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“VERY WELL ANSWERED, WORSHIPFUL MASTER.”

IT has been ordained that candidates for advancement in Freemasonry should show their proficiency in former degrees, by answering certain questions relating to them in open Lodge; and it must be admitted that those questions and answers are an important feature in the ritual of the Order, inasmuch as they are often adopted as the test questions put to a brother before he is allowed to enter a Lodge at which he is a stranger, or when he is desirous of proving a regular association with Freemasonry. The sentence we have put at the head of our present remarks is usually expressed after those questions have been first answered, in the ordinary course of a Brother's admission to the rights of Masonic membership, but the words are often uttered much in the same way as the clerk of a parish church utters the “amen” at the end of the daily prayers. He may mean all the amen implies, and the brethren may really mean that the questions have been “very well answered,” but in a large majority of cases the response is a mere matter of form, made without any consideration of its import, and, in Freemasonry, without taking into account the actual replies made by the candidate to the observations of the Worshipful Master. Freemasons, indeed, have become so familiar with this endorsement of a candidate's fitness, as to treat it with the greatest contempt, and in doing so they not only frequently make themselves appear most ridiculous, but they are countenancing a direct departure from the teachings and regulations of the Craft, which require that a candidate should himself show signs of proficiency before he is advanced to a superior degree.

There seems to be some doubt among Freemasons as to who is responsible for a candidate's tuition in this direction, and no doubt many brethren allow the mischief to be continued more from want of thought than from wilful neglect; but however this may be there is no gainsaying the fact that great laxity is practised, and it will be continued until some official notice is taken of it, and compliance with the regulations enforced. We were pleased to hear the Provincial Grand Master of Surrey speak on this point on the occasion of the consecration of the Ebbisham Lodge, and the opinion he then expressed, that the responsibilities of the proposer and seconder of a candidate did not cease until he had passed the third degree, clearly showed that those two brethren were the ones responsible for a brother's knowledge of the answers to be given to the test questions, which are intended to demonstrate a candidate's fitness for preferment. That candidates should not be able to answer the questions of their own accord was, said the Provincial Grand Master, an utter disgrace to any Lodge; but we think he was wrong when he said he

should “advise” Masters not to proceed with the ceremony unless the candidate could do so; we should like to hear Colonel Money, and others at the head of the Order, forbid Masters to proceed under such circumstances, and we hope they will eventually issue such an edict, unless a general improvement is manifest in this direction.

We have frequently spoken of the effect of first impressions in Freemasonry. In reality they have very much to do with the success or failure of a brother's career in the Craft. For this reason it is not fair to a candidate that any part of the ceremonies should be omitted or even slurred over, but as it is not in the power of every Master to give the ritual in a perfect and impressive manner we must rest content that as much is done as is possible. But shortcomings in one direction may often be repaired by care in another, and especially is this the case with the point under consideration. The ritual and the ceremonies may alike fail to make an impression on a candidate—for various reasons; he may be particularly nervous, or he may fail to grasp the full import of the lessons set before him at the time of his initiation or passing. But this may be remedied when he quietly settles down to learn the answers required of him before he can be advanced another step in the Order. He cannot make himself proficient in those answers without taking some interest in the matters they refer to, and interest once created is sure to arouse the desire for further knowledge, with the inevitable result that however much his early tuition may have been neglected it will be fully remedied by his own efforts and researches. This clearly proves the necessity of an actual as well as a supposititious knowledge of the tests provided by the Craft, and should convince every member of the Order of the absurdity—nay, the positive injustice—of the “very well answered” endorsement, unless it is really deserved. Referring once more to the remarks of the Provincial Grand Master of Surrey we can say with him that if a man will not take the trouble to learn the answers he will not be likely to prove a good Mason. It is not so difficult a task that is set the candidate that the Craft should allow of its being passed over, and we venture to think an improvement in the direction here pointed out would lead to efficiency in other matters; for if a Mason is once impressed with the idea that the Craft requires that its principles shall be practiced as well as preached, he is more likely to adhere to the strict letter of the Masonic law in every respect than he would be if a spirit of indifference was once associated with his career in Freemasonry. In addition to the advantage that would accrue from a better system in this direction we would also point out the folly of Brethren remaining unacquainted with the test questions and their proper answers. Let them go to parts where they are unknown, where there is no one to vouch for their Masonic membership, and endeavour to avail themselves of their

association with Freemasonry—how do they propose to make it evident that they are entitled to the privileges they seek?

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

THE Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, London. The Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom M.W. Pro Grand Master, presided. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M. of Hants and the Isle of Wight, acted as Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Viscount Dungarvan Prov. G.M. of Somersetshire, as Past G.M., Bro. Sir John B. Monckton P.G.W., as S.G.W., Bro. Sir Gabriel Goldney P.G.W., as J.G.W., Edward Letchworth Grand Secretary, and there were about 1000 brethren present.

After the formal opening of Grand Lodge, the minutes of the March Quarterly Communication and of the Grand Festival were read by Bro. Letchworth, and confirmed.

The Earl of Lathom rose and said that at the Grand Festival the Senior Grand Warden, his Grace the Duke of Portland, was unable to be present, he was, however, present that night, and he (the Earl of Lathom) should have the pleasure and honour of investing him.

The Duke of Portland was thereupon presented to the Earl of Lathom, who invested him with the insignia of Senior Grand Warden, and congratulated him on his appointment. His Grace was afterwards conducted by Bros. Sir Albert Woods and Dr. Strong to the chair of Senior Grand Warden amidst loud applause.

The Earl of Lathom next said that in like manner the Marquis of Granby, M.P., was unable to be present on the last occasion, but being now in attendance he would have the honour of investing him.

The Marquis of Granby was also introduced to the Pro Grand Master, who invested and congratulated him. The noble marquis was also conducted by Bros. Sir Albert Woods and Dr. Strong to his chair amidst applause, and at the direction of Brother Sir Albert Woods the two Grand Wardens were saluted according to ancient custom.

The Earl of Lathom then rose and said he regretted that on account of a previous pressing engagement he was unable to stay any longer with the brethren that evening; but he could not resist attending to invest two such old friends of his own in Grand Lodge.

His lordship, as well as the two new Wardens, vacated their chairs and left the Temple. Bro. Beach occupied the throne, and Bro. Col. Noel Money, C.B., Prov. G.M. Surrey, acted as Deputy Grand Master.

Bro. Beach said he had great pleasure in announcing that Bro. Thomas Fenn had been again appointed by the M.W. Grand Master, President of the Board of General Purposes.

Scrutineers of votes for the election of members of the Board of General Purposes were appointed, Bro. J. H. Matthews being chosen Chairman, and having been obligated to make a true and faithful return, they collected the balloting cards, and withdrew.

Addressing Bro. Thomas Fenn, who approached Bro. Beach for re-investment as President of the Board of General Purposes, Bro. Beach said he had performed his duties in that office so well that it was an honour to Grand Lodge to have him in that position. He congratulated him and Grand Lodge.

Bro. Letchworth informed the Acting Grand Master that the M.W. Grand Master had appointed on the Board of General Purposes, besides Bro. Thomas Fenn, Bros. Sir Albert W. Woods, K.C.M.G., C.B., Garter, Sir John Braddick Monckton, Frederick Adolphus Philbrick, Q.C., Robert Grey, Frank Richardson, Samuel Pope, Q.C., Ralph Clutton, Sir George David Harris, Maj.-Gen. J. Crossland Hay, C.B., and Chas. Edward Keyser.

Colonial Board: Appointed—Bros. Sir George David Harris (Chairman), Frederick Adolphus Philbrick, Q.C., and Brackstone Baker. Elected—Bros. Major-Gen. Fredk. Gadsden G.S. (Vice-Chairman), Reginald St. A. Roumieu, Lennox Browne, William Farquharson Lamonby, John Speight Cumberland, James Brett, and Captain Thomas Charles Walls.

Bro. Beach said there being no other candidates than the required number, he declared these brethren duly elected.

On the motion of Bro. Lennox Browne, V.P. of the Board of General Purposes, seconded by Bro. James Brett P.G.P., Bro. John Smith was unanimously re-elected Auditor of Grand Lodge accounts.

Bro. Letchworth said he had to announce that H.R.H. the Most Worshipful Grand Master had been pleased to appoint the following brethren members of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons: Bros. E. Letchworth, Jabez Hogg, R. Turtle Pigott, T. B. Purchas, F. Mead, Deputy Inspector-General Belgrave Ninnis, W. P. Brown, J. Smith, S. Valentine, and S. V. Abraham. The following—the required number—had been nominated, and there would be no election: Bros. C. A. Cottebrune, Robert D. Cummings, Hugh Cotter, Chas. G. Dilley, Lieut. Col. Alfred Durrant, Charles Kempton, Alfred H. Tattershall, Isaac Dixon, R. Griggs, and Wm. Henry Hubbert.

The Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter having been read, the recommendations were confirmed.

On the motion of Bro. T. Fenn, seconded by Brother Lennox Browne, the Report of the Board of General Purposes (given in our last issue) was taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes.

The annual report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, dated 20th May 1892, being laid before Grand Lodge, was taken as read and then adopted. The following is the report:

The Committee of Management has very great pleasure in laying the report of its proceedings during the past year before the Governors and Subscribers of the Institution.

The Annual Festival was held by direction of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., Grand Patron and President, on Wednesday, the 24th February last, more than the usual amount of interest attaching to the celebration in consequence of its being the Jubilee anniversary of the establishment by United Grand Lodge of the elder or male branch of the Charity. Owing to the multiplicity of his engagements, the endeavours of the Committee to enlist the support of His Royal Highness as Chairman on the occasion proved unsuccessful, but a most earnest and able President was found in the person of the Right Honourable the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of England, and Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall. An exceptionally numerous and influential Board of Stewards, consisting of 1505 brethren and ladies was formed, and the Theatre Royal Covent Garden, having been engaged on very advantageous terms, the Festival was held on the day appointed, amid demonstrations of enthusiasm such as are rarely witnessed in connection with such festivities. The Stewards, including ladies, mustered about 1800, and the noble Chairman had the gratification of announcing a total of donations and subscriptions amounting to £59,593 15s, a sum which, great as it is, has nevertheless been since increased by the receipt of outstanding lists and additions to lists to £67,364 8s. This is by far the largest amount ever accumulated in connection with a charitable festival, exceeding by £16,000 the result of the Centenary Festival in 1888 of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and to say that the Committee is desirous of recording its thanks to the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, who presided, the Board of Stewards which so loyally seconded his efforts, and the Lodges, Chapters, Ladies, and Brethren who so generously responded to the appeals made to them, is but feebly to represent the feelings by which it is actuated. Yet to express its gratitude to those who have contributed, either directly or indirectly, to secure this magnificent result is all it is in its power to do, and the Committee most earnestly trusts that this record of its thanks will be accepted in the same spirit of sincerity in which it is tendered.

At the election in May 1891, there were upon the two Funds of the Institution 409 annuitants, of whom 180 were men and 229 widows, while the number of approved candidates was 147, viz.: 66 men and 81 widows. To-day there are 139 candidates, 69 of them being men and 70 widows, so that there is a further slight reduction—as compared with the lists in 1890, when the new and more stringent rules relating to candidates were passed—in the number of those who have been adjudged worthy to receive the benefits conferred by the Charity.

In February last the Committee, at its regular monthly meeting, foreseeing that the returns at the Jubilee Festival would be exceptionally large, resolved on creating 20 fresh annuities, namely, 10 on the Male and 10 on the Widows' Fund; and as the number of deaths which had occurred up to that date was 18 on the former and 8 on the latter, it was arranged that there should be elected at this meeting 31 men, namely, 28 immediate and 3 deferred, and 21 widows, of whom 18 were to be immediate and 3 deferred. But, though the proceeds of the Festival have far exceeded its most sanguine expectations, the Committee, having determined, with a view to permanently enlarging the fixed income of the Institution, to invest the greater part of the said proceeds, is not prepared to recommend any further augmentation in the number of annuitants, and so far as the question of increase is concerned, the number of vacancies to be filled on the two funds will remain as they were declared in February. But since then there have died five men and seven widows, and one male annuitant, in consequence of an access of fortune, has resigned his annuity. Therefore, the total number to be elected to-day, including in both cases the

three deferred, will be 36 men and 28 widows. Thus there will now be no less than 429 old people provided for by the Institution, namely, 190 men in receipt, each of them, of £40 a year, and 239 widows, receiving each £32 a year, the total sum to be distributed annually among these annuitants being £15,248. To this must be added the farther sum of £460, divisible under Law 9 of the Male Fund, among 23 widows of recently deceased male annuitants, so that the total amount to be provided for annuities will be £15,708.

The Committee is desirous of expressing its thanks to United Grand Lodge and Supreme Grand Chapter for their special donations of £525 and £105 respectively to the Jubilee Festival, and to the former for the continuance of its annual grant of £70 towards providing the inmates of the Asylum, at Croydon, with coal during the winter months.

The Committee is also anxious to express publicly its most unfeigned thanks to the Honorary Surgeons of the Institution, H. J. Strong, Esq., M.D. (whom it warmly congratulates on his appointment to office in United Grand Lodge), and R. Percy Middlemist, Esq., for their kind and unremitting attention to those among the annuitants, both resident and non-resident who have been unfortunately compelled to seek their advice and assistance. And lastly, to Bro. James Terry, the Secretary, who by the zeal and energy with which he urged the claims of the Institution over the whole of England, and by his untiring efforts, very materially aided in producing such a magnificent result on this memorable occasion.

The Committee has the gratification of announcing that the premises at Croydon are in a satisfactory state of repair, and will only need during the present year such a moderate outlay as will suffice to preserve them in that condition.

The audited statement of account for nine months ending the 31st December 1891 is appended. It has been most carefully prepared by the Finance Committee and, undergone a rigorous examination by the Audit Committee before being finally approved and passed, and the Committee of Management has the utmost confidence that the Governors and Subscribers, when they come to examine it, item by item, will be satisfied that the funds of the Institution have been administered with the most scrupulous care and a due regard for economy.

In conclusion, the Committee expresses its earnest hope that in the future the Craft in London and throughout the country, and also the colonies, will prove as generous in its support of an Institution which has so materially assisted in alleviating the wants of our aged and indigent brethren and their widows as it has been during the past 50 years of its existence, and above all that it will provide with the same unflinching regularity as heretofore the amount annually required for disbursements in annuities, so that the need for trenching at any time upon the permanent resources of the Institution may never arise.

Bro. John Albert Farnfield P.A.G.D. of C., next moved.

That the sum of £70 be given from the Fund of General Purposes; that the money be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, to supply the inmates of the Institution at Croydon with coals during the winter season.

He said when the brethren reflected upon the last two winters, how inclement they were, and how much these poor annuitants required warmth, he felt sure it would not need many words from him to commend the vote to them. He was certain they would vote the money immediately.

Bro. Dr. Jabez Hogg P.G.D., seconded the motion, which was put and carried.

Bro. Robert Grey P.G.D., President of the Board of Benevolence moved—

That in future the Board of Masters and Board of Benevolence do meet at 5 p.m. instead of 6 p.m.

He said he had been asked by several of his colleagues on the Board—and he entirely concurred with their views—to have the Board meet at five instead of six. It was well known to most of the members of Grand Lodge who attended the Board that they frequently had to sit there till the hour of ten, and sometimes almost eleven, at night, and that they had many country cases which brethren came from long distances to support. If the Board met at five instead of six it would enable those country brethren to return to their homes by late trains, where they were debarred from doing that at present. He would not detain Grand Lodge by many words, because he had not heard any opposition to the motion.

Bro. James Brett, Senior Vice-President, seconded the motion, which was put and carried.

Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, brought forward the appeal made by Bro. J. Louis. The circumstances out of which the appeal arose were very numerous and intricate, but briefly stated they were that in a Masonic Benevolent Institution in Calcutta, to which some few persons who are not Freemasons, as well as Freemasons, subscribe, some alterations were proposed in the bye-laws. The District Grand Master, who was about to proceed to

England on furlough, thought the proposed change would not be beneficial, and set out his reasons in a circular which he sent to the subscribers. By the accident of two persons being of the same name one of the circulars reached the hands of a non-Mason. The District Grand Master came to England, and in due course District Grand Lodge was held, at which the Deputy District Grand Master presided. Bro. Louis before Grand Lodge was closed, rose to refer to the matter of the circular, but as it was not on the agenda paper the Grand Secretary called attention to the fact that nothing but business on the paper could be transacted, and the Deputy ruled Bro. Louis out of order, and he sat down. This appeared in the printed report of the proceedings of 24th June. Bro. Louis shortly afterwards appealed to United Grand Lodge. When the papers came before Col. Shadwell Clerke, he wrote courteously, as he always did, but in most direct terms that the District Grand Lodge had no power or right to entertain any matter concerning the Bengal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which was a voluntary Institution. It was a matter for the subscribers alone. The District Grand Master returned in October, and on November 12th or 13th when the Courts met, Bro. Louis had a circular printed which was the real cause of his being suspended. It contained twelve closely printed pages. Among other things it professed to give an account of what occurred in the District Grand Lodge, and stated that Bro. Louis was in order, but the Deputy Grand Master shut his mouth and closed the Lodge. The fact was that Bro. Louis acquiesced and submitted, but Bro. Louis said the assertions were utterly untrue. Bro. Louis in his circular set out letters he had received in answer to his application to brethren as to their version of what occurred, and one of these brethren said he understood it was a perfectly private communication to Bro. Louis, and he was very much surprised at its being published without his consent. Various charges were made against the District Grand Master. On being called before the District Grand Master, he admitted that he had written the circulars, and that he had circulated them at least in one case among non-Masons. Thereupon he had to show cause why he should not be suspended. He said the minutes of the District Grand Lodge of 24th June were not correct. But he had acquiesced when the District Grand Master called him to order, and sat down, and this was all the minutes represented. Therefore they were correct. He said he had not misled by his circular, and secondly he said it was published in good faith. Bro. Philbrick said he could not think that even a young Mason believed it was not wrong to publish such matter as a squabble; but here they were dealing with an experienced Mason, a Past District Grand Warden. Having read through and weighed the whole of the correspondence, he thought it would be a most evil example if one who had been raised to honour and dignity and who ought to know his Masonic obligations were allowed to violate them in the way Bro. Louis had done. He asked Grand Lodge to dismiss the appeal. Bro. Thomas Fenn seconded. He had read through all this voluminous correspondence. All that occurred before 12th November was to his mind irrelevant to the appeal now before Grand Lodge. Col. Shadwell Clerke had very properly pointed out that an appeal on that matter could not be entertained. Bro. Louis accepted that, and there was an end of it. Afterwards he published the proceedings of Grand Lodge, and that became the subject of his suspension—he (Bro. Fenn) thought very properly. Now he came to Grand Lodge and appealed. Bro. Louis had broken the law. The District Grand Master was perfectly right, and no doubt, as Bro. Philbrick had said, in publishing these letters he had shown a rankling spirit. No doubt those on the spot could deal with the matter better than people elsewhere. Bro. Louis had deserved suspension. The brethren ought to recollect that in India there were a great many castes. Masonry had tended in a great measure to reconcile them, and also to render the private life of India more reconciled to the rule of the British Empire. He thought that anything that tended to disturb the harmony and union should be deprecated, and this Grand Lodge should do all it could to cement it. Therefore, he seconded the motion that the sentence of suspension on Bro. Louis be confirmed, and that the District Grand Master's ruling be upheld, and the appeal dismissed. The motion was carried.

Before closing Grand Lodge Bro. Beach said, as the

Scrutineers had not completed their work, he would take their report in the Grand Master's private room.

Grand Lodge was then closed in form.

The following is a list of those successful in the election for the Board of General Purposes:—

SAMUEL COCHRANE	...	P.M.	3
PHILIP HICKSON WATERLOW, P.G.S.	...	W.M.	21
Captain THOMAS CHARLES WALLS	...	P.M.	141
CHARLES LEOPOLD HUDSON, M.D.	...	W.M.	143
EBENEZER CHARLES MULVEY	...	P.M.	179
FREDERICK G. IVEY	...	W.M.	238
GEORGE READ	...	P.M.	511
JOHN JOSEPH THOMAS	...	P.M.	753
GEORGE EDWIN FAIRCHILD	...	P.M.	1196
ARTHUR BLENKARN	...	W.M.	1559
FREDERICK ERNEST POCKOCK, M.D.	...	P.M.	1891
JOHN GABRIEL ALBERT	...	W.M.	1922
WILLIAM JAMES MASON	...	W.M.	2150
WILLIAM SHURMUR	...	W.M.	2192

PRESENTATION TO BRO. PERCY WALLIS.

A GRACEFUL compliment was paid our genial and popular townsmen, Mr. Percy Wallis, on Thursday evening, the 26th ult., when, to commemorate his fiftieth birthday, he was entertained at dinner at the Bell Hotel, Derby. Although originally designed upon a very limited scale, the project, in the course of a few days, grew rapidly, and at the last moment the promoters found themselves besieged with applications from friends anxious to participate in it—applications which, to their deep regret, existing arrangements did not enable them to entertain. It may be remarked that the gathering proved one of the most delightful of its kind ever held in Derby. Mr. F. Rayner, the worthy host of the Bell, may be said to have excelled himself, placing on the table a banquet of the most elegant description, and serving it admirably. The chair was occupied by Mr. W. Heathcote, J.P., P.P.G.S.D., who was supported by the guest of the evening; Mr. G. H. Turner, General Manager of the Midland Railway Company, Messrs. W. B. Hextall P.P.G.S.W., George Fletcher, Clement Bowring, J.P., and Dr. Fielding, of Alfreton. Mr. Councillor Clemson, No. 29, occupied the vice-chair, and those present were Messrs. Alderman Roe, M.P., P.P.G. Treas., J. H. Gascoyne, J.P., Colonel Gascoyne, S. R. Cox, Lieutenant Colonel Delacombe, George Morrall, Councillor Doherty, Councillor F. Stone P.M. 1085, Councillor F. E. Lerch 252, J. H. Richardson P.P. Aest. Grand Secretary, W. J. Piper, T. R. Gee, John Close, W. Whittaker P.P.G.R., S. Briddon, J. Bland, J. E. Murphy, Luther Russell W.M. 1085, J. Maxey, E. Cassell, T. Goddard, T. Webster, E. Whitney, S. A. W. Howmann, G. P. Knapton, and W. L. Dodd P.P.G.O. The health of Mr. Wallis was proposed most effectively by the Chairman, who congratulated that gentleman upon being the happy possessor of troops of friends. Incidentally, Mr. Heathcote invited his acceptance of a beautifully bound address, prepared in book form. In this tangible token of good will testimony was ungrudgingly born to Mr. Wallis's many admirable personal qualities—to his sturdy independence and straightforwardness as a public man, to his geniality in social life, to his readiness to serve a friend, and, above all, to his large-hearted labours in the cause of charity. The Chairman dwelt especially upon the last-mentioned point in the address, and said no man had done more, according to his opportunities, for the noble work of alleviating the distresses of his unfortunate fellow-men than Mr. Percy Wallis. Amid cordial cheering, he expressed the hope that Mr. Wallis's useful life might long be spared, and that prosperity might attend him and every member of his family. Mr. Wallis, in the course of a happy little speech, modestly disclaimed having done more than his duty. He gratefully acknowledged the compliments which had been bestowed upon him, and promised that the gift he had received should be treasured by him as long as he lived. Other toasts were given, and were pleasantly interspersed with music. It should be added that to the address (which Messrs. Bomrose produced in the highest style of art) were attached the signatures of all those present. Among the old personal friends of Mr. Wallis who were prevented from attending was the Mayor of Derby (Mr. T. H. Harrison). His Worship wrote, warmly sympathising with the object of the gathering, and remarked that only a very pressing engagement could have kept him away.—*Derby and Chesterfield Reporter*.

The regular meeting of the Ellan Vannin Lodge, No. 2049, was held on Monday evening, the 16th ult., in the Masonic Hall, Douglas, Isle of Man, Bro. C. T. C. Callow W.M. in the chair. At the close of business, the election of W.M. for the coming year took place, and Bro. Dr. Dearden P.M. S.W., was unanimously chosen to fill the office. Bro. R. Whiteside was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. J. Gorry Tyler.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—Influenza, Coughs and Colds.—In diseases of the throat and chest, so prevalent in our changeable climate, nothing so speedily relieves, or so certainly cures, as these inestimable remedies. These disorders are too often neglected at their commencement, or are injudiciously treated resulting in either case in disastrous consequences. Whatever the condition of the patient, Holloway's remedies will restore, if recovery be possible; they will retard the alarming symptoms till the blood is purified and nature consummates the cure, gradually restoring strength and vital nervous power. By preserving, in the use of Holloway's preparations, tone is conferred on the stomach and frame generally. Thousands of persons have testified that by the use of these remedies alone they have been restored to health after every other means had failed.

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AN INSULT TO THE CRAFT.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I should like to know who is responsible for the very offensive "Regulations for the Festival" set before each Brother attending the recent Girls' School celebration. I have been present at very many of the anniversary gatherings, for some years past, and I fail to remember a single instance when anything occurred to make it desirable to issue such remarks as the following, which I cut from the "Regulations" in question:—

"With a view to obviate the noise resulting from private conversation carried on in a low tone which has occasionally prevailed during the proceedings at Masonic Festivals, the following suggestions are made, with an earnest request that they be adopted:—

- 1st. That each Steward should remain at his own table and endeavour to prevail on the Brethren under his banner to cease all conversation during the speeches and singing.
- 2nd. That during the speeches each Steward should keep his seat, so as not to interrupt the view of the speakers.
- 3rd. That for the sake of convenience, the Stewards should prepare their several lists, if not already delivered, in the early part of the evening, and hand them to the Secretary of the Institution, who will revise them previously to their being announced. This arrangement will avoid much confusion."

I venture to remark that no speaker who had anything to say, and was competent to say it, was ever interrupted at a Masonic Festival. If brethren will go on with rambling, disconnected utterances, in a tone that cannot be heard half over the Hall they must not object to the "gentle buzz of conversation" which is sure to spring up, not only at Masonic meetings, but outside of Freemasonry; and the hint thus conveyed should be accepted as an intimation that they have said enough. The same may be urged as regards the singing. Masons can appreciate a good song as well as any one, and remain as quiet as any body of men when they are really being entertained. If conversation goes on during a song it is because the artiste is not competent to secure the attention of the company, rather than because the company is unable to appreciate true merit; it is absurd for either the speakers or the singers to complain if they do not receive all attention. Then, again, how many Stewards are there who require to be told they are not to stand up during the speeches, or require their list "revised" by the Secretary previous to being announced? Altogether I think these "Regulations" are in very bad taste, my experience teaches me that members of the Craft do not require such elementary lessons in the art of politeness. Another of these "Regulations" is to the effect that "none but Grand Officers, Officers of the Board and Ladies' Stewards be permitted to enter the ante-room of the ladies' gallery or dining room, and that no lady be admitted into the banquet hall." Why should Grand Officers be put on a different footing to ordinary Craftsmen? Is it necessary for a brother to secure Grand honours before he knows his duty as a gentleman? What induced the lady artistes to sing in the banquet hall in face of these uncivilised orders?

Yours fraternally,

ANNOYED.

20th May 1892.

MERCENARY CONSIDERATIONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It has often struck me that the authorities of Freemasonry are not so wholly uninfluenced by mercenary considerations as is the case with candidates for the Order, in so far as the penalties they impose on erring Craftsmen is concerned. As a case in point I would refer to the report of the Board of General Purposes, to be submitted at next Wednesday's meeting of Grand Lodge. Therein the Craft is told that a Lodge at Colchester erred some 12 years back in not returning to Grand Lodge the name of a Brother joining it from the Scotch Constitution. The Board, "taking into consideration the lapse of time, and that probably few of the present members were members at the time of the offence, were of opinion that the justice of the case would be met by a resolution that the Lodge be severely reprimanded, admonished to be more careful in future, and fined the sum of £1 1s." The italics are mine, and I venture to urge that they represent a most undesirable feature in the case. I argue this is not a case calling for a monetary penalty, especially as the Board of General Purposes recognises the lapse of time since it occurred, and the fact that few of the present members of the Lodge had any share in the offence for which they are punished. This is indeed visiting the sins of the fathers upon the children, and to my thinking shows a wordly tendency which is by no means creditable to the Order, in view of the professions made that its principal actions are uninfluenced by mercenary considerations. I do not for one moment imagine the United Lodge will be ruined in having to pay the guinea, neither will Grand Lodge finances show an appreciable advantage through its receipt—it is purely the principal of the thing I find fault with, and

I offer my sympathy with the members of No. 697 on their conviction for an offence their judges admit they had little or no share in committing.

Yours fraternally,

ON THE ROAD.

30th May 1892.

MASONIC "TOMFOOLERY."

To the Editor of the "Leighton Buzzard Observer."

SIR,—In your last report of the doings of the Local Board I see that one of its members went out of his way to attack the ceremonies of the Freemasons by speaking of them as "tomfoolery." As the gentleman in question is not a Freemason he can know nothing of the doings of Freemasons, and it is most amusing to the initiated to learn what curious and erroneous ideas outsiders have of the Craft. I do not wish to defend Masonry in this letter; but, as unsupported statements are often misleading, I should like to furnish a few proofs of the "tomfoolery" of Masonry, so that when our local Demosthenes again speaks in public his remarks may be supported by real knowledge. He should know that the Prince of Wales is the head of this "tomfoolery;" that the Dukes of Connaught and Fife and the chief of the aristocracy in the country are "tomfools" of the same degree; that this "tomfoolery" embraces tens of thousands of members in all parts of the world, and the number is increasing. He should judge of this "tomfoolery" by its actions. It has a set of almshouses for the aged poor "tomfools," another set for the aged widows of "tomfools," and two large schools where the sons and daughters of these "tomfools" are educated, boarded, and clothed. He should know that £67,000 were subscribed by these "tomfools," last April, at one meeting, for the support of the aged; £9,253 at the last meeting for the Boys' School; and this month—only last Wednesday—£10,000 were collected for the Girls' School. If he should like to know what the "tomfools" are doing locally, let him call on me, and I will show him a most substantial proof of the good the "tomfools" have done. Real Masons always express the pleasure it gives them to belong to the Order, and subscribe to its Charities; but such remarks as "Masonic tomfoolery" can be regarded in no other light than the jealous expression of Payne.

HENRY POYNTER.

Linslade.

"THE POPE, FRIENDLY SOCIETIES, AND MASONS."

To the Editor of "The Speaker."

SIR,—The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Dublin has published a correspondence between himself and a lady which has a curious bearing upon your recent article and letters on this subject. A lady has asked the Archbishop to give or lend her a signed photograph of himself, to place by the side of a signed portrait of the Pope which she had already received from a Catholic gentleman for the portrait gallery at a Masonic fête; and the Archbishop replied that the gentleman, by what he had done, had encouraged Masonic proceedings and incurred the penalty of excommunication. It may possibly be wise for the Roman Catholic Church to stand aloof from Freemasonry in Roman Catholic countries, but, surely, to apply similar principles in so portentous a fashion to British and Colonial Freemasonry is ludicrously absurd; yet it seems, after all, that this at the present moment is still done.

S.W.

WHAT IS FREEMASONRY?

To the Editor of the Gloucester Journal.

SIR,—I have read with much interest and a considerable sense of puzzledom your account of the "Masonic Ball" recently held in Gloucester, and the ceremony of "Consecration of a new Lodge," which followed so closely afterwards. I must confess to having, hitherto, in regard to Masonry and its mysteries, had a sort of sympathy with the little boy who, when he was whipped for not learning his alphabet, observed that he hardly thought it was worth while going through so much to learn so little. But I begin to doubt whether I have not been living in error—venial, I trust—and whether under the apparent guise of a society which, to an unsympathetic observer, seems organised mainly for the promotion of "banquets," there may not lurk some generally unknown form of religion.

That Masonry—at any rate the Mark branch of it—is a form of religion I gather from the fact that the new Lodge was "consecrated" with the accompaniment of hymn, anthem, prayer and solemn music. But then I am greatly puzzled at the curious topsy-turvydom of the function when compared with that of similar ceremonies in other religious bodies. One would have thought that, as a Chaplain was present, he, as a religious official would have performed the function of consecration. But no, he only delivered "an oration," which I presume is masonese for "sermon;" it was the noble R.W. Bro. Lord Euston who so appropriately discharged that eminently pious office.

But the religious nature of the function becomes still more obvious when we are told of the incensing of the "elements of consecration;" which, I observe, include wine as "the emblem of joy." One naturally pictures to oneself the acolyte with his thurible 'blowing a cloud' over a magnum of Veuve Cliquot, and wonders whether any total abstainers 'assisted,' as the French say, at this sacred office.

Now, what puzzles me more than all about this little business is this: Whether total abstainers, who can scarcely join in venerating

an element which they are sworn to execrate, are excluded from Masonry or not, I do not know; but I do know that Jews are not, because I have known at least one estimable Hebrew who has gone through the ceremony of initiation as a Mason.

If, then, Masonry be a form of religion, as I assume it must be, how admirably catholic it must be to include in its broad limits not only all sections of Christianity but even the "unchristian" descendant of Moses, and perhaps also the "unspeakable" Turk, the pious infidel, and the agnostic heretic. But if these good people can thus agree to meet under the sacred agis of Masonry, and laying aside for once all envy, hatred, malice, and uncharitableness, can combine to worship some common, but, to vulgar outsiders like myself, unknown God, will they not, in mercy to us benighted heathens, cease any longer to veil the mysteries of the modern Isis whom they so reticently cultivate and explain to us what it all means; and why, if they can so amiably combine in prayer and praise under the "tiles" of a Lodge, they should so persistently agree to differ about all sorts of trumpery details of doctrine directly they get outside it?

I must, for my own part, admit that I feel somewhat "drawn"—I think that is the correct phrase—towards a religion which can so comfortably sandwich its solemn functions between a ball on one side and a banquet on the other.

Pray, Sir, do persuade the R.W. Brother, or the Chaplain, or any one else who is "in the swim," to lighten the darkness on this subject of every one who, like myself, is—

NOT A MASON.

THE THEATRES, &c.

Mr. Herbert Basing announces the production at the Princess's, on Whit-Monday, the 6th inst., of an entirely new and original modern Irish drama, entitled "Strathlogan," by Messrs. Charles Overton and Hugh Moss, in which a powerful company will appear, including Mesdames Olga Brandon, Louise Litta, Ada Ferrar, and Dorothy Dorr; Messrs. H. Reeves Smith, John Beauchamp, Herbert Flemming, Henry Bedford, Wilfred E. Shine, J. Crawford, Stephen Caffrey, Dan Fitzgerald, T. P. Haynes, and Herbert Waring.

A matinée will be given next Tuesday afternoon, the 7th inst., when will be produced a play in three acts, entitled "Marriage," by Messrs. Brandon Thomas and Henry Keeling. The following ladies and gentlemen will appear, by kind permission of Mr. Arthur Chudleigh:—Miss Gertrude Kingston, Miss Ellaline Terriss, Messrs. Elliott, C. P. Little, and Brandon Thomas.

On Thursday, 9th inst., a special matinée will be given at the Haymarket, in aid of the Extension Fund of the St. Mary's Hospital. The programme will include "Nance Oldfield," the second act of "Beau Austin," the third act of "Lady Windermere's Fan," a scene from "The Taming of the Shrew," a new dance by Miss Sylvia Grey, a selection from "The Mountebanks," &c. Seats may now be booked.

Mr. J. R. Cranford announces a benefit matinée on Friday, the 17th inst., when a new comedy will be produced, called "They were Married," adapted from Mr. Walter Besant's story of that name, by his permission and approval. The following ladies and gentlemen have most kindly given their services:—Mesdames Bella Pateman, Georgie Esmond, Alice Ingram, Margaret Wallace; Messrs. C. W. Somerset, Gerald Maxwell, Philip Cunningham, Stephen Caffrey, H. De Lange. Mr. M. B. Spurr, humourist, has also consented to give some zither selections, a recital, and a musical sketch.

We have great pleasure in calling attention to Beringer's spectacle of Egypt in its grandeur, now open at Niagara Hall, Westminster. The scene at "Egypt" in London is beautiful at any time—even on the dullest day—but now that summer has arrived, the view is positively enchanting. There is so much to be seen that one visit rarely suffices, even for those who have lived or travelled in the Land of the Pharaohs; and it is not surprising to know that all who journey to Niagara Hall are desirous of making a prolonged stay. It is a great mistake to suppose that the cyclorama consists of a collection of colossal statues and mummies. On the contrary we see the cloudless sky, and miles of beautiful scenery, including the Nile, with palm-covered islets, and villas surrounded by choice plants and flowers; and as to the human element, it may safely be asserted that no phase of Egyptian city life is unrepresented. In the front hall, which represents a street in Cairo, there is a comfortable lounge and restaurant, and Eastern bazaar, and the entire cost to see the exhibition—which is open from 10 to 10—is only one shilling.

A meeting of Past Masters was held on Saturday afternoon, in the Masonic Hall, Douglas, Isle of Man, Bro. T. H. Nesbitt Deputy Provincial Grand Master, presiding. After some discussion, it was resolved, on the motion of Bro. John A. Brown, seconded by Bro. Geo. C. Heron, that if 30 promises could be obtained, a Past Masters' Lodge be formed; and that after the first year, so that all preliminary expenses might be discharged, two-thirds of the annual subscription be devoted to charity. So soon as the replies are obtained another meeting will be held.

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Obituary.

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COLONEL SIR FRANCIS BURDETT, BART.

SELDOM has it been our lot to record the death of a Brother better known in Freemasonry, or more respected by all who know him, than is the case this week when we have to announce the demise of Colonel Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., who had filled the office of Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex since 1869, and had in many other ways taken a prominent share in Masonic work. He was appointed to the office of Senior Grand Warden of England in 1869, and was immediately selected by the Grand Lodge of Ireland to represent it at the Grand Lodge of England. The following year he was selected as Prov. G. Mark Master of Middlesex and Surrey, and a year later he assumed the head of the Royal Arch degree in his Province of Middlesex. He also rose to dignities in the higher degrees, and was a consistent worker in his several offices, fully qualifying himself for every post to which he attained. He was a warm supporter of the Charities, and by his example led the brethren of his Province to follow in the good work. This was especially noticeable when, in 1890, he presided at the Annual Festival of the Girls School, the result of which was the best since the celebration of the Centenary of the Institution, upwards of £11,000 being announced, of which sum the Chairman's district contributed upwards of £1000, at the hands of 30 Stewards, headed by Sir Francis himself, with a personal donation of twenty-five guineas.

The late Sir Francis died suddenly on Tuesday, at the age of 79 years. That he will be very much missed it is unnecessary to say, in face of the record we have just given of his work in Freemasonry. It will be some considerable gratification to his friends to know that he will be remembered as a thorough Mason, one who was always ready to render help if it lay in his power to do so; who ruled in his various offices with kindness; and in such a way as to command respect. A special meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex is called for Friday next, for the purpose of expressing condolence with Lady Burdett and her family on the death of Sir Francis. The meeting will take place at the Town Hall, Twickenham, at 5 o'clock.

BRO. WILLIAM LIDINGTON.

THE funeral of this well-known brother, who died suddenly in Oxford, took place on Monday, the 16th ult., amid every token of respect, the place of interment being the Parish Churchyard. The cortege started from the residence of deceased at 3.30, and formed an imposing procession. It consisted of a car and five coaches, which were immediately followed by the past and present Officers of St. Mary's Lodge, in full regalia, the rear being brought up by a large following of the tradesmen of the town generally, and others. The coffin, which was of a handsome description, with massive brass furniture, bore the following inscription:—"William Lidington, died 11th May 1892, aged 58 years." The service was impressively performed by the Vicar, the Rev. E. B. Corbett, and at its conclusion the brethren filed past the grave, and, according to ancient usage, dropped a sprig of acacia on the coffin. There was a large and orderly concourse of persons to witness the solemn ceremony.

"THE RISE AND PROGRESS OF FREEMASONRY DURING THE LAST FIVE CENTURIES."—This was the subject of a very interesting lecture given on Tuesday, 24th ult., at the Masonic Temple, St. Peter's Street, Canterbury, by Bro. W. J. Hugan P.G.S.D., England, the well-known historian of the Craft. The lecturer clearly traced the unique working of Freemasonry, not only in the United Kingdom, but in America and the Colonies. The lecture on the whole was most interesting, and was illustrated by those proofs and strong points of unity which characterise the working of Freemasonry in all the various Lodges. The subject was listened to by the brethren present with the greatest possible attention, and at the conclusion various points were discussed and several questions asked, which elicited from the lecturer pleasing and satisfactory answers. At the conclusion a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Bro. Hugan, who, in responding, expressed the pleasure he felt in lecturing to so old a Lodge as No. 31, held in so ancient and glorious a city as Canterbury, whose noble Cathedral was an instance of the remarkable specimens of architecture reared by those ancient brethren of the Craft whose handiwork was to be seen in almost all parts of the world. The brethren afterwards retired to the Royal Fountain Hotel, where a very pleasant evening was spent.—*Maldstone Journal*.

The summer outing of the Old Concord Lodge, No. 172, will take place at Skindle's Hotel, Maidenhead Bridge, on Thursday, 23rd instant. The guests will leave Paddington Station (G.W.R.) at 11 a.m., for Taplow Station, and proceed by steam launch at 1.15 p.m. from Maidenhead Bridge for a trip up the river as far as time will permit, returning to Maidenhead Bridge at 5.45 p.m. The banquet will be served at 6 o'clock sharp; returning from Taplow Station at 9 p.m., due at Paddington 9.55 p.m. Tickets, to include first-class saloon carriages, luncheon, steam launch, banquet, conveyance from and to Taplow Station, 21s each (exclusive of wine). Application for tickets, which are limited to 100, must be made not later than Monday, 20th instant, to the Secretary, Bro. G. King P.M., Charterhouse, E.C.; or to the Stewards:—Bros. J. B. Evans W.M. President, Jordan J.D., F. Douglas Norman Dir. of Cers., F. Davies W.S., Groves, West, Greenberg, Hopperton, and Hooper.

The preparatory meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent was held in the Town Hall, Gravesend, on Thursday, the 26th ult., under the presidency of Earl Amherst, Provincial Grand Master of Kent, on which occasion there was a large attendance of the brethren. The annual festival of Provincial Grand Lodge was decided to be held at Ramsgate, on the 24th inst., and necessary arrangements connected with the meeting completed. It was decided to recommend Provincial Grand Lodge to vote sums amounting in the aggregate to between £600 and £700, to the various great Masonic Charities and to indigent brethren and the widows of Freemasons.

Bro. Dr. Chas. F. Forshaw, of Bradford, the author of "The Mystic Tie," which appeared in our last issue, forwarded, on the 23rd ult., a copy of his poem on "Her Majesty's Birthday" to the Queen at Balmoral. On Friday last he received the following acknowledgment:—

"General Sir Henry Ponsonby is commanded by the Queen to thank Dr. Forshaw for his letter and poem."

Buckingham Palace,
26th May 1892.

The death is announced of Dr. R. Jones Griffiths, barrister-at-law, of the middle Temple, a journalist of considerable repute, and a Past Master of the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928, at the age of 41, after an illness of four months' duration.

Mr. Joseph Barnby, the Principal of the Guildhall School of Music, has just been initiated into Grand Masters' Lodge, No. 1. The ceremony was performed by Brother Homewood Crawford I.P.M., at Freemasons' Tavern.

Owing to pressure on our space we are compelled to hold over the report of the meeting of Grand Mark Lodge, held on Tuesday evening. We shall give a full account next week.

Lieut-Col. Newton has been appointed Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Nottinghamshire, in succession to the late Rev. F. V. Bussell.

Lodge St. Clair, No. 520, Dysart, has decided to hold a Masonic Service on the last Sunday in June. Bro. Rev. J. W. Gibson Chaplain is to officiate.

Bro. Quartermaster-Sergeant G. C. G. Whalley has been presented with a purse of money by the sergeants of the R.M.E.M. as a mark of respect on his leaving the regiment. Bro. Whalley, who retires on pension, was a prominent member of the Loyal Monmouth Lodge, No. 457, and held the office of I.P.M.

Our Masonic friends in Stalybridge are taking time by the forelock in announcing their second annual entertainment in aid of the Masonic Charities on the 4th of October next. The object of the committee, in what would *prima facie* appear to be a somewhat premature intimation, is in the hope of obviating thereby the fixture of any other engagement likely to clash with the entertainment and to depreciate its good results. It is, undoubtedly, a good enterprise, and our only hope is that it will, at least, be as successful as it was last year, when the committee were enabled to forward cheques for ten guineas each to three distinct Charities. The use of the Grand Theatre has again been very kindly placed at the disposal of the committee by the new lessee (Mr. Darby).—*Ashton Herald*.

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2nd June 1892.

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Names and addresses of Candidates, with the Name and Number of Craft Lodge and R.A. Chapter, must be sent to me not later than Saturday, the 18th June 1892.

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A SPECIAL MEETING of the Provincial Grand Lodge, for the purpose of passing a vote of condolence to Lady Burdett and family, on the lamented death of Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex, will be held at the Town Hall, Twickenham, at Half-past Five o'clock, on Friday, the 10th June.

By Order,

HOWARD. H. ROOM,

Prov. Grand Secretary.

19 John Street, Adelphi, W.C.

Note.—The Annual Provincial Grand Lodge Meeting, summoned for 25th June, at Teddington, will be held as arranged.

PROVINCE OF MIDDLESEX.

E. Comp. RAYMOND HENRY THRUPP,

Provincial Second Grand Principal, in Charge.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter will be held at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court, on Saturday, the 18th instant, at Four o'clock p.m. No Banquet.

By Order,

WILLIAM HENRY LEE,

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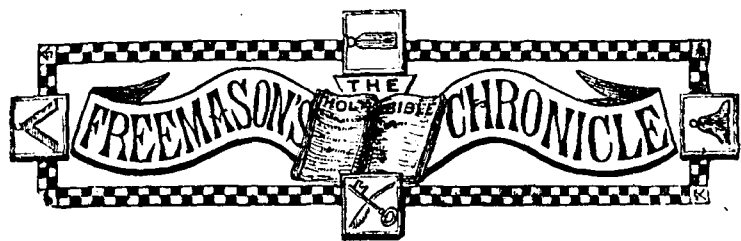
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SATURDAY, 4TH JUNE 1892.

ROYAL ARCH.

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PROV. G. CHAPTER OF NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

THE annual Provincial Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of North and East Yorkshire was held at Malton, on Thursday, the 19th ult., on the invitation of the King Edwin Chapter, No. 660. There was a fair attendance. In the absence of the Earl of Zetland the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent of the Province, the chair of the First Principal was occupied by the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett Prov. Grand H., Comp. T. B. Whytehead officiating as H., and Comp. Mark Rooke as J. After the usual business had been transacted, the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett announced that the Earl of Zetland, who was detained in Ireland on public business, had asked him to again take the chair of H., and the following were installed into their respective offices:—

Comp. W. H. Falkinbridge	...	J.
W. Reynolds	...	Treasurer.
Peck	...	S.E.
T. S. Brogden	...	S.N.
R. G. Lucas	...	Registrar.
T. Foley	...	Principal Soj.
G. T. Davis	...	1st Assist. Soj.
W. N. Cheesman	...	2nd Assist. Soj.
T. H. Dunn	...	Sword Bearer.
T. A. Haigh	...	Standard Bearer.
S. Middleton	...	Dir. of Cers.
J. W. Tinley	...	Assist. Dir. of Cers.
W. J. Marshall	...	Organist.
F. J. Lambert	...	Janitor.

The Britannia Chapter, Whitby, sent an invitation to hold next year's Provincial gathering there. Comp. Peck then read a short and very excellent paper on "The present aspects of Freemasonry," for which he received a special vote of thanks. The acting Grand Superintendent also warmly thanked the Principals and Companions of the King Edwin Chapter for the hospitable reception they had given to the Provincial Grand Chapter. Between forty and fifty of the companions afterwards dined together at the Talbot Hotel, Mrs. Knight setting a choice repast before them. The Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett presided, and the usual toasts were duly honoured.

PROV. G. CHAPTER OF SUFFOLK.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was held at the Masonic Hall, Woodbridge, on the 26th ult., under the banner of the Royal York Chapter. Previous to the meeting luncheon was served at the Bull Hotel. The Provincial Grand Chapter was opened by Comp. the Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G. Principal Sojourner Grand Superintendent, assisted by Comps. C. J. Norman 376 P.G.H., J. M. Harvey 1008 acting P.G.J., N. Tracy 376 P.G. Scribe E., W. J. Wilton 71 P.G. Treasurer, E. Smith 81 P.G.A. Sojourner, A. E. Smith 376 P.G.S.B., H. J. Wright 376 P.G. Dir. of Cers., and J. H. Loveless 81 P.G. Organist. The other Companions present included—W. Page T. Phillips 81 P.P.G.H., W. B. Hanson 595 P.P.G.A. Sojourner, George Abbott 225 P.P.G. Soj., Rev. S. Mande J. 225, George Booth H. 81, F. W. W. Gross J. 81, W. Minter Z. 555, W. T. Brunger J. 555, E. Tyrwhitt Drake P. Soj. 555, W. Vernon 555, W. Miller 81, Fred. C. Atkinson 376, John Collins 81, S. Honeywill 376, G. F. Hawkins 1224, A. S. Gross 81, &c.

The report from the various Chapters in the Province

were presented, and were nearly all of a satisfactory nature.

The Board of General Purposes, in presenting their report, stated that although they were unable to show any great improvement the progress was maintained, although slowly. There had been according to the returns 13 exaltations and one joining, against a loss of three by death, six by resignation, and two by exclusion. The financial statement showed a balance in favour of the Province, and the Board recommended a vote of 10 guineas to the funds of the Royal Masonic School for Girls.

On the motion of Comp. Phillips, seconded by Comp. C. J. Norman, the report was adopted.

On the proposition of Comp. Crane, seconded by Comp. H. J. Wright, Comp. Thomas Hodgson was elected P.G. Treasurer.

The Prov. Grand Officers were invested by the Prov. Grand Superintendent, as under:—

Comp. J. M. Harvey	...	H.
J. F. Hills	...	J.
N. Tracy	...	Scribe E.
W. B. Hanson	...	Scribe N.
Thos. Hodgson	...	Treasurer.
F. W. W. Gross	...	Registrar.
Jos. Flintham	...	P. Sojourner.
Geo. Booth	...	1st Asst. Sojourner.
Rev. S. Mande	...	2nd Asst. Sojourner.
W. T. Brunger	...	Sword Bearer.
H. J. Wright	...	Director of Ceremonies.
Hurst	...	Organist.
Hall	...	Janitor.

Comp. W. P. T. Phillips said the members of Provincial Grand Lodge had heard with extreme regret that there was a great probability of the Grand Superintendent, Comp. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, removing from the Province which he had so long adorned by his good work and kindly Masonic feeling. They could only hope that his removal would not sever those ties which at present bound him to the Province, and that he might long continue to preside over them in the efficient manner in which he had done in the past, setting them all an example of Masonic virtue and charity.

The Prov. Grand Superintendent, in acknowledging the kindly expressions of Comp. Phillips, said there were several reasons which had influenced him in the step he had taken. One was that of the 33 years he had been in harness, 23 years he had been Rector of a very large parish, and that he assured them was no light work, although it had been rendered as light as possible by the kindness, cordiality, and good feeling which he had experienced on all hands. At the same time the oversight of 3000 people was a very responsible position, and as he did not get younger, he felt that he should like to have a little more leisure and a little more repose. He knew that so long as a man had health and strength he should continue to work in the sacred cause to which he had devoted his life; at the same time he had arrived at a period when he thought he should like to be relieved of some of the arduous duties, and when a few weeks since an intimation was conveyed to him that it was possible he might be offered a living in a distant part of the country, which would enable him to have more leisure and still do some work, he felt he ought, for many reasons, to accept it. He did not know what the effect of his leaving Suffolk would be so far as Masonry was concerned. He did not know whether he would have to resign the office he had held with so much pleasure to himself, and he hoped with some little profit and pleasure to the Companions—since the foundation of the Province in 1878. That would rest entirely with H.R.H. the First Grand Principal himself. Whether he would see fit to allow him, living at a distance, to hold the office of Grand Superintendent of Suffolk, or whether it would be for the benefit of the Province that he should do so, he could not say, but so far as he was personally concerned, unless he was told he must give up the office, he meant to hold on. Referring to the state of Royal Arch Masonry in the Province, the Grand Superintendent said he was glad to find that although they were not making progress with rapid strides they were holding their own. They must not always gauge the success of an Institution, or the stability of the foundation on which it rests, according to the number of its members or the rapid progress it seemed to make in any particular year. So long as they could hold their own, and were not going backwards, they had every reason for congratulation.

Provincial Grand Chapter was then closed.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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IMPERIAL GEORGE LODGE, No. 78,
(MIDDLETON).

A MEETING took place at the Assheton Arms Hotel, on Thursday, 26th May, when there were present Bros. Tom Lawton W.M., Smethurst S.W., R. Hilton P.M. acting S.W., Neild Secretary, S. Hall S.D., S. Brown J.D., Hartley I.G., H. Mellalieu, Mayall, Lee, Filton, J. Mellalieu, Stansfield, and Harlow Tyler; Visitors—Bros. Turner, Harriid, and Wild, of the Clemency Lodge, Oldham. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Stausfield was passed to the second degree by the W.M., and there being no further business, the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 7.45.

SOUTHAMPTON LODGE, No. 394.

A CINDERELLA dance was held at the Masonic Hall, Southampton, on Thursday night, the 19th ult., under the auspices of the above Lodge. Under a dispensation from the Prov. Grand Master, Masonic clothing and regalia were worn. About fifty ladies and gentlemen—the latter not confined to membership of the Craft—were present, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. A programme of sixteen dances was arranged, admirable music being furnished by Mrs. Smith (piano), and Mr. Noyes (violin). The whole suite of available rooms were engaged, and furnished and partially decorated by Mrs. Horseman, and the refreshments were provided by Dartnall and Co. The Stewards were Bros. A. Hewett W.M., H. Lashmore P.M., G. J. Tilling P.M., P. S. Clay, and A. W. Harris (hon. Sec.); Bro. Bates was also on the list, but was prevented from attending through a family bereavement. A floor, in splendid condition for dancing, was prepared by Brother. Biggs, the resident hall-keeper.

HESKETH LODGE, No. 986.

THE annual installation of the W.M. took place on Wednesday afternoon, at the Crown Hotel, Fleetwood. Bro. J. N. Clarkson, the retiring W.M., performed the ceremony of installing Bro. Sidney Williams into the office of W.M. for the ensuing year. The other Officer selected were:—Bros. J. N. Clarkson I.P.M., T. Clarke S.W., G. P. Mullock J.W., Rev. E. J. Reeve, M.A., Chaplain, B. Hainsworth Treasurer, R. N. Horsfall Secretary, W. Burton S.D., A. Gibson J.D., W. Gormlie I.G., H. M. Ormsby D.C., J. Leach Organist, G. Gibson Standard Bearer, G. Dickinson, R. Greenwood, and J. Park Stewards, J. Gibson Tyler. The proclamations were made by Bro. Ormsby, the address to the W.M. by Bro. Faussett P.M., the address to the Wardens by Bro. Schjoth, and that to the brethren by Bro. Ormsby. At the close of the ceremony a banquet was served by the hostess, Mrs. Croasdale, followed by the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, interspersed with music, rendered by Bros. R. C. Greenwood, Seymour Jackson, G. Schjoth, Hall, and the wlee party, Miss L. Croasdale, G. Gibson, R. Greenwood, and J. Gibson.

CALLENDER LODGE, No. 1052 (MANCHESTER).

A MEETING was held in the Freemasons' Hall, on Tuesday, 24th May. Present—Bros. Start W.M., Henry Smith S.W., Thorpe J.W., Seth Wrigley P.M. Treasurer, Ontram P.M. Secretary, R. White P.M. D.C., Brierley J.D., R. Williams Organist, Reilly and Roworth Stewards, and Lisenden P.M. Tyler; P.M.'s A. Williams, Campbell, Jordell, R. Walker, and Ernest Jones; Bros. Roscoe, Hardicker, Morvell, Gorcock, and Entwistle; Visitors W. H. Vaughan P.M. 1030 P.P.G. Registrar, Fred. Smith 2144, and Chas. Shaw 1147. The Lodge was opened at 7 o'clock, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. In the second degree, Bro. Todd, who was a candidate for raising, answered the usual questions and withdrew. He was subsequently raised to the sublime degree by the W.M. The working tools were explained by Bro. Thorpe J.W. The Lodge was lowered to the first degree, when the Auditors gave their report of the Treasurer's accounts, which were in every sense satisfactory, and votes of thanks were passed to the Treasurer and Auditors. There being no further business, the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

AMHERST LODGE, No. 1223.

THE installation meeting was held at the Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverhead, on the 7th ult., and there was an unusually large attendance of members and visitors. General regret, however, was felt at the unavoidable absence of the Provincial Grand Master the Earl Amherst, who had intended being present. After the usual formal business was transacted Bro. Charles Hocker W.M. elect was most impressively installed, there being no less than twenty-two forming the Board of Installed Masters. It was, in fact, a most successful installation. The choice of the W.M. fell upon the following to act as Officers:—Bros. Barfoot S.W., Dodd J.W., Smith S.D., Whitcombe J.D., Jewell Secretary, Dartnell Treasurer, Horton Dir. of Cers., Wilmott Assist Dir. of Cers., Mist Steward, Knight Assist. Steward, Evenden I.G. The Officers having been invested with due ceremony, a member was elected to serve on the Charity Committee. The accounts, which were most satisfactory, were presented by Bros. Stevenson and Bevan, and passed. A sum of ten guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, on the motion of Bro. Birch P.M. P.P.G.J.D., and an additional bar was ordered to be attached to the Past Master's jewel of the retiring Master, on the motion of

Bro. Duret P.M. P.P.G.S.D. At five o'clock there was a banquet in the National School-room (by kind permission of the Rev. J. B. Burn Murlock). The newly-installed W.M. presided, and the company was a large one, including many visitors from Tunbridge Wells, Tonbridge, London, and other places.

ST. MARY'S LODGE, No. 1312.

THE meeting of this Lodge, on Monday, the 23rd ult., was made the occasion of the presentation of a Past Master's jewel to Bro. R. G. Kellert on his leaving the Province. The presentation was made by the Worshipful Master (Bro. Fuller). Among others present were Bros. Johnston, Piggin, Cavill, Bradbury, T. Malyn, Suckling, Moore, Chaplin, Rankin, and F. H. Meggy (Chelmsford). The jewel was of solid gold, on one side of the "square" being richly chased, and the gange which forms the other marked off in inches.

BROWNING LODGE OF UNITY, No. 1424.

ON Tuesday evening, the 17th ult., the members of this Lodge held their monthly meeting at the King's Arms Hotel, Brompton, when Bro. Col. L. V. Loyd was unanimously elected a joining member of the Lodge. There was a full attendance of brethren as there was no less than six candidates for initiation, who were all elected unanimously. The business was very ably done by Bro. H. Chalfont W.M. Business being ended the tables were laid, and after the usual toasts, songs were given by Bros. Reed, Humphries, Maynard, Munro, Varren, Mitchell, Parker, Brown, and a recitation "The last man," by Bro. Chalfont. Among those present were Bros. Young, Varren, Nye, Woodall, and brethren from Lodges 20, 1050, 407, 165, 184, 1760, 1428, 1860, 955, &c., &c. A pleasant evening was spent.

DRAMATIC LODGE, No. 1609.

AT the last meeting of this Lodge, Brother H. Heard, the indefatigable Secretary, was presented by the W.M. (Brother J. H. Light) and the Officers and Brethren of the Lodge with a token of their regard and esteem. Bro. Heard has been Secretary of this Lodge for six years, and the brethren in order to show their appreciation of his services determined to present him with a souvenir. Bro. Heard, however, would have nothing for himself, but expressed a wish that the testimonial should be in favour of Mrs. Heard. Mrs. Heard was, in consequence, presented with a valuable gold watch and chain, while Brother Heard accepted for himself a breast-pin. The Lodge was very numerous attended. Among those present were:—Bros. Mein, A. E. Workman, J. Fineberg, H. Round, L. Peake, W. Savage, H. A. Bruce, Joseph Cantor, T. Shaw, Clark, Vol, and about 60 other brethren.

AVON LODGE, No. 1633 (MANCHESTER).

A REGULAR meeting took place at Bro. Tom Wood's, Wheatsheaf Hotel, on Wednesday, the 25th May. Present—Bros. Kenworth W.M., Battersby S.W., Willis J.W., Craven P.M. Treasurer, Brown P.M. Secretary, Jacobson S.D., Mason J.D., Greenwood I.G.; P.M.'s Farrington, Macfarlane, Lyon, Allitt, Cavanah, and Swinn; Bros. Dresser, Padget, Carter, Driver, Aitchison, Bundy, Vermont, and Gent; Visitor—T. J. Hooper P.M. 1170 P.P.G.T. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. There being no ceremonies to perform, or rather there being no candidates present to take their second and third degrees, the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

MEDWAY LODGE, No. 1678.

THE annual installation meeting was held on Tuesday, the 24th ult., at the Lodge room, at the Masonic Buildings, Tonbridge, and there was a good attendance of brethren. Bro. B. Wadmore was the retiring Master, and he installed Bro. G. Tyler as his successor. It was decided to present a P.M.'s jewel to Bro. Wadmore. The new Officers were installed as follows:—Bros. Millidge S.W., A'Vard J.W., Rev. Corbett Moore Chaplain, S. W. Shaw Treasurer, Dr. Ievers D.C., Gallard S.D., LeMay J.D., Captain Jackson D.C., W. A. Wardley Organist, H. Rush I.G. Rev. E. Ball and C. Hams Stewards, Austin Tyler. Bro. Abrey P.M. was appointed Charity Representative of the Lodge. In the evening the customary banquet took place at the Rose and Crown Hotel, under the presidency of the new W.M., who was well supported, the company numbering about 50.

ST. MARY'S LODGE, No. 1763.

THE annual installation ceremony in connection with this Lodge, fixed for Thursday, the 12th ult., but postponed, in consequence of the lamented deaths of Bros. Castle and Lidington, took place on Thursday, the 19th ult. (by dispensation), at the Masonic Hall, Thame, when Bro. Bond S.W. W.M. elect, was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Mears W.M., assisted by his Officers, opened the Lodge with the ancient ceremonies, and after the dispensation and the minutes of the previous meeting had been read, and the latter confirmed, the chair was taken by the Installing Master, Bro. Sutton. Bro. Bond S.W. was then presented by the retiring W.M. for installation, and duly installed. The new W.M. appointed and invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—Bros. Mears I.P.M., Webster S.W., Briars J.W., Howland Treasurer, Snell Secretary, Sutton S.D., Lidington J.D., Morris I.G., Payne Tyler. The Installing Master then delivered the addresses to the Officers and Brethren, after which a resolution expressive of

the loss sustained of the Lodge in the deaths of Brothers Castle and Lidington, and sympathy with the respective widows and families in their sad bereavement, was unanimously passed. The Lodge was afterwards closed in ancient form.

Temple Lodge of Instruction.—The brethren connected with this Lodge of Instruction held their annual meeting at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, on the 20th ult., and wound up the session with a supper, presided over by Brother Withell. A large attendance included Bros. Colling W.M. 70, Chapell I.P.M. 156, Thomas W.M. 156, Evans P.M. 70, Dunsterville P.M. 189, Gidley P.M. 189, Goad J.W. 70, G. Dunsterville J.W. 189; Burton, Treasure, Prnt, Stenlake, Hall, Coles, all of 70; Clark, Yont and Harkins 156, Maitland 1247, Wells 1255, Edwards and Sewell 1550, and Phillips Tyler. After the loyal toasts had been honoured, that of the Chairman (Bro. Withell) was proposed by Bro. Stenlake, who at the same time presented Bro. Withell with a handsome jewel, subscribed for by members of the instruction class, in recognition of his valuable services as Preceptor. Altogether the evening was a most enjoyable one.

St. Osyth's Priory Lodge of Instruction, No. 2063.—On Wednesday, 11th ult., a dinner to commemorate the end of the session was held at the Imperial Hotel, Clacton-on-Sea. Bro. Walter F. Reed W.M. 2063 Hon. Secretary and Treasurer to the Lodge of Instruction being the host. The dinner was well served and much enjoyed by the brethren present. The room was prettily decorated with bunting. The table was brightened up with ferns and flowering plants from the garden of Mr. W. Dove. The chair was occupied by Bro. Finer P.M. 1799 2063 Preceptor to the Lodge, the vice-chair by Bro. Captain Frayling P.M. 51. In addition to the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Treasurer, there were present:—Bros. Nunn, Wilkinson, Harman 1799, Schofield 1799, Wade, Bowman 441, Hill, Wright, Sargeant, Wallis, C. V. Harman, Wooding, Starling, Middleton, Noble, Brown, Sparling, Quick. After dinner the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, each meeting with a hearty response. Success to the Lodge of Instruction, coupled with the name of Bro. Reed, was received with enthusiasm. Bro. Reed, in his reply, gave a most favourable account of the Lodge and its increasing numbers. Several other toasts were given, including the Preceptor, the Stewards and Committee, the Visitors, &c. During the evening some good songs were rendered by Bros. Middleton, Frayling, Wilkinson, Reed, Brown, Wooding, Sparling, Harman, Starling. Brother Noble presided at the piano, and all present agreed that they had spent a most enjoyable evening.

Walthamstow Lodge of Instruction, No. 2190.—Under the patronage of its distinguished President (Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Dep. Prov. G. Master), this Masonic College is becoming famous for its excellent working, and is thus increasing in popularity, it now numbering between 200 and 300 members. On Monday, 30th ult., between sixty and seventy expert Craftsmen were in attendance to witness the working of the Fifteen Sections. Bro. Jas. Pinder P.M. occupied the chair, and conducted these interesting and intricate lectures in a most perfect manner, ably assisted by the following brethren:—Wm. Shurmer P.M. P.Z. Preceptor, J. De Casseres P.M., J. Groome, Jno. Ives P.M., W. Knight, B. Steward, J. Knight, L. Simmons, J. Oxley P.M., H. F. Bromhead P.M., C. H. Bestow and H. Harris. It was proposed by Brother W. Shurmer, seconded by Bro. W. Peter Allen, that a very hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. J. De Casseres, J. Oxley, B. Steward, J. Knight, H. Whitney, H. Harris, and L. Simmons for their very admirable and efficient help in working the sections, and they were unanimously elected honorary members. Thirteen brethren were elected joining members. After hearty good wishes the Lodge was closed.

MARK MASONRY.

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ALDERSHOT MILITARY LODGE, No. 54.

THE annual installation meeting was held on the 19th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Imperial Hotel, Aldershot. Bro. G. Richardson, the retiring W.M., presided over a numerously attended Lodge. The Past Masters present were Bros. Harrison, Solomon, A. Savill, Thompson, Eve, Stone, Kirchboffer, and others. The visitors included Bros. Dr. Barr W.M. Army and Navy Lodge, Col. Boyd, and Capt. G. O. Welch. The W.M. elect (Bro. J. Yond) was installed in a most impressive manner by his predecessor the I.P.M., and he then invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. G. Richardson I.P.M., W. W. Cockburn S.W., F. W. Savill J.W., H. Lehmann M.O., J. Kennett S.O., T. Wells J.O., R. Eve P.M. Treasurer, H. Thompson P.M. Secretary, E. Stone R.M., Q.M.S. Masters S.D., John Burton Jaye J.D., T. Mills I.G., E. Holderness and Bowden Stewards, W. Burns Tyler. One of the first duties of the new W.M. was to present Bro. Richardson with a handsome jewel, in recognition of his past services. After the Lodge was closed the brethren sat down to a *récherché* repast, supplied by Host Stone, at which the usual Masonic toasts were given and replied to, some useful information being supplied by Bro. Eve in responding for the Charities.

GRANVILLE LODGE, No. 390.

A MEETING was held at the Masonic Hall, Park Street, Deal, on Tuesday, 17th ult., when the W.M. appointed his Officers as follow:—Bros. Court S.W., Bent J.W., Allen M.O. and Treasurer

pro tem, Newton S.O. and Secretary pro tem, Frost J.O., Harris n Chaplain, Wellen S.D., Ayling J.D., Browne D.C., Woodruff I.G., Marsh Tyler. The next meeting will be held on the third Tuesday in August.

KNIGHTS OF CONSTANTINOPLE.

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RED CROSS COUNCIL.

THE Knights of this Council held the annual convention on the 27th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth. The I.S. elect, Sir Knight Arthur Goodman, was installed by Past I.S. W. S. Hearder, assisted by Past I.S. P. B. Clemens, E. Pillar, E. Aitken-Davies. The Officers invested were Sir Knights F. Crouch Prelate, A. Roberts C.A., J. Wallis M.A., P. B. Clemens M.F., E. Pillar M.D., J. W. Penworn Seneschal, Jas. Harvey P.P., C. G. Withell Marshall, Sholto H. Hare C.G., H. T. Robins 1st H., J. H. N. Rowe 2nd H., W. S. Hearder Organist, J. H. Turner 1st Standard Bearer, C. H. Tozer 2nd Standard Bearer, J. Gidley Almoner, W. H. Phillips Sentinel.

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Brother! I greet you, hand to hand,
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My feet shall haste to help your need,
And foot to foot—as heart to heart,
Bring kindly word and trusty deed.
Pray for me! in your hour of prayer,
And I, for you, will suppliant be,
Humbly imploring blessings there
From our Creator,—knee to knee.
Tell me all you'd have me do
For all the dear ones, loved the best.
Sacred is the trust, which you
Whisper to me; breast to breast,—
Clasp me in a Brother's arms,
Parting thus, we fear no slip—
No false tongue—no false alarms
Bid me doubt a Brother's grip.
Life and death—so close combined,
Bind each for the other's good,
Till in the Lodge above, we find
Sorrow past—Peace understood.

By the late Bro. A. R. ROGERS.

Brother J. P. Hepburn, C.C., was, on Wednesday, the 18th ult., installed Worshipful Master of the Cordwainer Ward Lodge, No. 2241. The installation ceremony was to have been performed by the late Bro. Frank Taylor, C.C., and his place was taken at the request of the Worshipful Master by Bro. Henry Lovegrove, the Secretary of the Lodge.

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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.

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Saturday, 4th June.

- 1622 Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
2202 Regent's Park, York and Albany, Gloucester Gate, Regent's Park
R.A. 173 Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 975 Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew
308 Prince George, Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1223 Amherst, Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverhead
1362 Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Rothill
1458 Truth, Wheatsheaf Hotel, Manchester
1567 Elliot, Railway Hotel, Faltham
1929 Mozart, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon
2148 Walsingham, M.H., Walsingham, Kent
2205 Pegasus, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend, Kent
2331 Ravenscroft, Red Lion Hotel, High Barnet

Monday, 6th June.

- 16 Royal Alpha, Hotel Metropole, W.C.
1319 Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
2098 Harlesden, National School, Harlesden
R.A. 1615 Bayard, Masonic Hall, Golden Square
R.A. 1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, W.
37 Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Bolton
61 Probitry, Freemasons' Hall, Halifax
113 Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston
119 Sun, Sq., and Comp., F.M.H., Whitehaven
133 Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
154 Unanimity, M.H., Zetland Street, Wakefield
156 Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
199 Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
264 Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
381 Harmony & Industry, Bank Bldgs, Over Darwen
395 Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
408 Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
431 St. George, Masonic Hall, N. Shields
433 Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
467 Tudor, Freemasons' Hall, Oldham
478 Churchill, Masonic Hall, Oxford
482 St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Handsworth
597 St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
613 Unity, Masonic Hall, Southampton
622 St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
850 St. Oswald, Ashborne, Derbyshire
928 Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield
1045 Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050 Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1051 Rowley, Athenaeum, Lancaster
1077 Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1109 Royal Wharfedale, 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
1380 Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
1519 Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, near Accrington
1542 Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Castleford
1573 Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer Street, Swansea
1578 Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypriid
1676 St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Newcastle
2094 Elthorne and Midx., Town Hall, Hounslow
2166 Cotehele, Masonic Hall, Calstock, Cornwall
2290 Fairfield, 14 Fairfield Street, Fairfield, Lanc.
R.A. 106 Sun, Royal Beacon Hotel, Exmouth
R.A. 380 Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.A. 827 St. John's, Masonic Temple, Dewsbury
M.M. 2 Phoenix, 110 High Street, Portsmouth
M.M. 12 Minerva, Masonic Hall, Dagger Lane, Hull

Tuesday, 7th June.

- Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, 4
171 Amity, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
255 Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond
2128 United Northern Counties, Inns of Court Hot.
2190 Savage Club, Freemasons' Hall, W.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
126 Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
127 Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
158 Adams, Britannia Hotel, Sheerness
160 True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
226 Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough
265 Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Keighley
364 Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath
393 St. David, Masons' Hall, Berwick
558 Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone
673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
731 Londesborough, M.H., Bridlington Quay
779 Ferrers and Ivanhoe, M.H., Ashby-de-la-Zouch
791 Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804 Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant
817 Fortescue, Manor House, Buntingford, Devon
897 Loyalty, Flecco Hotel, St. Helen's
918 St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Leighton
960 Bute, 9 Working Street, Cardiff
974 Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Bradford
986 Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
995 Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
1002 Skiddaw, Masonic Hall, Cockermouth
1024 St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
1134 Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
1214 Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Batley
1244 Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar
1312 St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
1322 Waverley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
1343 St. John's, King's Arms, Grays
1482 Isle of Axholme, Masonic Hall, Crowle
1750 Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon
1970 Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
1993 Wolsley, Trevelyan Hotel, Manchester
2001 Narberth, Rutzen Hotel, Narberth
2260 Ridley, Deuchar's Bldgs., Newcastle-on-Tyne
2295 Scarisbrick, Masonic Hall, Stockport

- R.A. 203 St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool
R.A. 268 Union, Queen's Arms, Ashton-under-Lyne
R.A. 903 Gosport, India Arms Hotel, Gosport
R.A. 1031 Fletcher, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
R.A. 1224 Martyn, Freemasons' Hall, Sudbury
M.M. 11 Joppa, 55 Argyle Street, Birkenhead
M.M. 115 Bedford, Masonic Hall, Birmingham

Wednesday, 8th June.

- Committee R.M.B.I., Freemasons' Hall, 3
13 Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, Woolwich
166 Union, Criterion, W.
1249 John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1586 Upper Norwood, White Hart H., U. Norwood
1629 United, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1446 Mount Edgecombe, St. Botolph Chambers
R.A. 1521 Duke of Connaught, An lerton's Hotel
R.A. 1621 Eccles on, Criterion, Piccadilly.
R.A. 1900 Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hot, W.C.
R.C. 1 Grand Metropolitan, 33 Golden Square, W.

- 51 Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Rochdale
86 Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
125 Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe
129 Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bury, Lancashire
146 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
258 Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Hockmoundwike
274 Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch
277 Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Oldham
281 Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Church St., Lancs
289 Harmony, Masonic Hall, Thimbleton
290 Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, Huddersfield
363 Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth
380 Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
387 Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
483 Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567 Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
580 Harmony, Wheatsheaf, Ormskirk
606 Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Twa
617 United, George Hotel, Colchester
708 Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, London Court
851 Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham
910 St. Oswald, M.H., Ropergate, Pontefract
1018 Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Bradford
1031 Fletcher, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
1060 Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth
1091 Erme, M.H., Chapple Place, Ivybridge, Devon
1094 Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1209 Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
1248 Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
1342 Walker, Hope and Anchor, Byker, Newcastle
1356 Toxteth, 30 North Hill Street, Liverpool
1361 Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Glos.
1398 Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1424 Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton
1434 Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
1503 Francis Burdett, Albion Hotel, Twickenham
1547 Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1592 Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes
1643 Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hobburn-on-Tyne
1645 Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Sloughwaite
1692 Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Brunley, Kent
2006 Tilbury, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex
2046 Robinson, Masonic Room, Midsalton, Kent
2156 Arthur Sullivan, Old Boar's Head Hotel, Corporation Street, Manchester
2216 Egerton, Bull's Head Hotel, Swinton
2291 Wavertree, Coffee House, Church Road
2389 Avondale, King's Arms, Middleswich, Cheshire
2404 Lord Charles Beresford, Prince of Wales Hotel, Railway Street, Chatham.

- R.A. 77 Hermes, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
R.A. 251 Loyalty and Virtue, F.M.H., Barnstaple
R.A. 350 Meribah, Church Hotel, Kearsley
R.A. 393 Berwick-upon-Tweed, M.H., Parade, B./T.
R.A. 409 Stortford, Chequers, Bishop Stortford
R.A. 673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 703 Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool
R.A. 709 Invicta, Bank Street Hall, Ashford
R.A. 809 Elmhedra, Rose & Crown Hot, Wisbech
R.A. 1793 Sir Charles Bright, Clarence Hotel, Teddington
R.A. 1973 Saye and Sele, Rooms, Belvedere, Kent
M.M. 192 St. Outhbert, Masonic Hall, Barwick

Thursday, 9th June.

- 1804 Coborn, Vestry Hall, Bow
2033 University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
2397 Columbi, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street
2417 Bolingbroke, M.H., Northgate Road, Clapham
R.A. 860 Dalhousie, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet Street
R.C. 12 St. George, 33 Golden Square, W.
R.C. 97 Rose and Lily, 33 Golden Square, W.
35 Medina, 85 High Street, Cowes
97 Palatine, Masonic Hall, Sunderland
116 Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
139 Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield
204 Three Grand Principles, M.H., Dowsbury
275 Harmony, Masonic Hall, Huddersfield
283 Amity, Swan Hotel, Market Place, Haslingden
333 Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
337 Candour, New M.R., Uppermill, Saddleworth.
339 Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Sunderland
341 Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
344 Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Rediff, Lancashire
345 United Brethren, Royal Oak, Clayton-le-Dale
350 Charity, Railway Hotel, Moses Gate, Kearsley
369 Limesdale Rock, Swan and Royal, Clitheroe
456 Foresters, Town Hall, Uttoxeter
477 Mersey, Mas. Cham., Hamilton St., Birkenhead
546 Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Longton, Stafford
616 D'Oyle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
659 Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth
732 Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
739 Temperance, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
784 Wellington, Public Rooms, Park St., Deal.
786 Croxteth United Service, Mas. Hall, Liverpool
991 Tyne, M.H., Willington Quay, Northumberland
1035 Prince of Wales, Skelmersdale M.H., L'pool
1055 Derby, Victoria Hotel, Manchester
1098 St. George, Temperance Hall, Frelegar
1114 Milton, Blue Bell, Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
1145 Equality, Red Lion, Accrington
1147 St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1164 Elliot, Private Rooms, St. Germans, Cornwall
1182 Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1204 Royd, Masonic Hall, Malvern
1273 St. Michael, Masonic Hall, Sittingbourne

- 1418 Falcon, Masonic Hall, Thirsk
1576 Dea, Union Hotel, Chertsey
1583 Corbet, Whitehall, Towner
1587 St. Giles, Royal Oak, Hotel, Chertsey
1697 Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Wetherfoot
1732 Machen, Swan, Colerhill
1915 Graystone, Foresters' Hall, Walsley
1912 Tennant, Masonic Hall, Carlisle
2016 Shalden, Assembly Rooms, Aton, Hants.
2023 Granite, Netherborough Hotel, Netherborough
2033 Portcullis, Hanging Chapel, Langport, S. m.
2149 Ashburton, Masonic Hall, Ashburton
2213 Rickmansworth, Swan Hot., Rickmansworth
2231 Onslow, St. Nicholas Parish Hall, Guildford
2245 Elen, M. Rooms, Portland Sq., Workington
2321 Acorn, Masonic Hall, Darley St., Bedford
2342 Easterford, Angel Hotel, Kelvedon
2343 St. William Harpur, Ass. Rooms, Bedford
R.A. 213 Perseverance, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
R.A. 286 Strength, Green Man Hotel, Broup
R.A. 733 Pamure, M.H., Barrow R.L., Alderley
R.A. 1130 De Mowbray, George Hotel, M. Mowbray
M.M. 16 Friendship, 2 St. Stephen's St., Devonport

Friday, 10th June.

- 740 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
2399 Ordnance, Freemasons' Hall, Plumstead
61 Fortitude, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
401 Royal Forest, Hark to Buntyn Inn, Slaidburn
404 Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
458 Aire and Calder, Masonic Rooms, Goo's
460 Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle under-Lyme
526 Honour, Star and Garter Hot., Wolverhampton
566 St. Germain, M.H., the Crescent, Selby
652 Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
662 Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, W. Bromwich
815 Blair, Towa Hall, Halmes
1001 Harrogate and Claro, Mas. Hall, Harrogate
1034 Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1087 Beaudesert, Assembly Ro., Leighton Buzzard
1121 Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
R.A. 137 Amity, Masonic Hall, Poole
R.A. 304 Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 406 De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Newcastle
R.A. 1001 Harrogate and Claro, M.H., Harrogate
R.A. 1050 Gundolph, King's Head, Rochester

Saturday, 11th June.

- Council, Boys' School, F.M.H., 3
1685 Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
2206 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon
2369 Cornish, Mark Masons' Hall, Gt. Queen St.
R.A. 2182 Sterndale Bennett, Surrey M.H., S.E.
149 Peace, New Masonic Hall, Meltham
410 Grove, Sun Hotel, Kingston
453 Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
1415 Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton.
1637 Unity, Railway Hotel, Harrow
2069 Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
2096 George Price, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon
2248 Cyclist, Castle Hotel, East Molesey.
2359 Doric, Didsbury Hotel, Didsbury.
R.A. 811 Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
M.M. 14 Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield
R.C. 43 Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Brighton

INSTRUCTION.

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Saturday, 4th June.

- 87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's Park, near Nunhead Junction, 730
179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C. 8
193 Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tav, Southgate Rd., N.8
1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E. 7
1238 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, 730
R.A. Sinai, Red Lion, King Street, Regent St., W.

Monday, 6th June.

- 22 Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 730
27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8
45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St.,
174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7
130 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8
248 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brixham, Devon
332 Royal Union, Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge
543 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford, 8
733 Westbourne, Red House Hotel, St. John's Wood Road, N.W., 8
823 Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 730
975 Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 730
1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., 8
1349 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 630
1425 Hyde Park, Prince of Wales's Hotel, corner of Eastbourne Terrace, and Bishop's Rd., W. 8
1445 Prince Leopold, 22 Whitechapel Road, E., 7
1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall Canterbury,
1489 M. of Ripon, Queen's Hot, Victoria Park, 730
1597 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, E.C., 730
1595 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho, Putney
1603 Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, W., 8
1623 West Smithfield, Manchester Hotel, E.C., 7
1693 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 830
1707 Eleanor, Rose and Crown, Tottenham, 8
1743 Perseverance, Deacon's Tavern, Walbrook, 7
1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Ct. Hot, W. Kensington, 8
1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, 8
2192 Walthamstow, Chequers Hotel, High Street, Walthamstow, 8

Tuesday, 7th June.

- 25 Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, 8
55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 7
74 Athol, M.H., Severn Street, Birmingham, 645
141 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W.
177 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 730
138 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8

212 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, 8
 241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 554 Yarrowburgh, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8
 700 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 7:30
 753 Prince Fred. William, Eagle Tav., Maida Hill, 8
 830 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
 1331 Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
 1343 St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex
 1349 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 7:30
 1446 Mount Edgecumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Rd., 8
 1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 7:30, 8
 1473 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
 1473 Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, 6
 1540 Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High St.
 1638 Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Norbiton, 8
 1695 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav. N.
 1839 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. 1642 E. of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8

Wednesday, 8th June.

3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, 8
 30 United Mariners', Lugard, Peckham, 7:30
 72 Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., 8
 73 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, Borough, 8
 193 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall St., 8
 228 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8
 538 La Tolerance, Portland Hot, Gt. 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. 8
 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
 1299 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney
 1366 Toxteth, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool, 7:30

1175 Peckham, 518 Old Kent Road, 8
 1511 Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull
 1601 Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rusby Green, Catford, 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 Creton, Wheatheaf, 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, Mark Masons' Hall, W.C.

Thursday, 9th June.

144 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 7:30
 147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8
 263 Clarence, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.
 749 Belgrave, Albion Tavern, Russell St., W.C., 8
 754 High Cross, Coach and Horses, Tottenham, 8
 879 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New Road
 890 Hornsey, Masonic Room, Lewisham, at 8
 1017 Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
 1158 Southern Star, Sir Syd. Smith, Kenning, 8
 1178 Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, S.E., 7
 1182 Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool, 7:30
 1278 Burdett Coutts, Swan, Bethnal Green Rd., 8
 1304 St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, 8
 1360 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales, Wimbledon, 7:30
 1426 The Great City, Masons' Hall Avenue, 6:30
 1558 D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Camberwell, 8
 1571 Leopold, City Arms Tavern, E.C., 7
 1580 Cranbourne, Red Lion, Hatfield, 8
 1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, 45 Upper Street, N., 8
 1613 West Middlesex, Bell, Ealing Dean, 7:45
 1614 Covent Garden, Criterion, W., 8
 1622 Rose, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8
 1625 Tredegar, Wellington, Bow, E., 7:30
 1744 Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte Street, 8
 1950 Southgate, Railway Hot, New Southgate, 7:30
 1677 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem, St. John's Road, Clerkenwell, 9

1996 Priory, Constitutional Club, Acton
 R.A. 733 Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, 8
 R.A. 1171 North London, Northampton House, Canonbury, 8

Friday, 10th June.

Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, 6
 General Lodge, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 8
 167 St. John's, York and Albany, Regent's Park,
 507 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7:30
 765 St. James, Princess Victoria, Rotherhithe, 8
 766 William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George Street, Portman Square, 8
 780 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kow Bridge, 8
 834 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
 1298 Royal Standard, Castle, 81 Holloway Rd., N., 8
 1365 Clapton, Navarino Tavern, Hackney, 8
 1331 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
 2031 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. 820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 8
 R.A. 890 Hornsey, Prince of Wales's Hotel, corner of Eastbourne Terrace, and Bishop's Road, W. 8
 R.A. 1275 Star, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell, 7

Saturday, 11th 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', Southgate Road, N., 8
 1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., 8
 1288 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8
 1364 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7
 1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney,
 1624 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Fimlico, 7
 2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, W.
 R.A. Sinai, Red Lion, King Street, Regent St., W.

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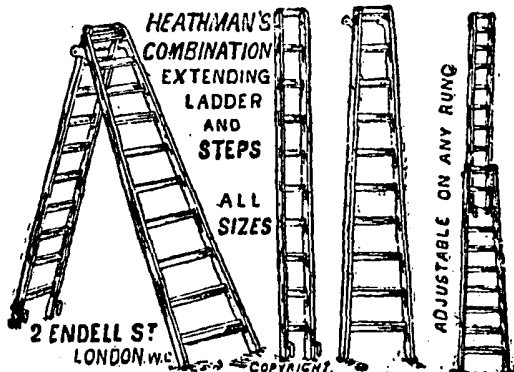
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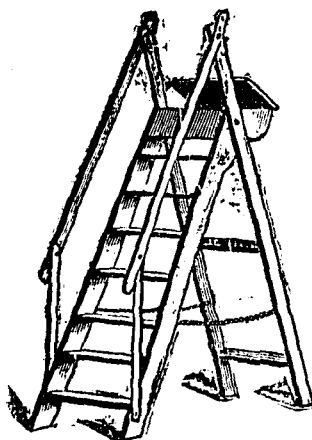
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