duly qualified brethren.

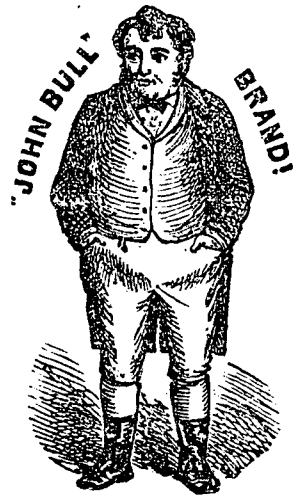
Names and addresses of Candidates, with name of Lodge and Chapter, must be sent to me not later than the 9th July.

The Annual Banquet will be held at the Zoological Gardens, Regent's Park, N.W., at 6:30 precisely, Members paying 10s, and Visitors £1 1s.

By order,

FRANK RICHARDSON, Prov. G. Sec.

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PROVINCE OF MIDDLESEX.

THE R.W. COL. SIR FRANCIS BURDETT, BART.

Past Grand Senior Warden of England,
Representative from the Grand Lodge of Ireland,
PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the **PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE** will be held at the Memorial Hall, Stanmore, on Saturday, 7th July, at Three o'clock p.m.

By command of the Provincial Grand Master,

J. F. H. WOODWARD, P.G. Sword Bearer,

Provincial Grand Secretary.

Comberton, Mowbray Road, Norwood, S.E., 21st June 1888.

Brethren to reach Stanmore in time for the opening of the Lodge must leave by train for Edgware Station, Great Northern Railway:—Moorgate, at 12:40; Broad Street, 12:48, arriving at Edgware at 1:43. Edgware is about 2 miles from Stanmore. All passengers will change at Finchley. Or by London and North Western Railway from Euston to Harrow:—Euston, 1:40; arrive at Harrow, 2:11. Harrow Station is about 3½ miles from Stanmore.

Brethren must look to July Time Tables to see if there are any alterations in these trains. Conveyances will meet the trains at Edgware and Harrow Stations. By Edgware is the most direct route.

Banquet at the Abercorn Hotel at 5:30. Tickets 8s 6d each (exclusive of wine).

N.B.—Brethren intending to remain for the Banquet are requested to send their names to the Prov. G. Secretary, with a remittance, *not later than Tuesday, the 3rd of July*, as tickets will not be issued after that date.

There will be a short service at the Parish Church at 4:45 p.m.

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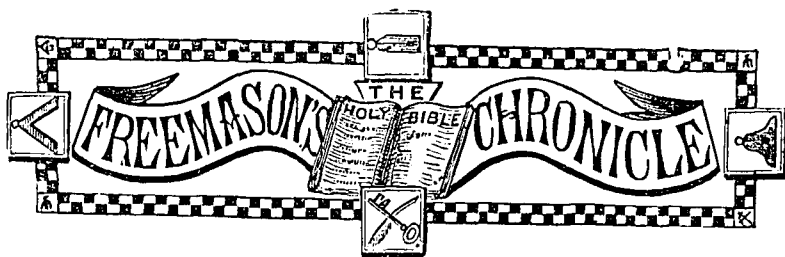
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THE FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE Ninetieth Anniversary Festival of this Institution was celebrated on Wednesday, at the Freemasons' Tavern, London, under the presidency of Bro. Viscount Ebrington, M.P., Provincial Grand Master Devonshire. The meeting was an enthusiastic one, and was tolerably well attended, although compared with the exceptional display which occurred early in the month at the Albert Hall, on behalf of the Girls' School, it looked somewhat insignificant. As has been the case for some years past, the ladies and brethren dined together, and a pleasant evening was spent. At the conclusion of the banquet the usual toasts were given. The Chairman, in submitting the health of the Queen, said that in former times, when secret societies were opposed by the State, Freemasons were specially excepted from the effects of the laws passed for their suppression. We know we are equally as loyal as were the brethren in the days of our forefathers, and he knew that in every part of the Queen's wide dominions, and by every section of her subjects, but more especially among Freemasons, the toast he was about to propose would be loyally and joyfully accepted. He gave the health of Her Majesty the Queen. The toast was followed by the National Anthem, and then the Chairman gave the toast of the Grand Master. He doubted not it would be received with the same cordiality as had been accorded to the last toast, although the friends of the Boys' School

might feel rather a grudge towards his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, inasmuch as by his patronage of the sister Institution he had left the poor Boys this year in the cold. But however that might be, they could not forget, and did not wish to forget, the services which his Royal Highness in past years had rendered to the Institution, nor all that he had done for Masonry generally during the time he had reigned over the Craft. They might be permitted to hope that ten years hence, when the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys celebrated its Centenary, his Royal Highness would perform for them the same offices as he had performed for the Girls' School, and with the same happy results. With the toast was coupled the health of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and the Officers of the Grand Lodge of England. It having been honoured, Bro. Col. Edward C. Malet de Carteret, Provincial Grand Master Jersey rose: Might he ask attention for a very short time for the toast he was about to propose. It was a personal one. They would agree with him that all were deeply indebted to the Chairman, the R.W. Provincial Grand Master for Devonshire, for attending on the occasion, and for the able manner in which he had presided. His other occupations were multifarious and important, and, therefore, they should be all the more grateful for his appearance that evening. He was known as a good sportsman, and a good man of business; he had lately been appointed Chairman of a Committee of the House of Commons, which was a proof of confidence in his ability, and he trusted he might be successful in the duties of that Committee, and be as successful in excluding cowans and intruders from the House of Commons as they were in Freemasonry. He felt he had said enough to induce them to honour the toast, which was that of the Chairman of the day.

Lord Ebrington, in proposing Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, said: I may say I was struck by the very different situation in which the Masonic Charities stand at the present moment to almost everything else of the kind in the country. The years of depression through which we have passed lately—which I hope are getting to the end—have told their tale in almost every quarter. I believe that in the London hospitals alone upwards of 200 beds have been obliged to be closed for want of funds; but while other Institutions have been affected in this way the Masonic Charities, I believe, have held their own and have made progress with all these disadvantages. I believe that the receipts of the Masonic Charities for the last five or ten years will compare very favourably with those of any other Charity in the kingdom. I think this says a great deal for the hold that Freemasonry has upon the people of England, and for the hold that Freemasons have on the tenets of their Order. Now, with regard to this particular Institution we all know that a great part of its success and prosperity is due to the energies and exertions of the Secretary and Treasurer, and I think that they have the sympathy of all of us in the anonymous attacks which have lately been made on the management of the Institution. I cannot say that I have seen those attacks myself, although I have heard of them, and if I had seen them I should not have attached much importance to statements which the authors were afraid or ashamed to put their names to. But I have seen within the last day or two another statement, signed by a responsible member of the Craft, which draws comparisons between the expenditure of the Boys' School and the expenditure in other schools of a similar character. Well, that statement, of the merits of which I know nothing, shows that the Boys' School is in almost every item a somewhat more expensive Institution than its fellows, and I must say that it appears to me as an outsider that it would be for the interest of the Institution that that statement should be explained and accounted for. I have little doubt that that can be done, though I feel bound to add the report which has been put in our hands is not of much assistance in that direction. I cannot pretend to any very great knowledge of figures, or to any very great experience of schools, but I do know a little about agriculture, and I have gone through farming accounts of my own, and the farming accounts as submitted in the report before us do not throw much light upon the system pursued at the Boys' School, nor on the profits of the farm thereof. I observe there is nothing on the debit side for either rent, rates or taxes; that the hay appears to make itself, and the animals are looked after for the ridiculously small sum of a farthing per head per week, and it includes apparently milking and butter making. And apart from this there is another item in the accounts which perhaps is more easily explained than that of farming. I observe that the expenses of the Festival last year amounted to a sum which would maintain five boys in the Institution, and to something like 2½ per cent. on the total amount realised by the Festival. It strikes me it would be a very good thing if the expense of collecting was reduced. I do not say it is possible but it would be a very good thing indeed if we could have two or more boys in the school, and keep them out of the expenses of the festival. I am glad, indeed, to hear, and I had it on good authority, that the managers of the Institution have determined to institute an independent inquiry into the charges which have been preferred against them. I have little doubt that the results of that inquiry will be satisfactory to all interested in the Institution. But in the House of Commons we have got tired of official assurances that all is right. I am not going to talk politics; you need not be afraid; but I do say that official assurances—that all is right—are somewhat at a discount in another part of this country—and other Institutions in this country—and, therefore, I rejoice to see the statement that there is to be an independent inquiry which will lead, I have little doubt, to the refutation of the injurious statements against the reputation of the Institution, and the result of the inquiry will be to restore confidence in it among all Freemasons in every part of England. Now, I hope in making these remarks I shall not be thought to have exceeded my duty as Chairman this evening. It would have been easy enough and pleasanter to have buttered everything freely all round, but I do not think that indiscriminate praise is any assistance to an Institution. I have spoken with a sincere desire to benefit the

Masonic Institution for Boys, and although my comments on the report may have been somewhat critical, yet for the Institution itself, so far as my experience of it goes, I have nothing but praise. I went down there the other day on my own account and looked at it, if I may say so, unofficially. A couple of boys, picked out at random I know, were told off to do me the honours of the School, two very nice boys, well spoken, well dressed, and clean, taking an interest in their School, an interest which from what I could see of the premises and of the system was thoroughly deserved. I deeply regret that the illness of Bro. Plunkett prevents my coupling his name with this toast as Treasurer of the Institution, but his place will be ably filled by the Secretary of the Institution, and in conclusion I give you Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and the health of the Secretary, Bro. Binckes.

Bro. Binckes replied: I think I may fairly state that this occasion may be correctly described as one of innovation. It is the first occasion in my long experience that a Masonic Festival has been held in this hall, where the ladies and brethren have sat down at the same table to enjoy themselves, as I trust they have done this evening, and the ladies have had the satisfaction of assisting in the cause of one of our greatest Institutions instead of being relegated to the cold comforts of the gallery. Thirteen years ago in the history of our Institution we made an alteration which I then thought would give satisfaction, and although our numbers this evening are unfortunately reduced I sincerely hope and trust that what has been done to promote your comfort has not altogether been done in vain. Another innovation is that in my long experience the Secretary has never been called upon until to-night to reply to the toast of Prosperity to the Institution, and I deplore that the duty has devolved upon me, because it is occasioned by the illness, unfortunately, of one whom we esteem, regard, and respect, and whose services for a long number of years have been cheerfully given in support of the Institution in which he occupies the position of Treasurer. I refer to Bro. George Plunkett. We have listened to him with satisfaction for years, and I shall convey to him your sympathetic regret that he has been deprived of the pleasure of discharging the duty to-day, which he has hitherto done with pleasure to himself and satisfaction to you. Another innovation by which these proceedings are characterised is that for the first time we have had allusions, very properly made, by our distinguished Chairman, and one who brings a very keen discernment and a spirit of inquiry that will commend itself to every one associated with the management of the Institution. Let me assure you that those to whom allusion has been made are deeply indebted to him for the reference he has made to a slanderous and malicious circular which has been extensively circulated, and which makes grave charges against the Institution. Take it from me, and I stand here in the presence of several members of the House Committee, we not only do not shirk inquiry,—but are about to take steps to invite an impartial, honest, and dispassionate investigation. Before I make allusion to certain remarks which have fallen from our Chairman with reference to certain departments of our Institution, will you bear with me if I say I am surrounded by friends who realise their obligations as Masons. What is their desire with reference to the Masonic Institutions? Comparisons are made with other Institutions, but before I direct your attention to various differences, let me ask you is it your desire as friends of the Masonic Institutions, or not, that they should be conducted on a scale commensurate with pauperism? I have always understood that everything in the cold name of charity should be eliminated from our Institutions, and that the occupants should have every comfort, the best of clothing and the best of food, and that with no niggard hand; while in illness they should have the best possible advice, without calculating what might be saved per head and as a consequence of that saving lose by death or disablement a portion of those entrusted to our care. The Staffordshire brother who has made a comparison between the cost at our Institution and at other Institutions particularly draws attention to the fact that the expenditure at the London Orphan Asylum was increased on account of a severe outbreak of illness, but he does not do us the justice to say that in our School there has also been an increase of expenditure on account of ill-health, as for three months in the autumn of last year we had an attack of scarlet-fever, which we met with no niggard hand. Although there were 51 cases, of the most malignant character, we did not lose a boy. But to save those valuable lives we spent £400. I can go further and say with reference to expenditure that we are more liberal with our allowance of clothing and food, and another item forgotten is rates and taxes. As other Institutions are remote from London, their rateable value is nothing compared to ours. Now come to the Agricultural Account. There is no mystery in it, it is all profit. The expenditure on the farm is included in wages, so that it is all net profit. All charges are under the head of wages, and the milk and butter is just so much profit and there is the simple explanation. With reference to our Festival, our chairman must be under a misapprehension. Our Festival does not cost one shilling in excess of the Stewards fund, and out of the surplus of that fund during the period of my unsuccessful administration alone there has been given some £600 to the Institution. What the large expenditure means is for a meeting similar to what the noble lord saw last Saturday, when we think it is our duty to extend an invitation to the Stewards, and to the friends of the boys to come down to see the distribution of prizes. As they come down we cannot do less than administer a little of our well known hospitality. I must say a word with reference to this anonymous circular. There is nothing so calculated to destroy an individual's reputation or the reputation of an organisation as for any one to sit down, and recklessly put statements into print and then widely circulate those statements, all the while shrinking from the responsibility of supporting them, or having the courage to append his signature to what he issues. I could sit down to-night and against the House of Commons or any distinguished body in the country make out a list of charges which shall have some

weight, but which, if not vouched for, ought to be discarded at once. Knowing as we do from experience that in a community like Freemasonry, and increasing as it is, there is a considerable number who are not acquainted with the details which I wish to give every one who will make themselves acquainted with them, the House Committee have resolved to take a course to initiate, by a notice of motion, and to set up what they hope will be an impartial inquiry, and I hope and am certain that the more minute that inquiry, the more satisfactory will be the result. May I put this one question? What interest can any one have, whatever his position may be in connection with our Institutions, to do other than his best in the interests and on behalf of the sons or daughters admitted thereto? We have no selfish object, and if we spend £1 more than some may think desirable it is not for our comfort, but for the comfort of those children. Before I leave this question let me ask you, brethren, to bear this in mind, that the Boys' School occupies an exceptional position, all the recipients of the benefits of our Institution are of our stern sex, the most expensive one to deal with. In the Girls' School they are all girls, and look what they do in respect to their clothing. We cannot do that with boys. Our friends who compare ours with other Institutions forget that the promotion of the education of the Boys necessitates a larger expenditure. I think I have exhausted this subject, for which I am sorry, and no one more sorry than myself, that there should have been occasion to say one word. I hope and trust you will not think I have trespassed in endeavouring to meet those charges, and I beg of you that until proof, as strong as Holy Writ, is brought forward to support these malicious allegations, you will at least suspend your judgment. I should be trespassing unduly on your patience if I said one word more upon these, to me, unwelcome discussions. I wish to God they would pass away and leave nothing behind but their memory. We can say in all honesty that we invite inquiry, and do

not shrink from investigation. What has been done has been done for the best, and I hope that was evidenced at our Institution on Saturday last. I now come to the conclusion of my task. What I have said I have said as a matter of duty. I do not think you would have been here if you had thought that all that has been said against us was deserved. We meet under peculiarly adverse circumstances. The Centenary of the Girls' School has been the greatest event this year, and would concentrate that Institution upon the magnificent success, but we knew full well that we should suffer, and the postponement of that Festival for a month was a great boon to them, but was adverse to us. But, brethren, while as the official representative I say we are suffering for the moment, I may be allowed the hope that the present clouds and darkness mean nothing in the future but a large amount of silver lining which will cheer us on our onward course. Speaking of financial matters, what are our results? I am prepared to admit that they are bad, and I ask your sympathy, and am sure I shall have it. The total we have received is not more than £8,600. I am sure I must ask your pardon for wearying you, and must ask your indulgence, and that you will give me credit for having discharged my duty, not without some satisfaction to yourselves, and also asking that we may confidently rely upon your support.

Bro. Binckes having announced the amounts subscribed, Bro. the Rev. William Whittley P.G.D. proposed the toast of the Ladies, which was acknowledged by Bro. Frederick Mead P.G.S.B. The proceedings at the Tavern being now finished, the company adjourned to the Temple, where the usual concert was given. The music of the evening was under the direction of Bro. Franklin Olive, who was assisted by the following artistes:—Miss Margaret Hoare, Miss Edith Bloomfield, Miss Ethel Winn, Miss Eleanor Bees, Madame Florence Winn; Bro. Arthur Thompson, Bro. G. T. Miles (solo harp), Bros. J. Turle Lee and Herbert Schartau (pianist).

The following is a list of the Brethren who served as Stewards for the Boys' School Festival 1888, with the respective amounts collected by each:—

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2 Capt F J Tagart	54	12 0	Lodge	£	s d
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5 Maurice Wyatt	45	3 0	414 John W Martin	48	16 0
6 Frank A Edwards	21	0 0	574 Reginald Maples	10	10 0
8 Arthur Pullman	10	10 0	Rev J Payne, D.C.L.	10	10 0
9 L W Harvey	46	19 6	CHESHIRE.		
11 W F B McQueen	89	5 0	537 J H Wilde	39	18 0
14 William Regester	14	14 0	CORNWALL.		
21 W T Evans	27	6 0	Charles Truscott	82	0 0
23 Charles Martin	34	2 6	DERBYSHIRE.		
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28 J Ambrose Farlow	30	19 6	{ Rev W Whittley }		
29 Henry Langridge	15	15 0	Lodge		
33 Arthur H Bateman	21	0 0	189 Br F W Coffin	10	10 0
34 John Lea	17	17 0	1358 George S Bridgman	32	11 0
Chapter			1402 John Chapman	41	2 0
58 Comp Wm Smithott	51	9 0	1402 John Lane	52	10 0
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72 Charles R Williams	73	10 0	C S Lane	52	10 0
91 T G Nicholson	40	0 0	ESSEX.		
134 Wm Joseph Duck	26	5 0	160 George Wood	18	18 0
162 A C De Chapeaurouge	54	12 0	453 Alfred J Dixie	92	8 0
172 Thomas Whaley	57	5 0	1000 John F Harrington	65	2 0
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179 Walter Hopekirk	101	6 6	1437 Comp Francis A White	100	0 0
194 Wm J Russell	65	12 6	Lodge		
197 R Fuge Grantham	18	18 0	2077 Br T J Woodrow		
205 Joseph Liechtenfeld	37	5 6	GLOUCESTERSHIRE.		
222 F Mead	10	10 0	Baron de Ferrieres	21	0 0
259 E T G Darell	45	3 0	HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.		
534 S Nowakowski	21	0 0	Prov. G. Lodge	26	5 0
554 John L Anderson	107	2 0	35 G A Mursell	50	0 0
700 Edwin R Hobson	90	6 0	309 John Wm Gieve	34	13 0
742 William Land	116	11 0	723 Henry Gee	10	10 0
749 G S Elliott	5	5 0	723 C F Roelich		
813 Alfred John Potter	19	10 0	2068 Thomas Tufnell	21	0 0
822 Henry G Heather	31	10 0	JERSEY.		
834 J Sims	43	16 6	Col. EC Malet de Carteret	215	5 0
857 W John Lavington	30	0 0	KENT.		
861 Henry Salter	78	15 0	Prov. G. Lodge	63	0 0
871 John Lea (see 34)			199 James W Bussey	126	5 0
902 Charles Castell	30	9 0	615 Wm Lane Doddrell		
917 A D T Hamilton	33	12 0	615 G W Mitchell	10	10 0
975 Edward Ayling	42	0 0	1414 Alfred Louie	19	8 6
1185 J C Osterstock	26	5 0	1424 James Plummer	10	10 0
1196 R H Blatchford	19	10 0	1973 Arthur H Bateman	25	0 0
1319 W S Penley	21	0 0			
1339 H E Frances	30	0 0			
1365 Charles J Bennett	65	12 0			
1366 Francis Ashton	23	2 0			
1382 George Thomas Linn	45	6 0			
1383 W de M Sergison	96	0 0			
1426 Nathan B Headon	31	10 0			
1505 T H Fox	43	11 0			
1591 Edward T G Darell (see 259)					
1613 Thomas C Berg	105	0 0			
1623 H J Lardner	107	2 0			
1627 John B Stevens	75	12 0			
Lodge					
1672 G P Minett	3	3 0			
1672 W de B Sengrave	10	10 0			
1681 Joseph Rayner	31	4 6			
1694 John H Usmar	30	9 0			
1706 W S Hoyte	43	1 0			
1716 C W Raymond	42	0 0			
1744 W A Scurrah	40	0 0			
1745 H J Lardner (see 1623)					
1772 T McPherson	36	15 0			
1791 R H Rogers	116	11 0			
1839 F Keyzar					
Chapter					
1839 Comp M Mendelssohn	52	10 0			
Lodge					
1900 Br Oscar Philippa	10	10 0			
1910 J L Mather	52	10 0			
1950 W J Duck (see 134)					
1986 W Hopekirk (see 179)					
2030 Thomas Bull	59	17 0			
2033 Dr H W Kiallmark	20	8 6			
2108 L Brown, F.R.C.S.	42	0 0			
2128 William Masters	10	10 0			
2191 Major J Lambert	52	10 0			
2202 J K R Cama	21	0 0			
COMMITTEE DINNER CLUB.					
Br W Raynam Stewart	105	0 0			
UNATTACHED.					
Br Asher Barfield	10	10 0			
William Belchamber	15	15 0			
Robert Berridge	10	10 0			
Robert William Bilby					
Frederick Binckes	42	0 0			
Henry Cox	10	10 0			
F D Dew					
J A Farnfield	36	15 0			
George Gardner	26	5 0			
Robert Grey	10	10 0			
F R W Hedges	10	10 0			
John Hooke	10	10 0			
H W Hunt	10	10 0			
W H Kempster, M.D.	10	10 0			
George Henry Kinning	10	10 0			
Percy Leigh	5	5 0			
J H McQueen	52	10 0			
H B Marshall, J.P.	15	15 0			
H B Marshall jun	10	10 0			
Dr George Middleton	10	10 0			
Reginald E Middleton	37	18 0			
Reginald Mills	5	5 0			
James Moon	10	10 0			
W W Morgan	10	10 0			
Dep. Inspector-General					
Nimis, M.D., R.N.	10	10 0			
Edison Powell	10	10 0			
Charles Sheppard	10	10 0			
W Shumaur	26	5 0			
James H Sillitoe	21	0 0			
R J Taylor	10	10 0			
James Terry	21	0 0			
Archibald E Trew	5	5 0			
Henry Venn	25	5 0			
Charles Woodcock	26	5 0			
A Williams	25	0 0			
Joseph Withers	10	10 0			

LANCASHIRE (EAST DIVISION).

Lodge		£	s	d
152	W Jaffrey	10	15	0
317	W J Canliffe	10	10	0
317	J W Edwards	10	10	0
317	Jas Wilson	10	10	0
348	John Kenyon	10	10	0
350	Geo Galloway	52	10	0
1723	E D Harwood	10	10	0
1723	Dr G H Whitaker	10	10	0

K.T.Precep. 97 Geo Galloway (see Lodge 350)

LANCASHIRE (WEST DIVISION).

	Robert Footo	10	10	0
1325	J H Bradshaw	10	10	0
1345	R H Robinson	10	10	0
1384	W J Thomson	10	10	0
1505	Eli Brooks	10	10	0
1814	William Smith, M.D.	10	10	0
1814	W Y Martin, M.D.	10	10	0
2114	Walter C Erwin	10	10	0
2229	J W Burgess	10	10	0

LINCOLNSHIRE.

792	Wilson Goodwin	}	21	0	0
792	Joseph Reddish				
792	Charles Maddison				

ISLE OF MAN.

2049	Phillip A Killey
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MIDDLESEX.

1237	Henry B May	63	0	0
1309	C R Tinker	21	0	0
1310	Joseph Greenway	44	2	0
1326	James Laurence	26	5	0
1503	Edward W Jenkins	34	13	0
1637	Charles Parsons	40	0	0
2087	Thomas Barlow	27	6	0
Chapter				
1293	Comp William Maple	11	11	0
1549	C H Webb	21	0	0

NORTHS AND HUNTS.

Lodge		£	s	d
442	Br John B Vergette	117	12	0

OXFORDSHIRE.

357	P Colville Smith	11	0	0
1515	George Harris	19	2	6
1703	Joseph Bartlett	10	10	0
1895	Rev A R Pritchard			

SHROPSHIRE.

611	Rowland G Venables	10	10	0
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SOMERSETSHIRE.

	The Province Geo H Perrett	210	0	0
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STAFFORDSHIRE.

	The Province F Ryder	262	10	0
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SUFFOLK.

Lodge		£	s	d
1224	Br W Inglis Mason	136	10	0

SURREY.

889	James Edgell	25	0	0
1638	Frederick Lockett	28	5	0
2120	W Henry Gardener	10	10	0

SUSSEX.

40	John Pearce	30	14	0
732	W Botting			

WORCESTERSHIRE.

	A F Godson, M.P.	36	15	0
529	Ald. W B Williamson, J.P.	10	10	0
2034	Thomas R Arter	10	10	0

YORKSHIRE (NORTH AND EAST RIDINGS).

	Col. R G Smith	37	16	0
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YORKSHIRE (WEST RIDING).

Lodge		£	s	d
154	W H B Tomlinson, J.P.	}	260	0
265	William Harrison			
290	William Harrop			
306	John Dyson			
362	William Moore			
750	Rawson Kelley			
904	Peter B Bancroft			
904	Frederick Cleaves			
974	Herbert A Foster			
1019	John Wordsworth			
1019	Herbert G E Green			
1019	Henry Lee			
1211	Arthur W Youings			
1513	T W Embleton			
1513	C W Fincken			

NORTH WALES.

755	I H Harrison	16	16	0
1336	C K Benson	36	15	0
1849	J L Griffith	17	17	0

SOUTH WALES (W. DIVISION).

	A Stone	230	15	0
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FOREIGN STATIONS.

	W Girling (Bengal)	10	10	0
	W Hughes (Malta)	42	0	0
	Adams (Hong Kong and South China)	31	10	0

MARK DEGREE.

315	John Larkin	21	0	0
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SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

HARMONY LODGE, No. 3.

THE first installation in the "Blue" Lodges, for the Masonic year which has just begun was conducted under highly favourable auspices in the Freemasons' Hall, Flinders-street, Adelaide, on the 9th May. Then the retiring Master (Bro. J. E. Thomas) installed his successor (Bro. A. Lendon, M.D.) in the presence of a distinguished and numerous company of Freemasons, including the Grand Master, Bro. S. J. Way (Chief Justice), Deputy Grand Master Bro. H. E. Downer, M.P., P.D.G.M. Bro. H. M. Addison, several other Grand Lodge Officers, the Masters and Wardens of most of the city and suburban Lodges under the South Australian Constitution, and representatives of the Irish Constitution, of which one Lodge still works in the colony. The whole ceremonial was superintended with great efficiency by Bro. Thomas, who had the assistance of Grand Lodge Officers and other brethren. The newly installed Master's list of officers, who were duly invested, is as follows:—Bros. A. A. Lendon, M.D., W.M., J. Edwin Thomas I.P.M., T. H. Hatton Richards S.W., A. W. Marshall J.W., Rev. J. W. Owen Chaplain, A. Champion, B.A., Secretary, A. Lindsay Treasurer, F. Williams Director of Ceremonies, A. Bruce S.D., J. G. Reeves J.D., W. D. Furze I.G., James Shakespeare Organist, and N. Kildeal Tyler. The Stewards are not yet appointed. After the installation the Grand Master (Chief Justice Way), as the spokesman for the Lodge, of which he is a member, presented to the retiring Master (Bro. Thomas), a Past Master's Jewel, which is a handsome specimen of the goldsmith's art, as a substantial acknowledgment of the specially valuable services rendered by the recipient to the Lodge and to Masonry generally. Afterwards a banquet was held in the refreshment room, and the customary toasts were submitted.

A LODGE OF SORROW.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In reply to numerous inquiries I beg to state that a Lodge of Sorrow for the Illustrious Brother, the late Emperor Frederick, will be held by the Pilgrim Lodge in the beginning of October next, the particulars of which will be advertised in your columns in due course.

Yours fraternally,

C. KUPFERSCHMIDT P.M. 231.

23 Woodberry Grove, Finsbury Park, N.
26th June 1888.

Announcement is made of a service under the auspices of the Victoria Lodge and Chapter, No. 254 (I.C.), in Holy wood Parish Church. The Rev. J. W. Murray, Dean of Connor, was appointed to preach, and a collection was taken in aid of the Masonic Charities.

DUNDAS CHAPTER, No. 1255.

THE annual meeting was held at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth, on the 20th instant, when Comp. John Wallis was installed as Z., and Comp. George Lee as H. In the unavoidable absence of the 3rd Principal-Elect Comp. G. Dimier, his installation was postponed. The installing officers were Comps. J. R. Lord, James Gidley, assisted by Comp. T. W. Lemon, and the following Board of Installed Principals:—Comps. S. Jew, Goodall, E. Aitken Davies, John Hammond, S. J. Hearle. The Officers were invested as follow:—Comps. W. H. Crimp I.P.Z., John Hammond S.E., F. J. Piper S.N., S. J. Daniels P. Soj., G. W. S. Townsend Ist. A. Soj., R. M. Parker 2nd A. Soj., Smael J. Hearle Treasurer, W. H. Phillips Janitor. The Companions adjourned to the Masonic Club, Princess-square, where an excellent supper was provided by Comp. Simmonds, the manager, and an enjoyable evening was spent.

DEFRAUDING THE FREEMASONS.

AT the Sevenoaks Police-court on the 22nd, William Ellison, of respectable appearance, was charged with obtaining by false pretences from Joseph Henry Jewell, Hon. Secretary to the Amherst Lodge of Freemasons, the sum of 5s, belonging to the Lodge, on the 14th instant. Prosecutor stated that on the 14th instant, the prisoner came to him and told him that he was a Freemason, and was travelling from Dover to Aldershot, where he had obtained work. Prisoner added that his wife and three boys were stopping at a public-house at Riverhead, and that on the previous morning his wife had been confined of twins, and consequently he was in sore need of assistance. Prisoner gave the password and mentioned the names of Lodges in Lancashire and Newcastle. Prosecutor believed him at the time to be a Freemason, and gave him 5s. Prisoner's statement respecting his wife being confined was proved to be false. Superintendent Waghorn informed the magistrates that the prisoner had obtained sums of money from the rector of Sevenoaks (Rev. T. S. Curteis) and other Freemasons in the town, who, however, would not prosecute. Prisoner was apprehended at Maidstone, on Wednesday. He now admitted his guilt and was committed for trial.—Daily Chronicle.

The Provincial Grand Master of Nottinghamshire (the Duke of St. Albans) has ordered Masonic mourning to be worn in the Province for three months, as a mark of respect for the late brother William Phelps, Past Grand Registrar, of Carisbrook House, whose funeral took place on the 26th, at the General Cemetery, and was largely attended.

The three Craft degrees, Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason, are often "symbolic" degrees, because in them the tools of operative Masonry are largely made use of to inculcate moral truths. The higher degrees for the most part either celebrate historical events or teach virtue in an abstract manner.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 30th JUNE.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Gray, London St., Tottenham Court R.L., at 8. (Inst.)
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1283—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Blure Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst.)
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hummersmith, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
 1162—Wharfedale, Rose and Crown Hotel, Pontefract
 1965—Fastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent
 M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden
 R.C.—Stanhope, Queen Hotel, Chester

MONDAY, 2nd JULY.

22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Rope-maker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
 171—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (Inst.)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction)
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
 1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8. (Inst.)
 1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7. (Inst.)
 1480—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (Inst.)
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7. (Inst.)
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30. (Instruction)
 1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst.)
 1801—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, Brickley
 1996—Priory Lodge of Acton, Royal Oak Assembly Hall, High Street, Acton
 2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Mylebone, 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, 81 Red Lion Square, W.C.
 K.T. 127—Bard of Avon, 33 Golden Square, W.
 37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
 113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston.
 119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven
 133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
 151—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
 156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
 236—York, Masonic Hall, York
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst.)
 251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple
 381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
 431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
 497—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
 694—Oakley, Masonic Hall, Church Street, Basingstoke
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 950—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
 928—Friedship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield
 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
 1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
 1077—Whiton, 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, St. George-street, Leeds
 1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax
 1390—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Acerrington
 1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea
 1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
 1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
 1798—Zion, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
 R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
 R.A. 404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
 M.M. 12—Minerva, Masonic Hall, Dagger Lane, Hull
 M.M. 37—Wyndham, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.

TUESDAY, 3rd JULY.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 5—Constitutional, Bedford House, Southampton-street, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
 45—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, London-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, Carrey's Palace Hotel, Gower-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 188—Jeppin, Chumpton Hotel, Addersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Chumpton Hotel, at 8. (Inst.)
 654—Carleborough, Green Dragon, Finsbury (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 920—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 989—Duke of Middlesex, Arms, Midland Road, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 861—Finsbury, King's Head, Thrusburgh Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1041—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Anna Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
 1321—Emble natic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1339—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Manning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1416—Mount Edgecumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.E., at 8. (Inst.)
 1471—Lington, Champion, Allington Hotel, at 7. (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woodwich. (Instruction)
 1540—Caucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst.)
 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Dulwich, at 8. (Instruction)
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
 R.A. 704—Granada, the Regent, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 1865—Clifton, White Hart Tavern, Clifton, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1588—St. Martin's-Grand, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
 R.A. 1611—Earl of Carnarvon, Llantrisant Hotel, Rotherhithe, W., at 8. (Inst.)

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
 703—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
 120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
 124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
 158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
 364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
 393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
 558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 731—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
 804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
 829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, at 7. (Instruction)
 847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
 948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linthole, Brighton Buzzard
 960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Carlisle.
 974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley Street, Brafford
 995—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
 1002—Skielshaw, Lodge Room, Market Place, Cockerham
 1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
 1161—De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Bolton
 1310—Harrow, King's Head, Harrow
 1322—Waveley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
 1473—Booth, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 8. (Instruction)
 1619—Sackville, Crown Hotel, East Grinstead
 1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Cleveland.
 1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
 1993—Wolsley, Masonic Hall, Town Hall Buildings, King Street, Manchester
 2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbition. (Instruction)
 R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 R.A. 510—St. Martin's, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
 M.M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Cnatham.

WEDNESDAY, 4th JULY.

3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Farnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 72—Royal Jubilee, Mure, Oak-cory Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst.)
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leade hall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 223—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8. (Inst.)
 538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst.)
 720—Panmure, Bulham Hotel, Bulham, at 7. (Instruction)
 731—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Barbican-road, E. (Instruction)
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Inst.)
 902—Burgoyne, Goose and Grillon, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 8. (Instruction)
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, E. (Inst.)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
 1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
 1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
 1707—Eleanor, Auderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
 1827—Alliance, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Chamberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (Inst.)
 1963—Duke of Albany, 154 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8. (Instruction)
 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 Grillon, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
 R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1323—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 M.M. 1318—Fidelity, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 K.T. 129—Holy Palest, 33 Golden-square, W.C.
 74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
 298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ansonia, Red Lion
 326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
 327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
 406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Market-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
 417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Doncaster
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
 645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Gower-street, Manchester
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 674—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kearsley, Manchester, near Bolton
 838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Oldham (Instruction)
 992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton
 1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction)
 1055—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
 1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
 1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
 1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Gresham-street
 1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
 1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigton
 1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leiga, Manchester
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Salsbury, Gloucester.
 1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
 1541—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull. (Instruction)
 1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Starmore.
 1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, The Brook, Liverpool
 1631—Barrow, White Hart Hotel, Barrow-in-Furness, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1736—St. John's, St. John's Road, Hull
 1903—Prince Edward, 22 Hope Street, Liverpool
 2012—Apollo, Masonic Hall, 22 Hope Street, Liverpool
 R.A. 51—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Chesham Street, Rochdale
 R.A. 209—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
 R.A. 114—Ancestral, Freemasons' Hall, London and Wicks
 R.A. 360—Perseverance, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
 R.A. 364—Philanthropist, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds.
 R.A. 312—Royal Sussex, Masonic, 79 Commercial Road, Portsea
 R.A. 775—Bard of Avon, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond
 R.A. 1125—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Fore Street, Tiverton
 M.M. 36—Furness, the Victoria Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness
 R.C.—Palatine, Pallatine Hotel, Manchester

THURSDAY, 5th JULY.

10—Westminster and Regent, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 27—Granada, the Regent, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
 37—Victoria, White Hart, Chancery-street, at 8.30, at 8. (Instruction)
 11—St. John, White Hart, at 7.30, at 8. (Instruction)
 17—St. John, White Hart, at 7.30, at 8. (Instruction)
 35—St. John, White Hart, at 7.30, at 8. (Instruction)
 704—Granada, the Regent, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
 749—Granada, the Regent, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
 754—Granada, the Regent, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
 845—Granada, the Regent, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
 855—Granada, the Regent, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
 100—Southern Cross, St. John's Guild, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (Inst.)

- 1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Botolph Claydon Road, E., at 8. (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)
 1359—Royal Archer, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wembley, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 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, Manchester, at 8 (Inst.)
 1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1602—Sir Hugh Middleton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
 1612—West Middlesex, Public Hall, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (Instruction)
 1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Chamberwell. (Instruction)
 1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, 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
 1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
 1791—Creton, Wheatsheaf 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. (Inst.)
 R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury at 8. (Instruction)
 M.M. 197—Stadholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
 M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-st., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)
 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Greyfriars-st., Newcastle.
 123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 266—Naphthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Haywood
 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.
 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
 446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
 509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
 637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
 792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Ballring-Lane, Great Grimsby
 913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
 976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset
 1088—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland
 1282—Anchorage, 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
 1501—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Palladium, near Burnley
 1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1591—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomery
 1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
 1829—Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham
 2050—St. Trinians, Masonic Hall, Loch Parade, Douglas, Isle of Man
 R.A. 187—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
 R.A. 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
 R.A. 758—Bridgewater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
 R.A. 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 R.A. 1074—Bective, Masonic Rooms, Kirkby, Lonsdale
 R.A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 M.M. 10—Cheltenham and Keystone, Masonic Hall, Cheltenham
 M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 6th JULY.

- Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall at 6
 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
 597—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Chamberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (Inst.)
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
 1036—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1228—Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
 1293—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Inst.)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
 2030—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. —Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Chamberwell
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
 R.A. 320—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
 R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Improvement)
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
 44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
 219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
 242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
 375—Lambton, Lambton Arms, Chester-le-street, Durham
 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Chigwell, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Falmouth.
 837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
 1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton-on-Medley
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 1528—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
 1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
 1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
 1648—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, St. Andrew-st., Brighton.
 1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosport
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
 R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
 R.A. 170—All Souls', Masonic Hall, Weymouth
 R.A. 271—Lennox, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

SATURDAY, 7th JULY.

- General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (Inst.)
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)

- 1284—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Instruction)
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 2048—Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Epsom-st., W., at 8
 1223—Amherst, Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverhead, near Sevenoaks
 1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham
 1929—Mozart, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon
 2148—Waltingham, Masonic Hall, Walsingham, Kent
 205—Pegasus, Clavendon Hotel, Gravesend, Kent

GLEANINGS.

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One of our esteemed contemporaries, taking strong ground against any extended rights or prerogatives of Grand Masters, affirms that the Grand Master of Masons governs as a "presiding officer elected from the body of the Craft," and therefore has only restricted powers as thus defined. We fail to see the logic of this reasoning. Because a Grand Master is declared to govern as a "presiding officer" does not interpose any objection to that other and wider government which he is charged to execute over the Craft of his jurisdiction. It is further declared by the writer to whom we refer that the vow taken by a Grand Master at his installation makes "no provision for him to be a law unto himself," but holds him strictly within the lines established by the rules and edicts of his Grand Lodge. We know not how the obligation may be administered and taken in all Grand Lodges, but as we have heard it given in several jurisdictions it provides in substance that no rule or edict of Grand Lodge shall be set aside, or suspended, except for the good of Masonry. This allows for an exercise of the dispensing power, and a Grand Master does not violate his vow by exercising the right.—*Freemason Repository*.

The tendency to multiply Masonic Lodges and other organisations of the Craft ought not to be allowed to have full sway. Of course the new bodies are desired for reasons of convenience, and it is commonly thought that it will do no harm to try the experiment and see whether a Lodge can live and flourish as believed by those who desire its establishment. Often, however, the result is not what was expected; and a weak, struggling organisation, which has but a name to live by, represents Freemasonry in a way that is neither pleasant to consider or helpful to the general interests of the Craft. Let care be taken that new bodies be not established where there is not good prospect that they will live and flourish.

INTERESTING LODGE MEETINGS.—It is just as certain as falling off a log that if a Master would have a full attendance he must learn to make a Lodge meeting interesting. The age of the woolly-haired Mammoths and Methuselahs has passed, life is short and swift and goes under whip and spur. If the Master opens the Lodge an hour late and goes through the work as if he had a lease on a thousand years, he will find himself abandoned by all save the officials and a few patient Brothers who are thoroughly seasoned in the service.—*Pacific States*.

"LADIES' NIGHTS" are becoming very popular in England with some of the Lodges. We do not mean it to be inferred that the "gentler sex" are allowed to become "partakers of our mysteries," though they may "join in our assemblies" after Lodge. At the supper table they may reign supreme, and there the bright smile of their sweethearts, cousins, and their aunts may haunt them still. After the creature comforts have been dispensed, music, song, and even dancing are the order of the evening, and serve pleasantly to while away the fleeting hours which succeed Lodge duties. Really the scene is most inviting, and makes us wish we could be there to listen to the sweet warblings or trip a lively measure.

How many a wife would like to have one peep into the Lodge which her husband goes to, and see what he is really "up to" there. How many a woman wonders why she cannot be let into all the secrets of the Craft. Her husband promised her to be a comrade for life, and he has kept his word in every other particular but this. When he has been worried, he has let her share his cares; when he has lost money he has allowed her to go without new hats and sealskin jackets; when he has been lucky he has made himself happy for her sake; when he has felt that he would worry her by stopping at home, he has gone to his club; she has opened his letters and he has only complained formally; he has confided to her all his plans, when he has felt she ought to know them, but this secret of Freemasonry he keeps to himself. Why?—*Echo*.

The Grand Master of Iowa comments as follows:—"When a Lodge loses its dignity and pride of character to such a degree that it will permit its hall to be on a par with a smoking car, its air filled with the nauseous odour and smoke of the filthy weed—tobacco—it need not wonder that its best members lose all interest in its meetings and remain away from its sessions. Nothing can be more disgusting to a refined gentleman than to see the cuspidors of a Lodge room loaded down and reeking with the filth of cigar stumps, saliva and tobacco, all well mixed." Certes, it is a spectacle we hope we may never witness in an Australasian Lodge, and that it will remain an isolated American privilege.

A CARD.—AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY is announced in the "Paris Figaro," of a valuable remedy for nervous debility, physical exhaustion, and kindred complaints. This discovery was made by a missionary in Old Mexico; it saved him from a miserable existence and premature decay. The Rev. Joseph Holmes, Bloomsbury Mansions, Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C., will send the prescription, free of charge, on receipt of a self-addressed stamped envelope. Mention this paper.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Olympic.—Miss Agnes Hewitt having returned from a most successful provincial tour, decided to re-open this theatre at popular prices for a summer season, and on Wednesday evening this lady revived that interesting melodrama, "The Pointsman." At the time of its production we gave a full account of the play, and it now only remains for us to say that every one of the startling situations, such as the railway accident and murder, are once more set forth in all the horrors of realisation. The piece loses by the absence of Mr. Willard, but a capital substitute has been found in Mr. Edward O'Neill, who makes Richard Dugdale as thoroughly-paced a scoundrel as might be wished. Mr. J. G. Grahame resumes his old part of Tom Lidstone, and is as manly as before, while Mr. F. Motley Wood repeats his interpretation of Collins in capital style. Mr. G. H. Harker is a bright and interesting Fred Fordyce, and Mr. Charles Dodsworth is amusing as Bastick. Miss Agnes Hewitt now undertakes the part of Lizzie, and by careful acting manages to gain the sympathy of her audience. The other parts are well filled, and judging from the way in which the piece was received, is likely to prove as successful as of yore.

Comedy.—That most amusing farcical comedy "The Arabian Nights" is still running strong, notwithstanding that the 200th performance was celebrated some time ago. That Mr. Grundy's piece should prove such a success we cannot wonder, for it is full of smart dialogue and funny sayings, and one cannot fail to thoroughly enjoy it. Since its production the piece has been touched up here and there with advantage, and the company that interpret it do it ample justice. Mr. Wilfred Draycott has taken the part originally played by Mr. Hawtrej, and makes Arthur Hummingtop a very amusing character, while Miss Cissy Grahame is a charming Mrs. Hummingtop. Of Miss Lottie Venne and Mr. W. S. Penley we cannot speak too highly. These two are so intensely amusing that they keep the house in a continuous roar of laughter, and we may say, without fear of contradiction, that the success of the piece is mainly due to these two clever artistes. An interesting little piece, entitled "Sunset," is the curtain riser and is well worth seeing.

Alhambra.—It is evidently the intention of the directors of this popular place of amusement to do all in their power to make the programme as attractive as possible, and their latest venture is sure to be greatly appreciated. We may at once say that a more beautiful and artistic ballet than "Antiope" could hardly be conceived. In every detail it is perfect, while the colours and dresses are of the brightest description. The ballet has been arranged and invented by Signor E. Casati, with dresses designed by Wilhelm. The story is fairly easy to follow, but this is only a mere detail. Of course the great thing is the grouping, and here the inventor has scored wonderfully. Every figure is arranged in masterly style, while the dances are both pretty and artistic. Another important feature is the music, composed by M. Jacobi, which is of his usual tuneful description. M. Jacobi has written number after number of taking character, while his admirable band does them full justice. The principals in the ballet are Signorina Bessona, Mdles. Cossio, Cornani, Roffey, and Marie. The variety artistes who support the programme are well selected, including several well-known favourites.

Notes on the Handel Festival.—The statement—doubtless made by some unappreciated foreigner or hypercritical amateur—that the English are not a musical nation, has been refuted in a most marked manner during the past week by the thousands who have assembled at the Crystal Palace to hear the sublime music of the great genius whose memory is kept green by these triennial festivals. Handel, though born in Saxony, may justly be considered an Englishman both by his naturalisation and his compositions, and it is in his oratorios that he is heard to the best advantage. Considerable improvement has been made in the chorus this year by the importation of fresh young voices, whilst the splendid training they have received enabled the singers to present their work in as highly finished a manner as their more experienced colleagues could have done. The chorus numbered about 3,500, being equally divided into soprano, alto, tenors, and basses; and the Orchestra was increased to 500. It is doubtful whether the great composer ever dreamed of such a splendid rendition of his works. The effect upon the vast audiences was something more than a mere pleasurable excitement, and rather justified Handel's assertion with regard to the "Messiah" that he should wish his listeners to become better people. No section of the community is better able to appreciate the religion that pervades Handel's works than Freemasons, and it is therefore not surprising that they gathered at Sydenham in large force. The grip or token was continually being exchanged, as we came across Worshipful Masters, Provincial Grand Officers, with Secretaries and members of various Lodges situated both near and far. It is not our intention to give a critical detail of the Festival, suffice it to say that on Monday the "Messiah" was given; Wednesday was devoted to a selection from several of Handel's works, including the Coronation Anthem "Zadok, the Priest," given in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of Her Majesty's coronation, and on Friday "Israel in Egypt" was rendered. The principal luminaries in the lyric world were engaged for the solo music, so that the company were determined that nothing should be left undone to secure the same success as its previous performances; and it is difficult to conceive what will be their position at the next Festival, for on all sides it is acknowledged that the latest rendering of the "Messiah" is the finest ever heard. Mr. Santley, who was in excellent voice, is quite a veteran at these festivals, this being his ninth appearance. Madame Patey has assisted on six previous occasions, while Madame Trebelli and Mr. Edward Lloyd have now also made that score. Madame Albani is

also well known at Sydenham, and the two fair Americans, Mesdames Valleria and Nordica met with an excellent reception. Mr. August Manns again conducted, and may sincerely be congratulated on the splendid success achieved.

As a proof of the success of "Sweet Lavender," we may mention that it was played for the hundredth time at Terry's theatre on Tuesday last, before a crowded house. The business with this piece is enormous, the house being crowded night after night. "The Real Little Lord Fauntleroy" is also proving a great success in the afternoons at this theatre.

The Marquis de Louville is kindly working a benefit, to take place at Putney on the 10th July, for the benefit of that old and valued actor, Mr. John Vollaire. A good programme will be provided and excellent patronage is anticipated.

Mr. S. Jerrard, an elocutionist of repute, will conclude his series of dramatic recitals at Steinway Hall this (Saturday) afternoon. Mr. Jerrard has had the satisfaction of seeing large audiences assemble to hear him in this fashionable hall.

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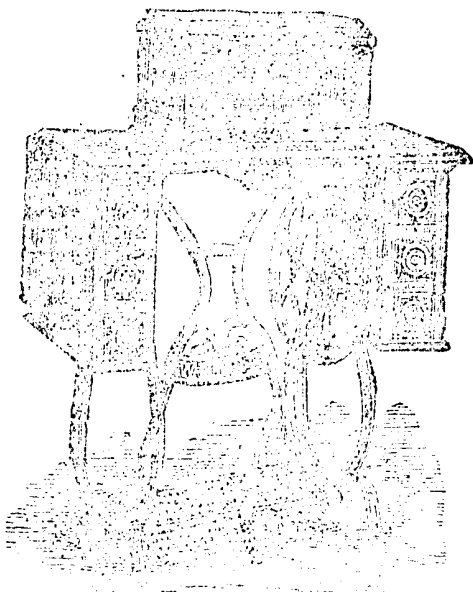
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