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OUR THIRTY-FOURTH VOLUME.

WE have again the pleasure of making a bow to our supporters at the commencement of a new Volume, and of offering a word of thanks to those who have supported us in the past. We feel we are getting too old to be under the necessity of explaining our views as to the future. We have made a record for ourselves during the sixteen and a half years we have been before the Craft, and the best we can say is, to express our determination to continue on the course we have hitherto pursued, and which we hope will at all times prove to be the best for the cause we have at heart. As we argue elsewhere, reformers are not always credited with the best of motives, and it is not to be wondered at that our efforts in the direction of reform are occasionally misunderstood; but we have the satisfaction of knowing that some of the reforms we have urged in the pages of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, although received with marked disapproval at the outset, have later on been adopted by the very men who were strongest in their condemnation of our actions, and who, in the course of events, have come to regard our ideas as their own. This is very gratifying, for although we like all the credit to which we are entitled, we are none the less content to stand by and see our ideas carried into effect, even though they are put forth as the productions of others. We are pleased to see the Craft in its present state of prosperity, and hope the same expressions of satisfaction may be possible when we approach the close, as those we utter at the commencement, of our THIRTY-FOURTH VOLUME.

TENURE OF PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTERSHIPS.

OUR brethren under the Grand Lodge of Scotland are just now discussing among themselves the desirability of limiting the term for which their Provincial Grand Masters shall retain Office, and varied arguments are adduced as to the desirability of life or of limited appointments. There is much to be said on either side, and although we in England can hardly be said to have a personal interest in the subject, it is none the less one fit for discussion. In

English Craft Masonry the system of life appointment to the office of Provincial Grand Master has been so long in force, that any other method would be regarded with disfavour, although there are many among us who would like to see the alternative system introduced, and it is fair to believe that advantage might occasionally result from its adoption. We have ample opportunity of judging of the effect of periodical changes by the working of the Mark Degree, where the appointments are made for a limited period, and a different brother is generally chosen to preside over a District when one tenure of office has expired. This affords the opportunity of paying high compliment to distinguished Mark Masons, and this feature is one of the strongest arguments to be used in support of the system. Besides this, there is the natural incentive to activity which must occur as each new chief comes into power. The desire to do something for his District which shall make his name for ever memorable in the Province, and which, in turn, his successor will endeavour to improve upon, must necessarily lead to a spirit of emulation, not only at the fountain head, but also among the minor officers, who are generally anxious to support their chief. No doubt a considerable portion of the success which has attended Mark Masonry here is to be traced to this feature, and the same might follow were a similar course adopted in Blue Masonry, although the older standing of that branch in this country, and the marked popularity of its chiefs, does not seem to offer so much scope for periodical outbursts of enthusiasm as is the case in the younger Mark Degree.

It is not that there is any fault to be found with the present Provincial Grand Masters of English Craft Masonry that we look further into the question of periodical changes, but it must be apparent to the most casual observer that a hard and fast rule of life appointment is not at all times desirable. Enforced retirement at a certain age has been introduced into many branches of public and private life, and why should Freemasonry be left behind in the march of progress? There is a limit to the sphere of usefulness of Freemasons, and even a Provincial Grand Master may become too old for the work of his office, with results detrimental to the interests of the Craft in his district, and, as a consequence, to the whole system of which his Province is a part. Why, then, should there not be a means of bringing about a change, other than that exercised by the grim hand of death? Yet to even suggest an alteration will probably be regarded, by a large section of the Craft, as little short of treason. But nearly every reform has been advocated under similar conditions, and if nothing but implicit faith in the advantages of existing institutions had been shown in the past the world would be to-day in much the same condition as it was hundreds of years ago. The desire for improvement, or as some prefer to term it, the spirit of discontent, has led to radical changes and marvellous advantages,

often purchased at the cost of great suffering, sometimes at the expense of the life of the reformer himself, but none the less taken full benefit of by the present generation, which, in turn, is working to improve the position of those to follow. Freemasons are proverbial for their dislike of any change, but there are many matters of daily moment to the Craft which seem to offer ample scope for improvement. Among them may be included the subject we have devoted attention to in our present remarks, and which, sooner or later, is likely to push itself prominently before the Brotherhood.

AT HOME IN A STRANGE LODGE.

MASONRY is an institution of universal limit. In every clime, under every sun, its language is spoken. And it has a language peculiar to itself. There is a magnetic charm about its mystic circle that binds its members with indissoluble ties. In a strange city or a foreign land, when we meet one who has travelled the Mason's road, and has learned to speak the Mason's language, a feeling of kinship comes over us, and we feel no longer as a stranger. We can talk together of our own peculiar home scenes, and, as we converse, a thrill of pleasure comes to us, and we are led to look with greater love and reverence upon that Institution, in which "the fatherhood of God, and the brotherhood of man," are acknowledged as fundamental doctrines.

When the beautiful symbols and peculiar signs are known, there is implanted in the heart a feeling of affection, born of mystery—a recognition of equality, that leads us to believe that he who has been instructed in these things has passed the trying ordeal of inspection, and having been counted worthy to be admitted to the north-east corner of the Lodge-room, is entitled to, and should receive, our love and confidence. We are bound by the same ties. We have been brought to light in the same way. We have beheld the great lights upon the same altar. Have listened to the same words of wisdom, and participated in the same ceremonies. There is no difference. The language of Masonry is the same the world over. It is the language of the pure heart instructed in divine principles. It speaks in the eye that beholds the sign, in the tongue that speaks the word, and in the hand that feels the grip. The heart is borne in the hand, and when clasped, the hearts beat in unison of brotherly love.

Masonry then is one universal family. For convenience and from necessity it is divided into small families called Lodges. A Mason, whose footprints are in the right path, who is entitled to a recognition by his own Lodge, should be welcomed wherever he goes. Not only in the hour of distress, but in the hour of pleasure, should his sign be answered. In visiting a Lodge he should be made to feel that the spirit of kinship exists among the members of the Fraternity in every Lodge.

We had occasion to visit a Lodge not long ago, where there seemed to be a kind of selfishness in every one present. We knew no one personally in the Lodge room. Once seated we looked about us. No wonder there were so few present. The room was cold, and a chill was cast over the feelings, too. The members were like marble statues in some art gallery, speechless and without emotion. There was no revealing of secrets there or anything else. Silence, cold and mysterious, pervaded the whole room. In one corner the organist, after a time, tiring of the monotony of his position, struck the keys of his instrument, trembling as though fearing to arouse some spiritless spirit of the past, and played in a soft minor key some part of a forgotten funeral dirge.

We certainly felt out of place. No one, Master, Wardens, or Brethren spoke one word to us. We felt the grasp of no brother's hand. We received no word of welcome from any one. It was natural that we should wonder where the Masonic lessons of these brethren had been learned. They had no word of welcome for the stranger, hardly an expression of pleasure among themselves. No wonder, we say, there were few present. It is unpleasant to visit such a Lodge. The fault is with the brethren themselves. They need a galvanic battery to start the proper circulation.

Those families of Masons where a stranger is made to feel at home are always cheerful, and, without an exception, they will be found to be prosperous. The Treasury is full and is used for the good of the needy. The knock at the inner door is heard at every meeting. The influence from it goes beyond the circle of its membership to the world without, and the stranger to Masonic language desires to learn the strange and mysterious tongue that binds those brethren "together in unity." The influence of such a Lodge is carried by the stranger who visits it to other circles of our great brotherhood and as the ripples widen in the sea until they reach the most distant shore, so that influence spreads until it is felt far and near. On this subject we find the *Keystone* speaking in beautiful admonition, and with its words we close.

"There is no greater pleasure in Freemasonry than to visit a Lodge in which you are heartily received and welcomed. You then experience Freemasonry in action—not precept, but practice. You realize that the Craft does not consist of isolated Lodges, but comprises one great Fraternity. We are all one. Lodge lines are swept away. Even jurisdictions are forgotten. The universal brotherhood is everything. Tylers, Worshipful Masters, and brethren, cannot too faithfully perform their duties in this regard, thereby causing their Lodges to be noted for their fraternal reception of Visitors."—*N. Y. Despatch*.

LAST WEEK'S FESTIVAL.

THE congratulations we were last week able to offer to the English Craft, in connection with the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, have lost none of their force when viewed from the distance which the interval has provided. The applause which followed the actual announcement made by Brother McLeod as to the financial outcome of the Festival has been re-echoed throughout the country, and enthusiasm has increased rather than diminished since the result has been published to the world. This is very gratifying, and must afford additional evidence to those who are intimately associated with the School that the future of the Charity is likely to be even more brilliant than the past, and will no doubt lead them to make more strenuous efforts to extend its usefulness and promote its welfare.

It must have been a considerable gratification to the Chairman to see his own Province taking so prominent a place among the contributors. As we said last week, those who work with Lord Lathom are never satisfied with secondary honours, and the efforts of the West Lancashire brethren in support of their Provincial Grand Master will ever stand out as a prominent example of what is possible in the Masonic Order when a number of brethren unite to give tangible proof of loyalty to their chief, and desire to show respect for a most popular Craftsman. The district was represented by no less than 134 Stewards, and their joint contributions reached the handsome total of £6,030, a result which may be more fully appreciated when set in comparison with the outcome of the Girls' School Festivals of the past three years, which show an aggregate of £24,976 9s, or an average of £8,325 10s each. West Lancashire has thus set a record it will be very difficult for any district to equal, much less exceed, but with such good feeling towards the Charities as seems to be in favour just now, and with the important celebration in connection with the Jubilee of the Benevolent Institution next year in prospect, there is no knowing what is in store for the Craft. West Lancashire has won the proud distinction of contributing the largest sum ever received from a Province, but the members are not covetous, and would willingly resign their title to premier rank at the earliest possible date to any province who could secure a better record than they have just made. The total will be a hard one to beat, but there is always room at the top, and we believe the earnest wish of all interested in the achievement of last week is to see some district beating them at the Jubilee Festival of the Benevolent Institution, to be held next February, and the same may be said in regard to all who were associated with the success of the Festival as a whole. What has been achieved for the Boys' School is regarded as most satisfactory, and it will lose none of its splendour if it is put wholly in the shade by the result of

next year's celebration on behalf of our Old People, for whose special Fund we must now wish the heartiest support.

The Chairman of the Boy's Festival will, we are sure, excuse us for coupling with him the name of another brother on whom the success of the day mainly depended. We all recognise the advantage of having the Pro Grand Master of England as Chairman, and we must also recognise the advantage of having Bro. McLeod as Secretary of the Institution. The one may be said to have sown the crop, the other to have reaped it. The Earl of Lathom accomplished wonders, both by his personal efforts and his personal influence, but the Secretary of the Institution had been everywhere, urging the support of the Craft for the Institution of which he is now the Executive Officer, and the result of his labours may be summed up in the one word—success. Without his untiring efforts during the last few months the harvest gathered in by Lord Lathom, on Wednesday, would have been nothing nearly so prolific, and it may truly be said the Craft owes much to the skill and ability displayed by the new Secretary on this the first opportunity he has had of proving his powers. He has succeeded far beyond general anticipation, and we imagine he is fully satisfied, and amply compensated now for all the trouble he has undertaken in the past in connection with the arrangements for this most satisfactory Festival. We hope he will meet equal success in the future, and that good fortune may always attend his efforts on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

THE PUBLICITY OF MASONRY.

MORE and more there is a tendency, inconsiderately promoted by certain Brethren, to thrust Freemasonry before the public. The public do not care for the Craft, and if they did Freemasonry is forbidden, by its genius and spirit, to seek their patronage, and yet again and again we read that Masonic exhibitions of various descriptions are given to the public, of which the only purpose can be to win their approbation, their endorsement, and their petitions. No doubt when Brethren urge the adoption of methods of publicity which have this direct influence, they do it without thought, but *Masons should think*. They have received their Masonic heritage from their predecessors, and they should hand it down unimpaired to their successors.

Freemasons have no right to commit waste. We are only tenants for life—the freehold of Freemasonry is not ours, and it should be our principle and our pride to subtract nothing from the Usages, Customs and Landmarks of the Craft, as we have received them, and as they have been maintained unimpaired for generations.

Brethren in Iowa and Illinois have lately been forgetful of their Masonic obligation in this regard, and are now urging that the Freemasons of the United States make an exhibit at the approaching World's Fair at Chicago, on the occasion of the celebration (in 1893) of the Discovery of America by Columbus. In other words, Freemasonry, in certain of its aspects, is to be up for show, to be made a public spectacle of, to parry, as it were, the attacks of its enemies, the anti-Masons, and to win friends among the general public.

Does Freemasonry need friends? Is it weakly or sickly? Have the anti-Masons recently struck us between the joints of our armour? Are the Lodges languishing for lack of initiates?

And what is to be the character of such an exhibit? One Brother suggests, in print, "an exhibition of copies of all the Masonic histories, manuals, cyclopædias, and other books, magazines, papers and pamphlets ever published. All this should be supplemented with diplomas, certificates, charts, medals and curios." Yes, and Masonic clothing *ad nauseam*—a regalia show, ostensibly for Freemasonry, but probably for the regalia manufacturers. They would favour it, of course, for they have something to sell; but is Freemasonry to go into the open market and sell its degrees? Does it desire to come out of its Masonic Temples, and go into public halls, in the exhibition business? Does it wish to obtain a medal for its exhibit?—possibly a leather one, while the Knights of Pythias might receive a silver one! But, no, we do not believe those Knights would enter such a show, and the Freemasons, if they should be represented, would have no competitors.

Brethren, think before you urge the Freemasons of America to make an exhibit at the Columbian Exposition.

We recently quoted Past Grand Master Vaux's remarks on Ohio's "flag-staff" innovation. Of course this un-Masonic course of Ohio would win a following. Error is like weeds: it inevitably grows thick and fast. Some men are sheep, ready to follow an indiscreet leader anywhere. Already Indiana has followed in the footsteps of Ohio, and the Grand Secretary of the former jurisdiction, at the Annual Grand Communication, held on May 26th ult., we read, proposed "the erection of a flag-staff upon the Masonic Temple" of Indiana.

Brethren, undeniably we are all patriots. Who dare assert that the patriotism of Freemasons is so questionable that it is necessary it should be attested by flying the stars and stripes from their Masonic Temples?

Freemasons neither need to prove their patriotism by hoisting the national flag over their Temples, nor to attract the favour of patriotic citizens by saying—See our flag: we support the country, let the country support us.

In the name King Solomon, let all of these littlenesses disappear from the Craft. Do not let us exhibit at a "World's Fair" our books, our diplomas, our charts, our medals or our curios. These are for Freemasons *exclusively*; with them the public have nothing to do.

And do not let us fly any flags from the turrets of our Masonic Temples. No one questions our patriotism, and we should not strive to attract the gaze of the profane by flinging anything to the breeze which belongs to Americans as citizens, and to all citizens in common, but is no part of the heritage which came to us as *Freemasons*. A national flag-staff on a Masonic Temple is an *innovation*, pure and simple.—*Keystone*.

MASONIC FEMALE ORPHAN SCHOOL CENTENARY, DUBLIN.

LODGE XXV., aided by its members, their friends, and the hon. Secretary, with its usual energy, has completed its first ballots, and we congratulate the winners, viz:—Mr. J. G. Talbot, who secured the two first-class Paris tickets, and Mr. A. Kendall, the three months' season ticket to Bray. These are available now, or at any future time, which is an advantage. It is evident the Masonic brethren intend making their show of next year a big success. Lodge XXV. has now in hand several other ballots, among them a Collard and Collard grand piano, a Hutton and Son outside car, and a Humber pneumatic bicycle. The piano is on view at Messrs. Pigott's, and the bicycle at Messrs. Booth and Co.'s, and tickets can there be procured. Intending subscribers should apply at once, as we understand these will be disposed of as soon as the limited number of tickets are sold.

A grand Masonic service was held in St. Paul's Church, Sale, a few weeks back. There was a large congregation, and the united choirs of the various churches in Sale carried out the musical portion of the service. Prayers were read by the Rev. J. B. Sharp, and the lessons by the Rev. H. Hitchcock. The sermon was preached by V.W. Bro. the Rev. Canon Watson P.G. Chaplain, from Phil. iv. 8. After referring to the honourable character of this ancient society, and calling attention to the strong language which had of late been used with regard to it, he went on to observe that though it was not a religion, it was founded on religious principles, and inculcated the purest principles of piety and virtue. It honoured the Word of God, and based its morality on its teaching. Every novice was charged to consider it as the unerring standard of Divine truth and justice, and to regulate his life by its precepts. The preacher then gave a series of illustrations, showing how our duty towards God and man were taught by the various tools used in building. The society had two objects—first, to make each of its members wiser and better men; secondly, to inculcate Brotherly Love. Every member of the Society ought to be known for his integrity, piety, and charity—one to whom the burdened heart might pour forth its grief and the distressed go for relief. They must never forget that it was only in the regenerating power of the Saviour's work, and the grace that comes through it, that they would be enabled to discharge their religious duties, and display the beauties of true godliness. There must be an inner life on which to build the outward structure. And that inner life was not a natural growth, but came alone through the Holy Spirit, and the work of the Divine Redeemer. They had met that night for worship, and as part of their offering to God they were to give of their means for the relief of the necessitous and suffering. Let it be worthy of the great and noble principles of the Order—Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. Let it be worthy of themselves Masons, whose distinguishing characteristic is charity, and worthy of the object to which it was to be applied—the distressed, and the widow, and the orphan. And let them not forget, as they exercised the grace of charity, that they were not only benefiting those who were in need, but themselves also—for it blessed him who gave as well as him who received. For all these reasons, said the preacher, open thy hand wide unto thy brother; to thy poor and to thy needy in the land. The collection amounted to £15 13s 4d.—*Australian Keystone*.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF KENT.

THIS important event took place on Thursday, the 25th ult., at Tunbridge Wells, under the banners of the Holmesdale Lodge, No. 874, and the Pantiles Lodge, No. 2200. The reception took place at the Pump Room. A large number of Masons attended, and arrangements were made on an extended scale by the reception Committee, which comprised the W.M. of the Holmesdale Lodge (Bro. A. T. Simpson), Tom Ryder (W.M. Pantiles Lodge), and other members, with the Secretaries Bros. H. Harris and Rufus Stevenson. The approaches to the Pump Room were decorated with Venetian masts and flags, and a choice selection of foliage plants lined the entrance to the room of ceremonial. There were representatives from Lodges at Bromley, Plumstead, Tonbridge, Ashford, Maidstone, Dartford, Malling, Deal, Gravesend, Dover, Sevenoaks, Whitstable, Faversham, Sittingbourne, Erith, New Brompton, and Hythe. The Prov. Grand Lodge was opened with due ceremony by the R.W. Bro. the Earl Amherst P.G.M., and the V.W. Bro. J. Smith-Eastes P.G.D. England D.P.G.M. The appointments to the Prov. Grand Lodge were made as follows:—

R. T. Simpson	Senior Warden
G. F. Alexander Smyth	Junior Warden
Rev. J. Stewart, M.A.	Senior Chaplain
Rev. G. Payden, M.A.	Junior Chaplain
W. Russell	Treasurer
A. Spencer	Secretary
J. Cook	Registrar
W. Crawford	} Senior Deacons
C. Baker	
E. H. Joynson	} Junior Deacons
S. Wagon	
R. Griggs	Supt. of Works
J. W. Court	Dir. of Cers.
W. Frances	Deputy Dir. of Cers.
J. Hunt	Assist. Dir. of Cers.
W. Moulds	Sword Bearer
T. Deane	} Standard Bearers
W. R. Tanner	
W. H. Longhurst	Organist
H. Iron	Assist. Secretary
J. Hill	Parsuivant
J. Nyo	Assistant Parsuivant

Among the members present were:—

Bros. Wilmott P.M. P.P.G.Reg. Dir. of Cers., Burton P.M. P.P.G.Reg. Treasurer, Cripps P.M., Dunkley S.W., Skinner, Luck J.D., Beale Steward, Fowler, Atherton, Tester, Graham Lo Grand, Nye, A. C. Skinner, Anscombe J.W., Warwick, Conseau and Austen (Holmesdale 874), Potter Treasurer, Grunwell J.S., Willmot S.D., Colls J.D., Gallard I.G., Lessels Steward, Downs, Rule, Tupper, Wiseman, Langloy, Hodson, Wall (Pantiles 2200), Embery, Lyle, Stedolph, Boulter, Crates, Grover, Redman, Fielder, Hammond, Loman, Starmer, Martin, Beatby, Read, Catchpole, Boscawen, Vise, Dainton, Simpson, Stone, Hoadley, Bacon, Charlton, Burslem, &c.

Divine service was afterwards conducted at the Church of King Charles the Martyr, by kind permission of Rev. Bro. Tugwell, M.A. It was a choral service, the choir being augmented by members from St. James's Church, Christ Church, &c. The decorations of the Church were tasteful, and were carried out by the Misses Read and Calway, under the superintendence of Bro. Anscombe. The shortened form of service was used by the Rev. Bro. Pagden, M.A., Provincial Grand Junior Chaplain. The special Psalms were 95, 97 and 150, the Rev. Hornby Steer reading the Lesson, which was taken from 1 John iii. 1—25. "Thine, O Lord, is the greatness," was the anthem, and it was rendered with grand effect by the choir, Dr. Longhurst Provincial Grand Organist being at the organ. The Rev. Bro. Stewart Prov. Grand Senior Chaplain preached an effective discourse on the topic of Universal Brotherhood. A collection was made at the close in aid of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and the choir and organ fund. The banquet was served in the Sussex Assembly Rooms by Mr. Dartnall, of the Pantiles, who laid covers for over 200. The tables and room were elegantly decorated. The Wor. Prov. Grand Master (Earl Amherst) presided, and he was supported by the Provincial Grand Officers, &c. The usual toasts were submitted. During the banquet a choice selection of music was discoursed by Mr. Gates's band, and the following artists interpolated the toast list with vocal selections:—Miss Griffin, and Bros. Brown, Dalzell and Ackerman, Bro. Cozens being the accompanist. The Stewards and Reception Committee included several prominent members of each local Lodge, the Secretarial duties, undertaken by Bros. Stevenson and Harris, being ably carried out.

MARK MASONRY.

PROV. G. LODGE OF MIDDLESEX AND SURREY.

THE annual Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was held at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Monday, 29th ult. A very full attendance of brethren testified to the great interest taken in the meeting. The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form at five o'clock, by the Grand Master Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., and the following Grand Officers:—Bros. C. Hammerton D.P.G.M., Col. A. H. Bircham S.W., John Cates Collier J.W., John Barnett M.O., Capt. C. J. Knightley S.O., A. H. Bowles J.O., Rev. J. Cater and Rev. F. Oliver Chaplains, L. G. Gordon-Robbins Treasurer, J. T. Briggs Registrar, W. G. Brighton Secretary, Harry Tipper S.D., Henry Burgess J.D., J. T. Norman Callaway Inspector of Works, R. Marshall acting Director of Ceremonies, J. Byford Assistant Director of Ceremonies, James Stevens acting Sword Bearer, L. P. Coubro, J. T. Skinner and J. B. Lancaster Stewards, John Gilbert Tyler; and the Masters and Wardens, Overseers and Brethren of all the Mark Lodges in the Province of Middlesex and Surrey, with several visitors. The Provincial Grand Master was saluted in ancient form. The minutes of the last Grand Lodge were read and confirmed. The Report of the Committee of General Purposes was then read, as follows, and was received and adopted.

Since the last annual Provincial Grand Lodge meeting, two Lodges in the Province have been consecrated, viz., The Bisley Lodge, No. 407, and the Ubique Lodge, No. 411. We report that all the 37 Lodges in the Province have paid their Prov. Grand Lodge dues up to 31st December 1890. The number of members on the books of the respective Lodges is now 822, last year 760, showing an increase of 62. We recommend the rota of Lodges for nominating Grand Stewards as follows: Era, Euston, West Smithfield, and Monatsohin Lodges. The Prov. Grand Treasurer's account has been rendered and referred to the Auditors.

The Treasurer's account was then read, and it proved highly satisfactory. There was shown a considerable balance in hand belonging to the General Fund as also the Benevolent Fund. The account was received and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The usual grant of ten guineas to the Mark Benevolent Fund was then made by the Lodge. The next important business was to recommend to the most Worshipful Grand Master a brother for the office of Prov. Grand Master for the next three years. Bro. Robbins, the Treasurer, in proposing the name of Sir Francis Burdett to rule over the Province for a further period eulogized the services Sir Francis had rendered. The proposal was received with acclamation and unanimously passed. The Prov. G. Master in appropriate terms referred to the kindly feeling always existing between the brethren and himself, and thanked them for the honour, assuring them he would always endeavour to further the interests of Mark Masonry for their benefit. The roll of Lodges was then called over, and each of the 37 Lodges in the Province was duly represented and answered to the roll call. Bro. L. G. Gordon-Robbins was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and the usual vote of thanks awarded to him for his past services. The Provincial Grand Master then invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as follows:

Charles Hammerton	D.M.
Rev. Viscount Molesworth	Senior Warden
Col. C. H. Nevill	Junior Warden
Frederick West	M.O.
William Mason Stiles	S.O.
Alfred W. Hillier	J.O.
Rev. Henry F. Oliver	} Chaplains
Rev. Richd. Wood Sammel	
L. G. Gordon-Robbins	Treasurer
John W. Mash	Registrar
W. G. Brighton	Secretary
L. P. Coubro	Senior Deacon
John T. Skinner	Junior Deacon
A. J. Hone-Goldney	Inspector of Works
Robert A. Marshall	Director of Ceremonies
John T. R. Cresswell	Assist. Director of Cers.
Major-Gen. A. H. W. Williams	Sword Bearer
Philip H. Clisby	Standard Bearer
Charles F. Passmore	Organist
Murray Haynes	Assist. Secretary
W. R. Arnold	i.G.
Dr. H. W. Kiallmark	} Stewards.
John Webb	
Dr. R. D. R. Sweeting	
— Chaufforier	
John Gilbert	Tyler

The Rev. J. Cater was appointed Steward for the Mark Benevolent Fund. Four Lodges were selected on the rota for the privilege of each nominating a Grand Steward to Grand Mark Lodge, and after the usual business the Lodge was closed in due form. The banquet was held at the Freemasons' Tavern. The menu was as follows:—

Hors d'Œuvres Varies.
Fausse Tortue Claire. Crème d'Oseille.
Saumon, Sauce Crème.
Courcoubres. Pommes Noisettes.
Blanchaille.
Quenelles de Volaille aux Pointes d'Asperges.
Chaufroix de Cailles.
Quartier d'Agneau, Sauce Minthe.
Haricots Verts Nouveaux. Pommes Rissolées.
Filet de Bœuf Braisé au Madère.
Caneçon d'Aylesbury. Petits Pois. Salade.
Tomates Farcies au Gratin.
Gâteau Rothschild. Macédoine de Fruits à la Gelée.
Pudding Glacé à l'Anglaise.
Dessert. Café.

Nearly 80 brethren sat down to dinner, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured. Special mention must be made of the Royal Savoy Mark Lodge, No. 355, which sent up no less than 17 representatives to Provincial Grand Lodge. The custom of a newly appointed Provincial Grand Officer getting a contingent of his own private Lodge to support him in his dignity of office appears to be highly appreciated and generally adopted. During the evening a very enjoyable programme of music was given under the direction of Bro. Egbert Roberts P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex and Surrey, who was assisted by Miss Rosalind Haynes. We congratulate this lady on her marked success. The brethren were delighted with her efforts.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

FERMOR LODGE, No. 1313.

AT the Freemasons' Hall, Southport, on Thursday, the 25th ult., Bro. Ripley J.W. was installed to the office of W.M. by the retiring Worshipful Master Bro. Sharrock, assisted by Bro. Roberts P.P.A.D.C. The Officers invested were Bro. Wood S.W., Emmison J.W., Fane S.D., Morecroft J.D., Kershaw I.G., Johnson S.S., Kay J.S., Rockliffe Tyler. Amongst the members of the Lodge present were Bro. Rev. J. Ashby Chaplain, Brierley, Leyland, and the following visiting brethren:—Blundell P.M. 613, Williams J.W. 2295, Fletcher 1473, &c. Subsequently the gathering sat down to supper, the usual toasts followed, and the remainder of the evening was spent in a convivial manner.

CHISLEHURST LODGE, No. 1531.

THE 89th meeting and 16th anniversary was held at the Bull Hotel, Chislehurst, on Saturday, the 27th ult., at 2 p.m. The brethren present were: Bros. Quicke W.M. and W.M. elect. Nunn P.M. S.W., Marshall J.W., Gleaves S.D., Dettmer J.D., Perriam Steward, Smith Inner Gd., Rawles Tyler, Hollis I.P.M., Brailey P.M. P.P.G.A.P., Kipps P.M. P.P.G.O., Behenna P.M. P.P.G.A.P., Tanstall, Tanner, Proctor, Bundy P.M., Whomes, Mair, Kipps, Dowsett. Visitors: Bros. Morris P.M., Doric 933, Homau P.M. 1602, Milbourne P.M. 13, Smith P.M. 289, Cummings P.M. 2168, Stevens 1216. Bro. Tanstall was passed to the Fellow Craft degree, the duties of Senior Deacon being, by the direction of the W.M., undertaken by Bro. Dettmer, owing to the absence of that Officer. Bro. Hollis was re-elected Charity Representative for the ensuing year, and in a few well chosen words accepted the office. It was then proposed by Bro. Hollis I.P.M. and seconded by Bro. Brailey P.M. and P.P.G.A. Kent, that the report of the Audit Committee be taken as read, adopted, and entered on the Lodge minutes, which was unanimously agreed to. The alterations of Bye Laws in accordance with Bro. I.P.M. Hollis's notice of motion, after being duly seconded, were adopted by the brethren. The Worshipful Bro. Quicke was then proclaimed Master for the ensuing 12 months by the Immediate Past Master Bro. Hollis. Bro. Brailey acted as Director of Ceremonies, and under his direction the W.M. received the customary salutations. The Officers appointed by the W.M. were Bro. Marshall S.W., Dettmer J.W., Hollis I.P.M. was invested as Treasurer, Goodale P.M. was re-appointed Secretary, Smith S.D.,

Perriam J.D., Proctor Inner Guard, Mair Steward, Rawles being re-entrusted with the sword as Tyler. The addresses to the Wardens and the Lodge generally were then delivered by the Immediate Past Master Bro. Hollis, in a very impressive manner, who afterwards in the name of the Lodge presented to the W.M. a handsome jewel and collar as a mark of the brethren's esteem and appreciation of his services to the Lodge during the past year, expressing the hope that he might be spared to wear it in the Lodge for many years. The W.M. in a few felicitous words thanked the brethren, and reiterated his promise to make the well-being of the Chislehurst Lodge his constant aim, and further stating that the kindness he had received during the past year was an earnest of the support he should receive during his present year of office. Mr. Wilde and Mr. Herring were then duly proposed for initiation into Freemasonry. After receiving the hearty good wishes of the visiting brethren, Lodge was closed in due form and with solemn prayer, and the brethren adjourned for the important function of the 4th degree. About 30 brethren and guests sat down, in the Village Hall, to a very recherché banquet, provided by mine host Bro. Whomes, of the Bull Hotel, to which adequate justice was done. The W.M. announced that it was his intention, in conjunction with his predecessor, Bro. Hollis (so long known to the brethren in connection with Masonic Charities), to stand as Steward to represent the Lodge at the Jubilee Celebration of the Royal Benevolent Institution, and, sincerely hoped that the goodwill expressed towards him would find a ready response, when he asked them to put their hands in their pockets to swell his list in February next for that all-important occasion. All the usual Masonic toasts met with full honour, the Provincial toasts being very heartily responded to, especially that of Earl Amherst the worthy and much esteemed Provincial Grand Master of Kent, also his Deputy Bro. Eastes. There being some excellent musical talent amongst the brethren present, the evening passed in a most harmonious manner.

SUBURBAN LODGE, No. 1702.

THE installation of Brother Japheth Tickle, C.O., Past Master P.Prov.G.Registrar Middlesex as W.M. of this distinguished Lodge took place at the Abercorn Arms Hotel, Great Stanmore, on Thursday, the 25th ult. Bro. Tickle was the first Master of the Lodge, he having been installed at the consecration about fourteen years ago by the late Grand Secretary Bro. Hervey, and this meeting was especially interesting on account of his being installed by the present Grand Secretary, and also of its being the third time of his taking the chair in this Lodge. The following brethren were present, being nearly all Masons connected with the City of London:—Bros. Oliver W.M., Goldney S.W., Bilby I.P.M., Tickle P.M. Treasurer W.M. elect, Hill P.M. Secretary, Southgate S.D., Shutt P.M. P.P.G.D.D.C. Middlesex, Kilsby P.M. P.G.D.C. Middlesex, Buck P.M. P.P.G.Supt. Works Middlesex, Carter P.M. P.P.G.Treasurer Middlesex, Hepburn P.M. P.P.G.Treasurer Middlesex, Very Tyler. Visitors—Bros. Sir John B. Monckton, Kt., P.G.W., Col. Shadwell H. Clarke P.G.D. G.Secretary, J. Lionel A. Monckton P.M. 197 P.G.Steward, Spratling P.P.G.Treasurer Middlesex, Brown P.M. 1237 P.P.G.D.C. Middlesex, Cooper 449 P.P.G.Supt. Works Herts, Thompson 1457 P.P.G.O. Essex, Greenwood P.M. 747, Pocock J.W. 59, Follitt P.M. 45, Glenn P.M. 19 (known in the Craft as Charity Glenn), Barker 2048, Hobbs J.W. 453, Morfitt P.M., Faux 77, Larkin J.D. 742, Smith J.W. 19 Secretary 2396, Merrott 19, Fitzgerald P.M. 2168, Webb P.M. 174, Hicks P.M. 1597, Moore W.M. 173, Crawford 766, Neades 53, Bristol 766, Mackney P.M. 134, Parker P.M. 145, Rickwood P.M. 19. Most of the brethren proceeded from town in parties, some by coach and others by Saloon car London and North Western Railway via Harrow, others via Edgware. Lodge duly opened, the minutes read, and auditors' report adopted, the ceremony of installation was proceeded with, and at the invitation of the retiring W.M. Bro. Oliver, the Grand Secretary Bro. Shadwell H. Clarke P.G.D. took the chair. He appointed as his Wardens Brothers Sir John B. Monckton, Kt., P.G.W. and Cooper P.M. 1237 P.P.Supt. Works Herts. Bros. Oliver acting as I.P.M., Shutt P.M. P.G.D.D.C. Middlesex as Dir. of Cera. and Bilby P.M. P.P.G.Registrar (R.A.) as Inner Guard. The musical arrangements were conducted by Bro. Monckton P.G.S., who attended specially for the purpose, but was obliged to leave early. Bro. Tickle P.M. P.P.G.R. was presented and duly installed into the chair as W.M. for the ensuing year, this being the third occasion in which he has been chosen by the Lodge as its W.M. The effective rendering of the ceremony and addresses by Col. Clarke gave general gratification to the brethren. The installation having been concluded, the newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Oliver I.P.M., Shutt P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Middlesex S.W., Kilsby P.M. P.G.D.C. J.W., Bilby P.M. Treasurer, Hill P.M. Secretary, Southgate S.D., Stockdale J.D., Blatchford I.G., Hepburn P.M. P.P.G. Treasurer Middlesex D.C., Very Tyler. The W.M. amidst the acclamation of the brethren, presented and adorned Bro. Oliver with the P.M.'s jewel voted by Lodge. The Secretary read letters of regret at their inability to attend from the Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.S.W., Halsey P.G.M. Herts, Dr. Zacharie, Alderman Green; and announced that, in consequence of their Parliamentary duties, Bros. Lord Brooke P.G.M. Essex, and Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., P.G.W. could not attend. Brother Greenwood, C.C., P.M. was nominated for membership, and two candidates for initiation were proposed. The business of the Lodge having been concluded the brethren dispersed for an hour's drive, or a walk in the gardens and surrounding country. Returning to the Hotel a sumptuous banquet was served, and a pleasant evening followed, harmony being contributed by the musical talent of Bros. Mackney, Spratling and several other visitors. The usual toasts were honoured, the first being that of the Queen, which the W.M. remarked was the first customary toast at all loyal assemblies, and especially at Masonic gatherings. Her Majesty was a pattern and model for all society. The toast of the W.M. Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was next, the W.M. saying that he enjoyed the confidence and respect of the Masonic body. The

next toast was that of the M.W. Pro Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, who the W.M. said was, like himself, a Lancashire man; he therefore had a great regard for him, and hoped he would live long to enjoy his high office. The W.M. then gave the toast of the M.W. the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past, and referred to the Grand Officers present: Brothers Col. Shadwell Clerke P.G.D. Grand Secretary and Sir J. B. Monckton P.G.W. whom he meant to propose as honorary members. The Lodge recognised the honour that these distinguished guests (holding as they do such high and dignified positions in the Craft) conferred on the members by coming and assisting with such willingness in the work of the Lodge. He looked upon Col. Clerke's coming down to instal him as a great compliment to himself, and in the name of the Lodge gave him a hearty welcome. Referring to Sir John Monckton, the W.M. said there were Masons and Masons, but that there never could be more than one Sir John Monckton; his genial manners make his name a source of pleasure wherever he goes. Bro. Sir John Monckton P.G.W., replying for the Grand Officers, prefaced his remarks by a reference to the presence of Bro. Mackney, who had just sung "Just behind the Battle, Mother;" he said it took him back 50 years, when he was a boy at Maidstone, and enjoyed the talent then displayed by this popular artiste. He expressed the great pleasure he felt in receiving the hospitality of the Lodge, and his very cordial thanks for the unusual compliment paid him in proposing to make him an honorary member. He likened his joining the Suburban to his being made a sportsman,—the "City and Suburban." He could not overrate his admiration of the Lodge and its agreeable surroundings. He congratulated the Lodge on its selection of Bro. Tickle as W.M.; he was most business-like, a man of tact, and one of their most esteemed corporators. He was also pleased to see present several other members of that body he would call a great institution. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke P.G.D. Grand Secretary said Sir John's silver tongue always took the wind out of his sails, and left him little to say. He felt flattered at the invitation, and especially at being requested to instal Bro. Tickle. He knew something of the history of the Lodge, of its Past Masters, and of Bro. Tickle, who the Lodge had elected to the chair for the third time; he well knew his qualities; one who was able to fill the Chair so worthily was sure to do credit to the Lodge. He was exceedingly pleased with his visit, and at meeting so many old friends and new friends, and hoped he should have another opportunity to come down amongst the brethren. In proposing the toast of the Prov. Grand Officers, the W.M. thought that amongst all the Provinces under the banner of the Grand Lodge of England, Middlesex stood foremost, and that their Prov. Grand Master Col. Sir Francis Bardett was of all Prov. Grand Masters the most looked up to; there was perhaps none more popular nor more beloved in the Craft than he, it being the delight of his life to spread peace wherever he went and give honour if honour was due. He had generously recognised the claims of the Suburban Lodge in the dispensation of Provincial honours. Bro. J. F. Hepburn P.M. Past Prov. Grand Treasurer Middlesex, and Bro. G. H. Carter P.M. P.P.G. Treasurer Middlesex both responded to the toast. The I.P.M. then proposed the health of the W.M. Premising that it was the toast of the evening. He remarked that Bro. Tickle was so well known to all the brethren, and having occupied the same position so ably on two previous occasions, besides having passed the chair in his mother Lodge, that it was unnecessary to say much. With his superior qualities as a Mason of so many years' standing, he had done good service to the Lodge in the past, and would do so in the future. The Lodge could not have a better brother to fill the chair, and he heartily wished him health and long life. The W.M. Bro. J. Tickle, P.P.G. Treasurer Middlesex briefly responded, complimenting the I.P.M. upon the handsome terms in which he had proposed the toast, saying he was always willing to do any service he could for the Lodge, and that it afforded him very great pleasure to again occupy the chair after a lapse of so many years. The W.M. next gave the toast of the Visitors. He drew attention to the number of members who joined the Lodge in consequence of having visited it, nearly all the Past Masters having been so influenced. The visitors were so charmed with the place and its surroundings that they could not resist joining. Several brethren responded, remarking how pleased they were; how nicely everything was done, and how hospitably; also that the Lodge had a great name in London. The toasts of the I.P.M., Past Masters, Treasurer, Secretary, and other Officers followed. Bro. Oliver I.P.M. expressed his thanks for the handsome jewel presented to him, which would be a lasting reminder to him of their esteem and kindness. Bro. W. T. Buck P.M. P.P.G.W. of Middlesex responded for the Past Masters. Bro. R. W. Bilby P.M. Treasurer in reply, said he had passed nearly every office in the Lodge, and had been in the chair in four Lodges, but that the office of Treasurer was a dignity now cast upon him for the first time; but he hoped at the end of his year of office to give a good account of his stewardship. He had a great regard for the honour and dignity of the Lodge and respect for its members. Bro. J. Hill P.M. Secretary responded for that office. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

WEYSIDE LODGE, No. 1395.

THE installation meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Woking Station, on Tuesday, 23rd ult. Amongst those present was Colonel Money, C.B., Provincial Grand Master elect, who on entering the Lodge was received with the usual Masonic honours, very heartily bestowed. Brother Gayton Worshipful Master elect was installed in an admirable manner by Bro. Sowman W.M., the charges after the ceremony being delivered by Bro. Tyler P.M. P.P.G.S.D. with effect and eloquence. The following Officers were then invested by the Worshipful Master:—P. H. White S.W., G. H. White J.W., Mackrell S.D., Knight J.D., Robinson I.G., Bowles Treasurer, Tyler Secretary. At the subsequent banquet the Worshipful Master presided, and was supported by the Provincial Grand Master elect Bro. Romieu (Coroner for West Surrey), Bowles, other Past Provincial

Grand Officers, and a large muster of brethren, as well as of visitors. The Provincial Grand Master, in replying to the toast of his health, said he thanked them most heartily for the extremely kind terms in which his health had been proposed, and for the very cordial manner in which it had been drunk. He thought that, in his appointment as Grand Master of Surrey, his lines had fallen in very pleasant places, for as far as he had been able to see in the Province, Masoury was making great progress, and was most thoroughly carried out. Amongst the other toasts the health of the present Worshipful Master and of the Immediate Past Master (Bro. Sowman) was enthusiastically drunk. A very pleasant evening was spent, several members contributing to a capital musical programme.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—While I fully agree with the remarks made by our Pro Grand Master, as well as by yourself, as to the desirability of removing the Boys' School from Wood Green I would desire to offer a word of protest in regard to what has recently been done there, although by doing so I may arouse feelings which it would be better to leave undisturbed. It is comparatively a short time since the Craft was asked to subscribe the money for the erection of a Preparatory School, and provide for other improvements and additions at Wood Green; indeed, I believe that even during the last few months large sums have been expended on additions which will be virtually useless if the site is to be abandoned, and I would ask, why was this done, when a few months later the site is pronounced wholly unsuitable for the School? I do not wish to hold myself up as a pattern, but my sole reason for refusing support for the enlargement scheme of a few years back was that I could not see the policy of extending the establishment at Wood Green. The extension was carried out; but I think many of those who helped to secure it have to-day repented of their decision, and would fain have the money in the coffers of the Institution which was then paid for land and buildings.

Of what use has the new large hall at Wood Green been to the Institution? Has it ever paid a year's interest—in point of utility—on the capital invested in its erection? or is it ever likely to be more than a "White Elephant?" It is proverbially easy to be wise after an event, but I do hope that every experience of the past will be made good use of in deciding on the buildings of the future. It is too late now to say unkind things of those who have devised and erected the buildings at Wood Green, but what will be the feelings of the Craft when the premises of the Boys' School come to be sold, as I presume they will be, for a few shillings in comparison with the hardly gained pounds they have cost to erect? Surely this should teach the reformers of to-day a severe lesson, and lead to every care being exercised that the new Boys' School shall be made available for the natural growth of at least the next twenty or thirty years. If the members of the Craft decide to build premises elsewhere they must not be content to build for to-day. Let plans be provided for an establishment at least twice as large as the present one, and in such a way that parts may be completed from time to time as funds are available. It is no novelty for a large estate to be laid out on paper, and only half completed at the outset of building operations, without making any appearance of incompleteness, or rendering it necessary to make expensive alterations in existing buildings if a moderate addition is desired a few years' hence. This should be the principle on which our new Boys' School should be started, and then the coming generation would not have the same cause to blame us as we seem to possess of censuring those who have handed down to us the present buildings at Wood Green.

Yours fraternally,

A FORMER NEIGHBOUR OF THE INSTITUTION.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

Bro. Hedges, the Secretary of the Girls' School, has requested us to publish the following copy of a letter which has been addressed to Sir John B. Monckton by Lieut-Col. A. Egerton, Equerry to H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught.

"Buckingham Palace, 26th June 1891.

"Dear Sir John,

"I am desired by the Duke of Connaught, in reply to your letter, to acquaint you that it will give his Royal Highness great pleasure to take the chair at the Annual Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls in May next year.

"I am, yours very truly,

ALFRED EGERTON."

There will not be any performances at the Lyceum on the evenings of Wednesday and Saturday during the remainder of the season, but Mr. Wills' charming play "Charles I." will be presented on the afternoons of those days next week. "Ravenwood" will be performed in the evening of the other days. Mr. Harrington Bailly opens the Vaudeville Theatre this Saturday, evening with a new farcical comedy entitled "The Mischief Maker," by Mr. E. Henderson. It will be preceded by a one act drama, "Gabriel's Trust," by Mr. A. C. Calmour. We wish him success. The new drama, which has been written by Messrs. G. R. Sims and Robert Buchanan for the Adelphi, is to be produced about the end of the present month. Mr. S. Herbert-Basing announces the production of an original four act play, called "The Scapgoat," by Mr. Wilton Jones, on Tuesday next.

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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Thursday, 9th July 1891, at Twelve o'Clock precisely, on the General Business of the Institution, to place Candidates on the list for the Election in October next, to declare the number of Girls then to be elected, and to consider notice of motion as under.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

By Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON P.G.D., Patron:—

"That as some slight recognition of the valuable services of Brothers Henry A. Hunt and Ralph Clutton, Honorary Architects, by which the Institution saved a sum of about £1,500, the rank and privileges of an Honorary Patron be conferred upon each of them."

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

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A QUARTERLY COURT of the Governors and Subscribers will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Friday, the 10th day of July 1891, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution.

To consider the following notice of motion:—

By Wor. Bro. W. A. SOUBBAH, Vice-Patron—

That Law 89 be expunged.

To consider and if approved to adopt, a recommendation from the Council as to the number of Boys to be elected at the Quarterly Court, on Friday, 9th October 1891, and to determine the list of candidates.

The chair will be taken at four o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

By Order, J. MORRISON McLEOD, Secretary

London, 29th June 1891.

ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND. PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LONDON AND THE METROPOLITAN COUNTIES.

THE KNIGHT COMPANIONS will meet in COUNCIL, at 33 Golden Square, W., on Monday, 13th July 1891, at 3.30 p.m. precisely, and the R.W. Provincial Grand Master desires the attendance of all duly qualified brethren.

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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By order, FRANK RICHARDSON, Prov. G. Sec.

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By command,

CHARLES GREENWOOD, P.M. P.P.G.R.
Prov. Grand Secretary.

June 1891.

N.B.—Morning Dress.
12 Serjeant's Inn, Temple, E.C.

BUSINESS BEFORE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.

To call over the Roll of Lodges in the Province.
To read the Minutes of the last Prov. G. Lodge.
To receive the Report of the Finance and Audit Committee.
To elect a Provincial Grand Treasurer.
The appointment of Provincial Grand Officers.
General Business.

Banquet at Six o'Clock punctually.

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By Command,

CHARLES GREENWOOD, P.Z.
Prov. Grand Scribe E.

June 1891.

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To call over the Chapters in the Province.
To receive the Report of the Finance and Audit Committee.
To elect a Provincial Grand Treasurer.
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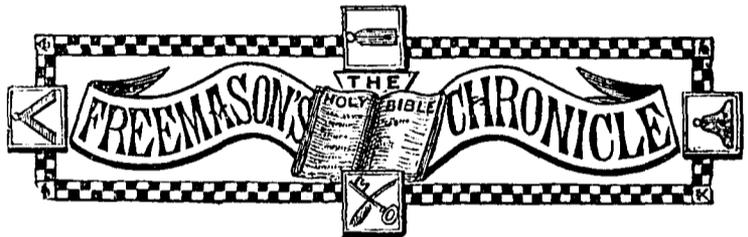
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SATURDAY, 4TH JULY 1891.

CENTENARY CELEBRATION OF THE AMITY
LODGE, No. 283.

ON Wednesday evening, the 24th ult., the Centenary of this Lodge was commemorated by a banquet, held in the Public Hall, Haslingden. The hall had been beautifully decorated for the occasion. The staircase was curtained off and carpeted. The assembly room was divided by the temporary erection of a screen composed of curtains, relieved with scarlet damask, and red, white and blue flags, and surmounted with triplets of bannerettes. At the platform end of the room a space was reserved for dancing. The floor was covered with holland, with a broad border of green baize, and an ample supply of chairs for those who wished to rest or promenade between the dances, and on the side of the screen facing that part of the room were hung portraits of the Past Masters of the Amity Lodge, and also of Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie R.W. Prov. Grand Master, and the late Mr. Stephen Blair Prov. Grand Master of East Lancashire. The platform was used for the purposes of an orchestra, where Messrs. Howarth and Warburton's Quadrille Band played for dancing; while on the wall overlooking the platform was hung a large silk banner bearing a likeness of Her Majesty the Queen. At the opposite end of the room the space was utilised for the banquet, the caterer for which was Mrs. Yates, of the Grey Mare Hotel, Regent-street. The tables were conveniently arranged, and well filled by the brethren and visiting friends of the Amity Lodge, with their wives and sweethearts; and it is but due to Mrs. Yates to say that the way the banquet was prepared and served reflected the utmost credit upon the hostess. The presence of ladies was quite an innovation, but this was highly appreciated as a graceful feature, and no doubt will be repeated on future similar occasions. Among the Officers present were the following:—Bros. Harling, Freeman, Southerst, Worsh, Spencer, Sutcliffe, Hamer, Fletcher, Bradshaw, Mills, Greenwood, Barnes, Taylor, and Nuttall; and of brethren of the Lodge and visiting brethren Bros. Stallon, Baxter, Holt, Bury, Hunt, Dixfield, Hindle, Howarth, and others.

The following toasts were duly honoured:—The Queen and the Craft, proposed by Bro. Freeman; H.R.H. the Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family, proposed by Bro. Baxter; H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., proposed by Bro. Holt; Earl Lathom

M.W. Pro G.M., Earl Mount Edgcombe R.W. D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past, proposed by Bro. Bury and acknowledged by the brethren; Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie Prov.G.M., proposed by Bro. Southerst; George Mellor Esq. D.Prov.G.M., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers Present and Past, proposed by Bro. Worsb, and acknowledged by the brethren. Bro. Stallon also responded. He said he hoped it might please their W.G.M. to add more brethren there that night to his Prov. Grand Officers.

Bro. Bradshaw proposed the Visiting Brethren. Bro. Hunt (Rawtenstall) responded. He said it was the first Centenary meeting that he had ever had the privilege of being at, but he hoped it would not be the last. He was sure they were obliged for the kind way in which the toast of the Visitors had been received, and they would be happy in another hundred years from then to pay them a second visit.

Bro. Stallon proposed the Prosperity of the W.M., his Officers, and the Brethren of the Lodge. He said it would be surplusage on his part to say anything of the W.M. and the worthy Officers; they were all well known, and he was sure their action must commend itself to them generally. Most of the visitors who were there were, in some degree or other, acquainted with the members and Officers and the W.M. of the Amity Lodge. Their W.M. Bro. Freeman had, ever since his initiation into Masonry, evinced the strongest regard for, and interest in, all those tenets which were so dear to them, and he was quite sure that the Lodge had been raised to its present pinnacle of greatness, mainly through the energy which he and his other brethren had shown. He was sure he was but reiterating the wish of all Masons present, in expressing the hope that the W.M. and Officers might have a prosperous year before them, and that those who followed them might imitate their example. Bro. Spencer responded. He said the Lodge was beginning another hundred years, and he hoped that many of them might be spared to meet again at another Centenary celebration.

Bro. Duxfield, of Southport, proposed Success to the Centenary. He said he thanked them for the honour of being present on the occasion of that interesting ceremony, interesting not only by reason of the special circumstances of the occasion, but also on account of the presence of the ladies; that was an innovation so pleasing, so sensible, and so charming, that he should think it must commend itself to all present, and he was sure that one of the duties that a visiting Mason had, was to carry away notions of that kind and try to imitate them. There were occasions when they lingered awhile, and looked back on the past with all its ups and downs, and then to the unknown future which T.G.A.O.T.U. most kindly hid from their view. They might enumerate occasions when a man and his wife, having journeyed together in companionship through life, invited their friends to celebrate their silver or their golden wedding, and those were occasions of legitimate congratulation. No less interesting than the occasions of those birthdays, for silver or golden weddings, was the commemoration of that Centenary, and he considered it a great honour to meet them as a visitor, and to propose that toast of congratulation to their ancient Lodge. It had had its vicissitudes, its lights and shadows, its ups and downs. He saw as he came into another part of the room the portraits of the worthy Masons who had preceded the W.M. in his office. It was owing to the efforts of those brethren that the Lodge had succeeded in the past, and he was sure that whatever they found worthy of imitation, that they would carry on the work of their Lodge to the end of time. The principles of Masonry were worthy of all their regard, love and loyalty, and therefore he had great pleasure in proposing the congratulations of the brethren of the Amity Lodge, on the occasion of its Centenary. The toast was heartily drunk. Bro. Sutcliffe Secretary responded as follows:—"W.M., Officers and Brethren: I suppose you will consider I ought to give you some sort of an outline of the existence of this Lodge of ours. I will do it in as few words as I possibly can. The brethren of whom we are this day the representatives, got a grant in June 1791, from the Grand Master H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, Grand Master of the Order in London, for the Provincial Grand Master of Lancashire to issue a warrant for our Lodge, to be held at the Swan Inn, Rochdale. This warrant was issued on the 14th June 1791, by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master John Allen. It may be interesting to the brethren to know that there were two Grand Lodges in England at that time—one under the Duke of Athol, called the York or Ancient Masons; the other under the Duke of Sussex, from whom we hail, called by the York Masons, Modern Masons. As to the title Modern or Ancient, I am not able to give you positive information, but I am glad to say the two Grand Lodges were reunited in December 1813, under the Duke of Sussex, as the United Grand Lodge of England. Our Amity Lodge, in my opinion, was formed and held by Scotchmen, who were so plentiful in Rochdale and this district, as their title was R.W.M. until the removal of the Lodge to the New Inn, Haslingden, on Thursday, 13th June 1816, since which time the title has been as at present. The Lodge met at the New Inn, Haslingden, until February 1819, when it was removed to a private room. There is nothing in the minutes to say where this private room was, but tradition says it was held in the top room of the house now occupied by Miss Fielding, called Ivy House, High-street, and was removed from thence to the Bull's Head Hotel, Church-street, where I may say now we met until February 1873, our first meeting in the Swan Hotel, Haslingden, being 13th March 1873, where, as you all know, we were so hospitably entertained by our late Bro. Thompson Yates. It was resolved we should remove to the Grey Mare Hotel, Regent-street, where we at present are so comfortably settled, under Mrs. Yates, our late brother's widow.

The toast of the Ladies was next drunk, on the proposal of Bro. Taylor, and was responded to by Bro. Hindle, of Southport.

Bro. Sutcliffe proposed the Masonic Charities. He said that at the third meeting the Lodge held—that was in 1797—one of the brethren proposed that we must really do something towards Masonic Charities. They had never been a large Lodge—never more than thirty-six members, and sometimes they had got down to

eighteen, but they always called themselves a Lodge of thirty, and he thought when their record was looked over that it would be found they had done pretty well towards all Charities, both the old men, the old women, the boys and the girls, and that they stood as well as any Lodge in their Province. That was what they might call "swaggoring," but what he wanted them to do was to help the Lodge to which they individually belonged with something, no matter how little it might be. Every time they had anything to spare, he asked them to give it to the Masonic Charities, for they were worked throughout England for less money than any other Charities, and when they found that most of the money went to the people who ought to have it, the Charities were worthy of their support. The toast was heartily drunk.

Bro. Howarth, the oldest Mason in Haslingden, proposed the Hostess. He said he had frequently had occasion, years ago, to do the same thing, and he might say, as he had repeatedly said, that they were very glad to go there, and at all times to partake of the bountiful repast which Mrs. Yates set before them. He thought that day she had almost exceeded herself in placing what she had done on the tables, and all he could say beyond that was that he hoped she might have the pleasure for years to come of repeating it. The health of the hostess. The toast was heartily drunk, and responded to by Mr. Hamer, Mrs. Yates's son-in-law. He said on her behalf it gave him much pleasure to rise and tender to them her thanks for having so cordially drunk her health. It came about very agreeably in asking Bro. Howarth to propose that toast, inasmuch as he was the oldest Mason in Haslingden, because he believed Mrs. Yates was the oldest hostess; and he was sure that, so far as she was concerned, if she had satisfied them, which, he was sure it had been her desire to do, she would be truly thankful; and on her behalf he begged to tender them her sincere thanks.

Bro. Nuttall gave as the last the Tyler's toast, which was that he wished all poor and distressed Masons, whether on land or at sea, speedy relief, and a safe return home if they desired it. This being acknowledged, brought the proceedings at the banquet to a close.

The social part of the evening, including dancing and singing, then commenced; and subsequently, during a short interval, presentations were made, of gold jewels in cases, to Bro. Joseph Sutcliffe Secretary, and Bro. W. H. Shaw Treasurer, the latter in his absence. The inscription on the former was—"Presented to Bro. Joseph Sutcliffe P.M. P.G. Superintendent of Works, for 21 years Secretary;" and on the other—"Presented to Bro. W. H. Shaw P.M., for 21 years Treasurer. Dancing was kept up to a late hour.

The pupils of the R.M.I. for Girls paid their Annual Visit to the Crystal Palace on Wednesday, where they spent their time most pleasantly. Bro. Frank Richardson, as Chairman for the month, had the pupils in charge.

The friends and supporters of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will be gratified to learn that H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, K.G., Prov. G. Master for Sussex has consented to take the Chair at the next Annual Festival. The executive Officers of the School must indeed be congratulated on this arrangement.

Tunbridge Wells, being just on the border line, is placed peculiarly in respect to Sussex and Kent. It may be news to many that even the Holmesdale Lodge of Freemasons, a Kentish Lodge, at Tunbridge Wells, was founded in the county of Sussex, the Assembly Rooms on the Pantiles being the home of its creation thirty years ago.

The members of the Duke of Connaught Lodge had a meeting and dinner at Auderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, on Thursday evening. A feature of the musical entertainment was Chanson's polonaise, played by Master E. Carwardine (violin) and Miss Maud Carwardine (piano). As an encore Miss Carwardine gave a Sleeping Song, with violin obligato by Master E. Carwardine. Amongst the visitors at the festivity was Bro. E. Moakin, of Lodge Al Moghril Al Aksa, Morocco.

The date of the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Suffolk Freemasons, which was provisionally fixed for the 31st July, has been altered to Friday, 7th August. The gathering is at Thornham Hall, the seat of the Provincial Grand Master (Lord Henniker).

After providing for the amortization of leases, depreciation of plant, sinking fund for the redemption of Debentures, and the payment of Income Tax and Debenture Interest, the report of Spier and Pond Limited recommends the payment of a dividend of 10 per cent. free of Income Tax, for the year ending the 31st March 1891, leaving £5002 9s 3d to be carried forward to next year. The warrants will be posted after the shareholders' meeting, to be held on the 13th July. The share transfer books are closed from the 30th June to the 13th July, both inclusive.

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The arrangements for the Royal visit to Birmingham on 21st July are completed. On their arrival at New Street Station, the Prince and Princess of Wales will be met by the Mayor and Reception Committee, and escorted by a troop of cavalry to the Victoria Law Courts. Addresses will be presented to their Royal Highnesses from the Town Council, by Mr. Stratford Dugdale, Q.C., M.P.; on behalf of the Warwickshire Grand Lodge of Freemasons, by Lord Leigh; and from the Birmingham legal profession, by Sir Thos. Martineau. Luncheon will be served at the Council House, and the Prince and Princess will return to London early in the afternoon.

We learn that Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., has arranged for the annual convocation of Provincial Grand Chapter to be held at Durham on Tuesday, the 14th inst. The annual meeting of the Charities Committee of the Province will be held the same afternoon, prior to the meeting of the Chapter, which has been fixed for five o'clock.

Among those who attended the Levee held by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, on behalf of Her Majesty, last Saturday, were Bros. Campbell Clarke P.M. and Orton Cooper S.W. of St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211. Bro. Cooper, who holds a commission in the Royal Naval Reserve, was presented by Bro. Lord George Hamilton.

At the recent Festival of the Boys' School the Province of Derbyshire figured most creditably, sending 26 Stewards whose lists showed the respectable total of £354 2s 6d. The Derbyshire total has only been exceeded once before, viz., at the Boys' School Festival of 1885, when Lord Hartington acted as President, and a special effort was put forward to recognise in a suitable manner the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master.—*Sheffield Independent.*

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After providing for the Writing-off of the whole of the Preliminary Expenses of the formation of the Company and the loss on trading in the year 1890, the report of the London and Westminster Game Supply Association Limited recommends the payment of a dividend of 7½ per cent. for the year ending 31st March 1891, leaving £24 17s 5d to be carried forward to next year. The Warrants will be posted after the shareholders' meeting to be held on the 13th July. The Share Transfer Books are closed from the 30th June to the 13th July, both inclusive.

At a late meeting of a sub-committee of the Works Committee of the Dundee Combination Parochial Board having charge of the arrangements in connection with the proposed Masonic demonstration, on the occasion of the laying of the foundation-stone of the new Sick Hospital in Dundee, it was decided to ask Bro. Berry Provincial Grand Master of Forfarshire to communicate with the Grand Master of Scotland, Bro. Sir Archibald Campbell of Blythswood, and invite him to perform the ceremony.

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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, 4th July.

General Com. Boys' School, F.M.H., 3
1233 Amherst, Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverhead
1567 Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham
1929 Mozart, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon
2148 Walsingham, M.H., Walsingham, Kent
2206 Pegasus, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend, Kent
2331 Ravenscroft, Red Lion Hotel, High Barnet

Monday, 6th July.

1310 Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1024 Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Brockley
1996 Priory Lodge of Acton, High Street, Acton
R.A. 28 Old King's Arms, Freemason's Tav, W.C.
R.A. 91 Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1106 Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 130 Panmure, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
K.T. 127 Bard of Avon, 33 Golden Square, W.

37 Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Bolton
113 Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston
119 Sun, Sq., and Comp., F.M.H., Whitehaven
133 Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
164 Unanimity, M.H., Zetland Street, Wakefield
156 Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
199 Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
351 Harmony & Industry, Bank Bldgs, Over Darwon
395 Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
431 St. George, Masonic Hall, N. Shields
597 St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
622 St. Cuthbert, Wimbledon
860 St. Oswald, Ashborne, Derbyshire.
928 Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield
1045 Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050 Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1077 Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1108 Royal Wharfside, Private Rooms, Otley
1180 Forward, Masonic Rooms, Birmingham
1211 Goderich, Masonic Hall, Leeds
1239 Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield
1264 Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1302 De Warren, White Swan Hotel, Halifax
1390 Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot, Waterloo, Liverpool
1519 Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, near Accrington
1573 Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer Street, Swansea
1578 Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd
1676 St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Newcastle
1798 Zion, Masonic Rooms, King St., Manchester
2094 Elthorne and Middx., Town Hall, Hounslow
2163 Jersey, Coffee Tavern, Southall
R.A. 350 Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.A. 401 Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
M.M. 12 Minorva, Masonic Hall, Dagger Lane, Hull
M.M. 37 Wyndham, Masonic Hall, Basingstoke

Tuesday, 7th July.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, 4
171 Amity, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
R.A. 1538 St. Martins-le-Grand, Guildhall Tav, E.C.
70 St. John, F.M.H., Plymouth
103 Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
120 Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford
124 Marquis of Granby, F.M.H., Old Elvet, Durham
158 Adams, Britannia Hotel, Sheerness
226 Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough
295 Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Keighley
303 Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath
364 St. David, Masons' Hall, Berwick
558 Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone
673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
734 Londesborough, M.H., Bridlington Quay
804 Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant
847 Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon
948 St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Leighton Buzzard
960 Bute, Masonic Hall, Cardiff
974 Pentalfa, New Masonic Hall, Bradford
995 Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
1002 Skiddaw, Masonic Hall, Cockermouth
1134 Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
1161 De Grey and Ripon, F.M.H., Manchester
2144 Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar
1322 Waverley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
1750 Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon
1970 Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
1993 Wolsley, Town Hall Buildings, Manchester
R.A. 203 St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool
M.M. 69 United Serv., Assembly Rooms, Chatham

Wednesday, 8th July.

820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
1629 United, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1936 Honor Oak, Moore Park Hotel, Honor Oak
M.M. (T.I.) Old Kent, Ship and Turle, E.C.
M.M. 231 High Cross, Seven Sisters Hot, Tottenham
R.C. 67 Scudholme, 33 Golden Square, W.
51 Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Rochdale
116 Antiquity, Bull's Head, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191 St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
204 Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
225 St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
281 Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Church St., Leams.
288 Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
483 Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567 Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
606 Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town
708 Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
852 Zetland, Albert Hotel, Salford
854 Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham
1018 Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Bradford
1060 Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Thunworth
1094 Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1209 Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
1248 Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough

1342 Walker, Hope and Anchor, Byker, Newcastle
1394 Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1424 Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton
1431 Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
1547 Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1592 Llanilloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanilloes
1643 Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne
1692 Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bramley, Kent
2008 Tilbury, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex
214 West Kent Volunteers, M.H., Wilmington
R.A. 24 De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Newcastle
R.A. 462 Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
R.A. 809 Etheldreda, Rose & Crown Hot, Wisbech
R.A. 946 Strawberry Hill, Grotto, Twickenham
R.A. 1177 Dinbych, Masonic Rooms, Tonby
R.A. 1345 Victoria, Cross Keyes Hotel, Eccles
R.A. 1549 Staunmore, Abercorn Hotel, Gt. Staunmore

Thursday, 9th July.

Quarterly Gen. Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
1642 Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Ha, Notting Hill
2168 Derby Allcroft, Midland Grand Hotel St. Pancras, N.W.
R.A. 554 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
R.A. 619 Beadon, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
R.A. 813 New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
R.A. 1383 Friends in Council, 33 Golden Square
35 Medica, 85 High Street, Cowes
97 Palatine, Masonic Hall, Sunderland
139 Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield
333 Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
339 Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Sunderland
477 Morsey, 55 Argyle Street, Birkenhead
546 Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Seaford
732 Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
691 Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay
1035 Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale
1055 Derby, Bedford Street, Cheetham, Manchester
1098 St. George, Temperance Hotel, Tredgare
1141 Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
1145 Equality, Red Lion, Accrington
1192 Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1204 Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern
1273 St. Michael, Masonic Hall, Sittingbourne
1369 Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala
1429 Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Newport, Mon.
1583 Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn
1697 Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot
1782 Machon, Swan, Colleshill
1911 De La Pré, Masonic Hall, Northampton
1915 Graystone, Foresters' Hall, W
R.A. 220 Harmony, Wellington Hoerfoot
R.A. 613 Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southampton
R.A. 807 Cabell, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
R.A. 818 Philanthropic, Mas. Hall, Abergavenny
M.M. 16 Friendship, 2 St. Stephen's St., Devonport
M.M. 145 Constantine, George Hotel, Colchester

Friday, 10th July.

Quarterly Gen. Court Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
R.A. 33 Britannic, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
R.A. 599 Fitzroy, Headquarters H.A.C., City Road
M.M. 193 Croydon, 105 High Street, Croydon
R.C. 3 Mount Calvary, 33 Golden Square, W.
526 Honour, Star and Garter Hot., Wolverhampton
662 Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, W. Bromwich
1121 Wear Valley, Maonic Hall, Bishop Auckland.
R.A. 61 Sincerity, F.M. John's Place, Halifax
R.A. 993 Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Leven
K.T. 126 De Warene, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

Saturday, 11th July.

1685 Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1686 Paxton, Surrey M.H., Camberwell
1928 Gallery, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet Street
2206 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon
M.M. 234 Brixton, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet Street
1415 Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1990 Hampshire of Emulation, F.M.H., Landport
2069 Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
2096 George Price, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon
R.A. 123 Era, Albany Hotel, Twickenham.

INSTRUCTION.

Saturday, 4th July.

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
1344 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7
1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney, 8
1624 Ecclesion, 13 Cambridge Street, Finsley, 7
2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, 7:30
R.A. Sinai, Red Lion, King Street, Regent St., W. 8

Monday, 6th July.

22 Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7:30
27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8
45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Rope-maker St., 7
131 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7
150 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8
213 Turf Lane & City, F.M.H., Brixton, Devon, 8
332 Royal Victoria, Regent's Hotel, Uxbridge
548 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford,
823 Everest, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7:30
933 Dora, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, 8
975 Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7:30
1227 Uxton, Three Nuns, Algate, E., 8
1549 Scotland, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 6:30
1425 Hyde Park, Prince of Wales's Hotel, corner of Ladbroke Terrace, and Bishop's Road, W. 8
1445 Prince of Wales, 22 Whitechapel Road, E., 7
1449 Royal Admiralty, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, 8

1489 M. of Ripon, Queen's Hot, Victoria Park, 7:30
1507 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, E.C., 7:30
1535 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho, Putney
1608 Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, W., 8
1623 West Smithfield, Manchester Hotel, E.C., 7
1693 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 8:30
1797 Eleanor, Rose and Crown, Tottenham, 8
1743 Perseverance, Deacon's Tavern, Waltham, 7
1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Ct. Hot, W. Kensington, 8
1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, 8
2192 Warner, Bridg Chambers, Ho3 Street, Walthamstow, 8

Tuesday, 7th July.

25 Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, 8
55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 7
141 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W.
177 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7:30
188 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8
212 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, 8
241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
554 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8
700 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
860 Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Dalston, 8
861 Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle St., 7
1044 Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth, 8
1321 Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
1343 St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex
1349 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 7:30
1416 Mount Edgecumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Rd., 8
1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 7:30, 8
1472 Honley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1473 Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, 6
1540 Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High St.
638 Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Norbiton, 8
1695 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav, N., 8
1839 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7
1949 Brixton, Prince Regent East Brixton, 8
3146 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. 1642 E. of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8

Wednesday, 8th July.

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, Londonhall St.,
228 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8
533 La Tolerance, Portland Hot, Gt. Portland St., 8
591 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7
673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8
720 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, 7
781 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav, Bardott Rd., 7:30
813 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Rd.
862 Whittington, Red Lion, Fleet Street, 8
902 Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Strand, 8
972 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, 8:30
1037 Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1269 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney
1356 Toxteth, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool, 7:30
1475 Peckham, 516 Old Kent Road, 9
1511 Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull
1601 Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rusby Green, Cantford, 8
1604 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W., 7:30
1662 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow, 7:30
1684 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair, 8
1692 Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Broomley, Kent, 8:30
1791 Cretan, Wheatshaf, Shepherd's Bush, 8
1922 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, 8
1963 Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, 7:30
2206 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 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, 9th July.

114 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 7:30
117 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 Caudeu, Masonic Room, Lewisham, at 8
1017 Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
1153 Southern Star, Sir Syd. Smith, Kennington, 8
1182 Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool, 7:30
1278 Burdett Coutts, Swan, Bethnal Green Road, 8
1306 St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, 8
1744 Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte Street, 8
1959 Southgate, Railway Hot, New Southgate, 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, Mansons' Hall Avenue, 6:30
1558 D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Camberwell, 8
1571 Leopold, City Arms Tavern, E.C., 7
1589 Cambourne, 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, 10th July.

Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, 6
General Lodge, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 8
167 St. John's, York and Albany, Regent's Park, 8
207 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7:30
213 St. James, White Horse Tavern, Finchley Road, N.W., 8
705 St. James, Princess Victoria, Rotherhithe, 8

R.A. 820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 8
 R.A. 890 Hornsey, Prince of Wales's Hotel, corner
 of Eastborne Terrace, and Bishop's Road W.8
 780 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 8
 894 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith
 1056 Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, 7
 1185 Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green, 7-30
 1223 Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, 8
 1293 Royal Standard, Builders' Arms, Canonbury,
 1365 Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, 7-30
 1391 Kennington, The Horns, Kennington, 8
 1457 Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton, Essex, 7-30
 1642 E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8
 1901 Selwyn, Montpelier, Choumont Rd., Peckham, 8
 2021 Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, The
 Criterion, W.. 8
 2030 Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, S.W., 7-30

R.A. 95 Eastern Star, Hercules Tavern, E.C.
 R.A. 1275 Star, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8

Saturday, 11th July.

87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's
 Park, near Nunhead Junction, 7-30
 179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., 8
 193 Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8
 1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E.,
 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,
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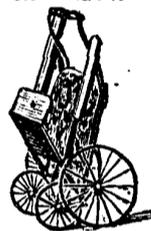
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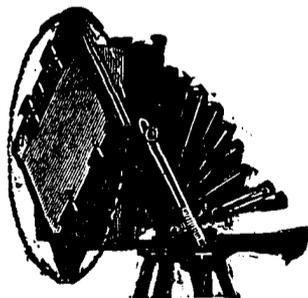
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