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AN ANXIOUS OUTLOOK.

IT is not often that English Freemasonry has had before it such a critical outlook as seems to present at the present moment, when the actual future of the Masonic Institutions may be said to hang in the balance. It may be urged that the anxiety of the hour does not really concern the Masonic system as a whole, as it applies only to an offshoot of Ancient Freemasonry; but if we regard the Masonic Charitable Institutions in their proper light, we can hardly describe them now as anything but an important part of English Freemasonry, and, as a consequence, the gravity of the situation makes itself immediately apparent when we come to recognise, as it seems imperative we should do, that the future of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and, indirectly, the other Institutions, depends on the result of the Anniversary Festival to be held on Wednesday next. We have had critical moments in the history of the three Institutions before this, but seldom, if ever, have circumstances so worked together as to produce such an aspect as now presents itself in connection with this coming celebration.

The management of the Institution has been called in question, grave charges have been made, radical changes have been suggested, and all, or nearly all, of the proposed alterations having been carried into effect, we now stand face to face with the crucial test of "actual results," to show how far the Craft will endorse the changes which have been made. The Boys' School, and through it the entire system of Masonic relief, must rise or fall in comparison with the result of the Festival on Wednesday. The Institution is in such a position as to be likely to exemplify to the fullest extent the truth of the oft repeated remark that "nothing succeeds like success;" equally, anything like failure will at once produce the very worst results, but happily we have confidence enough in the present condition of affairs to feel that there is every prospect of a satisfactory issue to this momentous question.

We imagine the three central Masonic Institutions will never be what they were a few years ago, then they were the principal, and the only recognised channels possessed by the Craft for the systematic distribution of Masonic relief, now they certainly stand at the head of the charity funds of English Freemasonry, but they occupy a somewhat insignificant place in many of the Provinces, at least so far as number of those benefited is concerned. The recent experiences in connection with the Boys' School has not only caused the breaches which formerly existed to be very considerably widened, but have also created others, which, though small at present, will certainly increase in years to come, and may ultimately shake the very foundations of the Institutions itself, and with them the whole structure of English Masonic Benevolence.

No system, however healthy it may be, however strong, or however much respected, can ever wholly recover from such severe treatment as has been meted out to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys during the past few years. The present generation may pass away, and the new men who will take their places will know little or nothing of the troubles of 1889 and 1890; but the effects of that disturbance will remain, and will probably be much more in evidence then than they are now. Charges of wasteful extravagance and expensive management have been raised, and we believe the best supporters of the Institution have come to the conclusion that economy is next to impossible in connection with such establishments as are apparently necessary for our Masonic Schools, or at least economy of such a character as to favourably compare with similar work undertaken in local centres by brethren who are personally interested in the cases they wish to support. As a consequence, local funds have been started, or supported in such a way as to create the idea that it is to those that the future sympathy of the Craft will be devoted, rather than to the great central Charities, which some urge are so liable to abuse and general misunderstanding. This is the rock, as we have often pointed out, on which the Masonic Schools will meet disaster, and anything which shows the local funds to advantage, as the recent Boys' School troubles have done, as compared with the central Charities, will hasten on the end, which seems inevitable.

As we have said, however, it remains for the Festival of Wednesday next to give tangible proof of the present feeling of the Craft in these matters. If the result is a great success—and we hope that will be the outcome—then we must regard the troubles as happily tided over, at least for a time; but if the opposite should happen, then we shall know that the opinion of English Freemasons, upset by the arguments of the past, has not wholly recovered from the shock, and probably never will do so; and it will become necessary to seriously consider what is best to be done under the altered circumstances in which the Institutions would find themselves.

But while we have thus far spoken of the drawbacks which have arisen to create an unfavourable impression on Wednesday's celebration, we must not forget to look at the other side of the picture. There we find much to be thankful for, and it would almost seem that as many blessings have arisen as there are evils to contend against, so that we are perfectly justified in hoping for a favourable outcome. The Festival will be held under almost the most distinguished patronage the Craft could secure. The Institution has not secured the Grand Master himself to preside, but it has the next Official in order in Pro Grand Master the Earl of Lathom. Then there is the fortunate circumstance that the Institution has a new Secretary at its head. No matter where we go we are sure to find numbers who delight in working

for new men or new undertakings. These, in turn, will be supported by the many others who have striven to bring the new condition of affairs into force, and who, for their own sakes, must see their creation put firmly on its feet, so that there is an influential band of special workers on whom the Institution may rely at this all-important period of its history.

It is hardly necessary for us to give details as to the place and time of the celebration, they are well known to all who are likely to attend, but we can and do hope for a fine day, which will do much to secure the enjoyment of the numerous party who are expected to be present at Brighton, to assist in the celebration of the 93rd Anniversary Festival of the Institution, which, let us again hope, will be marked with the greatest success, and will prove beyond doubt that the Boys' School has satisfactorily passed through the severe ordeal to which it has recently been subjected.

THE EGYPTICITY OF FREEMASONRY.

THE distinguished Egyptologist, Ebers, first asserted the Egypticity of the Pentateuch—that is, that the five books of Moses, both in their general style of composition and their method of statement of leading facts, give evidence that their author was not only skilled in the “wisdom of Egypt” but influenced by the enlightened Egyptian thought of his day.

Analogously we assert the Egypticity of Freemasonry.

We would not have it thought that we are an Egyptophile. Far from it. There was much in Egypt that was good. There, as afterwards elsewhere, knowledge, morality and religion retrograded; but in the earlier and better times, the Egyptians were not only a highly enlightened, but also a highly moral and religious people, their religion having been pure and undefiled. Originally the Egyptians were monotheists, and although later the mass of the people, who were *not* instructed in the Osirian Mysteries—the Freemasonry of that early day—were polytheists, worshipping gods many and lords many; to the initiates in those Mysteries the various so-called gods were but symbols of the different divine attributes. Personification is not deification. All of the pseudo-deities represented, for example, on the walls of the Egyptian Hall, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia—which portraiture are exact copies from the paintings on the walls of ancient tombs and temples in Egypt—betoken merely the manifold and multiform energies of the One true and living God, the “self-existent One,” the “I am that I am.” The uninstructed Egyptians came to regard the symbols as persons; but not so the initiates in the Mysteries. They no more worshipped their symbols then, than we do ours now. We do not bow down to the Plumb, Level or Square; but each of these symbols teaches us a lesson as potent, as impressive, as valuable as though it were a living person, speaking to us face to face with the living voice.

Some persons are prejudiced against modern Egyptians on account of the colour of their skin, and attribute to them an African origin. This is an error. The Egyptians were not Hamites, but Semites. Maspero classes the Egyptians among “the proto-Semitic races.” They came from Asia to Egypt. Dr. Brugsch-Bey has proved that their language had no affinity with that of Africa, but that its roots and elements are Semitic. The Egyptians came not from the South, but from the East, and like ourselves they look to the East for light.

That the Egyptians included among themselves a wonderfully gifted class to Operative Masons, the Temples, Tombs and Pyramids of Egypt prove. If Freemasonry had an operative origin, which no Masonic scholar denies, and if we may trace this origin back through the sacred builders of mediæval Europe, Ancient Greece, Palestine and Phœnicia, we are brought at last chronologically to Egypt, which was the earliest known civilized nation, and among the Egyptians from 2000 to 3000 years B.C., we find all of the elements of early Freemasonry, in the magnificent Temples erected by Operative Masons, and in the Osirian Mysteries, which were patronized, if not presided over, by Royal Architects of the Pharaohs of Egypt.

Some Freemasons appear to be jealous of tracing Freemasonry back prior to the building of King Solomon's Temple, as if that were the end-all of our ancient Craft. Not so. Temples were erected in Phœnicia before they were erected in Palestine, and it was because Hiram the Architect was skilled in such labour that King Hiram of Tyre sent him to King Solomon to aid him in building his Temple. So Temples were erected in Egypt long prior to the time they were erected in Phœnicia and Palestine, and Operative Masonry *ex necessitate* must be traced through Palestine and Phœnicia to Egypt.

Let us briefly note some of the striking parallels between the Temple builders and Mystics of Egypt, and the Freemasons of our era.

Both, symbolically and emphatically, teach the immortality of the soul. The symbols of immortality are on many of the temples and tombs of Egypt, on many papyri, and are copied on the walls of our Egyptian Hall, referred to above, and other analogously decorated modern edifices. Nothing could be plainer. The soul hovers over the body, in the form of a bird, and the body is about to be raised to life. Here we have the germs of the theological teaching of Freemasonry—the soul immortal; the body to be raised from death again to life.

Both teach the importance of Light, which in each is a symbol for wisdom or truth. Every Freemason is familiar with the all-prevalence of sun symbolism in the Craft. It is equally so in the Egyptian Mysteries. Osiris himself typified the sun, as did Ra and Horus, and every other so called divinity. All of them represented the sun, and the sun in turn represented the one only living and true God. As the sun is the most beneficent power in nature, so in grace God is the loving Father, as he is the Creator of all, the Grand Architect of the Universe. Osiris represented the sun rising in the East, Ra the sun at high meridian, and Horus the sun setting in the West. How striking to the Freemason! How readily he should understand the Egypticity of the Craft.

While visiting the British Museum, eight months ago, we viewed and purchased a “Fac-simile of the Papyrus of Ani.” The original papyrus is now in the British Museum, and we also viewed it. It is a part of what has been styled, “The Book of the Dead,” and is pronounced by the distinguished Egyptologist, P. le Page Renouf, to be 3300 years old. “Ani” was a “royal scribe” and priest of the temples at Thebes and Abydos. His wife, “Tutu,” was a musician or chorister of Amon, the chief god of Thebes.

We quote some extracts from this “Papyrus of Ani,” which will set Freemasons thinking, and they may then agree with us respecting the Egypticity of Freemasonry. Our quotations are from Page Renouf's preface to and translations of the “Papyrus Ani:”

Osiris says, “I am the great Artificer.” The High Priest of Ptah at Memphis was likewise, as representing Osiris, styled the “Great Artificer.”

Osiris further says, “I am a spectator of the Mysteries at Re-stau.”

“Re-stau” is the mystical spiritual locality where Osiris presides, in company with Isis and Horus.

“Let there be given to me bread in the abode of Refreshment.”

“I am the Eye of Horus.” This represents the all-seeing Eye, so familiar to Freemasons.

“I am the Lion, issuing from the Bow (the crescent moon) and darting forth.”

There is “a ladder in the East, leading up to heaven.”

The soul asks, “What is the duration of my existence?” And the reply is, “Thou art for eternity of eternities—the duration of endless years.”

One chapter of the papyrus treats, “Of not being transferred to the East from the nether world.”

“Hail to thee, Horus in the Horizon.” The famous sphynx, near the Great Pyramid, represents this “Horus in the Horizon.”

Another chapter treats “Of not dying a second death.”

The Egyptians also had their sacred ark, or “Seket,” which was placed in the sacred boat, or solar bark, and carried with great pomp on the shoulders of the priests in religious processions. At other times they were borne by means of two long staves, which passed through rings affixed to the side, in a manner precisely similar to the Ark in the Covenant of Hebrew writers.”

This will be significant to Royal Arch Masons.

But space fails us to mention all of the striking statements contained in this ancient "Papyrus of Ani."

Let the curious reader consult also Bishop Warburton's "Divine Legation of Moses," if he would be impressed with the fact that in the Egyptian and Eleusinian Mysteries candidates for initiation were required to be "upright and of good report;" that of initiation without virtue was of no lasting avail; that the great purpose of the Mysteries was to teach the doctrine of a future life,—the spes melior—; that the ancient Constitutions were read to initiates in the celebration of the Greater Mysteries; that in all substantial teaching, to the best of our knowledge, the Egyptian and the Eleusinian Mysteries were similar; that "the secrets of the Mysteries were unfolded both by words and actions, of which Aristides gives the reason, 'that so the sounds and sights might mutually assist each other in making an impression on the minds of the initiated;'" and that the term "mystery," as employed by St. Paul in the New Testament, is "borrowed from these ancient rites."

The Egyptian of Freemasonry is a thought which is justified by these, and many other striking parallels, between the Operative Masonry and the Osirian Mysteries of Egypt, and the Operative Masonry of mediæval Europe and the Free and Accepted Masonry of to-day.

MARK MASONRY.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF EAST ANGLIA.

THE Grand Lodge of Mark Masons of the Province of East Anglia was held at the Masonic Hall, Bury St. Edmund's, on Friday, under the Banner of the Freeman Lodge, No. 105. The R.W. Prov. Grand M.M.M. Lord Henniker P.G.M.M.M. presided, and was supported by the V.W. D.P.G.M.M. the Rev. C. J. Martyn. The brethren present included Bros. A. H. Moyes P.G.S.W., J. P. Lewin P.G. Treasurer, W. Sowman P.G.J.O., James Flintham P.G.R., C. D. Leach P.G.D. of C., W. B. Hanson P.G.A.D. of C., W. Chapman P.G.S.B., J. M. Harvey P.P.G.J.W., N. Tracy P.G.S., E. Sparke, W. Armstrong, J. W. Shepherd, C. J. Norman, W. J. Pashler, R. C. Poppleton, A. J. H. Ward, J. H. Vanx, W. H. Francis, Fred. C. Atkinson, &c. The Treasurer's report showed that the income of the Province during the past year amounted £41 5s 9d, and the expenditure to £19 4s 7d, leaving a balance in hand of £22 1s 2d. The statement of assets and liabilities showed a balance in favour of the Province of £11 7s 9d. The Board of General Purposes, in their report, congratulated the Province upon the addition to the roll of Lodges by the consecration of the St. Nicholas Lodge, at Harwich. On the motion of Bro. Moyes, seconded by Bro. Francis, the reports were adopted and ordered to be circulated. On the motion of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, seconded by Bro. Norman, Bro. Lewin was unanimously re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer. The Prov. Grand Master then proceeded to invest the new Prov. Grand Officers, as under:—

R. Clowes	Senior Warden
C. J. Norman	Junior Warden
W. H. Francis	M.O.
W. Chapman	S.O.
R. D. Poppleton	J.O.
Rev. R. O. Davies	} Chaplains
Rev. S. Maude	
C. J. Lewin	Treasurer
— Pashler	Registrar
J. M. Harvey	Secretary
A. Berrey	Senior Deacon
L. V. Walker	Junior Deacon
H. J. Wright	Inspector of Works
W. B. Hanson	Director of Ceremonies
A. J. Ward	Assist. Director of Cers.
J. Shepherd	Sword Bearer
J. G. D. Cramphorn	Standard Bearer
Geo. Gould	Tyler

The Prov. Grand Mark Master, addressing the brethren, said he thought on the whole they might be satisfied with the progress Mark Masonry was making in East Anglia. The numbers were about the same as last year, and the Lodges appeared to be in a flourishing state. A very

promising Lodge had been consecrated at Harwich, and that he thought was a subject for congratulation. Having expressed his gratitude to the brethren of the Freeman Lodge for the way in which they had entertained Prov. Grand Lodge, Lord Henniker intimated that next year the Lodge would be held in Essex, but that he would leave it to the Essex brethren themselves to determine the place of meeting. The Prov. Grand Master then referred in terms of deep regret to the loss the Province had sustained by the resignation of Bro. Tracy, the Prov. Grand Secretary, of whose work in connection with the Craft and Mark Masonry it was impossible to speak too highly. He (Lord Henniker) was very anxious to be present on that occasion, because he wished, as the head of the Province, to say how extremely sorry he was to part with Bro. Tracy as Prov. Grand Secretary. He knew last year Bro. Tracy intimated that the work, combined with that of Prov. Grand Secretary to the Craft, was more than he had either the time or the strength to undertake without neglecting his own professional duties, and therefore his resignation had not taken them by surprise. He hoped, although Bro. Tracy no longer held office, he would still come amongst them and give them the benefit of his assistance and advice. He was sure they all thanked him most sincerely for the services he had rendered. He (Lord Henniker) had hoped that he should have been able on that occasion to confer upon Bro. Tracy, as a mark of the high regard he entertained for him, the rank of Past Grand Senior Warden. That, however, he was informed he could not do, but at the earliest opportunity he should ask Bro. Tracy to accept at his hands the office of Prov. Grand Senior Warden. Bro. Tracy briefly replied, and thanked the Prov. Grand Master for the complimentary references to his work, in which he had always taken a very deep interest. After a short address from the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, the proceedings ended, and the Prov. Grand Lodge was closed.

R.M.I. FOR BOYS.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

FAVOURÉD by genial weather, this Annual Gathering, at Wood Green, on Saturday last, passed off most successfully. There was a large attendance of supporters of the Institution and friends of the scholars. The Committee made had every arrangement in their power, and they were generally accorded a full recognition for their efforts. We append the names of the several winners:

High Jump (Lower School).—Lumsden, 1.
 100 Yards (Preparatory School).—Mossop, 1.
 Bowling at Wicket.—Stephenson, 1.
 440 Yards (Upper School).—Churchill, 1.
 220 Yards (Lower School).—Good, 1.
 High Jump (Upper School).—Churchill, 1.
 440 Yards (Lower School).—Atkinson, 1.
 100 Yards (Upper School).—Churchill, 1.
 300 Yards Level.—Churchill, 1.
 100 Yards (Lower School).—Fry, 1.
 1000 Yards Handicap.—Coupland, 1.
 300 Yards (Preparatory School).—Mossop, 1.
 High Jump (Preparatory School).—Hart, 1.
 220 Yards (Upper School).—Stocker, 1.
 Throwing the Cricket Ball.—Williams, 1.
 100 Yards Level (Under 13).—Harrison, 1.
 440 Yards Level (Under 13).—Atkinson, 1.
 1000 Yards Steeplechase.—Waspe, 1.
 Old Masonians' 300 Yards Race.—Balcombe, 1.
 Consolation Sack Race.—Lester, 1.

A special feature of the day was a display of Calisthenics by the Boys, who have made great progress in Physical Drill, under their new Instructor. Miss Everett, daughter of the esteemed Grand Treasurer, gracefully officiated in the distribution of the respective prizes.

The "Visiting Day" for Old Pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, at Battersea Rise, has been fixed for Saturday next, the 27th inst. Bro. Hedges, the Secretary of the Institution, will be happy to supply particulars to any who may desire to be present.

FUNERALS properly carried out and personally attended in London and Country, by Bro. G. A. HUTTON, 17 Newcastle Street, Strand, W.C. Monuments erected. Valuations made.

LESSON OF THE CORNER-STONE.

An Extract from an Oration by Rev. William Sively, at the Laying of the Corner Stone of the New Masonic Temple in New Orleans, 25th March 1891.

THERE are three occasions in the history of an edifice which have a peculiar interest to those who are engaged in its construction. The first of these is the breaking of the ground, which inaugurates the excavations in which the foundations are to be laid, in which the heavy masses of stone and mortar and cement inaugurate the work and insure the subsequent permanence of the structure.

The second is the laying of the corner-stone, when the foundations have reached the surface and the superstructure is about to rise above the earth's surface and lift its completed form toward the sky; and the third is when the cap-stone is laid, amid shouts of rejoicing and songs of joy, as the finished structure stands in its completeness, ready to enter upon its career of usefulness as the home of active life and work. To celebrate the second of these events in the erection of our Masonic Temple we are gathered here to-day. I need scarcely to refer to the fact that years ago another corner-stone was laid, whose superstructure was never finished, owing to circumstances over which the Order had no control.

But now, with better prospects of success, with a stronger financial outlook which that uncompleted enterprise has given, and with the additional experience which that effort has supplied, we are about to erect a new temple, with its columns of beauty and of strength, and which, when completed, will be at once more convenient and attractive than the old one ever could have been. When we look beneath the ceremonies of this hour and ask ourselves what is their truest significance, we are at once met by the fact that it is but the process of an active life unfolding itself in a fitting habitation. And with this thought that other one, which is an instinct of humanity, that man, whether in his rude and barbarous stages or amid the refinements of the highest civilization, must find and construct for himself a home. It may be the rude tent of the wandering Bedouin, the log cabin of the early settler or the palatial residence of the merchant prince and millionaire, but as soon as we pass beyond the most primitive forms of human habitation and reach the period when men construct their dwellings of stone and brick, meet with the fact of Masonry as an influential force in the development of a higher civilization and a nobler life.

In addition to this we must recognize the universal instinct of humanity which prompts men to gather themselves into organised communities, just as birds fly in flocks or fishes swim in shoals. And in a sinless world, unmarred by any departure from the Divine ideal, this community instinct would produce a universal brotherhood of the race. God has recognised that instinct of universal brotherhood in the organisation of His own sacred family, and in the existence of that Divine corporation which we call His church. We see the smoke of its sacrifice ascending from patriarchal altars; its liturgic forms are made more complete in the magnificent and elaborate ceremonies of the tabernacle and temple service; and it has entered upon its epoch of universal dominion in the simple and significant worship of the Christian church.

But this divine brotherhood is an ideal which the centuries of time are slowly translating into fact. It is true that temples of worship have always preceded halls of legislation, and churches are built before courthouses and exchanges. But along with this slow and patient realisation of the universal brotherhood, and as if to testify to its essential need, voluntary associations of men for commercial, benevolent and charitable purposes have sprung up all along the line of the centuries. The guilds of the Middle Ages furnish an illustration, whose counterpart is realised in the labour unions of to-day, the fundamental thought of which is mutual protection and help amid the chances and vicissitudes of this mortal life. A workman may fall from a scaffolding, and, in the tedious process which follows in the slow process of recovery, his wages are stopped and his family are in want. And in the desolation and distress which follow, his brothers gather around him with helpful sympathy and relieve his wants

and the need of those he loves. Or, if the accident should prove fatal, the brotherhood will lay him tenderly and decently to rest, and there will be a husband to his widow and a father to his orphans.

Of all the voluntary organisations for human brotherhood which the past has produced, no one stands out so eminently to-day as the venerable and dignified Order which is assembled here this hour. Its origin dates far back into a legendary past, before the muse of history wrote a single line of her long record upon papyrus or parchment. Its earliest monuments are the Pyramids, whose structure involved mechanical forces which we scarcely dream of to-day, and which built the enduring tombs of the Pharaohs of Egypt with a permanence which has resisted the decay of ages, and a skill which is the marvel and the mystery of modern scientific thought. It asserted itself in the magnificent architecture of Babylon and Nineveh, whose relics to-day are the wonder of a past which the present cannot comprehend. It wrote its passing record in the architecture of Greece and Rome, whose perfect and graceful results combined beauty and strength in their most harmonious proportions and left a standard for subsequent ages which the architectural skill of modern times may imitate, but cannot hope to surpass. And it consecrated its highest and holiest endeavour to the cathedrals of Europe, which the lapse of centuries and the treasuries of kings worked together to complete.

And this will interpret for us the real significance of our ceremony to-day. In the line of all the venerable past we find that a life will inclose itself in its appropriate surrounding; and the life of the Masonic Order in the jurisdiction of Louisiana, in this new departure, is simply clothing itself with an appropriate home, in which its life may be made more permanent and its charitable work more active. It is the natural law of all life to provide for itself a home. It is the law of a shell fish to secrete its own shell, and of an ear of corn to generate its own protective husk, to shelter the immature beginning until it has reached its perfect growth. Precisely so this new temple which we are building is to enfold within itself the activities of the Order, and its completed structure will be a cohesive bond that will at once unify and inspire all the subordinate organisations of the jurisdiction.

And this leads us to the closing thought which the new temple suggests, namely, that it is not merely the token of life and brotherhood, but also of growth. When the foundations of the second temple were laid, under Zerubabel, there were mingled emotions in the hearts of the multitude assembled that day. The younger generation of the chosen people who had been born in the captivity of Babylon were overjoyed at the thought of returning to their ancestral home and restoring the worship of their fathers upon the hill of Zion. But the elders of Israel wept with a sore and bitter lamentation as they contrasted the second temple with the greatness and glory of the first temple which Solomon had built. We can sympathize with them the more tenderly to-day, because the case is reversed with us.

We remember the old temple, with its waste of room in hall and stairways, and its excessively economical arrangements for Lodge and Chapter and Commandery; and as we anticipate the completion of this new structure, into whose design the highest skill of architectural science has entered, we are willing to say a tender and pathetic farewell to the old temple, which has fulfilled its mission and passed away, and then, turning to the future to welcome the coming guest of the new and better temple, which shall henceforth be the shrine of our Masonic devotions, the home of Masonic life and the field of our Masonic work. Within its walls we shall conduct the ceremonies of our Order, and to its graceful and hospitable interior we shall welcome alike the brethren of our entire State and the visitors from other jurisdictions throughout the nation and the world.

But the growth is not merely organic; it is also individual, and as the closing thought of this hour, I suggest the question which this corner-stone compels each of us to ask: Whether, in the growth of character—the stately structure of our soul-life—and the consecration of our hearts as temples of the living God, we are making that advance year by year that shall at last make these human natures of our temples fit for virtue's shrine.

An American poet has found the analogy and parable of such growth in the shell of the chambered nautilus, which, beginning with but a tiny knob, advanced in its

spiral growth year by year, until it expanded into the completed size: and then, when its life-work was accomplished, and the life within it ceased to be, was left upon the sandy sea-shore, the deserted tenement of a life, which had fulfilled its task and passed away. And, interpreting that parable as a lesson of human life, he sang its sermon to his own spiritual nature.

“Build thee more stately mansions, O my soul!
As the swift seasons roll,
Leave thy low-vaulted past,
Let each new temple, grander than the last,
Shut thee from Heaven by a dome more vast,
Till thou at length art free,
Leaving thine unknown shell on Time's unresting sea.”

—Voice of Masonry.

MANAGEMENT OF THE CRAFT.

AN Extract from a Lecture by W. Bro. E. Martín, at the St. Patrick's Lodge, Brisbane.

In introducing the subject of my lecture I would state the area of Masonry is so vast that it makes it a matter of some difficulty to make a selection. I purpose to take this evening the government of the Order, I feel convinced that this must be interesting to all, from the newly initiated to the Grand Master. I would first direct your attention to the immensity of our organisation and the stupendous power we possess—a power, which if exercised would be of such irresistible force as to defy the action of any other power that might be used in antagonism to it. Had I time I could give instances innumerable where Emperors, Kings and other mighty magnates had done their utmost to exterminate the Order. Their efforts have always been futile. In modern times the most notable example of this may be adduced in the edict promulgated by the present Pope, who issued “a bull” anathematizing all who belonged to the Order of Freemasonry, and ordering all the priesthood to refuse extreme unction to such as had not recanted. Even this terrible threat to all of the Roman Catholic Church failed to effect the desired consummation, namely, the detriment of the Order. Indeed, it had an opposite result; for many who would not have given the matter a thought had their curiosity excited, and were anxious to learn what was that which evidently intimidated so great a power as that of the Church of Rome. That which is now deterrent to the exercise of this power is the diversity of government, it being divided under so many Grand Lodges. A feeling is now gaining ground to concentrate the governing body in the Old Country. There is a spreading disposition to unite the three Grand Lodges of Great Britain into one. In America, also, the same tendency exists to make a union of all American Grand Lodges. And again follows, perhaps at present the Utopian idea of a universal system of Government of the whole Order. As things are at present ordered such is an impossibility; still it is far from unreasonable to suppose that such a consummation is attainable. There can be no doubt that in many cases there are conflicting elements in existence among bodies under different control. For instance, that much to be deplored variance that has just been healed, I mean the rupture of fraternal intercourse between the Scotch and English Constitutions in Queensland. I am glad to say the Scottish Grand Lodge in its wisdom deemed it expedient to order the removal of the edict issued by the District Grand Master of the Scottish Constitution in Queensland. If there had been only one governing body such a state of things would be simply impossible. This brings me to a subject which, in advancing, I feel assured I am in accord with at least fifteen-six tenths of the Masonic population of Australasia. It is the federation of the whole of the Southern Hemisphere into one Grand Lodge. Objection has been made to this, and the objection is, that so few would be able to obtain the high honour of Grand Lodge office. In contravention to this argument, instead of it circumscribing positions of honour it would multiply them; inasmuch as under the Grand Lodge there would have to be subordinate Grand Lodges; Provincial Grand Lodges for each Province, such as Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, &c.; then District Grand Lodges, such as Brisbane, Ipswich, Rockhampton, and all principal districts in which population is large. And to excite laudable ambition it should be made compulsory that none but Past Masters should be members of the District Grand Lodge, and none but Past District Grand Lodge Officers should be members of the Provincial Grand Lodge. And again, the Past Provincial Grand Lodge members should be the only eligible ones for the Grand Lodge. This would in some measure remove the apathy that takes possession of nearly all Past Masters. As soon as they attain the right to wear the levels on their aprons, all enthusiasm ceases and they fall out of the rank. Should, however, there exist the system I have advanced, most Past Masters would be envious of being members of the District Grand Lodge, and so on to the exalted position of members of the Grand Lodge, and, who knows in course of time, Grand Masters, that position being only for three years, when a change is compulsory. It is an open chance for all so desirous to strive for. I now arrive at another point of my subject, namely, that foremost of our Landmarks—Charity, which, especially in the Irish ritual, is so prominently brought before the attention of our initiates. “If a man possess the whole world and have not Charity it is nothing worth.” The distribution of our funds for charitable purposes as at present administered is almost negative. All applications for relief can only be met by a small response, only just sufficient for immediate succour if the amount given be £10, a large sum for an individual Lodge to give; and even the combined action of all metropolitan and suburban Lodges cannot exceed £50.

This is no permanent relief—only temporary. Should, however, a concentration of funds and a United Board of Benevolence be established, then a donation could be afforded that would be permanent in its effect. The District Grand Lodge under the English Constitution is at the present time after so many years commencing the establishment of a Board of Benevolence. This fact must either demonstrate that indigence must have been very scarce in Queensland, or that our English brethren were wanting in foresight, as the existence of such a fund is essential. And some difficulty is being experienced in the formation of the fund so as to render it at once efficacious. The system of benevolence is actively agitating the attention of our American brethren. They are realising the fact that it is almost an impossibility to give permanent relief to all who require it. In so vast a territory as the Americas the number of poor is legion, and it would require millions to meet the demands. The Grand Lodge of New York is in correspondence with the other American Grand Lodges to inaugurate such a united system, so as to institute establishments where the poor could be received, and to make such self-supporting. In England there are a large number of institutions for charitable purposes, such as alms-houses, orphanages, schools, &c. The work that these do is only comparative, and cannot cover all the demands made upon their resources. Before leaving the subject of Charity, I would offer a suggestion. It is that for the relief of those of our poor; and it must be borne in mind that the population of Queensland is increasing at a far greater rate than any of the other colonies, and bids fair in a very short time to equal if not surpass its southern sisters. This influx must of necessity bring with it the improvident, and these require our consideration equal with those who are impoverished through misfortune. In all cases where more substantial relief is required it should be left to the Boards of Benevolence, and it should be the duty of such Boards to most exhaustively examine into all cases that come before them, to discover as to the worthiness of the applicants. I now proceed to the government of the Lodges. This subject requires but little to be said thereon, as the duties of the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and other Officers are so laid down in the installation ceremony that there is nothing to be added. I would just observe that a change might be made in the present system of election of candidates for initiation. The voting by the ballot balls is not perfect in its operation, and the question is as to how it can be altered so as to obtain a more perfect result. By the present mode, in the Irish Constitution, one, and in the English and Scotch, three members, may, should they desire it, permanently block a Lodge; or, from private pique, a worthy man may be blackballed. Such has been, and is now, and as long as voting with balls is in existence, will be possible. There is a method which might, perhaps, be better, that is to give all voting members a printed form with which they would signify whether the voter accepted the candidate, or, if otherwise, the reason of refusal, the papers to be religiously kept in possession of the W.M., and, say, two other Past Masters or the Wardens. This just suggested itself to me and I leave it for wiser heads to improve upon.—*The South African Freemason.*

PROV. G.L. OF NORTHS AND HUNTS.

IT is now several years since there was such a gathering of Freemasons at Wellingborough as that which took place on Thursday, the 4th inst., on the occasion of the holding of the annual Provincial Grand Lodge of the several Lodges in the Province of Norths and Hunts, under the banner of the Wentworth Lodge, 737, Wellingborough. There was a very large attendance. The arrangements made by the W.M. Bro. H. Dainty and the Officers of the Wentworth Lodge were all that could be desired, and great credit is due to them, especially to the worthy Secretary Brother J. Slinn. The Board of Benevolence and Charity Organisation Committee met at the Corn Exchange, at half-past one o'clock, when the usual business was transacted. The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at half-past two o'clock, and was presided over by the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, D.L., the Rt. Worshipful Provincial Grand Master. He was assisted by Bro. Butler Wilkins Deputy Provincial Grand Master and Past Grand Standard Bearer. The Lodge having been duly opened, the minutes of the last Provincial Grand meeting were read by the Provincial Grand Secretary Bro. F. G. Buckle, and confirmed and signed by the Right Wor. Provincial Grand Master. Bro. A. Cockerill was re-elected Provincial Grand Treasurer, and again duly invested. The Provincial Grand Master then nominated the following brethren as the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge for the ensuing year:—

H. Dainty	S.W.
R. Croft	J.W.
Rev. Dr. Sanders	Chaplain
E. M. Browne	Registrar
F. G. Buckle	Secretary
R. Payling	S.D.
F. Willoughby	J.D.
E. Fletcher	Sup. of Works
G. Ellard	Dir. of Cers.
J. J. Hart	Assit. Dir. of Cers.
J. Paget	Sword Bearer

W. Pentelow	1st Standard Bearer
P. Parker	2nd Standard Bearer
A. E. Margotta	Pursuivant
T. H. Vials	Organist
Wilkinson	} Stewards
Purves	
Cooke	
Wigfall	
Whitney	
Packwood	
R. Ayres	Tyler

Each of these Officers was invested by the Grand Master with the insignia of office. The balance-sheet of the Masonic Benevolent and G. Lodge Fund of the Province was presented and adopted. Bros. G. Ellard and F. G. Buckle were elected as Stewards to watch the interest of the Province with respect to the Charities. Other matters appertaining to G. Lodge business having been disposed of, the Lodge was closed with the usual ceremony.

At half past four o'clock the brethren, to the number of 106, sat down to a banquet, at the Hind Hotel, the chair being taken by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master the Right Hon. the Earl of Easton, D.L., who was supported by Brother Butler Wilkins Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, and the newly-invested Officers. At the conclusion of the banquet the Provincial Grand Master gave the toast of the Queen and the Craft, which was followed by that of the M.W. the Grand Master of England H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G. The Provincial Grand Master said they owed their allegiance to their Grand Master, who he hoped might long live to reign over the Craft. Since the Prince of Wales had occupied the position he did in the Order it had greatly advanced, and he hoped it would still further advance in the future. The toast was heartily drunk. The M.W. the Pro Grand Master of England, the Deputy Grand Master, and Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past, was also submitted from the chair. Both the Earl of Lathom and Earl Mount Edgcombe were congratulated by the Provincial Grand Master upon their promotion and upon the excellent manner in which they filled the duties of their respective offices. Bro. F. G. Buckle gave the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master the Right Hon. the Earl of Easton, D.L. He spoke highly of the manner in which his Lordship fulfilled his office, and said the Province under his guidance was in a better condition and position than it had ever been in his recollection. There was a ring about that gathering which reminded him of olden times. He congratulated the Provincial Grand Master on his restoration to health, and also upon the position to which he had brought the Province, which he said could not but be a source of satisfaction to himself and to all connected with the Craft. The toast was most enthusiastically received. The Provincial Grand Master, in reply, thanked the brethren for the manner in which they had received the toast, and then proceeded to remark that as the years rolled on so they seemed to roll on in numbers. They had increased two Lodges during the last few years, which was a most satisfactory thing, and he hoped now that he was restored to health he should be more able to visit the different Lodges in the Province and lend what aid and assistance he could to further their interests. His Lordship then proceeded to propose the toast of the M.W. the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. Butler Wilkins Past Grand Standard Bearer. He said Bro. Wilkins was one who had worked hard for the Province for many years and had kept it together. He had had duties thrust upon him of a most difficult character, but had carried them out well, and had given his whole heart to the success of the Craft in the Province. His Lordship said Brother Butler Wilkins had helped him greatly in the discharge of his duties, and he hoped he might live long to assist in the work of the Province, and himself in particular. The toast was accorded a most hearty reception. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, in reply, spoke of his appreciation of the manner in which the toast had been received, and then passed on to allude to the work of the Province. Many Masons, he said, did not carry their ideas beyond their own Lodges, and he thought if there was greater intercourse and interchange of opinion between them, it would be much better for Masonry and cause it to progress even more rapidly than at present. He was, however, pleased to hear such good reports from the different Lodges, and said the work in each of them was done in a most satisfactory manner. The Masters and Officers were doing their work well, and as time went on he hoped they might reap the honours the Prov. G.M. was able to bestow upon them. He gave some sound advice as to the transaction of business in the Lodges, and then suggested the Masons in Wellingborough, Kettering, and Thrapston should form a Royal Arch Chapter, to meet alternately in each place. There was a great amount of energy shown by the members of the Wentworth Lodge, and he hoped they would take the hint. In Hunts, also, good work was being done, and he hoped that in that district the members might see their way to establish a Lodge of Mark Masons, as that, with the Royal Arch Chapter, carried Masonry to a higher degree than that of ordinary Masonry, and made it more complete. He hoped the remarks he had made might be as seed sown in good ground, and that it would bring forth fruit plentifully. Bro. Campion was entrusted with the toast of the Grand Officers of the Province, Present and Past. At the outset of his remarks he said they as Masons were in a certain degree a Conservative body. Lord Easton: We may be, but that must not be touched upon. Bro. Campion said he meant they had conservative instincts, and he was proud of them, and he believed they would agree with him in honouring the past, as out of the past had been evolved great things which had been of benefit to them. They owed a great deal to their Past Officers and also to their Present Grand Officers, especially to the Provincial Grand Master, who had done so much to promote Masonry in the Province since he had occupied his present proud

position. They were all indebted to those brethren who had borne the heat and burden of the day, and who had helped to make the Province a grand unit in the edifice of Masonry. He alluded to the work done in the Province, and referred especially to the interest shown by Bros. Dormau and Butcher in the establishment of the Masonic Buildings in Northampton. The organisation of the Benevolent Lodge, at Daventry, was also spoken of, and Bro. Campion, in conclusion, said he hoped those things would give a greater impetus to the growth of Masonry in the Province. Bro. Dainty, Prov. G.S.W., and W.M. of the Lodge under whose Banner the gathering was held, first replied. He said the members of his Lodge were sensible of the honour conferred upon them, and he hoped they had shown they were as capable of doing their duty as their predecessors were. He thanked the brethren for the manner in which they had rallied round those of the Wentworth Lodge that day, and trusted that Grand Lodge would pay them another visit at no distant date. He was glad to be able to state they were prospering as a Lodge, and that the whole of the Officers and Brethren had the interest of Masonry at heart. Bro. E. M. Browne gave the Visiting Brethren, to which Bro. O. Papworth, of the Scientific Lodge, No. 88, Cambridge, responded. Bro. G. Ellard submitted the toast of the Royal Masonic Institutions,—the Girls' School, the Boys' School, and the Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons. As a member of the Board of Management of the Boys' School he made an urgent appeal for support of the Charities, and said he felt it his duty to do so at all Masonic meetings. They were Institutions, he said, which were doing a great deal of good, and well-deserving of the support of every Mason throughout the Kingdom. He spoke highly of the work of the Provincial Grand Master in connection with the Boys' School, and said their thanks were greatly due to him for what his Lordship had done. He hoped Bro. Cockerill, their Grand Lodge Treasurer, would be able to take up a good sum to the meeting in respect of the Boys' School some two or three weeks hence. Bro. Cockerill replied to the toast; and in doing so alluded to the great amount of good done by the Masonic Charities, and also made a strong appeal for increased support on their behalf. The Province, he said, had subscribed admirably, but still they could not do too much for such excellent Institutions. He hoped the subscriptions would continue to flow in, and that they might show the real value of Masonry. The Provincial Grand Master proposed the W.M. and the brethren of the Wentworth Lodge, and the toast was replied to by Bros. Aris, James, and Slinn, the latter remarking that he felt sure the suggestion of Bro. Wilkins as to the formation of a Royal Arch Chapter would be fully borne in mind. The Masters and Officers of the different Lodges in the Province was also given from the chair, and replied to by Bro. E. Fletcher, of the Pomfret Lodge. The concluding toast was that of the Tyler,—to all Poor and Distressed Masons. A ball was subsequently held at the Corn Exchange, and was attended by the Provincial Grand Master. Bro. H. Dainty and Bro. J. Slinn acted as M.C.'s. Mr. Ashton's band was in attendance.

THE THEATRES, &c.

Terry's.—The warm weather now appears to have set in, and theatres are no longer necessary to existence, as is proved by the success attending out-door exhibitions, so that Mr. George Edwards must be credited with a very happy thought in devising an entertainment that is both brief and amusing. The present programme now embraces three little pieces, each of an hour's duration, that run the gamut of the (theatrical) passions, though "the low bass of laughter" considerably preponderates. At eight o'clock, a pathetic play, by Mr. Brandon Thomas, called "The Lancashire Sailor," is presented, and, being admirably played, moves the audience alternately from smiles to tears. This is followed by a humorous piece, by Mr. Weedon Grossmith, entitled "A Commission," in which the author has some sly pokes at the soi-disant art patrons. At ten o'clock we have the *bonne bouche* in the shape of "A Pantomime Rehearsal," by Mr. Cecil Clay, which has already achieved a success with our American cousins, and which may be likened to Sheridan's "Critic Up to Date." It is intensely funny, and will well repay a visit by itself. The acting of Mr. Weedon Grossmith and Mr. Brandon Thomas, the two authors above-mentioned, assisted by such mirth-provoking young ladies as Miss Laura Linden and Miss Edith Chester, is exquisite, and the audience hardly leave off laughing even when they have left the theatre.

Alhambra.—Mr. G. M. Edwards' new ballet was produced last Monday, and fully realised the great expectations it had evoked. "Oriella" is a purely fantastic ballet, that has been invented by Signor Carlo Coppi, and for which Mons. G. Jacobi has specially composed some really beautiful music; but it is somewhat long, being in four tableaux, though the pictures are so pretty, the costumes so elaborate, and the groupings so picturesque, that the eye does not seem to weary. One hardly expects a ballet to have a moral, or some of the purists might take exception to the fact that Tokio prefers the Infernal Regions, with Oriella, to his native laud without her; at the same time, if Hades were the enchanting place that is here presented, we are afraid the clergyman's occupation would be gone. Why does Signor Coppi style a male character Astarte, a name usually associated with a female? But it is no use being hypercritical. The ballet is received with loud applause, and the dancing of Signorina Legnani, Mdlle. Marie, Mdlle. Spotti, and Mr. Charles Lauri meets with special recognition.

Mr. Sydney Alport, who for some years past has been Mr. Thorne's trusty lieutenant at the Vaudeville, takes his annual benefit this day (Saturday), both morning and evening, to allow his numerous friends an opportunity of attending. In the afternoon a new comedy, by Mrs. H. Musgrave, entitled "Dick Wilder," will be produced, together with a miscellaneous entertainment by several eminent artistes; and in the evening the laughable farce "Confusion" will be represented.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

PERSEVERANCE LODGE, No. 371.

ON Tuesday, the 9th inst., the installation of Bro. Reed S.W. took place in the Masonic Hall, Maryport, before a large number of brethren. Bro. Kenworthy P.M. 119 P.P.G.S.W. and Bro. Thompson P.M. P.P.G. Reg. 2285 were Installing Masters. The interesting ceremony took place at two o'clock, and great credit is due to Bros. Kenworthy and Thompson for the manner in which they performed their arduous duties. The following Officers were duly invested:—Bro. Reed W.M., Annison S.W., Gardiner J.W., Brooklebank Secretary, Scott S.D., Brown J.D., Brown I.G., Pattison and Pearson Stewards, and Smith (who has performed the duty for a number of years) Organist. Bro. Nicholson was appointed Treasurer, for the 26th time, and the Installing Master, in a very feeling manner, presented Bro. Nicholson with his official collar. Bro. Penrice was appointed to assist him. Bro. Messenger was again given the duties of Tyler. The following visitors were present at the ceremony:—Bros. Thompson P.M. P.P.G. Reg. 2285, Loach S.W. 962, Kelly W.M. 1400, Appleyard S.W. 1400, Rubery P.M. 1400, Little J.W. 962, Reece P.M. 962 P.P.G. Reg., Turner W.M. 2285, Miller P.S.W. 119, Richardson W.M. 1532, and Gibson 979. The members of the local Lodge present were:—Bros. Ward W.M., Reed W.M. elect, Annison Secretary, Pattison I.G., Messenger Tyler, Scott, Gardiner P.M. P.P.G.R., Pearson, Brown P.M., Kenworthy P.M. P.P.S.G.W., Mandie P.M. P.P.G. Dir. of Cers., Sewell P.M. 1002, Waite P.M. At the conclusion of the ceremony the brethren adjourned to the ante-room, where refreshments were partaken of. At five p.m. a banquet was held in the large Lodge-room, and about 36 brethren sat down to an excellent repast, which was prepared by Miss Tweedie, John-street, and gave every satisfaction. After doing full justice to the good things provided, the usual Masonic toasts were proceeded with, Bro. Smith presiding at the organ. The visiting brethren were evidently well pleased with the hospitality they had received. The gathering, which had proved in every way most successful, broke up at nine o'clock, every one having had a pleasant evening.

LODGE OF SCIENCE, No. 437.

AT the monthly meeting, at Wincanton, on Saturday, 13th inst., a visit was paid by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master Viscount Dungarvan. There was a goodly number of visitors and members present to welcome His Lordship, and a considerable amount of business relative to the affairs of the Lodge was despatched. Messrs. Herbert Knight (Wincanton) and Bullock (Yeovil) were initiated into Lodge 437. Amongst the visiting brethren and others present were—Bro. English from South Africa. From Lodge 976—Bros. Palmer P.M., King, W. P. Buckley W.M., Vincent P.M., Rev. E. G. Austen P.M., Phippen, Green P.M., Harrold P.M., Hayter P.M., Creed S.D. From Lodge 1731—Bros. McDougall (now living at Wincanton). From Lodge 329—Bro. Edwards. From Lodge 1168—Bros. Stokes P.M. and Drew W.M. From Shaftesbury Lodge—Bro. Capt. Challoner. From Lodge 437—Bros. J. L. Bowsey W.M., S. W. Bewsey P.M., Edwards P.M., Dyke P.M., Hutchins P.M., Good P.M., Rev. C. H. J. Locke, Hoyle, White, Lock, Wadman, Sims, Scallon, F. Wadman, Gregory, and others. Business being over, the brethren adjourned to the Greyhound Hotel, where a banquet was served. A pleasant evening was spent.

PRINCE OF WALES LODGE, No. 1035.

ON the 11th inst., at the Skeemersdale Masonic Hall, Westminster Road, Liverpool, Bro. John Davies was installed, in presence of a large attendance of members of the Lodge and visitors from other Lodges, as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. Among the visiting brethren present were Bros. Goodacre P.G.S.B. Prov. Grand Sec., Harraden Prov. G. Treas., Bargery P.P.G.D., Stowell P.G.C., Eyton W.M. 2215, Peers W.M. 1620, Johnson W.M. 1756, Grierson P.M. 1756, Barrow P.M. 1570, and Joseph Molynaux P.M. 1756. Having been duly installed, the newly-elected Worshipful Master proceeded to invest his Officers. Bro. Tunstall P.M. P.P.G.P. acted as installing Master and Director of Ceremonies.

MARMION LODGE, No. 1060.

THE annual installation took place at Tamworth, on Wednesday evening, the 10th inst., the following are the new Officers:—Bros. Hoskinson W.M., Hamer I.P.M., Stone S.W., Sumner J.W., Tampest P.M. Treasurer, Clarson P.M. P.P.G.J.D. Secretary, Rev. McGregor Chaplain, Dewes S.D., Coleman J.D., Rowe Organist, Jones P.M. D.C., Fowler I.G., Bowen and Briggs Stewards, Hughes Tyler. The annual banquet was afterwards held at the Castle Hotel.

KENLIS LODGE, No. 1267.

THE installation of Bro. Lowery took place at Egremont, on the 9th inst., the chair being occupied by Bro. Stont W.M. There was a large number of brethren present from various Lodges, including Millom, Whitehaven, Arlecdon, Cleator Moor, Buenos Ayres, Barrow and others. The following brethren signed the roll:—J. Stout W.M., Armstrong P.M., Clarke P.M., Muncaster P.M. and Treasurer, Wilson P.M., Towerson P.M., Irving Secretary, Parker S.D., Crears J.D., Lowery Dir. of Cers., Miller I.G., Robinson and Bosward Stewards; Fearon, Garnett, McLeod, Johnstone, Lewthwaite, Blythe, Burnyeat, Hellon, Hodgson, Rowe, Barnes 1267; Robin-

son S.W., R. Nicholls, S. Nicholls, Edwin Jackson S.W., Singers, Edmund Jackson J.D., Hartley I.G., Shaw J.W., Brown Secretary 1660; Dickinson I.P.M., Rothery S.W., Rainey J.W., Anderson, Heathcote W.M., Barr P.M. P.P.J.W. 119; Moffat I.P.M., Burns P.M., Rose P.M., Atkinson, Johnstone Secretary 872, Leach 371, Mills P.P.G.S.D., Fox W.M., Jackson Steward, Hill P.M. 1390, Bell S.W. 1225, Bouch J.D. 1075 (Buenos Ayres.) After the transaction of the usual business of the Lodge, Bro. Lowery was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony of installation being performed by Bros. Muncaster, Clarke, Armstrong, Wilson (Egremont), and Barr (Whitehaven). The W.M. then proceeded to invest the following Officers:—Bros. Stout I.P.M., Parker S.W., Irving J.W., Muncaster Treasurer, Rev. G. B. Armes Chaplain, Bosward Secretary, Smith S.D., Miller J.D., Robinson I.G., Wilson Dir. of Cers., Armstrong Organist, Hellon, Garnett, and Rowe Stewards, Braithwaite Tyler. Letters of apology from members of the following Lodges were read, expressing their inability to be present:—Penrith, Cockermouth, Whitehaven, and Arlecdon. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the brethren, on the invitation of the newly-installed W.M., adjourned to the Wheat Sheaf Hotel, where an excellent banquet had been prepared by Mrs. Douglas. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and interspersed with songs, &c., after which the brethren dispersed, having spent an enjoyable time.

ST. MAURICE LODGE, No. 1885.

THE installation meeting was held at the Lodge-room, Plympton, on the 10th inst. Bro. Revell was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the work being carried out by Bros. Foley, the retiring W.M., Hambly P.M. and Secretary, and Revill P.M. 1091, Saltash, the address to the W.M., Wardens and Brethren being admirably given. The following Board of Installed Masters took part:—Bros. Challice P.M. 1855, Liston P.M. 1855, Rev. Dr. T. W. Lemon P.M. 189, Jew P.M. 105 2258, Lord P.M. 1247, Powell P.M. 105, Goodall P.M. 1650, Cornish P.M. 223, Michell 156, Cooper 105, Aitken-Davies P.M. 1099, Dickson P.M. 1205, Roseveare P.M. 1255 970, Gidley P.M. 2025, J. Lavers P.M. 223, J. A. Lavers I.P.M. 223, Bird P.M. 1550, Trout I.P.M. 1205, and Frank R. Thomas P.M. 189. The Board of I.M.'s having been closed, the W.M. invested the following brethren as his Officers:—Bros. Foley I.P.M., Hicks S.W., Hellings J.W., Challice P.M. Treasurer, Hambly P.M. P.P.G.Supt. Works Secretary, Pearse jun. S.D., John Pearse J.D., Osbond I.G., Harris I.G., Luke A.D.C., Wills Organist, Wilson Senior Steward, Cook Junior Steward, Gidley Tyler. Bro. Hambly P.M. was unanimously elected as representative on the Committee of Petitions, and Bro. Challice P.M. and Treasurer as Charity Steward. On the proposition of Bro. Hambly, seconded by Bro. Challice, a cordial vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Foley I.P.M. for the able way in which he had carried out the duties of office during the past year:—The brethren afterwards adjourned to the George Hotel, where an admirable dinner was served up, under the direction of Bro. Fox. In addition to those already named were:—Bros. Manley J.D. 156, Cole J.D. 2025, Conran, Saville Lodge, Jamaica, Dr. Stamp, Plympton. Under the genial presidency of the W.M. a pleasant evening was spent.

Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614.—A meeting was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 11th inst., when there were present:—Bros. Kedge W.M., Hoggins S.W., Foan J.W., Buxton acting as preceptor, Reynolds Secretary, Nice S.D., Butler J.D., Seary Organist, Rowe I.G., Weeks Tyler, Hambly, Kedge, Wise, Skinner, Graham, Woodward, Warwick, Edwards, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, and resumed to the second degree. Bro. Skinner acting as D.C. introduced Bro. Graham as W.M. elect, and Bro. Kedge rehearsed the ceremony of installation, giving the charges to the Brethren and Officers in a very clear and distinct manner. Bro. Bullen J.D. worked the second section of the first lecture. Bro. Buxton, acting Preceptor, proposed that a cordial and hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Kedge for the very excellent manner in which he had rehearsed the ceremony of installation. Seconded by Bro. Graham and carried unanimously. Bro. Kedge in thanking the brethren alluded to the kindness of Bro. Hoggins giving him the opportunity of rehearsing the ceremony. This had been very useful to him. He also thanked the brethren for the attention they had paid during the meeting. Bro. Hoggins gave notice of motion that on this day fortnight he should propose the appointment of an Assistant Preceptor. Nothing further offering, Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Warner Lodge of Instruction, No. 2192.—The regular weekly meeting was held at Bridge Chambers, Hoe Street, Waltham-stow, on Monday, 15th inst., when there were present Bros. Westfield W.M., Trickett S.W., Briginshaw J.W., Shurmur Prov. Grand Treasurer Preceptor, Fortescue Treasurer, Cooke S.D., Bestow J.D., Clark I.G., Allen Secretary, Collett Steward, Spurgeon Organist, Smith, Ives P.M., Baillie, Wilson, Maynard, Parsons, Casey, Howe, Brasted, Horst, Stacey, King, Kempthorne, Alcock, Day, Gray jun., Stone, and others. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was advanced to the second degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bros. Clark, Howe and Baillie candidates. These brethren answered the questions leading to the third degree. The ceremony of the third degree was also rehearsed, Bro. Ives candidate. Bro. Trickett was unanimously elected to occupy the chair at ensuing meeting. It was unanimously resolved that the sum of One Guinea be given from the funds of the Lodge to the widow of a deceased brother, who is in needy circumstances. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, after hearty wishes, the Lodge was closed and adjourned until Monday, 22nd inst.

PROVINCIAL
GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS
OF
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The R.W. Bro. Col. Sir FRANCIS BURDETT, Bart., Prov. G. Master.

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE will be holden at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C., on Monday, 28th June 1891, when all Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers, together with the Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, and Overseers of Lodges in the Province are summoned to attend, and all Mark Master Masons are invited to be present.

Lodge will be opened at Five o'Clock.

Brethren to appear in full Masonic Costume of the Mark Degree, and Provincial Grand Officers in the clothing of their respective rank.

By command of the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master,

WM. G. BRIGHTEN, P.G.I.W. P.P.G.W.
Provincial Grand Secretary.

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Brethren intending to be present should notify their intention to the Provincial Grand Secretary on or before the 25th June.

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Names and addresses of Candidates, with the name of Lodge and Chapter must be sent to me not later than the 8th of July.

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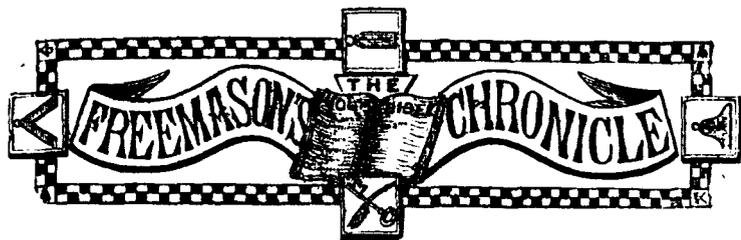
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SATURDAY, 20TH JUNE 1891.

CONSECRATION OF THE LORD CHARLES BERESFORD LODGE.

ON Tuesday, the 9th inst., there was opened a new Lodge of Freemasons in Chatham, especially connected with the Royal Marine and Naval branches of the public service. The Prince of Wales Hotel in Railway Street was chosen as the local Lodge and the consecration ceremony was performed by the R.W. Prov. Grand Master Earl Amherst. The affair was carried out with considerable eclat. Host and Bro. Evans having made every convenience for the Brethren it was possible to make. The exterior of the hotel was gaily decorated with bunting, and the new Lodge-room looked extremely pretty with its new appointments. The members of the Lodge are particularly fortunate in having for their first Master Bro. Lieutenant and Quarter-Master Francis Powell, who now fills the chair of W.M. for the third time, and has been a Grand Officer of Hants and the Isle of Wight three times. He has also been a Steward of the three Central Institutions of English Freemasonry; he is also in the Arch and Mark, and is a member of the Scotch and Irish Constitutions. The petitioners for the new Lodge were Bros. Powell W.M., Trimble 1424, Holdstock 511 2153, Morgan 1424, Young 797, Duffin 1424, Evans 20, Gunton 1424, Phipps 515, Mordy 1424, Barratt 387 I.C., Burgess 1424, Wollaston, Astle 1424, Beale P.M. 1096, Peart 1424, Perkins 736, Folkard 1424, Browne 20, Crouch 1424 and Parsons P.M. 1050. The following answer was received from Lord Charles Beresford, H.M.S. "Undaunted," Alexandria, on being asked permission to name the Lodge after him:—"I am much flattered by the request you make me, to allow a new Lodge you are forming to be called 'The Lord Charles Beresford Lodge.' I shall be very pleased to accede to the request. I take such a deep interest in the splendid corps of Royal Marines, I am very glad to be associated with them in any way whatever." And on being informed that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales had been pleased to grant a charter to the Lord Charles Beresford Lodge, he said, "I am very proud of the compliment which that renowned corps, the Royal Marines, have paid me in wishing to name a Lodge after myself. I shall certainly give myself the pleasure of visiting the Lodge on my return to England." There was a large attendance of Past and Present Prov. Grand Officers, the noble Prov. Grand Master being supported by Bros. Eastes, Lovett, Rev. H. M. Maugham, Spencer, Ward, Mitchell; Bro. Capt. Blakey, R.N., acted as S.W., Ward as J.W., and Longhurst, Mus. Doc., P.M. P.G. Organist presided at the organ. The Lodge having been duly opened. Earl Amherst, addressing the brethren, said, as they had assembled together in such large numbers they were all aware of the cause, which was to add another Lodge to the already large number of Lodges of Kent. It could not but be interesting to every brother who had the interests of the Craft at heart, and he was sure from the large number of brethren present they all wished the new Lodge a happy and prosperous career. It was established to afford a Masonic home for the members of the two great services settled in the town, and he hoped it would be for the good of the town. It sometimes happened that a new Lodge lessened the membership of another Lodge, but it would not be so in this Lodge. He had no fear but that it would promote the interest in Freemasonry, and stir and stimulate the other Lodges of the town. He was perfectly certain that there was not one of the brethren present but had the interests of Freemasonry at heart, and he was also certain that from the members present they had stamped the Lodge a success. The Prov. Grand Secretary read the petition and warrant, and the Lodge having been duly dedicated to Masonry, Virtue, and Universal Benevolence, the Prov. Grand Chaplain pronounced the consecration prayer, and the R.W. Prov. Grand Master constituted the new Lodge. The Dep. Prov. Grand Master Bro. Eastes then installed Bro. Powell P.M. P.P.G.D. Hants and Isle of Wight as the first W.M. of the Lodge, who chose his Officers as follows:—Bros. Trimble S.W., Holdstock J.W., Morgan P.M. as I.P.M., Astle Treasurer, Peart Secretary, Burgess S.D., Mordy J.D., Evans Organist, Phipps I.G., Gunton and Young Stewards, Rose Tyler. The Officers being duly invested, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting-room, where they sat down to a sumptuous spread provided by Bro. Evans, the host, the following being the menu:—Soups—Prince de Galles, Mock Turtle. Fish—Boiled Salmon, Lobster Sauce, Stewed Eels, Whitebait, Plain and Devilled. Entrees—Petites Cotelettes aux petits pois, Croquets de Volaille, Curried Prawns. Joints—Fore Quarter of Lamb, Roast Sirloin of Beef, Boiled Leg of Mutton. Poultry—Roast Chicken, Boiled Chicken, Sauce Bechamel, Roast Duckling, Gooseberry Sauce. Entremets—Topsy Cake, Compote de Poires, Gooseberry Tart, Punch Jelly. Blancmange. Dessert—Cheese and Salad. The W.M. of the new Lodge Bro. Powell presided, and was supported by most of the Prov. Grand Officers who had been present at the consecration, and also by Bro. Warne P.P.G.S.W. Dessert was placed on the table. After the Queen and Craft toast had been honoured, the W.M. proposed H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., and the Pro Grand Master and Officers of Grand Lodge, to which Bro. Terry Prov. G. Treasurer responded. The W.M. proposed the R.W. Prov. G. Master Earl Amherst. He, the W.M., was sure the admirable way in which the

Prov. G. Master presided over the Province of Kent for so many years was beyond all praise. When the speaker became connected with the Province, the P.G.M.'s name was a household word among Masons. The Province had been making progress ever since, and of the excellent way in which Earl Amherst performed his duties they could not have a more convincing one than what took place when he presided at a recent Festival of one of their Institutions in London, when out of a total amount subscribed more than one-fifth was sent from the Province of Kent. Earl Amherst gave a great deal of time and trouble to the Province, which had borne good fruit, specially in the need all felt that they must do their duty. The toast was drunk with Masonic honours. The Prov. Grand Master returned thanks. He had had the honour of presiding over the Province for thirty-one years, during which time he had been received with the greatest kindness, and the brethren had done their best to back up his efforts in Freemasonry. He need hardly tell them he was more than gratified by the show Kent made at the Festival for the Benevolent Fund. In the old days £2,500 was considered an enormous sum for a Province to send up, but Kent on the occasion referred to sent up £3,500, which he believed was the largest sum any Province had sent up in support of any Masonic Institution. He need hardly say there were larger Provinces than Kent, with more Lodges and greater power of supporting such Institutions than Kent had. According to the number of Lodges in Kent, no Province was more zealous in supporting their Institutions, and he could say none were more loyal in their support of the Queen. Who would not take trouble in such a Province as that? Some one must take trouble of human life if things were to go on straight, and with their 58 Lodges and 3,500 brethren, if some one did not take trouble, matters might soon be considerably mixed. That success was also due to the Provincial Officers, and as long as they kept up the efficiency of the past in the future, the name of their Province would be respected, which would be an ample recompense for any trouble they had taken on account of Freemasonry in Kent. The consecration of a new Lodge was a most important matter for the Prov. Grand Master. He liked to do that himself as he could then see the Lodge was consecrated in due and proper form. It was a solemn and graceful ceremony, and for the honour of the Craft, it was right that the Provincial Worshipful Master should see it properly performed. It would show great laxity, if not prevented by some circumstances over which we have no control, for him not to be present and do the ceremony. He confessed he had some little extra reasons to be glad to perform the ceremony there that day. He did not forget the time when he wore the Queen's uniform, and when he was proud to wear it, and they might depend upon it it was a greater pleasure to open that Lodge which was to be the home of a distinguished branch of Her Majesty's forces, and which he hoped would gather recruits from the sister service that wore the blue serge. He saw no objection to their having a special Lodge. They had a whole battalion of Marines in their midst, and there was among them an *esprit de corps* which made them proud to have a Lodge of their own. He felt sure that in indulging that feeling for a new Lodge for the Marines and Naval service he was doing no harm to the other Lodges in the district. The Masons were strong enough to keep up the number of Lodges in Chatham and Rochester without the creation of that new one doing any harm to an individual Lodge. That being the case he was glad to be able to be of some service to a number of his comrades in the service—for although he had doffed the red coat long since he was still a comrade—glad to be of some service to comrades and to Freemasonry in Kent. He would look back with great pleasure on that day and at the way in which the new Lodge had received the toast of the P.G. Master of Kent. The W.M. proposed "the Dep. Prov. Grand Master and Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge," to which Bros. J. S. Lovett Prov. G. J. Warden, A. Spencer Prov. Grand Secretary, and Bro. T. S. Warne Past Provincial Grand Senior Warden, responded. The Prov. Grand Master proposed the Worshipful Master and success to the Lodge. He, the Prov. Grand Master, congratulated the brothers upon their choice of W.M., a zealous and worthy man, who had taken a vast deal of trouble in the promotion of their Lodge, and paid the fallest attention to those details that were necessary to ensure the success of a new Lodge. Of Bro. Powell's career as a Royal Marine they were very proud. 25 years a soldier, thirteen of which he had been Sergeant-Major, and his officers unanimously recommending him to the Admiralty for a commission as Quarter-Master spoke well for the service he had done. They could not wish for a W.M. with a more honourable record in the outside world. During the year, Bro. Powell had been a Mason he had done much, and in founding that Lodge it was for them to see that the trouble taken and work done had not been taken or done in vain. He wished the W.M. and his Officers a prosperous and happy year. The W.M. returned thanks, and alluded briefly to his services in Freemasonry, having been three times W.M., and been 26 years a Mason, in all parts of the world. Describing the steps taken to form that Lodge and his acceptance of the post of W.M., Bro. Powell thanked those members of other Lodges who had rallied round them that day, and also the Provincial Officers who were present. They had had Lord Charles Beresford's permission to use his name as a title to the Lodge, and that gallant officer would visit them on his return to England in 18 months' time, when the W.M. hoped Lord Beresford would find them in such a position that he would not feel disgusted he had lent them his name. He, the W.M., would be in the chair 12 months, which would soon pass, and they must all rally round him and make the Lodge worthy of the name it bore, worthy of the Provincial Grand Master, and worthy of the Province. Bro. Morgan proposed the Visitors, coupled with the name of Bro. Wiggins W.M. of Lodge 20, who said he was proud to be at the birth of that Lodge, which he was sure would be of credit to the service and the old town of Chatham. As representing the oldest Lodge in the Provinces out of London, he was proud symbolically to hold out the hand of friendship to the youngest Lodge in the Province, and the brethren of Lodge 20 would give those of that Lodge a hearty welcome whenever they visited them. Other toasts followed,

including those of the Masonic Charities, the Officers of the Lodge, and that of the Tyler. During the banquet the following programme of music was played by the hotel band. Overture, "Chevalier," Herman; Selection, "H.M.S. Pinafore," Sullivan; walse, "Dream on the Ocean," Gungl; nautical fantasia, "Life on the Ocean," Binding; polka, "The Admiral's Broom," Roeder; reverie "Au bord de la Mer," Eilenberg; walse, "Little Sailors," Crowe; polka, "Powder Monkey," Bruno.—*Rochester Journal*.

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P.G. CHAPTER OF MIDDLESEX.

THE annual meeting was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court, on Saturday last, under the presidency of Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Grand Superintendent, when there was a good attendance present. R. H. Thrupp H., J. F. H. Woodward as J., W. H. Lee S.E., J. Hamer Owen Treasurer, R. W. Bilby Registrar, Capt. A. Runacres Sword Bearer, H. Higgins Dir. of Cers., H. Dickey Assistant Dir. of Cers., W. J. Porter Organist, J. Gilbert Janitor; D. P. Cama P.G. Treasurer, W. G. Kentish P.P.G. Standard Bearer, E. H. Webb P.P.G. Standard Bearer, T. C. Walls P.P.G.P.S., Col. Gordon P.P.G. Sword Bearer, J. Tickle P.P.G.J., J. T. Briggs P.P.G.P. Soj., G. L. Wingate P.P.A.G. Soj., Bentley Haynes P.P.A.G. Soj., W. R. Shutt 1549, W. W. Leonard 1777, F. W. Levander 2048, J. Gordon Langton 1194, J. P. Houghton 382, H. C. Wild 1237, J. D. E. Tarr 1293, H. Sapsworth 1793, R. H. Blatchford 1549, S. Jacobs P.Z. 946, A. Toulmin 1503, F. A. Jewson 1549, G. R. Langley H. 1326, A. Blenkarn P.S. 1326, H. Hooper M.E.Z. 1326, John Bott S.E. 1326, Frank Richardson Grand Dir. of Cers., Col. Shadwell H. Clerke Grand S.E., Major Geo. Lambert P.G. Dir. of Cers., H. J. Wicks P.Z. 1269, W. H. Matthews 1423, and W. W. Lee 1524. The Prov. Grand Chapter having been opened, the roll of Chapters was called, and the minutes confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. Comp. Raymond H. Thrupp was re-appointed Prov. G.H., and Comp. H. C. Wild 1237 was installed as Prov. G.J. Comp. F. W. Levander was unanimously re-elected Prov. G. Treasurer. The following is a list of the Officers for the ensuing year:—

Raymond H. Thrupp	H.
H. C. Wild	J.
W. H. Lee	S.E.
J. Gordon Langton	S.N.
F. W. Levander (re-elected)	Treasurer
W. A. Prince	Registrar
W. H. Matthews	Principal Sojourner
J. D. E. Tarr	1st Assistant Sojourner
R. H. Blatchford	2nd Assistant Sojourner
H. Hooper	Sword Bearer
W. V. Leonard	Standard Bearer
H. Sapsworth	Dir. of Cers.
S. Jacobs	Assist. Dir. of Cers.
W. J. Potter (re-appointed)	Organist
Gilbert	Janitor

Comps. Woodward, Capt. Walls, Langton, Bilby, Kentish, and Shutt were elected on the Audit Committee, and Prov. Grand Chapter was then closed.

The companions having partaken of an excellent banquet, served under the personal superintendence of Comp. Pratti, the usual toasts were honoured.

The Grand Superintendent, in giving "the Grand Officers," said they all had the greatest respect for the members of that body, for they performed their duties in a most satisfactory manner. He was happy to say they had amongst them that evening several Grand Officers, and hoped many around him would arrive at that position in Grand Chapter.

Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke G.S.E. thanked the Grand Superintendent very much for the kind, genial, and fraternal way in which he referred to the Grand Officers. He was sorry there were not more distinguished members of Grand Chapter present. They were always very pleased and gratified at the kind recollection of the positions they held by the will of the M.E. the First Principal, and always did what they could to deserve those positions. They were delighted to be present to visit the Prov. Grand Chapter of Middlesex, which they knew to have been conducted by the Grand Superintendent for twenty years, and which they knew stood so high on the roll. They were obliged for the kind way in which the Grand Super-

intendent had proposed the toast, and were delighted to attend once more on that very auspicious occasion. The Grand Scribe E. now rose to perform a very pleasant and honourable duty. To propose the health of the Grand Superintendent of the Province. It would be a great impertinence on his part to take up their time by telling them of Sir Francis Burdett's excellencies as a gentleman, a soldier, and a Mason. The Companions knew their Grand Superintendent so well and so thoroughly, that no words he could use would be of any value on that occasion. Their dear old friend—if he might be permitted to call him so—had presided over Middlesex with so much ability and geniality, and in such a charming way, that he was beloved by every member. He was sure he expressed the feelings of all when he expressed the hope that the Grand Superintendent would long be spared to preside over the province. Sir Francis Burdett was arriving at his Masonic majority as a Provincial Grand Master and Grand Superintendent, for it was in 1871 he was appointed, and during his reign there had not been a single unpleasant matter to mar his success, but any question that had arisen had been settled at once. The province was fortunate in having such a Grand Superintendent, and long might he preside.

Comp. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., G. Supt., said it was very difficult to respond to the toast so ably put before them by the Grand Scribe E., and the difficulty had been increased by the manner in which it had been received. He knew he did not deserve all that had been said, but still he had endeavoured to gain their good wishes and good feelings during the time he had held the position, and as long as he could retain that position they could depend upon his doing all he could to meet the wishes of the Companions. He was a very old member of the Order, and an old Grand Superintendent, but he had been so ably supported by his Officers and members of the Royal Arch Degree that he had been able to conduct the Province to their satisfaction. He thanked them for the kind manner in which they had received him on all occasions. The Grand Superintendent then proposed the Visitors, and Comp. Major George Lambert Provincial Grand Sword Bearer, returned thanks. They were not forgetful of the time when Comp. Little determined to bring forward the Province of Middlesex, and since that time the present Grand Superintendent had had the direction of its working. They felt it was a right step in the right direction, and he hoped the duties had been most agreeable to the Grand Superintendent. He returned grateful thanks on behalf of the visitors, amongst whom was the Grand Scribe E. He could go back in his memory fifty years, and could say that during that time they had never had a more kindly and genial Scribe E. than the present occupant of that office. They had had evidence that evening of the progress of the Province, and were glad to accept its kind hospitality. The Provincial Grand Officers was next given by the Grand Superintendent, who said he could not have performed his duties but for the manner in which he had been supported by his Officers in their various positions in Provincial Grand Chapter, and without their assistance he would have been a mere unit in the Masonic world. He coupled with the toast the name of Comp. Thrupp, who had always supported him in every way, and with whose assistance he had been enabled to carry out his duties. Comp. Raymond Thrupp, Prov. G.H., in response, said he did not know what a unit was to the star of the universe, but he knew the Officers of Provincial Grand Chapter looked up to the Grand Superintendent as a shining planet, and revolved round him, and tried to emulate him, and shine to the best of their ability. The Provincial Grand Officers must put forth all their strength to support their leader in carrying out his duties, and that they were always pleased to do. As far as he was personally concerned he felt it an honour to do some of the hard work in the Province, and carry it out in the way the Grand Superintendent wished. The Janitor's toast closed the proceedings.

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BRO. J. J. MICHAEL.

It is with deep regret we to-day record the death of this highly-respected member of the Craft. The sad event occurred on Monday last. Bro. J. J. Michael was initiated in the Cornwallis Lodge, No. 1107, on 6th April 1870, and had been twice Worshipful Master of that Lodge; he was a Founder and second Worshipful Master of the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507; and a Founder and first Worshipful Master of the King's Cross Lodge, No. 1732; he was exalted in the High Cross Chapter, No. 829, in 1872, wherein he filled the First Principal's chair. He was a Vice-President of the R.M.B.I., and Life Governor of the R.M.I.G. and R.M.I.B., and had served the office of Steward to all three Institutions. He was also a P.G. Pursuivant of the Province of Kent. Bro. Michael leaves a widow and five children to mourn his loss, and we tender them our deep sympathy in their affliction. The funeral will take place at Kensal Green, to-day (Saturday), at one o'clock.

The June meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Robert Grey, President, presided, and he was supported by Bros. James Brett and C. A. Cottebrune, the Vice-Presidents. Among the brethren present were Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, A. A. Pendlebury, Assistant Grand Secretary, W. Dodd, W. H. Lee, Henry Garrod, S. Vallentine, David D. Mercer, George B. Chapman, George R. Langley, Charles Frederick Hogard, S. V. Abraham, A. C. Woodward, L. C. Haslip, Charles Dairy, T. W. Whitmarsh, W. G. Lemon, Sir Reginald Hanson, G. Read, S. H. Goldschmidt, J. Bunker, W. Hopekirk, L. N. Lazarus, J. D. E. Tarr, Henry Oldham, E. J. Acworth, Fred Mills, C. H. Webb, W. Shurmur, H. Massey, F. Sharratt, Walter Wellsman, S. W. W. Atkinson P.P.S.G.W. Cheshire, Thos. Underwood, W. Pound, E. Morris, Stanley J. Attenborough, John Glass, William Vincent, George Clarke jun., S. N. Banker, Thomas Honey, H. J. Levett, Edward W. Postans, J. J. Thomas, W. J. Stratton, T. W. Harvey, H. Hooper, W. T. H. Mayer, F. M. Bilby, F. V. Catt, J. M. Scarlett, J. H. Wallman, and Henry Sadler G. Tyler. The brethren confirmed recommendations to the Most Worshipful Grand Master made at the May meeting to the amount of £260, and afterwards dealt with 29 new cases. One recommendation of £52 made at last meeting, and which was remitted back by Grand Lodge for further consideration, was increased to £100, and two other petitioners were recommended to Grand Lodge for £50 each. There were four recommendations to the Grand Master of £40, and three for £30 each. Eight grants were made of £20, and five for £10 each.

In connection with the Freemasons' Lodges of Stockport and district a Masonic service was held, on Sunday afternoon, the 7th inst., at St. Thomas's Church. The brethren on assembling at the Mechanics' Institute, proceeded to an upper room, where the chair was taken by Bro. Wm. Lancaster, Master of the Unanimity Lodge, the Senior Warden's chair by Bro. Wm. Hargreaves, Master of the Peace Lodge, and the Junior Warden's chair by Bro. J. O. Wylde, Master of the Concord Lodge. Col. Wilkinson briefly explained the object of the gathering, and the order of procedure, remarking that they were assembled not only to perform an act of worship, but to benefit an Institution the claims of which must heartily commend themselves to every Mason in the Province—the Cheshire Masonic Educational Institution. Headed by the Volunteer Band the brethren then walked to the church in full Craft clothing. A large crowd lined the route, great interest being taken in the proceedings. Entering the church they were met by the choir and clergy, and the processional hymn, "Onward, Christian soldiers," was sung. The Masons occupied the centre of the eastern part of the church. Bro. Rev. A. Symonds, rector of St. Thomas's, Prov. Grand Chaplain of Cheshire, preached a special sermon, taking for his text the well-known verse from St. Peter's Epistle, "Honour all men, love the brotherhood, fear God, and honour the King." A collection was made on behalf of the Cheshire Masonic Educational Institution, and realised about £25. This amount will be considerably increased by contributions from the Lodges and from the brethren individually. After the recessional hymn, the brethren proceeded back to the Mechanics' Institute, being conducted a short distance by the choir and clergy of the church. The service is the first of the kind which has been held in Stockport. The arrangements were made by a Committee of the local Lodges, of which Lieut.-Col. Wilkinson was President, and Mr. George Gaskill Secretary.

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At a meeting of Lodge St. Aubyn, No. 954, held at Devonport, Brothers Donovan was elected W.M. for the year ensuing, Tozer Treasurer, and Henderson Tyler.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

Saturday, 20th June.

1118 Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
1614 Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
M.M. 251 Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
M.M. 357 Chiswick, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
140 Peace, Private Rooms, Moltam
410 Grove, Sun Hotel, Kingston
453 Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
308 Prince George, Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1194 Villiers, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1326 Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton
1494 Felix, Clarence Hotel, Teddington
1861 Claremont, Crown Hotel, Chertsey
1897 Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow
2035 Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
2228 Dene, King's Arms, Cookham, Berks
R.A. 2096 George Price, Greyhound, Croydon
M.M. 205 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow
M.M. 351 Rose & Lily, Four Swans, Waltham Cross

Monday, 22nd June.

K.T. 128 Oxford and Cambridge, 33 Golden Square
48 Industry, 34 Denmark Street, Galeshead
61 Probity, Freemasons' Hall, Halifax
264 Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
302 Hope, New Masonic Hall, Bradford
307 Prince Frederick, White Horse, Holben Bridge
408 Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
433 Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightingsea
467 Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
613 Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
909 Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1542 Legation, Masonic Hall, Castleford
1575 Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1977 Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Malton
R.A. 557 Valletort, M.H., Callington, Cornwall
M.M. 9 Fort-eue, Masonic Hall, South Molton

Tuesday, 23rd June.

259 Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, W.
1719 Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
2108 Empire, Criterion, Piccadilly
R.A. 1269 Sunhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
R.A. 1339 Stockwell, Surrey M.H., Camberwell
M.M. 3 Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St.
299 Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
44 St. James, Freemasons' Hall, Halifax
510 St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
779 Ferrers and Ivanhoe, M.H., Ashby-de-la-Zouch
788 Crescent, Island Hotel, Twickenham
1016 Elkington, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
1024 St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
1609 Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1675 Ancient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
2025 St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse

Wednesday, 24th June.

2 Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
898 Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
1540 Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
2076 Quatuor Coronati, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 753 Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's, St. John's Wood
R.A. 820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
R.A. 907 Royal Albert, White Hart Tavern, E.C.
K.T.D. Mount Calvary, St. Red Lion Square, W.C.
163 Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
210 Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
220 Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston
274 Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch
290 Huddersfield Masonic Hall, Huddersfield
304 Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Leeds
363 Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth
439 Scientific, Masonic Rooms, Bingley
625 Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
724 Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
750 Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cleckheaton
778 Bard of Avon, Greyhound, Hampton Court
996 Soudes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
1039 St. John, (George) Hotel, Lichfield
1083 Townley Parker, Brunswick Hot, Manchester
1119 St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1210 Strageways, Masonic Rooms, Manchester
1283 Ryburn, Central Buildings, Sowerby Bridge
1392 Egerton, Stanley Arms, Bury, Lancashire
1403 West Lancashire, Commercial Hot, Ormskirk
1633 Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1734 Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Exley
1967 Beacoa Court, Ghuzee Fort Hot, New Brompton
R.A. 225 St. Luke's, Freemasons' Hall, Ipswich
R.A. 228 Benevolence, Red Lion, Littleborough
R.A. 320 Integrity, Junction Inn, Mottram
R.A. 329 Brotherly Love, Choughs Hotel, Yeovil
R.A. 409 Stortford, Chequers, Bishop Stortford
R.A. 537 Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
R.A. 606 Segontium, Carnarvon, Castle, Carnarvon
M.M. Howo, Masonic Hall, New St., Birmingham
M.M. Northumberland & Berwick, M.H., Newcastle
M.M. 174 Athol, Masonic Hall, Birmingham

Thursday, 25th June.

General Committee Girls' School, F.M.H. 4
65 Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
858 South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Fulham
1524 Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 1623 West Smithfield, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
M.M. 118 Northumberland Masons' Hall, E.C.
51 Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
76 Imperial George, Assheton Arms, Middleton
111 Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
215 Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
256 Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup

348 St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate
432 Abbey, Newlegate Arms Hotel, Nuneaton
594 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
807 Cobbell, Masonic Hall, Norwich
904 Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
935 Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Stafford
966 St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek
971 Trafalgar, Commercial Street, Batley
1313 Fernor, Masonic Hall, Southport
1137 Liberty of Havering, Rising Sun, Romford
1159 Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, West Gorton
1505 Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1514 Thornhill, Dearn House, Lindley
1626 Hotspur, Masonic Hall Newcastle
1817 St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hot, Shoburyness
R.A. 57 Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
R.A. 279 Fortitude, Freemasons' Hall, Lier Ha'
R.A. 442 St. Peter's, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
R.A. 1503 Francis Burdett, Albany Hot, Twickenham
M.M. 31 St. Andrew, Freemasons Hall, Manchester

Friday, 26th June.

60 Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Tav, W
R.A. 749 Belgrave, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St.
R.A. 1159 Marquis of Dalhousie, 33 Golden Square
R.A. 1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N
M.M. 223 West Smithfield, Mark Masons' Hall
92 Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Mirfield
810 Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1393 Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8
R.A. 680 Setton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 1086 Walton, Skelmersdale M.H., Kirkdale
M.M. 164 Southdown, Station Hot, Haywards Heath
K.T. 125 Sussex, Southdown Hotel, Eastbourne

Saturday, 27th June.

1541 Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn
Viaduct
1871 Gosling Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
R.A. 1044 Mid-Surrey, Surrey M.H., Camberwell
R.A. 1329 Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.E.
1462 Wharfedale, Rose and Crown Hot., Penistone
1464 Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
1531 Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
1965 Pastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent
1982 Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom.
2309 George Gardner, Village Hall, Datchett, Bucks
M.M. 14 Prince Edward, Station Hot., Todmorden
R.C. Stanhope, Queen's Hotel, Chester

INSTRUCTION.

Saturday, 20th June.

87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's
Park, near Nunhead Junction, 7:30
179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C. 8
198 Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tav, Southgate Rd., N. 8
1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E. 7
1288 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8
1364 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7
1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney, 8
1624 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Pimlico, 7
2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, 7:30
R.A. Sinai, Red Lion, King Street, Regent St., W. 8

Monday, 22nd June.

22 Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7:30
27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8
45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St.,
174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7
190 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8
248 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brixham, Devon,
342 Royal Union, Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge
544 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford,
823 Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7:30
933 Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, 8
975 Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7:30
1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., 8
1339 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 6:30
1125 Hyde Park, Porchester Hot, Cleveland Gdns., 8
1445 Prince Leopold, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 7
1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall Canterbury, 8
1489 M. of Ripon, Queen's Hot, Victoria Park, 7:30
1507 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, E.C., 7:30
1585 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho, Putney
1693 Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, W., 8
1623 West Smithfield, Manchester Hotel, E.C., 7
1693 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 8:30
1707 Eleanor, Rose and Crown, Tottenham, 8
1743 Perseverance, Deacons' Tavern, Wulbrook, 7
1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Ct. Hot, W. Kensington, 8
1991 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, 8
2192 Warner, Bridge Chambers, Hoe Street, Walthamstow, 8

Tuesday, 23rd June.

25 Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, 8
55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 7
11 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W.
177 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7:30
134 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8
212 Ephraim, Mother Red Cap, Cannon Town, 8
211 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
551 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8
709 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 7:30
753 Prince Fred. William, Eagle Tav., Maida Hill,
820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 7:30
829 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, 7
869 Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Dutton, 8
861 Finsbury, King's Head, Threlkirk St., 7
1044 Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth, 8
1321 Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
1343 St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex
1449 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 7:30
1445 Mount Edgecombe, Three Stars, Lambeth Rd., 8
1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 7:30, 8
172 Bentley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1473 Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, 6
1549 Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High St.

1638 Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Norbiton, 8
1695 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav, N., 8
1849 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7
1949 Brixton, Prince Regent East Brixton, 8
2146 Surbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon St., 6:30
R.A. 704 Camden, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., 8
R.A. 1365 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, 8
R.A. 1612 E. of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting
Hill, 8

Wednesday, 24th June.

3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, 8
30 United Mariners', Lugard, Peckham, 7:30
65 Prosperity, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., 7
72 Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., 8
73 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, Borough, 8
193 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall St.,
223 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8
533 La Tolerance, Portland Hot, (St. Portland St., 8
594 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7
673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8
720 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, 7
781 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav, Burdett Rd., 7:30
813 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Rd.
892 Whittington, Red Lion, Fleet Street, 8
902 Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Strand, 8
972 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Cuntorbury, 8:30
1037 Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1269 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney
1356 Toxteth, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool, 7:30
1475 Peckham, 518 Old Kent Road, 8
1511 Alexandra, Hornsey, Hull
1601 Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rusby Green, Cat-
ford, 8
1604 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant,
S.W., 7:30
1662 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow, 7:30
1681 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair 8
1692 Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, 8:30
1791 Creston, Wheatsheaf, Shepherd's Bush, 8
1922 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwel
New Road, 8
1963 Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, 7:30
2206 London, Welsh Harp, London, 8
R.A. 177 Domatic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
R.A. 720 Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, E.C., 7
R.A. 933 Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 7:30
M.M. Grand Masters, 8a Red Lion Square, 7

Thursday, 25th June.

144 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 7:30
147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8
263 Clarence, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.
754 High Cross, Coach and Horses, Tottenham, 8
879 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe
New Road
890 Camden, Masonic Room, Lowisham, at 8
1017 Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
1158 Southern Star, Sir Syd. Smith, Kennington, 8
1182 Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool, 7:30
1278 Bartlett Courts, Swan, Bethnal Green Road, 8
1306 St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, 8
1714 Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte Street, 8
1959 Southgate, Railway Hot, New So.legate, 7:30
1996 Priory, Constitutional Club, Acton
R.A. 753 Prince Frederick William Lord's Hotel,
St. John's Wood, 8
R.A. 1471 North London, Northampton House,
Canonbury, 8
1360 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales, Wimbledon, 7:30
1426 The Great City, Masons' Hall Avenue, 6:30
1555 D. Connaught, Palmerton Arms, Camberwell, 8
1571 Leopold, City Arms Tavern, E.C., 7
1580 Cranbourne, Red Lion, Hatfield, 8
1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse, Liverpool
Road, N., 8
1612 West Middlesex, Bell, Ealing Dean, 7:45
1614 Coven Garden, Criterion, W., 8
1625 Tredegar, Wellington, Bow, E., 7:30
1677 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem, St. John's Gate,
Clerkenwell, 9

Friday, 26th June.

Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, 6
General Lodge, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 8
167 St. John's, York and Albany, Regent's Park, 8
507 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7:30
733 Westbourne, Swiss Cottage Tavern, Finchley
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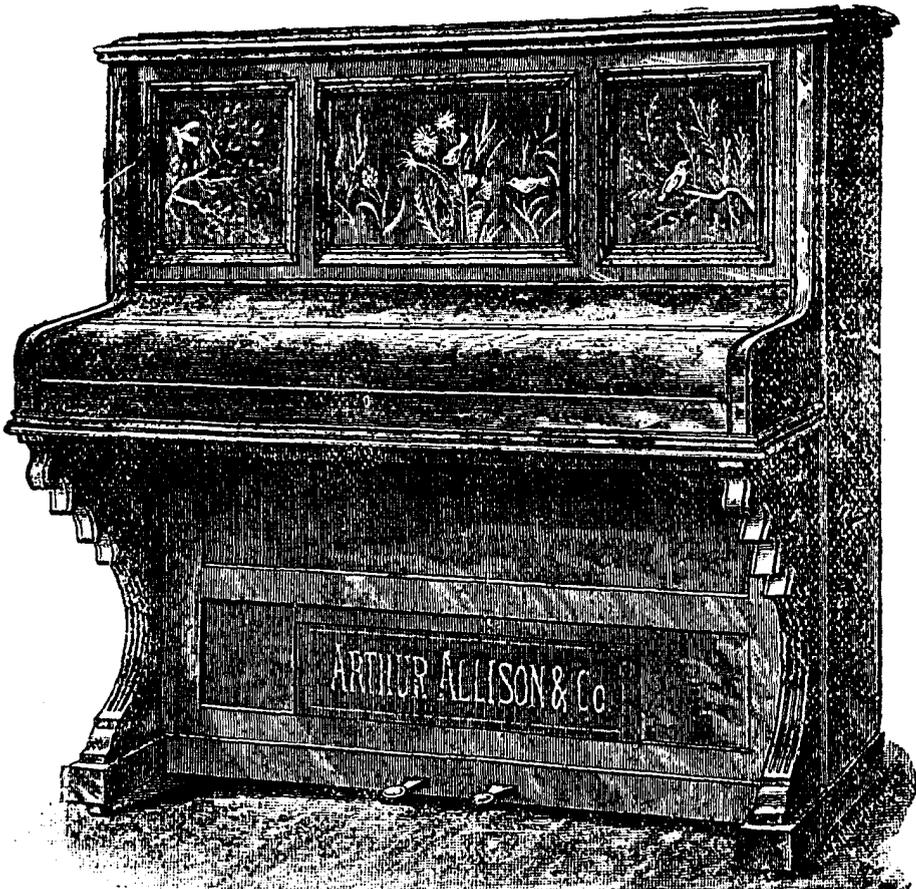


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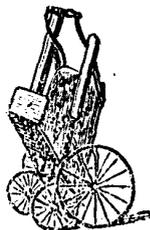
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